



HUMOUR—GRRRRRRR!!

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

'You've never had it so good'
 Harold MacMillan said the to
 British people back in 1960.
 Perhaps this is the time when
 we should consider this as well.
 Actually some terrible things in
 life happen and you just have to
 laugh it off. Some people are
 crazy and sent to try us, but the
 worse that can happen is that
 we sit down and chuckle about
 it in twenty years time as our
 children or grandchildren bring
 us our slippers, newspaper and a
 sprig of mistletoe. When we sit
 looking down from the mountain
 top, the rest of the world passes
 by so slowly and seems so small,
 but when we are in the city it
 seems so big and fast. Most
 things, one could say, depend on
 one's view.

Do you like liver by the way?
 With onions and gravy? I like
 the onions and gravy but the
 liver to me seems a bit
 overrated. However, the human
 liver is absolutely vital to life.
 So liver can be good and useful
 depends on whose it is and what
 it is doing or is being done with
 it. Most things, one could say,
 depend on one's view.

Are you in favour of the death
 penalty? For which crimes in
 particular? Are you in favour of

justice? Is Pythagoras' theorem
 justice or an equation? If $a = b$
 then it means they have the
 same value. But can this be said
 of human life? Does all have
 human life have equal value and
 where is this held to be true? If
 all human life is of equal value
 and all human life has the same
 needs, then is the poverty
 divide inhuman and why don't
 we prosecute the institutions
 which perpetuate it? Most
 things, one could say, depend on
 one's view.

The thing with humour is that
 some things are funny to some
 people and not to others. Over
 the last week, as I have, surely
 you can find things to at least
 chuckle over. The mistletoe can
 wait for a few months yet
 though. Even if you cannot
 make head nor tail of this
 week's front page, it will have
 tickled someone, maybe. Most
 things, one could say, depend on
 one's view.

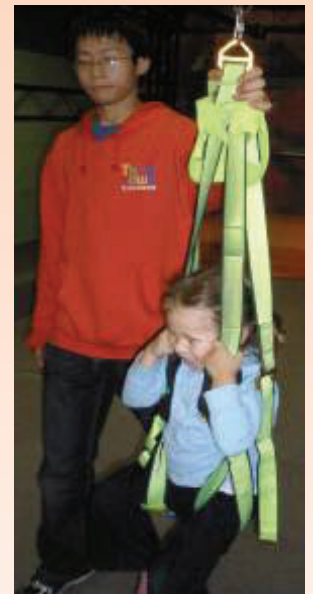
Have a good weekend!

Richard Naylor



Foundation Thinktown Trip

On Wednesday 18th March, Foundation Stage visited 'Thinktown,' a really cool set of activity rooms with lots to see, do and enjoy. It's a pretty popular place and even though sometimes we had to wait our turn, all our children were beautifully behaved and we are really proud of them. A great day was had by all and a big thank you to Mrs Alibay Gandjee who helped us on the day.



Year 4 India Day!

Year 4 had a great day dressing up in a variety of Indian costumes. During the day the children were given a lesson on how to dance like an Indian and how to play Indian drums. They played Kabbadi and cricket. They made Indian sweets and decorated Indian elephants and Rangoli designs. They even had time to listen to eight finalists for the Year 4 creative writing competition!

Sweets Making!



Drumming!



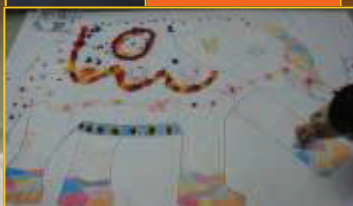
Dancing!



Kabbadi!



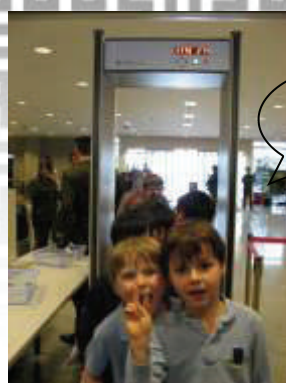
Elephant Making!



