



From the Principals

Dear Parents,

We can feel that spring is in the air and hope it arrives soon!

It was wonderful to see our parents visiting last week during our student conferences. We opted this year for a slightly different format with half of our grades having student led conferences and the other half having 3-way conferences. We will switch that for the next round!

There was a buzz in the air with our school Science Fair—this fair is particularly special as it is the only time of the year where parents form a greater part of the learning journey with their children. A wonderful and wide range of creative experiments and the impact of inquiring into our questions was evident! A huge thank you to all involved, parents, teachers, students and of course our dedicated Science Coordinators Ms Linda Zhang and Mr Chris Lam. We will have photos and information released in our next newsletter!

As our units continue we have been excited to have our parents support by arranging special guests or by coming in to share their expertise with us—read on in this issue for more details!

Wishing you all the best as the weather warms—we hope you will have opportunities to enjoy some outdoor explorations!

Clara Li and Karen Mathieson
Vice principals, Co-Heads of Primary

DATES TO NOTE

11th -15th March

Maths Week

18th March

G5 Parent Meeting

4th -7th April

Qing Ming Festival

8th April

Parent Workshop Morning

Guest Speaker for Grade 5 CFL Students

On Tuesday, 26th February, with the contact and coordination of the parents of Channing in 5C class, the fifth-grade Chinese group had the honor to invite Mr. Zheng Wei, the chief executive of the national interior, the chief editor of "the world" and "close range", and the principal reporter of Weihui Newspaper, to come to SUIIS. He brought a wonderful lecture *Telling Chinese Stories with your Heart* to the G5 CFL students.

Mr. Zheng, as a professional journalist, shared his own experience about how to obtain news clues by mining the real material of news. He started with the wonderful story behind the scenes news story of the fight against pirates in the Gulf of Aden, inspiring children to choose the most appropriate angle to write news from. He also used some striking and thought-provoking photographs which were taken by himself at the scene of the Wenchuan earthquake. The photos inspired the G5 children to know that only when you go deep into the news site can you find the problem and catch the news.

The children listened carefully and took notes, afraid of missing any small details. Mr. Zheng's lecture has benefited the children a lot, and we believe that the children will bring these gains to their next journalistic writing.



Guest Speakers for PR students

We had two guest speakers during our assembly time on 6 March, 2019. They spoke about how they as architects choose materials to help them build houses and buildings. They showed different materials known to students as well as new materials called composite, which is a combination of two or more materials put together. Students were all intrigued with the presentation and were even more excited when they had a chance to touch and feel the materials. We would like to thank Sacha and Yingying once again for taking their precious time to share with our students. We are sure our students benefited a lot from this presentation.



SPORTS NEWS



On Saturday, 2nd March, our SUIS swim team took part in the SSSA swim tournament, which was organized by Shanghai Pinghe Bilingual School.

On the day, there were 36 swimmers from the international stream and 10 swimmers from the local stream participating in the tournament.

Although it was the first competition of the semester, every swimmer tried their best to achieve personal goals. Sophia Dasilva won first place in the 50-meter backstroke, second place in the 50-meter butterfly and 100-meter IM in the Girls 9-10 category.

In the girls 8 & under 100-meter freestyle relay, our team won 4th place; the team was made up of: Annika Kobus, Tavia Yip, Ysabelle Hu, and Cleo Zhuang.

Finally, in the Girls 9-10 200-meter relay, our girls showed great teamwork and spirit. They won first place with a time of 2 minutes and 24 seconds; they are Sophia Dasilva, Victoria Chen, Sandra Zhao and Dasiy Jiang (Local).

GO, SUIS SWIM!



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International Women's Day @ SUIS GB



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In celebration of International Women's Day, SUIS GB held a round-table discussion with panelists from both our staff and student bodies. As they engaged in a cursory exploration of pertinent issues surrounding International Women's Day, panelists shared their personal thoughts in 90 seconds before bouncing opinions and thoughts off one another.



From notions of fairness in athletics to progressive career choices for women, both staff and students fully engaged with the topics creating a dialogue between one and another in a discussion that removed the barrier of age and treated all panelists as equal.

The noteworthy conduct of all our panelists only serves to further prove how brilliant our learners are. As we move towards building a better future, the International Women's Day theme, #BalanceforBetter, rings particularly true as we all hope to strike the right balance in our communities.

