

BRITANNICA

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, SHANGHAI

NEWSLETTER

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Britannica International School is a British school located in the heart of Shanghai, providing a British style education to international families with children aged 2 to 18.



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Dear Parents,

As always, our pictures posted in this week's newsletter speak volumes more than any words can. If anyone wants to better understand the sense of community spirit, collaborative working of our teachers and the happiness of children at Britannica, then this week's photos clearly show that.

Each year, as the school has grown and further developed, we have seen events and activities improve, expand and further reflect the very best in international schooling. The highlight of this week was the Pumpkin Palooza on Wednesday, but this shouldn't overshadow all those other wonderful learning opportunities that have also been taking place in the classrooms on a day to day basis.

Next week our calendar events continue, with an opportunity for Reception parents to join the classes and their children for an Open Morning and a special morning snack tea for parents and children. We are also marking the school's stance against bullying with our Anti-bullying Week. During the week a whole variety of activities have been organised to raise awareness of our community's stand against bullying.

We are also planning further ahead and readers will note that we are soon to start auditions for next term's play, which we hope many children will want to join. While currently in the background, musicians and classes are starting to prepare for this term's series of winter concerts that will be performed towards the end of December.

Enjoy reading this week's articles and looking at this week's photographs.

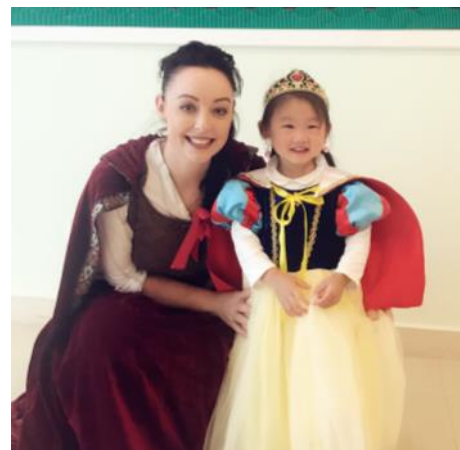


Week in Pre-Nursery

What an exciting, fun- filled week for Britannica International School. Our Pre-Nursery children and families got right into all the fun of the Pumpkin Palooza Event. On a special day, we had princesses, pirates, a fireman, a fairy, a devil, Snow White, a witch and a pumpkin in our classroom. Pre-Nursery enjoyed the wider school community, activities and visiting families and friends. Thank you to parents for your amazing show of support and sharing time with us all at this wonderful event.

This week we made the most of the outdoor sunshine and spent a few classes outside in the playground learning about colours, exercising our fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination with sports and games.

Children patiently lined up to wait their turn and cheered excitedly when their classmates placed coloured balls into the correct tubes or landed beanbags in hoops. There was a show of class team spirit and encouragement for each other this week which was delightful to see in our children.





Week in Nursery

Our learning of "senses" has continued this week, with a focus on hearing and sight. We have been on a walk around the School grounds to observe the autumnal changes and we collected leaves for our leaf rubbing pictures. The children showed great excitement at choosing the crunchy, colourful leaves and twigs and some children were able to talk about what they had seen or found. We have been exploring colour using paint and children are learning how to mix and change colours. This week we have been making the colour orange. Can your child tell you what colours they used?

The Pumpkin Palooza was a wonderful event and it was so lovely to see so many families there supporting our School community and the local charities. Thank you to all those parents who bought and sold raffle tickets, you helped to make the event a success!

The Nursery Team





Week in Nursery





Week in Reception

This week, the Zoo wanted to send us a pet, but Reception were incredibly picky and kept sending the pet animal back. There seemed to always be something wrong with the pet- either too big, too grumpy or even too scary! As you may have guessed Reception have been using the book "Dear Zoo" in phonics this week for the letter "z" and "zz". We have begun to write a simple sentence using our "high-frequency words" and introduced the use of a "full stop". Continuing with our zoo theme, animals helped us with our subtraction sums this week as we developed our skills in taking away using objects, fingers and pictures.

On top of all this zoo animal fun, Reception excitedly joined the whole Britannica community at the Pumpkin Pailooza. There was lots of fun and excitement as the children arrived in their fancy dress, comparing their outfits with their friends.

We are hoping the fun will continue next week with our **Reception Parent Opening Morning**. Please do come join us on **Wednesday 8th November** between **8:45-10am** for lots of interactive fun learning and a special morning snack tea.