Year 3 Mandarin Trip to Shanghai Museum

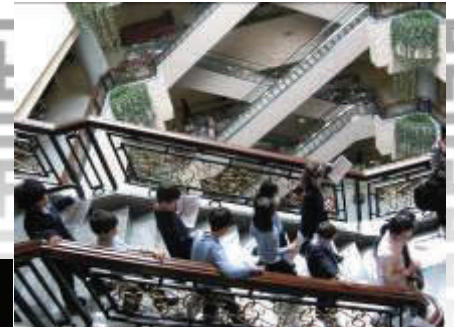


Look at the exterior of the museum. It utilizes the shape of an ancient bronze ding.



We have passed the security check. Oh yeah!

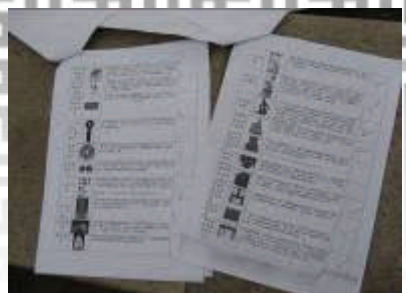
There are four floors in the museum.



We have seen Chinese furniture, pottery, currency, jade, painting and bronze.



Watching introduction of Chinese pottery and bronze at high definition graphics hall.



Look at my worksheet- they are all in Chinese!



WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

One of the major concerns of parents is that the education that their child receives should allow them to continue on to a career beyond school, be that academic or not. With the school starting the I.B. diploma programme in August 2009 one of the questions from parents has been how the qualifications received are viewed by universities around the world. Whilst some students at the school are in the fortunate position to look at universities anywhere in the world, the majority of parents seem keen to have their child study at a university in the UK or the US .

I wrote to John Pomeroy who is the Head of International Student Admissions at the State University of New York and he replied that all US Admissions tutors for universities welcome every student with the I.B. diploma. Furthermore, many US universities are actually debating whether IB students should be allowed to go straight into the second year of a degree course due to the rigour of the IB Diploma Programme. It is also worth considering that many of the top schools in the US have started teaching the IB diploma, as it stretches students further than the traditional AP programme of study. Also worth mentioning is that North America has the most IB Diploma schools compared with any other region in the world! Whether or not you feel that the A Level system is a good thing , this sort of resume for the I.B. diploma certainly makes compelling reading.

I would like to quote from the University of Louisiana website: 'The "IB" designation on a transcript assures universities of a very high standard of quality, as does the reception of the Diploma after graduation, making IB Diploma candidates most attractive to the nation's

best colleges and universities, in both admission and financial aid. An examination of selective admission universities' advanced placement credit awards will indicate the high esteem in which IB is held by American universities. Harvard University offers full sophomore standing to Diploma Graduates, subject to a year's satisfactory performance at the sophomore level.'

Within the UK system there is certainly much support for the IB programme and the qualification is seen to equip students for university in a far better way than the A Level programme. The official UCAS website (the UK central organization through which applications for entry to higher education are processed) has a conversion table and equates 28/45 on the IB diploma as approximately the same as BBC at A level (The results at A level I achieved!) . It would also suggest that a score of 35/45 would be the equivalent of 3A grades at A level so it would appear that UCAS regards the IB Diploma as being of a more demanding standard than A Level and therefore regard it as a higher quality qualification worth holding!

