

Parent newsletter Friday 15 February 2019

Dear parents,

Last Monday we were all able to enjoy the Lion Dance performed by the Nam Siang Lion Dance Group. Originally the Lion Dance was solely performed for the emperor. Over the years, however, the Lion Dance spread out through the military and then also to regular citizens, to finally become an integral part of Chinese life. Nowadays the Lion Dance is a given factor for the holidays or for the auspicious festive opening of a new building or company; the Lion Dance is always performed on these occasions. The Lion Dance is supposed to chase away evil spirits and bring prosperity and happiness. We hope our HSL Lion Dancers have also succeeded in chasing away any evil spirits from our school and in bringing us good luck and great fortunes.

Next week we are having our HSL week of media savviness and our week against bullying with the central theme: 'Show yourself'. In our assembly the groups 5b and 6b children introduced the theme in a fun and original manner.

It has been a year since we started using our parent portal Social Schools. The use of this platform has been evaluated several times over the past year. Feedback received from parents outside of these evaluations was also noted. In general the evaluation and feedback results were positive, but naturally there are points for improvement as well. We aim to communicate solely via Social Schools, but there are occasions throughout the school year where we still need to rely on using emails; for sending out the parent teacher meeting invitations, for instance, or the Cito learning results. We are currently analyzing what we could improve. Shortly we will move on to Social Schools 3.0, which will also increase the options we have within the Social Schools parent portal. You will receive more detailed information shortly.

Last week we had two days of successful and inspiring training sessions. For our primary school teachers their training was focused on how to conduct educational meetings with the student. The English and Jip & Janneke team were following a relevant training course provided by the British Council. These sessions all provided new insights and knowledge that we will continue to develop and implement over the next few months as part of our educational development.

With kind regards,

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