



Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents,

RE: Letter from the Principal of Brookes Saint Petersburg

As the days get darker, around the world people are celebrating light overcoming darkness so [Happy Diwali and Happy Festival of Light](#) to you all! Last weekend with my family, we enjoyed the '[Wonder of Light](#)' festival at the Peter & Paul Fortress - truly magnificent technical and artistic displays of light and sound performed on the backdrop of the fortress surroundings.

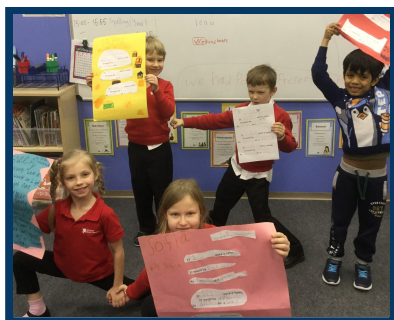
It was wonderful to be able to have parents come into school this week following the precautions stated in Mr. King's recent correspondence, to use the parent cafe, have teacher meetings and celebrate student progress with the PPS Conferences. With this, at the end of the school day, Nursery to Year 5 parents can collect their children outside on the playground (when not raining hard). On the collection of your children, please ensure that you vacate the school and not linger outside in order to support the school with its safety measures.

Please be reminded that students must enter the school in the mornings wearing a mask and gloves. Please help reduce the queues outside of the school by ensuring that your child has these worn prior to entering.

Head Boy & Head Girl Message: The Student Voice

With the support of Mrs Green and Mr Green, we have launched the Student Voice; a learning opportunity to develop teamwork and leadership skills for students from across the school. In the Student Voice, we will share ideas about how we can improve the school and provide more learning experiences. Also, we will organise and undertake school activities and many other projects, working alongside the Brookes Trust. We are now recruiting student volunteers to be Student Representatives by Monday 16th November. If your child is interested, please make sure your child fills out the application form and apply for a short interview with us. *Petrus (Head Boy) and Zoey (Head Girl)*

Feature Friday: Year 2



It has been a great week in Year 2. For their Unit of Inquiry "How we express our selves", they chose poetry to express their feelings. Each Year 2 student chose an emotion and tried to show which colour, smell and taste could be expressed by this feeling. *Ms Ira Krayneva*

Charity Non-Uniform Day

A huge thanks to the three Year 11 students, Nicole, Victoria & Geonyeong, who organised a charity non-uniform day on Friday 23rd October raising **19,200 roubles** for the charity called "[Club Butterfly](#)" - a local community organisation that works with young adults and children with special needs and

their parents. They host summer and winter camps, but mostly just work to be unconditionally loving and accepting of people who are different. The Director of the charity will be presented with the money raised this coming Wednesday.



Language of the Month: Mandarin Chinese

This week we've started our new "Language of the month" tradition at Brookes Saint Petersburg. We have a high interest in promoting languages in Brookes Saint Petersburg for active, responsible participatory scholarship and our students' personal growth.

The first language that we would like to teach our students about is Mandarin Chinese. At the entrance to the dining room, we have placed a display board with facts and worksheets about China and Mandarin Chinese.





At the assembly, Year 4 student, Sara, showed herself to be a very brave and an excellent communicator when she spoke about Mandarin Chinese, which is her mother tongue. Sara coped with her task brilliantly! *Ms Daria Zueva and Ms Tatiana Larionova*

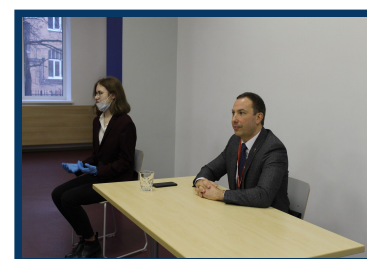
Learning a Life Skill: Swimming Lessons



Swimming is an essential life skill that supports so many other areas of childhood development. Following all precautionary safety measures, students in Years 5, 6, 9 & 10 have the opportunity to undertake swimming sessions this half term hosted by our local medical university for our sole use one morning once a week. We plan to provide swimming lessons for all students in Years 5 upwards this academic year.

Guest Speaker

Mr Vagin Dmitriy Felixovich, Head of Municipality Petrovskiy, spoke to our Year 11 - 13 students today about his respected leadership role and honoured position in serving the local community. To encourage our senior students to think about their career path and how they can help others more, Mr Vagin shared inspirational stories about how he and his team are improving the infrastructure in the city to best support the elderly and veterans, alongside solving the practicalities of further growth of the population in the district.



Events & Dates:

- Wednesday 18th November - Year 9 is launching the Christmas Charity projects across the school in the online assembly (more information to follow)
- Thursday 19th November - iBrookes Online Parent Training for the MYP @ 08:30 (Google Meet link TBC)
- Friday 20th November - World Children's Day (timetabled lessons being followed in classes)
- Wednesday 25th November - Online Assembly Guest Speaker: Jonathan Brogan, N.A.S.A. The International Space Station (students only)
- Thursday 26th November - iBrookes Online Parent Training for the PYP @ 08:30 (Google Meet link TBC)
- Tuesday 8th December - Usborne Book Fair (more information to follow)
- Thursday 10th December - Human Rights Day (timetabled lessons being followed in classes)
- Tuesday 15th December - Swimming Gala (more information to follow)
- Wednesday 16th December - Year 11 Personal Project Exhibition (more information to follow)
- Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th December - last Brookes Plus for Term 1
- Date TBC - The students of each year group are continuing to work on a drama and/or musical performance for a Christmas assembly (online)
- Date TBC - Christmas Class parties & Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 22nd December - End of Term 1 (pick up at 15:10)

Please be reminded that the school menu is updated [here](#) on a weekly basis.

Kind regards,

Mr Mark Broom

Principal

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