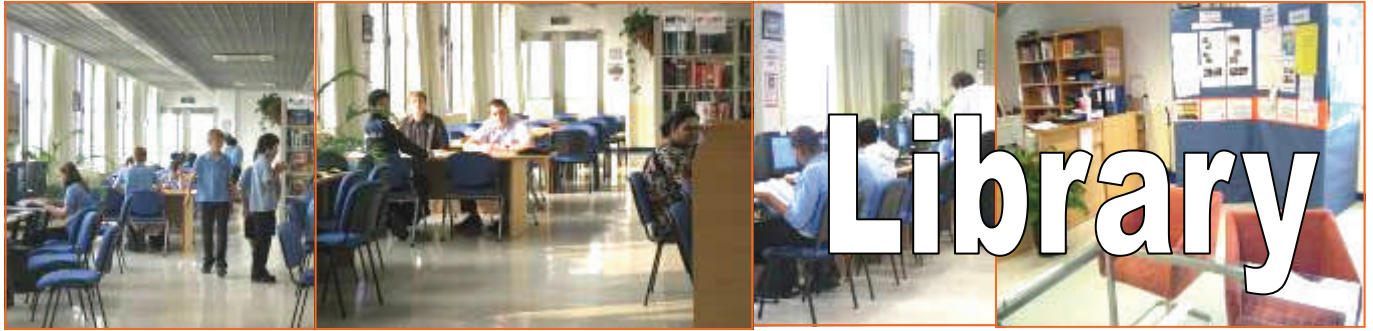
I would encourage all parents who are keen to see where the I.B. diploma may take their child to visit the I.B website www.ibo.org and look at the countries pages to find what the policies of different universities to the I.B. diploma are! Happy hunting :)

We, at Rego, are committed to the ethos of the I.B. in encouraging and stimulating student improvement. It certainly helps that many universities around the world would agree with the change we are making!

David Frame



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Primary Library—Thank You!

A big thank you to all those who helped out and participated in the Book Week last week. A special mention to *Elisabeth Reiss, Jill Ho, Lisa Boggio, Veronique Drivet & Sylvia Lo* who helped create the Book Dragon; the “Gruffalo” props and scenery, and the Book Mobile in the entrance of the Primary School.

Y5 & 6 students from the Library activity session entertained the entire school with 3 separate performances of “The



Gruffalo.” Congratulations and thanks to *Anthony Orr, Sean Chen, Andy Wong, Emily Kim, Victoria Sze, Esther Dauenheimer, Christie Ho, Alicia Chan, Jocelyn See and Ombeline Siraudeau.*



The Book Fair on Thursday and Friday was very well attended with many students coming away with several new books. Our three vendors offered a wide range of different books providing something for everyone. We are currently sending feedback to them to try and provide an even better book fair next year.

As a result of the Book Fair we will soon have some new books in both Libraries as the vendors gave the school a percentage of the sales for use in the Libraries.



Friday was also Dress Up day in the Primary school with many students and staff appearing as their favourite book character. To see some more pictures of the wonderful costumes, take a look at the Primary Library website, http://www.netvibes.com/sris#Book_Week



Prizes for the Creative Writing Competition and Library competitions will be awarded at Assembly next week and the winners will be published in the Newsletter.



News from the Secondary school library:

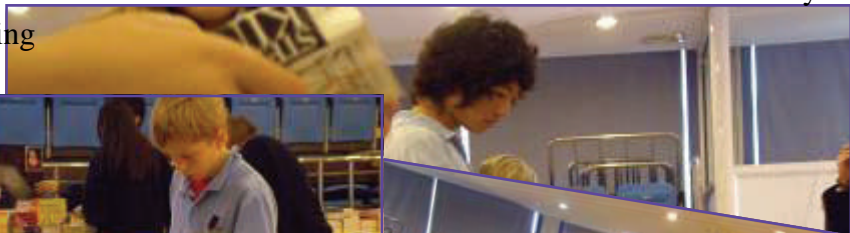
Photos: courtesy from Beiny

The Book Fair held last week was a great success, with students commenting on the large variety of titles being and being able to compare prices between the three vendors. The book fair started off with a quiet morning with mainly teachers visiting but the Auditorium started to get 'flooded' by

directly with the publisher representative.

Based on the sales, the secondary library was able to choose 20 new books, some of which were highly recommended by students, e.g. Cherub series.

We've learned a lot this year and will try to make the Book fair even better next year.



break time, and even more visitors the next day, as also students who forgot to bring money on the first day visited again.

There was also a booth displaying teaching materials from Crown Publishing and Human Kinetics, and teachers were able to communicate

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who helped to oversee the fair and who have provided valuable suggestions in improving our services.

Thank You!

