

Simulating a Business a First Approach to Entrepreneurship

The simulated enterprise is a pedagogical-didactic and formative project that it is proposed to reenact, within the school, running a business, mainly focusing on the organisation, relations, working tools and the business environment.

Business simulation is a first approach to entrepreneurship and teaches children how to use tools to formulate hypotheses, research, identify different solutions to problems based on their skills, and identifying the different roles within a business (administrator, marketing, advertising, market research) according to their attitudes and preferences.

Throughout three "Parla con Me" classroom talks in grade 3 and 4, Professor Etienne Philippe (Professor of micro and macroeconomics) introduced the first basic rules and in running a business: what is a company? What does it produce or sell? The difference between goods and services, raw materials, labour and capital, inputs, costs and revenues.

Through this experience, children will strengthen their identity and relationships, sharing and relying on the skills of others, in the process of brainstorming and self-evaluation, which will enhance the identity of the group. This project will continue over the next school year and will allow children to operate and develop their interests and ideas with the help of numerous professionals and entrepreneurs.



Journey back in time in "Leonardo's Art" @CAFA Art Museum

On Friday, May 10th, the Primary classes of our School visited the exhibition "L'arte di Leonardo- Opera Omnia", organised at the CAFA Art Museum in Beijing on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci.

The girls and boys had the opportunity to admire seventeen reproductions of the artist's works, coming from eleven different museums of the world, backlit and exposed in corridors in the shade, which gave the exhibition a unique atmosphere.

The guide of the Museum, assisted by our Atelierista Ippolita and by Dr. Ombretta Melli, accompanied our classes in a journey through time, in the history of Leonardo and his works, inviting young visitors to carefully observe the details and characteristics of his most famous and significant paintings, stimulating their curiosity with questions and anecdotes.

At the end of the visit, each child received a small gift from the Museum and had the opportunity to try to reproduce one of the Genius' works, drawing his or her version of the painting that had impacted them the most.

It was a wonderful occasion in which the children could continue to develop the educational path started in school this semester, rediscovering the artistic works of Leonardo da Vinci's genius in a new context and under a new perspective.



"Genius transcends boundaries"

This year marks the five-hundredth anniversary of the passing of Leonardo da Vinci, the arts and sciences "universal genius" of the Renaissance. To celebrate this anniversary, the Ministry of Education, University and Research and the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities promote various initiatives (http://www.beniculturali.it/mibac/export/MiBAC/sito-MiBAC/Contenuti/Ministero/LegislaturaCorrente/Sottosegretari/Lucia-Borgonzoni/Comunicati/visualizza_asset.html_11128187.html).

The Accredited Italian Embassy School strongly supports the fundamental value of research as a learning methodology, creating contexts and experiences that allow girls and boys to continue to discover and learn to learn, following their intuition and curiosity.

Observing nature and its phenomena constitutes the starting point for the research projects in the areas of art and science. As Leonardo da Vinci once stated: "Study the art of science, study the science of art, learn how to see. Realise that everything connects to everything else".

The end-of-year party held on Saturday 25th May was dedicated to Leonardo's celebrations.

The children of the first and second grade of the Primary interpreted the unpublished rhyme scripted for them by Vittoria Busatto, a renowned Italian writer for didactical materials and childrens' books. The students of the third and fourth section were the protagonists of the scenography "Journey in the workshop of Leonardo".

The projects that we have chosen to exhibit underline the ways in which *the Art of Science and the Science of the Arts* communicate within the interdisciplinary and multicultural environments of our school.



School Trip to the Italian Farm "Agrilandia"

On Tuesday the 28th and Wednesday the 29th of May, the Red and Green kindergarten year groups left their classes to venture into the Italian Farm Agrilandia, thus completing their didactic Herbarium project which the kids have worked for in their classrooms, the kitchen, and the atelier.

The fun started on the bus on the way to Agrilandia, where the kids' songs and laughter sounded in the background.

At the farm, the girls and boys were able to pick different kinds of vegetables, visit the gardening patch and discover with parents and teachers the various vegetables and plants that grow on the farm: zucchini, corn, peanuts, chilli peppers, etc.

Undisputed protagonists of the trip were the animals of the small zoo.

Ostriches, deer, peacocks and bunnies fascinated the children, who enjoyed feeding them the previously picked cabbage leaves.

The morning ended with a nice picnic and group games.

A special thanks to all the families who made spending this beautiful day together possible.



Events and Initiatives:

June 1st

Pizza Party at the Playground of the School, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

June 2nd

Mini Soccer Tournament at Hao Feng Sports Park, Yao Jia Gong Yuan North Road, Chao Yang District, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

June 12th

Didactical field trip of Yoga activity and picnic at Ditan Park for Primary