



From The Principal's Office - January 2017

Dear WInS Community,

Back to School Night

Many thanks to all our parents / guardians that took time to join us for our Back to School Night on Wednesday 18th January. I hope you found it a useful and informative evening. I would personally like to thank all our teaching staff that attended after school hours to ensure they had an opportunity to meet you in person. I would like to see this event a regular event in the annual school calendar, with higher parental attendance also.



WInS Worthy Runners – Up

WInS were invited to participate in the recent Christmas tree competition in Sibü. Our creative team of both teaching and administrative staff worked tirelessly to produce a fantastic tree displayed proudly in the town centre. The school were awarded for their endeavours by claiming the second runners–up prize. Well done to all the participants!



In – Service Training and Professional Development

A school is as only as good as its teachers and the Senior Leadership Team are keen to ensure Woodlands has the very best!

Over the vacation, Ms Suhanti and myself designed and developed a two day workshop aimed specifically for the Early Years department. Activities included early Literacy strategies, assessment, planning and curricular development. The teachers worked diligently and clearly found the experience beneficial. Both Ms Suhanti and I will continue specific training for our dedicated Early Years department over the course of the year.

On the teachers' return at the end of December, I led further workshops on quality teaching and learning alongside all teachers, modelling collaborative learning techniques which I hope provided useful ideas, focus and impetus at the start of the school year.



Collaborative Learners



Imparting Knowledge

The Senior Leadership Team are keen to share their various expertise with all staff members and will endeavour to target appropriate staff members with on-going professional development. Mr Bong has taken the lead, and delivered two very thought-provoking workshops on Special Needs.



Mr Bong shares his passion for Special Educational Needs

Student Uniform

I am very grateful to see that students have been wearing the correct uniform since the start of the school year. Nonetheless I would still like to see the students wearing **visible** socks rather than the micro-socks that some of the Secondary students are wearing. Keep up the good work!

Secondary Discipline

As mentioned in my last newsletter, I have been working directly with Mr Bong, the Discipline Committee and the Secondary teachers to assist in tightening up the behavior of students in the Secondary department. I am delighted to note that it seems to have had an immediate effect. All Secondary staff were issued with laminated yellow and red cards. Students are shown a yellow card if their behavior is deemed inappropriate and a red card is issued if their actions are repeated, resulting in an immediate detention. Of course **the best form of behavioural management is through positive reinforcement** and we will continue to run Merit marks throughout the school year.

One of the most common detentions for the students is late arrivals. **Please ensure your child is in on time.** Latecomers disrupt the teaching already taking place which impacts on all students.

Morals and Ethics

January saw our whole school focus on *Diligence*. Our COO (Mr Charles) and myself introduced the topic in our first whole school assembly of this year (6th January) and class / form and M & E teachers then expanded upon this value at the appropriate level for the students to access. Our certificate winners were:

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Congratulations to all the students! Please note our Value of the Month for February will be *Self-Control*. Please feel free to discuss with your child in the home environment to reinforce their understanding and learning.

Early Years Foundation Stage and Lower Primary



Big Dice for Maths Games

Some of our new Big Books

Counting Sticks

To help support curricular developments in our Early Years division, I placed orders over December for a wide variety of teaching and student resources to support the EYFS and Early Primary curriculum, most especially in Literacy and Numeracy. These are now arriving in thick and fast and on-going training across the academic year will continue to support our teachers. Following the *Back to School Evening* it is clear that several parents would like to know more about these adjustments to the WInS programme, and together with the Parent Support Group we will organise a Question and Answer Session after Chinese New Year. In the interim, there is plenty of information online to assist both teachers and parents - www.foundationyears.org.uk/eyps-statutory-framework is a good starting point.

Parent Support Group

As mentioned in December's Newsletter and reiterated at our Back to School Evening, I am very keen in seeking the support and assistance of parents to be actively involved in moving Woodlands forward. If you would like to get involved please inform Ms Anne who will pass you the relevant information. We intend to get this project up and running in February. **Please note the closing date for joining is Monday 6th February.** The first meeting is scheduled for 3pm on Tuesday 7th February.