Secondary Librarian, Siau Ting.
sttai@srisrego.com



Dear Parents,

Abigail2009110@ciss.com.cn

Spring is most definitely in the air and we hope you have all been enjoying the weather. Easter holidays are coming up and then we'll be preparing for International day once again. Make sure you keep June 12 fee!

Driver with Car Available

We are leaving Shanghai shortly and we are looking for a new job for our polite driver Mister Ye. He has a Buick (7 seats) or Hyundai (5 seats) available for rent. Price is negotiable



For further information, please contact Mr. Ye at 133-81861177.

Ms. Judit Hajba

Upcoming FoR Events

April 22: FoR Coffee Morning

May 8: Mother's Day Gift Swap

June 13: International Day

Yunan Education Project Garage Sale

What: Concordia School's National Honours Society is organizing a garage sale. All profits benefit the Yunan Education Project. Tables are on sale for 150RMB

When: Saturday, May 23 from 9.00-13.00 at CISS

Contact: for more information, contact Abby:

Weight Watchers Now in Shanghai

What: weekly meetings in English.

When: Monday: 19.15-20.15
Thursday: 10.00-11.00

Where: B2, Hong Kong New World Building, 300 Huai Hai Zhong Road

Contact: for more info, contact Susi at expat@weightwatchers.com.cn

LUNCH CHECK

Week of

30 March	Y2B	Veronique Drivet	Y9A	Goy Hubin
	Y5D	Wendy Collinson	Y7B	Hilary Bowers
20 April	Y2C	Vivienne De Vries	Y7B	Elly Boyard
27 April	Y2D	Angela Scharlee & Geke Driessens	YR8C	Irene Burkle
	Y5B	Ann Willmsen		

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Youthlink Fair

Please note that the Youth Link Fair scheduled for Saturday, March 28, HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

A new date has not been confirmed and will be communicated later by the organizers.

Spring Charity Food and Fun Fair

What: looking for new or "gently-used" toys, sports equipment, books, imported magazines, DVDs, or home-decorative items to be sold at a charity fair organized by the Shanghai Singapore Business Association - Singapore Club Shanghai (SSBA-SCS)*, together with the Shanghai House of Entrepreneurs, NUS (SHEN) and the China Charity Federation. Funds raised will go towards the rebuilding of a currently old and structurally unsound school building in Jiangxi, China.

When: donated items should be dropped off **before April 4** at

A) 188 Guangyuan Lu (between Hengshan Lu & Huashan Lu) on: Mon and Wed, 10 am to 1 pm (For alternative timings, call Choi at 13817509982)

B) Oasis Riviera Clubhouse, 883 Shui Cheng Lu from: Mon-Sun, 9am - 9pm (Contact Helen Xu at 3208-2003 or 3208-2007)

C) The Activity Box, 浦东, 商城路108弄 (靠近浦城路), 汇豪天下 9号楼 from: Mon-Sat: 9am - 6pm (Contact Soe Soe or Nicole at 6888 1913)

The Fair itself will take place

- Date: Saturday, 11 Apr 2009
 - Time: 10 am to 3 pm (Bar will be opened till 5pm)
- Venue: Clubhouse of Oasis Riviera, 883 Shui Cheng Lu (between Tianshan Lu and Changning Lu)

Physics and Maths Tutor Available

What: Private tuition for physics and maths
Top Oxford graduate available to tutor GCSE and A-level physics and maths.

Please contact James at 13482703574
or jr@behk.org

House YUKA

What: HouseYuka helps you to find domestic staff, train them and insure them.

Many foreigners are not aware that they will be held responsible for the medical bills of their ayi/ driver/...if he/she was to have an accident during work (even when it is not a work-related accident like a heart attack). Medical bills can be very high and the Chinese law does require those are covered by the employer.

Houseyuka helps you insure your staff and will act as a mediator should disputes arise.

