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Principal's Newsletter Week 17



Dear parents

We had a very informative day with Marilyn George. I am sure that those parents that attended the training would vouch for this. The whole day was concerned with school improvement, with the focus being on students learning. The question that Marilyn fell back on was, "will this improve student learning?" If the answer is "no" then why are we discussing or doing this? We looked at whole school assessment, why and how we report. We discussed what makes a good curriculum and what should this look like. Mr. Van will be directing the school's steering committee, and after Chinese New Year we will have an evening with a short presentation to parents, shortly after which we will begin working parties.

Sports Uniform

On days when the students are involved in P.E., a change of clothing is required. If the students come to school in tracksuit pants they will need to have school trousers to change into afterwards. It is important that for hygienic reasons we change for P.E., the only exception being nursery and reception. Please ensure you are aware of days that your child or children have PE and send along a change of clothes for the lesson.

Recycling

The XHIS Student Council will be setting up recycling stations around the school. This will be to promote students' understanding that everyone should do all he/she can to protect our environment. We will also use this programme to help raise money for local charities. There will be more information out on this very soon. This initiative was an issue discussed at the coffee morning with mothers and was also raised in our last student council meeting. Watch this space for more information in the very near future.

Scholastic Book Orders

The new book orders were sent home with your child(ren). Order forms are due back to Jessica by next Friday 29th January. The school will run this programme on a bi-monthly system. It takes time to collate and process orders and for them to be returned - every month would be too short a period to process all of this.

<p>Assemblies Jan. 22 EAL with Miss Carey Jan. 29 Nursery, Reception, /Year 1</p> <p>Upcoming Events Jan. 25 -29 Literacy Week Feb.9th Chinese New Year Celebration Feb 12th End Term 2: School Day Ends 1.30pm Feb 15-26 Chinese New Year Holidays: No Classes</p>	<p>Contact Numbers Office: 0086(29)8569-1659 Alasdair Maclean: Mobile: 15109210429 Email: alasdair.maclean@etonhouse-xian.com</p> <p>Jeremy Van Sluytman: Mobile: 13028429263 Email: jeremy.van@etonhouse-xian.com</p> <p>School website: http://www.etonhouse-xian.com</p>
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Dolce Bistro

There hasn't been a huge response to the questionnaire sent out last week in regards to school lunches. At the moment, we seem to favour the option of changing school lunches. Some of the feedback I have received though is that Dolce's proposal is a little expensive and maybe too much food.

I was involved in setting up the kitchen at my last school, as this was a purpose built building. The principal and I priced out food suppliers around China, and 25RMB was a standard price for almost all international school lunches. A lot of these lunches were supplied by companies such as Eurest.

As it stands now, the proposal is for two mains and a sandwich. This may be too much. Maybe we could have either a sandwich *or* a main. This could reduce the cost to 20RMB.

If we do follow through with this, my long term view is that it will just be built into school fees. The major draw card for this system is, unlike most international schools, We don't have to worry about the kitchen and all the issues like staffing, produce and so forth.

If you feel strongly either way please, return the form.

Chinese New Year

The school will hold Chinese New Year celebrations on the 9th of February. Parents are welcome to attend. The finalised schedule hasn't been confirmed yet. The day will run with student performance in the morning and then teacher directed workshops in the mid morning/afternoon. They will be making facemasks, cooking dumplings, doing calligraphy and many other interesting activities.

A full and detailed schedule will be sent out very soon, but it promises to be a very exciting day.

Sincerely,
Alasdair Maclean

English as an Additional Language Newsletter

EAL Department

January 22, 2010

Ms. Carey

Beginning EAL



In the beginning EAL PYP class, students have just completed a unit on jobs in their community. Students interviewed a worker in our school and will present their interviews during this week's assembly.



Year 8/9 EAL



In the year 8/9 MYP EAL class, we have started a unit on "Belonging". Students are discussing the idea of belonging to different groups and how they can bridge the gap between themselves and other people. At this week's assembly, students will present an interactive game on the theme of belonging.



Year 10/11 EAL



In the year 10/11 MYP EAL class, we have started a unit on "Discovery". Students are discussing the types of discoveries we can make in our world and as well as drawbacks and benefits of discoveries. In our assembly, students will present a brief PowerPoint on the topic of discovery and will present an interactive game on "discovering" the English language.



Year 6/7 EAL



The year 6/7 EAL class will complete our assembly with a musical performance. Jayden, Jessica, and Jenny will be accompanied by Alan and Tyler (Year 10). The students in year 6/7 work on all topics of the English language to help them in their mainstream class.



Thank you for joining us for our assembly. The EAL students have been working hard this year. They are excited to present their work to the school!

Sincerely, Ms. Carey

Literacy Week 25 – 29 January Update:

Thank you to parents who have volunteered to read to classes next week. This is the proposed timetable:

Name	Class	Time
Beatrice Brunzel	Year 2-3	Tuesday 9.45 a.m
Caroline Jackson	Year 5	Wednesday 9.30 a.m
also	Nursery/Reception	Wednesday 10.00 a.m
Liping Wang	Year 4	Wednesday 2 p.m
Sarah Yang	Year 9	Tuesday 11 a.m
also	Year 8	Tuesday 11.35 a.m
Jacqui Stenson	Year 6-7	Thursday 1.20 p.m
Megan Carey	Year 10-11	Thursday 9.00 a.m
Charlotte Maclean	Year 12-13	Thursday 2.05 p.m

We are all looking forward to Literacy Week kicking off with Author Day. We would like to invite you all to the special assembly on Monday at 2.45 pm when all classes will present their Author Presentations. Students will be dressing up as something related to their author or one of their book characters.

At Friday's Assembly we will be presenting our 'Wear a Words' and giving out prizes to winners of the Poster competition and 'Readers of the Week'. Students will be dressing up again on Friday to illustrate the meaning of their chosen word. We ask that they bring a small donation for our School Library.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

XHIS International Department Lunch Orders

Date 2010/1/25--2010/1/29

Total RMB _____

Student Name _____		Price	NO.
Monday (Local food)	Chinese bread with meat	4	
	Fried noodle (Vegetarian)	5	
Tuesday (Dolce)	Pork cutlet	15	
	Wild mushroom rice (Vegetarian)	18	
Wednesday (Village café)	Chicken Curry	15	
	Quesadilla (Vegetarian)	20	
Thursday (Bacchus)	Vegetarian Pizza	15	
	Fried chicken wings with vegetable and rice	24	
Friday (Subway)	Roasted Chicken (with salad)	15	
	Roasted Chicken(no salad)	15	
	Vegetarian Subway	12	

Snack; Jan. 25 - Jan. 29

Student: _____ **Yes(√)** **No(×)**

	Jan.25		Jan.26		Jan.27		Jan.28		Jan.29	
Morning	Orange		Cake		Banana		Apple		Yogurt	
Afternoon	Yogurt		Juice		Yogurt		Juice		Pear	