Snack and Lunch Times

Like all good international schools, WInS believes in instilling early independence skills. To this end I must ask Early Years and Primary parents to refrain from coming onto site and feeding their children during Snack and Lunch. Students are encouraged to feed themselves, with the guidance of one of our teachers or teacher assistants where support is still required.

Drop-Off and Collection

I remain concerned about the well-being and safety during drop-off and pick-up of students, most especially of Primary and Secondary students. It does get very congested. Please be reminded it is forbidden to park in this area and leave your car unattended.

Co-Curricular Activities

Many thanks to Vice Principal Peter Bong for co-ordinating our Co-Curricular Activities programme for this term. We have an excellent range of activities across Primary and Secondary divisions. I am indebted to so many of our teachers for offering their talents and services. We are planning to extend our programme to both K1 and K2 classes next term.

Treating Others with Respect

I was somewhat shocked to hear reports that some of our auxiliary staff and teacher assistants have either been ignored or, in some cases faced abuse from parents/guardians. You are reminded that as parents you have a moral obligation to be role models to our students. Please make sure follow instructions given by **any member of staff** at WInS and treat everyone with the same courtesy that you would wish to be treated by others.

Sibu Athletic Competitions

These have been taking place over the last week. WInS students did exceptionally well, most especially in squash and swimming. Full details and photos will be in the next newsletter. Congratulations to all our participating students and a big thank you to all the teachers involved.

Gong Xi Fa Cai

I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all at WInS, to wish all of you a very happy, healthy, prosperous, productive and successful Year of the Rooster.

Best regards,

Aubrey Groves - Principal

Important Dates for Your Diaries

26th January – Half Day closing

27th – 31st January 2017 – School Closed

Wednesday 1st February 2017 – First day back for students

Monday 6th February – Deadline for applications to the Parent Support Group

Tuesday 7th February – 3pm – First meeting for the Parent Support Group

Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March – Whole School Book Week



校长办公室启 2017 年 1 月

尊敬的 WInS 社群，

返校之夜

非常感谢所有的父母或监护人，在百忙之中抽空出席 1 月 18 日（星期三）的返校之夜。我希望您会感觉到这是一个有帮助及收获的夜晚。我也非常感谢所有的老师，在课余时间仍出席是项活动，以确保他们有机会亲自和您晤面。我希望这将会成我们的学年的定期活动，也希望家长们能更踊跃的出席。



WInS 有价值的季军

最近 WInS 被邀在诗巫城市广场参加圣诞树装饰比赛。我们教职员和行政人员组成的创意团队不辞劳苦地工作，最终让一棵十分美丽及色彩缤纷的圣诞树傲立在城市广场。学校因团队的努力而获得了第三奖。我为所有的参与者的表现喝采！



在职培训和专业发展方面

Wins 拥有优秀的老师及高层领导，如此学校方能表现到极致。

在去年的年终假期，Suhanti 女士和我为幼儿教育设计及开展了一个为期两天的研讨会。活动包括幼儿读写策略，评估，规划和课程编制。老师们都非常积极投入，并且明显感受到获益良多。在去年 12 月底教师返校报到时，我更进一步带领所有教师一起进行有关优质教学和学习的研讨会，为合作学习技术建立模式，以便能在学年开始时，提供有益的想法，集中点和动力来源。Suhanti 和我，在这一年将会继续为幼儿部进行特别专业的培训。



合作学习分享知识

高层领导团队非常乐意与所有工作人员分享他们的专业知识，并将积极遴选适当的人选，持续推进专业的发展。中学部主任黄少刚生已率先主持了两个发人深省的特殊教育的研讨会。



Mr. Bong 在分享特殊教育讯息

学生制服

在开学时，我十分欣慰地看见同学们都穿着正确的校服来学校上课。然而，我还是希望看见一些中学生可以将所穿超短的袜子改为较长一点的袜子。再接再厉！

中学部的纪律

正如上一份学校通讯中所提到的一样，我已经直接和中学部主任 **Mr.Bong**，训导委员会及中学部的老师们合作督促中学生，使他们成为更有纪律，行为举止更好的学生。目前每个中学部的教职员都被分发到一些红卡和黄卡。每当学生有不恰当的行为，老师将会给他们一张黄卡以示警告，而如果他们重复犯错，老师将会给他们红卡，这时候他们就会立刻被留堂处分。我很高兴看到这个方法对学生纪律的提高有着立竿见影的效果。不过培养学生的德行最好的方式当然还是要从正面增强入手，我们也会继续在今年嘉奖表现良好的同学，以资鼓励。