Cost: monthly fee: 150RMB, annual fee: 1,200RMB

Contact: Tel: 400820823 or www.houseyuka.com/en/company.asp

Nine Dragons Polo Club Easter Camps

What: 4 day camp with following activities: Horse-back riding lessons, grooming and tacking of horses, feeding horses, stable management skills, BBQ, cooking, games and horse carriage ride...
Children will sleep in tents or in the playroom, depending on the weather

When: Camp 1: April 6-10
Camp 2: April 14-17

Cost: Non-members: 4,400RMB
Members: 3,400RMB

All meals, lessons, activities are included.

Where: Nine Dragons Polo Club. Check website for address details: www.ndhpolo.com

Contact: christina@ndhpolo.com

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Out of Hours Learning; Sports Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Swimming pool	Swimming Mixed yrs 7-13 GR 3:45pm-4:45pm	Sync. swimming Mixed yrs 4-11 MG 3:45pm-4:45pm	Swimming Mixed yrs 1-6 GR 3:45pm-4:45pm	Swimming Mixed yrs 3-13 GR 7:30am-8:15am	Swimming Mixed yr2 GR 7:30am-8:10am
Track/Netball court		Netball Girls yrs 7-13 CT 3:45pm-5:00pm			
Main field A	Soccer Boys yrs 9-13 DI 3:45pm-4:45pm	Rugby Boys yrs 8-11 CB 3:45pm-4:45pm	Rugby Girls yrs 7-11 CB 3:45pm-4:45pm	Soccer Girls yrs 7-13 MH 3:45pm-4:45pm	Soccer Boys yrs 7-8 KS 3:45pm-4:45pm
Main field B	Soccer Boys yrs 9-13 DI 3:45pm-4:45pm	Rugby Boys yrs 8-11 CB 3:45pm-4:45pm	Rugby Girls yrs 7-11 CB 3:45pm-4:45pm	Soccer Girls yrs 7-13 MH 3:45pm-4:45pm	Soccer Boys yrs 7-8 KS 3:45pm-4:45pm BEGINS April 24th
Basketball court		Netball Girls yrs 5-6 NT 3:45pm-4:45pm			
Gymnasium			Basketball boys yrs 7-9 DI 3:45pm-4:45pm BEGINS MARCH 25th		Basketball girls yrs 7-9 DI 3:45pm-4:45pm BEGINS MARCH 27th
Xinzhuang field				Rugby Boys yr 7 CB 3:45pm-4:45pm	

Term 3 After-School Activities

Monday

Year 1-3 Dance- A chance to enjoy movement to music in this 'modern' dance club.
Led by Ms. Giovanna in the primary music room!

Tuesday

Year 1-3 Multi-skills- Games and activities designed to improve abilities of younger learners.
Led by Ms. Strickland in the primary gym!

Year 2-3 Recorder- A great chance to practice and play music.
Led by Ms. Sibley in the primary music room!

Year 4-6 Badminton- Returns due to popular demand!
Led by Mr. Ilines at the secondary campus!

Year 5-6 Netball- Another chance to improve skills in this great sport.
Led by Ms. Niki at the secondary campus!

Year 5-6 Wargames- Fight epic battles using dice in this fun club.
Led by Mr. Sibley at the primary campus!

Wednesday

Year 3-6 Athletics- Lots of fun and fitness in preparation for sports day!
Led by Ms. Harvey at the secondary campus!

Thursday

Year 1-5 Rugby- Learning to play Touch and Contact Rugby in the main school sport!
Led by Mr. Brown at the secondary campus!

Year 2-3 Badminton- A great club for building up hand to eye coordination from an early age.
Led by Mr Ilines at the secondary campus!

Year 5-6 Cooking- Make yummy snacks and desserts!
Led by Ms. Jo at the primary cafeteria!

Year 5-6 Skateboard- Learn some cool moves and tricks.
Led by Mr Hughson at the primary campus!

Friday

Year 3-6 Football- Another popular choice continues with training and fixtures.
Led by Mr. Pope and Mr. Dent at the secondary campus!



Rego Soccer Report



It happens to the best of us

Manchester United: 'Champions of England,' 'English league cup holders,' 'Supreme in Europe and oh yes... 'World champions,' are suffering from a 'Wobble' in form at the moment. As we have seen in recent games, the English, European and World champions have lost their last two league fixtures, allowing the usual 'Also ran' teams to close the points gap at the top of the table.