Week in Reception





Year 1 and Year 2 Maths Day

Last Friday Key Stage 1 had the wonderful experience of a Maths day. Each class made their way around to different classrooms to do different activities. Year 1 had a great variety of shopping, number bingo, addition and subtraction mosaics and grouping numbers to build dinosaurs! Year 2 also had a fantastic time learning about symmetry, tessellations, card number games and trying their best with addition and subtraction loop cards.

A thank you to all parents who brought in cakes and biscuits for the afternoon's bake sale where Year 2 students helped the Year 1's buy their cakes. The total raised from this was 1,358RMB! This money will now be split among the 4 house charities for this year.

Have a look at the pictures below to see what great time was had by all.





Year 1 and Year 2 Maths Day





Year 3

This week in English, we have been developing our creative writing skills by planning our own descriptive story based on the story *James and the Giant Peach*. We have shared and discussed different ideas and characters for our stories, and created a good plan ready for our first draft next week. In Topic, we have continued to make our own giant peaches by covering them with a white layer and we are finally on the stage of painting them their peach colours!



Year 4

It has been a busy week in Year 4. In Maths, we have completed learning about perimeter and area. The final task involved the children calculating the perimeter and areas of the football pitch, basketball, and netball courts to assist the planning of the Pumpkin Palooza! In English, we have come to the end of our adventure stories, and children should be proud of the work they completed in the unit. The children have really engaged with the new topic "The Tudors", and have created timelines of their own special moments in life, and placed the Tudors on a timeline of British History. As well as regular lessons this week, the children had a great time at Pumpkin Palooza, the costumes were great and they really enjoyed the various stalls put on by the different houses. Have a great weekend!



Year 5

Year 5 are avid readers. They can often be seen enjoying reading when lining up before school or busily reading during break or lunchtimes. It is always a pleasure to see how much enjoyment the children gain from their enthusiastic reading and how it also impacts on their ideas and style in writing.

On Wednesday, despite the much anticipated Pumpkin Palooza and the excitement surrounding the event, the children were still keen to visit the library to return their books and choose new adventures and information to read about. I was very impressed by their focus and their wonderful costumes! Well done Year 5.





Year 6

Year 6 has had an eventful week. In English, students have just finished their unit on Fables by publishing their very own versions of well-known stories. As an exciting introduction to the new unit of Instructions, students were able to follow a step by step process to create their very own Jack-o'-lanterns. As Year 6 are continuing to learn about plant growth and reproduction in Science, this proved a worthwhile activity as students were able to collect the pumpkin seeds in order to grow their very own plants in the future! Even though children were really excited about dressing up for the Pumpkin Palooza, this still could not stop them from concentrating to solve some really tricky maths problems



Year 6 Drama

This term, Year 6 has been exploring the theatre of Commedia Dell'arte with Mr. Donald. Commedia was the most popular style of theatre in the 16th century and consists of stock characters and masks. Year 6 classes have studied these characters and learnt how to craft a narrative involving them. This week, Year 6 learnt about the history of theatre and how this style of performance evolved over the years. They then made their own Commedia masks and experimented with this very niche style of performance. The level of creativity and maturity being shown by our budding actors in Year 6 is very impressive. We look forward to seeing their progression this term.





Student Profile

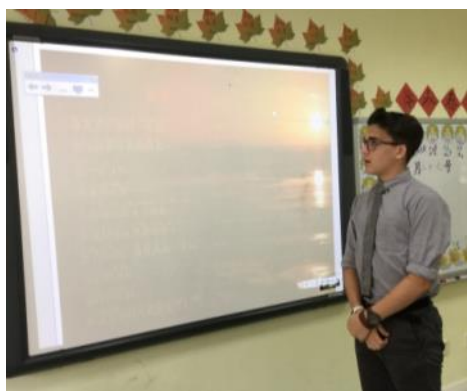
Hello, my name is Dong Ho. I am in Year 10 and I am from Korea. This year I play in four school sports teams, which are Football, Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee and Badminton. I train regularly for each team to improve my skills and athletic ability. I have participated in lots of school matches against other schools in Shanghai and this is a chance for me to learn good sportsmanship and cultivate a winning spirit. This year so far I have played in two 2 Ultimate Frisbee matches, a Football match, and a Badminton match and there are many more up and coming matches to play. I hope that other students will join me and join the school sports teams.

