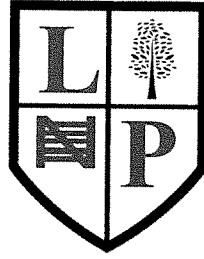


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International Link

Dear Parent / Carer

Since my trip to the Yixing Dingshan Primary School in China last November, we have reciprocated three similar visits at Larchwood from our international friends. The pinnacle of which was a trip from, not only the teachers, but also the children.

Also, we have been running 'China club' and some of the artwork produced was sent out to China and is now hanging in the gallery located within our partner's school exhibition.

In the spring term and possibly the summer term, we have been asked to host our Chinese guests again, and I have agreed. This exchange in cultures has immense benefits to all involved.

Establishing, and then embedding these global links takes commitment and dedication from both parties. As a school, we are eager to continue this rapport, as are our Chinese counterpart. Recently, they generously invited not only myself to return, but also Mr Bowsher and Miss Adams. The cost of our stay being funded by the Jiangsu Education Services for International Exchange.

Our partner school is especially interested on how we teach English and in particular, phonics. We have already sent out resources to them but they are keen to see this in practice. They have asked Miss Adams to teach English lessons, whilst our Chinese teacher colleagues observe. Miss Adams will also presenting to the English department about our curriculum and assessment procedures.

Mr Bowsher and I will also be presenting on a number of other educational items, in order to share good practice across both schools.

We fly out next Monday and will spend the week with the Yixing Dingshan Primary School.

In preparation for this, Eden in year 6 has been preparing a fabulous piece of artwork that I will take out with me as a gift to our Chinese friends. It is a watercolour of Shakespeare.

Enhancing this relationship will enhance the opportunities and experiences the children of Larchwood continue to receive.

I will report back on my return. In the meantime, Mrs Baker will be acting headteacher next week.

Mr R. Duff
Headteacher