Rego it seems are not immune to this phenomenon either and after a five match unbeaten run which took them to third place in the SISAC league table, the lads are now on a five game run without a single point.

Following a shock defeat at home to SCIS, Rego then faced the in form German school. Just like the first encounter at Rego, the Germans were well organised in defence and moved well as a unit in attack. Rego played far better than they had in the previous fixture, but were still unable to turn their hard work into goals. Final score 5-0 to the Germans.

Next came Suzhou. SSIS had performed well in the league games they had played so far this season, taking points from BISS and SAS. However, having played relatively few games they were still a bit of an unknown entity. Unknown that was until they were three goals ahead in the first 10 minutes against Rego. Our boys did manage to rally themselves and began a fight back toward the end of the first half, but Suzhou kept their nerve and were able to match Rego goal for goal until full time. Final score 6-4 to Suzhou.

Rego have a pretty good record against YCIS, having competed against them for the past two seasons in Division 2. Nevertheless, this next fixture was D1 and YCIS were in no mood to lose on their home ground. The first half was a tight affair. Both teams traded shots at either end of the field, but it was YCIS who went ahead through some brutal finishing by their strikers. Again Rego managed to rally and pull back two goals, but some unfortunate errors in their goal mouth gifted the home team a win and the three points. Final Score 4-2 to YCIS.

The return fixture against Suzhou came next, a game that turned out to be a petulant affair. Both teams were unimpressed by the wet weather, which in turn led to bad tempers and cynical fouls. Suzhou were again well organised, always offering help to the player with the ball in defence and running off the player with ball to great affect in attack. Impressive team work that quickly led to a three goal lead.

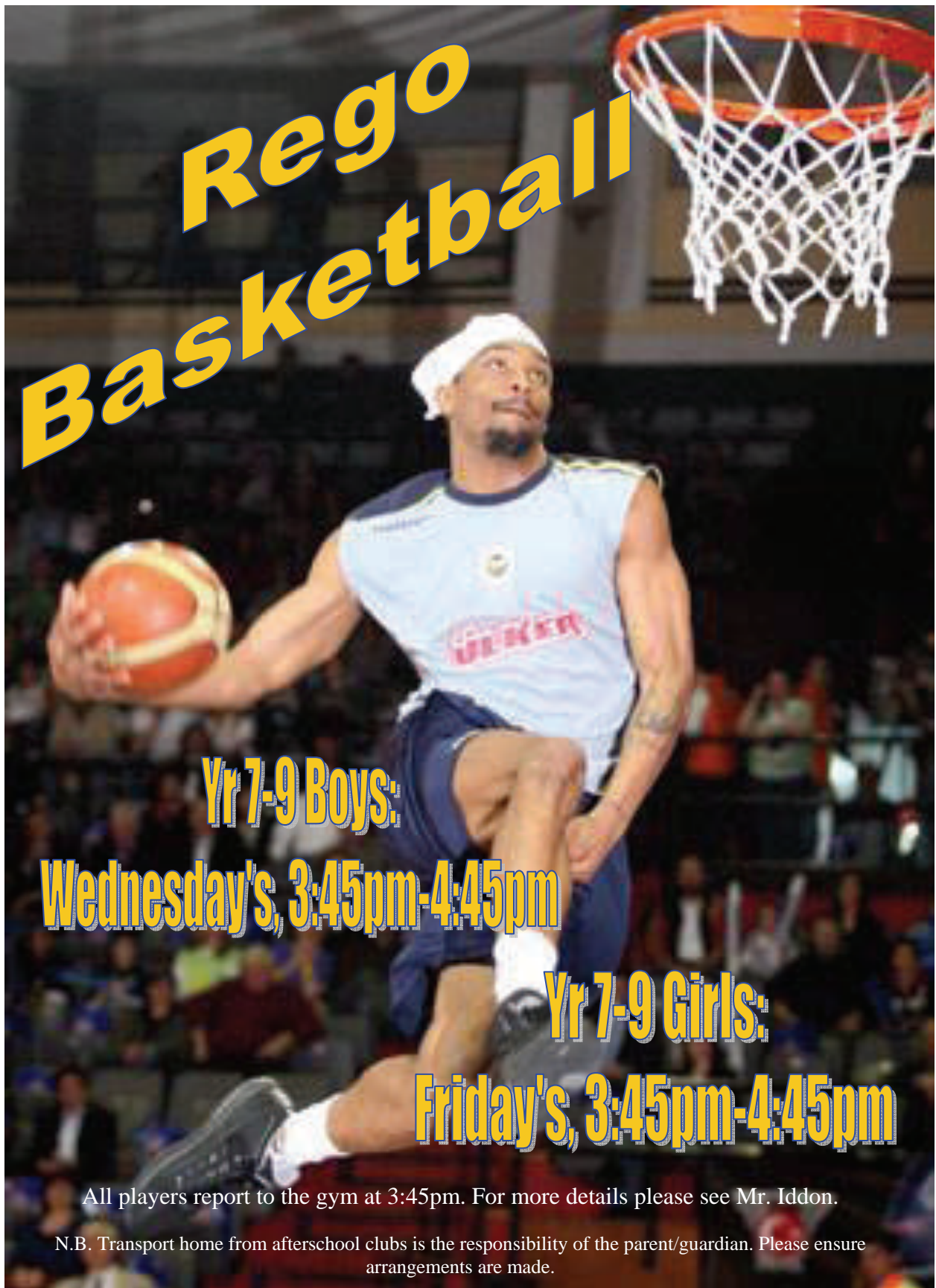
Rego were then awarded a penalty for a push in the Suzhou box. This was converted by Jos Brantjes and the boys were filled with some hope of a comeback. Indeed, they were certainly taking the game to Suzhou with some surging runs from Josh Pereira. Then a moment of madness from Rego captain Matt Barnes resulted in an instant red card for 'Retaliation.' Barnes had been shoved by a Suzhou player during a tackle and responded with a shove of his own during an 'Off the ball' incident.