Dong Ho, Year 10



Mandarin Poetry Competition

The poetry reading contest is currently taking place. It is the first time for non- native students from Key stage 3 and 4 to join the competition. Students have become very familiar with lots of characters from Chinese poems. They were very nervous but excited at the same time to enter the competition and write a poem. After learning about the poems further, students began to use their creativity and imagination. The students worked hard on pronouncing the poems correctly and reciting them with fluency. Teachers discussed the meanings of the poem with students and created actions to help students understand the poem better. We are hoping they have produced poems to win prizes in the competition. It will be a very treasurable memory for all students who participated.





Digital Technology Assembly

Digital technology is amazing. It makes it easier than ever for us to learn, create, share and connect online. Just like in the physical world though, there are simple and sensible steps that we should take to keep ourselves safe. This was the thrust of my Secondary Assembly this week during which we firstly explored the meaning 'digital footprint' with insights into how digital footprints are formed, why it's important to be aware of them, how to manage well and make it work to your advantage.

We share so many aspects of our lives online – from where we go out, to what we eat, to where we go on holiday, but sometimes this information can be used against us in the form of hacks, phishing scams or viruses. Thus the second topic of the assembly addressed security and privacy issues; including what sorts of information you should keep to yourself advice on how to stay secure online. Next we moved onto looking at cyberbullying, its harmful effects and what to do if this were ever to happen.

Unfortunately, social media can also be used by less honest people to construct fake profiles in order to scam others or build romantic relationships. We ended our exploration of online safety with a focus on how to avoid online stranger danger and in this respect to give information about how the people we connect with online don't always have the best intentions.

Congratulations to our secondary students who demonstrated great responsiveness to the discussion elements of our Online Safety Assembly and who made some excellent contributions.

Kim McGregor, Vice Principal



Losing control of your images?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CE2Ru-igvY>



Discuss in pairs how many of these mistakes you are making.

Privacy Settings

- Have you looked at the privacy settings on your account?
- Have you changed the settings to control who can see your information?
- If you don't do this, anyone can view your details, not just your real friends

Year 8 e-safety

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Cyber Bullying

Cyber bullying is a growing problem in young people today.

Have you ever been sent hurtful or malicious messages online or via text?

Do you know anybody who has been bullied online?

Remember a small negative comment aimed at somebody can have a bigger impact on them than you think, everybody has different boundaries



At Britannica bullying of any form will not be tolerated. You all have the right to learn in a friendly and safe school community.

If you are receiving any abuse online, or you know somebody that is, you need to report it.

Who are you talking to?

Have you ever talked to somebody you don't know online?

Talking to strangers online is extremely dangerous!

Do you know everybody you speak to online?

Have you ever added people on Facebook that you do not know? (Remember, a friend of a friend is a stranger!)

If you have any concerns about strangers contacting you online you need to report this.





Year 8 Science

Our Year 8 scientists were hired by Marvel Comics this week to create the next SUPERHERO or SUPERVILLIAN for the comic book market. Like the infamous Stan Lee, they created a character with superhuman powers and used that character to write a story. The only guidelines they were given were: Marvel wants their Superhero to be based on an element from the Periodic Table.

Our scientists conducted an experiment to research physical properties of different materials. In addition, they did online research and found information regarding their element. They used the physical and chemical properties to create a superhero element. For example, a superhero element with a high melting point might be able walk through fire. A gas might be able to change size or a malleable element might be a shape changer.



Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is the Anti-Bullying week at Britannica and we'd like to kindly remind children to bring in a 10 RMB donation to receive a wrist band for our Anti-Bullying Campaign (funds will go towards the four school House Charities). Students are also asked to wear blue clothes on Friday, also in support of our campaign. Please note this is a non-school uniform day.



Pumpkin Palooza 2017

Well done Britannica! You have certainly outdone yourselves with this year's Pumpkin Palooza. We managed to raise a whopping RMB 95,000.00, which is a fantastic amount and I am confident it will make a huge difference in the lives of our affiliated organisations. I am extremely proud of all of the children in their efforts in raising such a fantastic amount. A massive thank you to our parents, Friends of Britannica, sponsors and vendors that took the time to share this wonderful experience with us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Nora Tsai, Anoushka Driver, Sharon Yee, Gaia Ritzu, Luciana Rizzo, it would not have been possible without your constant support!

