

Dear Parents,

in this edition of our newsletter, we would like to share some of the highlights and special moments of the children's first month at school. The staff wishes all the families and children all the best for this school year.

Searching for our Identity, amongst Myths, Tales, and Legends

Sunday, December 2nd, at the Italian Institute of Culture, the Accredited Italian Embassy School in Beijing celebrated the upcoming Christmas with the play "Searching for our identity, amongst myths, tales, and legends". At the Accredited Italian Embassy School in Beijing, we consider that each child has the right to develop its own identity in an open cultural, civil and social dialogue.

The myth, exaggeration of the human being, verbal memory enabling children to encounter the past, be back to their roots and culture, and find some pieces of their identity, has been proposed by the Scientific Coordinator of the School as a pivot for the educational activities all along this School year.

Thanks to the script by Vittoria Busatto, Primary School teacher and famous writer for didactical and children's book from Rome, Italy, specialized in methods that encourage reading and writing, she holds workshops on keeping primary school programmes up to date. And the technical advice by drama teacher Martina Morrocchi, the children of the School by acting the heroes of the past went on a journey about identity and citizenship.

The theme for this year's Christmas show was *Myths and Mythology*, and the students of the Green Class started by acting the myth "Creation of the Gods (Uranus, Earth, Sky, and Gea)". Our little actors used body language to express and narrate the myth of how the earth and the sky came together, giving birth to life.

Children from the Red Class then acted out "Prometheus' Fire", the Myth of Prometheus, a friend of the human race, who risks the worst of Zeus' wrath to help his human friends and giving back the fire that had been taken away from them.

The stage was then handed to the students of Year 3 and Year 4, who followed with the production of the Myth of "Pandora's Box". Protagonists of this show are Pandora and Epimetheus, Prometheus' brother. Driven by an insatiable curiosity, Pandora disobeys the gods and opens the notorious box, from which all the evil and wicked things on this earth escape. Last of the box however is "hope", whose role from that day forward was to accompany humans through their darkest moments.

The last part of our Christmas show saw Years 1 & 2 act out the myth "Europa's Abduction", where a love – blind Zeus transforms himself into a majestic bull to abduct Europa, a Phoenician princess, and take her to the island of Crete, the birthplace of the Minoan Civilization. Origin, solidarity, hope, and identity are central concepts to the educational offer at the Italian Embassy School, and the children's theatrical expressions are the result of this fascinating educational journey.

To start, the President and Legal Representative of the School, Franco with Pauline Cutrupia, and Eugenio Poti, Chief of the Consular Chancery and Visa of the Embassy of Italy, and, at the end of the play, the Director of the Italian Institute of Culture, Franco Amadei, greeted the over 300 participants. The School thanks all the families for their gift to the School and for the excellent buffet. A special mention goes to the Parents' Representatives and to Opera Bombana for their generous sponsorship.



Atelier del Gusto: Christmas Candy Cane

For this very special moment of the year boys and girls from the Accredited Italian Embassy School in Beijing prepared a unique and seasonally characteristic treat: Sugar Candy Canes! Chef Roberta and her little helpers carefully weighed ingredients; made sure measurements were all correct for the candy canes and together witnessed the elements change in their states to finally form the finished product as they explored the delicate science of baking

Christmas goodies!

Come Christmas Day, Santa himself will hand out the yummy snacks to all the children that have been good this year!



Events and Initiatives:

February 1st

Chinese New Year Party

For Preschool's Parents: Children's Performance

For Primary's Parents: *Atelier del Gusto*



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

圣诞快乐!

BUON NATALE!