After the red card the game was as good as over for Rego and Suzhou went on to win 10-4. Nevertheless, the season as a whole is far from over. At this point in time, titles and trophies may be a distant after thought for the Rego players, but with 9 points to play for they should still be hoping for a top half finish in the league this season. However, much will depend on their attitude and approach to their next game against YCIS. A win at home in the penultimate game, could make the difference between a pleasing or a anti climatic season.

2009 Rego Boys Division 1 SISAC Soccer fixtures:

Wed Feb 18 th	German School	L	0-10	Home
Mon Feb 23 rd	Livingston American School	W	5-2	Home
Wed Feb 25 th	BISS Puxi	X	5-5	Away
Mon Mar 2 nd	Livingston American School	W	1-6	Away
Wed Mar 4 th	BISS Puxi	X	3-3	Home
Tue Mar 10 th	SCIS HQ	W	1-5	Away
Wed Mar 11 th	SCIS HQ	L	6-9	Home
Fri Mar 13 th	German School	L	5-0	Away
Mon Mar 16 th	Suzhou	L	6-4	Away
Wed Mar 18 th	YCIS Puxi	L	4-2	Away
Mon March 23 rd	Suzhou	L	4-10	Home
Mon Mar 30 th	YCIS Puxi		4:00pm	Home
Tue Mar 31 st	SAS Puxi		4:00pm	Away (double header)





Rego Basketball

**Yr 7-9 Boys:
Wednesday's, 3:45pm-4:45pm**

**Yr 7-9 Girls:
Friday's, 3:45pm-4:45pm**

All players report to the gym at 3:45pm. For more details please see Mr. Iddon.

N.B. Transport home from afterschool clubs is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Please ensure arrangements are made.

NETBALL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Over the last two months the under 11 and under 14 netball teams have been practising after School and in matches at the weekends for their end of season tournament.

The tournament will be held this Saturday 28th March at Dulwich College, Pudong between 10am and 1.30pm.