在各种留堂处罚中，迟到是最常见的一种。请各位家长确保孩子能准时上学，因为孩子迟到会打扰教师的授课，并影响全班的同学。

道德与伦理

1月，整个学校开始专注于勤奋的课题。我们的首席运营员 **Mr.Charles** 和我在今年的第一次全校周会（1月6日）介绍了这个主题，各年级的老师们随后进一步以不同的形式，教导不同年龄层的学生有关勤奋的价值观。校方将颁发奖状给表现良好的同学。

获奖者的名单如下： -

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恭喜所有获奖的学生！请注意，我们二月份有关伦理道德的主题是“自我控制”。请随时与您的孩子在家中讨论此课题，以加强他们的理解和学习。

早期基础教育及小学低年级学习情况



数学游戏的大骰子、一些大本的新书、数算棍子

为了帮助及支持幼儿部课程的发展，我在十二月订购了各式各样的教学和学生学习所需的资源来支持早期基础教育及小学低年级阶段的课程，并且特注重在读写和计算方面的提升。我们将会在今年持续不断提供许多扎实的培训以支持我们的老师。在返校之夜，很明显，几个家长想更了解 WInS 的调整计划，我们将会与家教协会一起，在农历新年后组织一个问答会。在这过渡期间，有大量的在线信息可以帮助教师和家长 - www.foundationyears.org.uk/eyfs-statutory-framework 是一个很好的起点。

家教协会

在去年 12 月的学校通讯里及在返校之夜都有提及，我衷心希望父母能够提供支持和帮助，积极参与推动 WInS 的进展，如果您想参与，请通知 Anne 女士，她将提供您相关信息。我们打算在 2 月份启动这个项目。请注意，报名参与的截止日期为 2 月 6 日（星期一）。第一次会议拟定于 2 月 7 日（星期二）下午 3 点举行。

点心和午餐时间

正如其他许多优秀的国际学校一样，WInS 也崇尚灌输孩子们独立自主的能力。我非常希望幼儿部及小学的家人们，避免在点心和午饭时间在现场喂孩子吃东西。我们鼓励学生学会自己进餐，如果需要时可以由一位我们的老师或助理加以指导。

接送学生

我非常关注学生的安危，特别是小学和中学部的学生在父母送孩子上学抵达学校及放学父母接领的时刻，它确实非常拥挤。特别提醒，此时将禁止车子停放在这个区域及让您的车无人值守。

课外活动

我非常感谢副校长 **Mr. Peter Bong** 在这个学期协助协调课外活动计划。我们在小学和中学部门有一系列活动。我也很感谢老师们积极贡献他们的才能和服务的精神。我们计划在下学期将活动扩大到 K1 和 K2。

尊重他人

我听闻一些教职员或工作人员曾受到家长或监护人的谩骂或蔑视, 感到十分震惊。身为一个家长，更应该给孩子们 in 道德方面, 做一个好的榜样，希望你们能够好好地遵守 WInS 工作人员的指示，並待人如己。

诗巫体育竞技比赛

在上个星期举办的该项比赛当中，WInS 的学生表现十分出色，尤其是在壁球和游泳这两个项目上。详细的报道和照片我们将会在下期学校通讯向大家报告。在这里祝贺各位参赛的同学们，也衷心地感谢各位负责老师。

恭喜发财

借此机会，我代表 WInS, 祝大家过一个顺顺利利，健健康康，快快乐乐的鸡年！

Woodlands 国际学校校长

奥布雷 谨启

您日记里重要的日期

1 月 26 日 - 工作半天

2017 年 1 月 27 日 - 31 日 - 学校关闭

2017 年 2 月 1 日 (星期三) - 春假后学生第一天返校

2 月 6 日 (星期一) - 家教协会参与申请截止日期

2 月 7 日 (星期二) - 3pm - 家教协会的第一次会议

2 月 27 日 (星期一) 至 3 月 3 日 (星期三) - 全校图书周