You can find a list of all of the winners in this week's newsletter. If you recognise your name and ticket number please contact me to claim your prize. Please send an email to Conrad.botha@britannicashanghai.com to make the necessary arrangements.

Also, please take note that should prizes not be claimed by the 1st December, they will be placed in the summer fair raffle.

Mr. Botha





Pumpkin Palooza 2017





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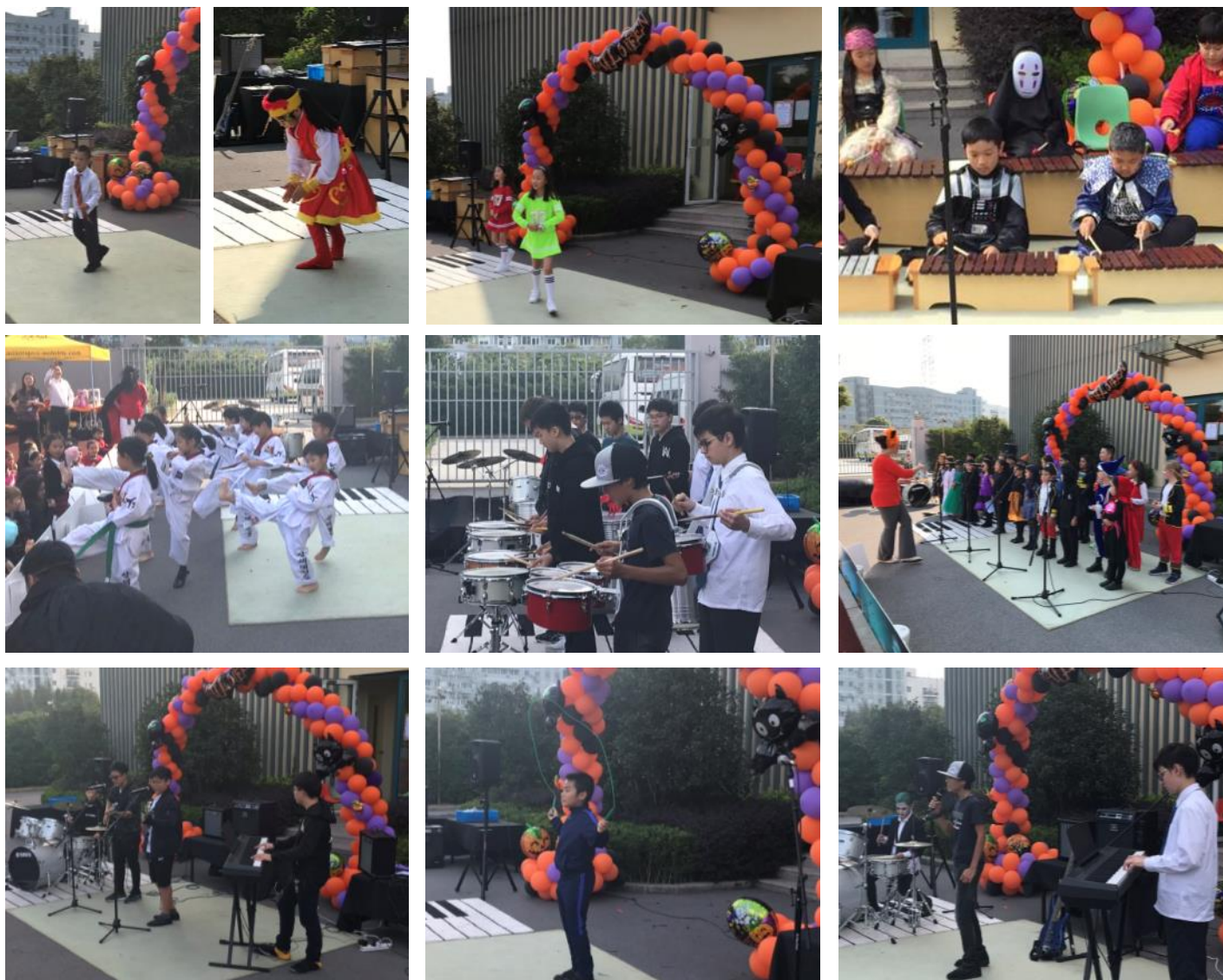
With thanks to Amy Huang and all our parents for their photographs of Pumpkin Palooza 2017



Music Department

This month, music students from ASA's as well as students who competed in Britannica's Got Talent (BGT) were able to show off their skills on the stage at Pumpkin Palooza on Wednesday 1st November. It was a very successful day especially for the Music Department and here are some of the performances of the day!