Both teams will be playing Dulwich, BISS Pudong and BISS Puxi throughout the morning and I am confident that we will reach the finals.

The girls have all worked very hard for this tournament and we would therefore really appreciate some support on the day, so please feel free to join us. The U11 matches will be played in the Upper gym court number 1 and the U14s in the lower gym.

I look forward to seeing you there and I'm sure you will join me in wishing the girls the very best of luck for Saturday.

Thank you for your support,

Caroline Troughton
U14 Netball Coach



Shanghai Sunrise and Ironman China

Dear Parents and Friends of Rego,

On April 19th I will be participating in Ironman China, a long-distance triathlon event held in Hainan, and raising money for a local charity, Shanghai Sunrise. Some of you may remember that last year I participated in the 'Half-Ironman' event. When I managed to complete that, I committed to myself (somewhat unwisely) that I would try to complete the full Ironman this year.



There are three sections to Ironman China, which I will have to complete consecutively. It begins with a 3.8km swim in a river. This is always slightly chaotic, as there are hundreds of swimmers beginning at the same time. Coming out of the water, I jump onto my bike for a 180km ride. This is the longest section of the event. The final stage of the triathlon is a 42.1km run (a marathon). The professionals complete the event in 8-9 hours, though I will be considerably slower than that!



Shanghai Sunrise is a wonderful charity. As its mission statement says:

“Shanghai Sunrise exists to provide financial support to underprivileged students in Shanghai for their educational, professional and life experiences, to motivate them to reach their full potential and inspire them to give back to the community.”

RMB 3,000 provides support for a student for a year. Through last year's event I raised RMB 12,000, enough to support four students for a year. Funds raised this year will be used to renew existing sponsorships or sponsor new students.

I support Shanghai Sunrise, in particular, because:

- All money raised goes to the families of the children. Administration costs are sourced separately.
- The charity focuses on helping individual children and their families, providing them with targeted support.
- Shanghai Sunrise tracks the progress of children and helps them to stay focused on their studies.
- Sponsors are linked to individual children

If you would like to support me in raising money for Shanghai Sunrise, I would be grateful for any offers of sponsorship. Please send me an e-mail, indicating how much you would be prepared to sponsor me. After I have completed the event, I will collect sponsorship money. My e-mail address is:

mchapillon@srisregio.com.

If you would like any more information about Shanghai Sunrise or Ironman China, the websites are:

www.ironmanchina.com

www.shanghaisunrise.com

Many thanks for your support.

Matt Chapillon
Year 5 teacher

EARTH HOUR

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As you may have read in the Parents' Bulletin last week, it is 'Earth Hour' this Saturday 28th March at 8.30pm. This is an annual worldwide initiative, which was started by the World Wildlife Fund in Sydney in 2007, whereby homes and businesses across the globe switch off their non-essential lights and electrical appliances for one hour to raise awareness towards the need to take action on climate change.

This year, Earth Hour, has been transformed into the world's first global election, between Earth and global warming. This is what they are hoping to achieve:

'For the first time in history, people of all ages, nationalities, race and background have the opportunity to use their light switch as their vote. Switching off your lights is a vote for Earth, or leaving them on is a vote for global warming. WWF are urging the world to VOTE EARTH and reach the target of 1 billion votes, which will be presented to the world leaders at the Global Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen 2009

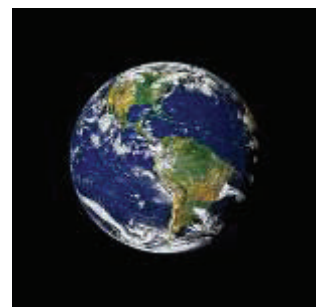
This meeting will determine government policies to take action against global warming, which will replace the Kyoto Protocol. It is the chance for the people of the world to make their voice heard'

There are a number of ideas on how you might spend the hour on their website www.earthhour.org, for example, having a candle lit bath, sharing ghost stories in the dark or having a romantic candle lit dinner.

Please try and support this worthy cause on Saturday. It is only hour and you never know it might actually make a difference.

Thank you and have a happy Earth Hour,

Caroline Troughton



for one