Many thanks to those who took photos and helped during the day's performances.



This year's Production is "HONK! It's the story of the ugly duckling who finds out they are different from everyone else. Audition packages will be available from Monday, 6th November and students will need to choose the ASA on Tuesday called Production Honk. The auditions will be held in the first two weeks back after the November break from 20th to the 1st December. Please make sure you read the requirements on the audition pack as there are going to be a couple of Saturday rehearsals required. This production is open to Year 3 and up, and main characters will be chosen by the end of this term. Please come and join us for this fun production with Miss Churchill, Miss Mayes, Mr Donald and Miss Owens. We look forward to seeing you at auditions!!

Miss Owens, Director of Expressive Arts





Pumpkin Palooza 2017 Prize Winners

| Raffle Prize | Sponsor | ticket number | Name |
|---|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Drive the new Alfa Romeo | Alfa Romeo | 1133 | Stan Berrard |
| Two night stay / Mountain View Suite | Banyan Tree | 172 | Michael Xu |
| Disney VIP package | Master Kong | 707 | Ning |
| iPad Pro | Private | 6662 | Isla Gillespie |
| Thai Boxing classes | Revive Gym | | Eugen Rothermel |
| A night stay | Rosewood Hotels Sanya | 0004 | Afra Rashed |
| Interior Design Consultation | Ryan O'Hara | 4238 | Izabella Benovitskaya |
| 4 nights stay | The Suite Hotel | 4642 | Sarah |
| 2 nights stay / Kandaya Resort, Cebu, Philippines | Thomas Cook | 5767 | Kojiro Tanaka |
| Paul Smith rug | Tony Brody | 1330 | Seung Hwan Lee |
| 1 month gym membership | Z&B Fitness | 3815 | Lee Yang-ick |
| 10 zumba classes | Z&B Fitness | 3323 | Jaclyn New |
| FitBit | Private | 1497 | Washington Zhou |
| Gift Certificate | Banyan Tree | 4890 | Serena Wang |
| Dinner Voucher | Cantina Agave | 4728 | 王多茂 Wang Duo mao |
| Wine and Drink vouchers | Cape Grape | 1811 | Vincent |
| Dinner Voucher | Diner | 5755 | Tsz Yuen |
| Dinner Voucher | Lychee | 2533 | Madeline |
| Voucher | Madison Deli | 1339 | Donghao Lee |
| Dinner Voucher | Mr Nice | 2479 | Emily Chen |
| Cocktail bottle drinks | Rooty Mooty | 1234 | Zahar |
| Painting | Ryan O'Hara | 6521 | Kristen Stanley |
| Voucher | Blind Pig | 464 | Gayatri |
| Afternoon tea for two | Westin | 1421 | Max |
| Complimentary Dental Cleaning | Alpha Dental | 5479 | Ryan Ohara |
| Complimentary Dental Cleaning | Alpha Dental | 2538 | Wang Zhi Hong |
| Complimentary Dental Cleaning | Alpha Dental | 4442 | 李晓燕 Li Xiaoyan |
| Physical Therapy Session | AMC | 1452 | Liu Zheng zhong |
| Gift Set | Lu Ming Tang | 1420 | 佑佑 you you |
| Child's blanket | MIXBasic Design Studio | 3833 | Gota |
| Child's blanket | MIXBasic Design Studio | 2818 | Talia Yuen |
| Child's blanket | MIXBasic Design Studio | 1006 | YangHwan Lee |
| Child's blanket | MIXBasic Design Studio | 1211 | Euna |
| Child's blanket | MIXBasic Design Studio | 319 | Cindy |
| Child's blanket | MIXBasic Design Studio | 6783 | Linda Shen |
| Child's blanket | MIXBasic Design Studio | 6763 | Ann Zhu |
| Child's blanket | MIXBasic Design Studio | 4573 | Ding Zi Ling |
| Shopping Voucher RMB 300 | MIXBasic Design Studio | 5386 | Billy Yu |
| Shopping Voucher RMB 300 | MIXBasic Design Studio | 2936 | Mark Ma |
| Shopping Voucher RMB 300 | MIXBasic Design Studio | 4610 | Enchan Lee |
| Shopping Voucher RMB 300 | MIXBasic Design Studio | 1550 | Samuel Lee |



Pumpkin Palooza 2017 Prize Winners

| Raffle Prize | Sponsor | ticket number | Name |
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| Reading Class Voucher | My English | 1216 | Bumjin Choi |
| Reading Class Voucher | My English | 219 | 陈翔翔 Chen Xiangxiang |
| Hair cut coupon | Qkuts | 3358 | Zhao Ting |
| Hair cut coupon | Qkuts | 55 | 陈娇 Chen jiao |
| Hair cut coupon | Qkuts | 468 | Gaya Tri |
| Hair cut coupon | Qkuts | 1913 | 刘南聪 Liu Nancong |
| Hair cut coupon | Qkuts | 3426 | Klawsia Kuppusami |
| Hair cut coupon | Qkuts | 3172 | Lia He |
| Nail Polish Set | QKuts | 49 | Ying Sun |
| Nail Polish Set | QKuts | 889 | Joy Yang |
| Voucher for 2 classes | The Language Lab | 368 | Chloe Zhou |
| Health & Smart B1 wrist band | Private | 178 | Michael Xu |
| Dacom Athlete Headset | Private | 341 | Hui Xu |
| Mobile Bluetooth Speaker | Private | 358 | Liu Xue Li |
| Voucher for brow shaping and colouring | Esthete | 3260 | Fan Li |
| Gift Bag | Costa Cruise | 2749 | Youzhen Ling |
| Gift Bag | Costa Cruise | 3229 | Bankole |
| Gift Bag | Costa Cruise | 5382 | Sandra Tang |
| Gift Bag | Costa Cruise | 1818 | Vincent |
| Gift Bag | Costa Cruise | 2891 | Erin Rowe |
| Gift Bag | Costa Cruise | 385 | Jianming Chen |
| Gift Bag | Costa Cruise | 1290 | Michelle Qiu |
| Gift Bag | Costa Cruise | 119 | Tsz Yuen Chun |
| TrozK Donut travel charge station | Private | 1494 | Washington Zhou |
| Leravan Magic Touch | Private | 2023 | William Y |
| Disney Merchandise | Private | 1771 | 曹俊 Cao jun |
| Disney Merchandise | Private | 1366 | Edwin Po |
| Disney Merchandise | Private | 205 | 王青怡 Wang Qingyi |
| Disney Merchandise | Private | 150 | 范宇好 Fan Yuyu |
| Disney Merchandise | Private | 2049 | Wesley Hung |
| Disney Merchandise | Private | 6511 | Quan Trang |
| Disney Merchandise | Private | 2907 | Emma Arnold |
| Disney Merchandise | Private | 2314 | Daniel Caro |
| Disney Merchandise | Private | 5452 | Savita Iyer |
| Soft toy(s) | Private | 1598 | Stacey Lewery |
| Soft toy(s) | Private | 1572 | Hee Won |
| English Class | Language Lab | 2771 | Chad Loo |
| Hello Kitty | Private | 183 | Aipei Xu |
| Dinner Voucher | Geneva | 4228 | Cindy |



2017 – 2018 AUTUMN TERM BRITANNICA SCHOOL CALENDAR



November 2017

Monday, 6th November—Friday 10th November—Anti-bullying Week

★ Wednesday, 8th November—Reception Parent Event

Friday, 10th November—School closes at 4pm for Mid-term Break

Monday, 13th November—Friday, 17th November Mid-term Break

★ Wednesday, 22nd November—English/EAL Parent Showcase Event



December 2017

Friday, 1st December—Open Day for Prospective KS1 Parents

Saturday, 2nd December—Open Day for Prospective KS1 Parents

Wednesday, 6th December – Year 1 Trip to Museum

Friday, 8th December – Year 2 Zotter Chocolate Factory Trip

★ Friday, 8th December – Year 1 Parents Activity Morning

★ Monday, 11th December—Friday, 15th December—Winter Concert Week

Wednesday, 20th December— Reports Sent Home

Friday, 22nd December— Last Day of School (school closes at 12 o'clock)

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



★ Parent Event All School EYFS Primary Secondary School Holiday Other

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