



# 赞比亚中文国际学校

Chinese International School in Zambia

Learn to Love, Love to Learn

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*From Mrs Jackie Pan, Principal of CIS*

In this final newsletter of Year 2013, I would like to thank all the hard working children, devoted staff, and supportive parents, with which we had a wonderful and fantastic year (the year of Snake in Chinese calendar ). In retrospect, we had so many lovely events ... too many to name ... but the CINDERELLA production is still fresh, still being replayed in people's minds. Parents commented:

*If Snow White and Seven Dwarfs of last year was a success, Cinderella of this year was a classic.*

*It was so fun....*

*It was amazing what the little children were able to deliver and I appreciate and commend your staff for all they put in to get such a good and professional performance!*

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This production presented all the pupils on the stage, and kept all the staff running behind the scene, involved all the parents preparing the costumes, polishing the lines. Big thanks and well done to everyone, keep up the great teamwork spirits.

2014 is the year of horse in Chinese calendar, wish you a very successful, prosperous, lucky year of horse.

Have a happy festive season! Please keep our children happy, safe and busy at home!

The school reopens on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January, looking forward to seeing you then!



Jackie Pan  
Principal of CIS

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## HOUSE POINTS CORNER

	THE GREAT WALL	THE YATZE RIVER
TERM 2	141	144
TERM 3	801	844
YEAR TOTAL	942	988

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT TERM

- Jan 13 - School reopens
- Jan 25 - Temple Fair
- Jan 31 - Chinese New Year
- February - A Field trip
- March 10 - 16 -Mid -term break
- March .28 -Sports Day (early years)
- April 11 - Last Day of school
- April 14- Open day

## LAUNCH OF THE WUSHU ASSOCIATION



Today Kung fu is participated almost everywhere .According to the Chinese character Kung fu is meant for peace keeping and not violence.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, the Chinese Ambassador to Zambia launched the WUSHU Association here in Zambia at the Golden Bridge Hotel along the Great East road.

The programme started at 16:00hrs.Various groups from different walks of life came to display their martial arts.

The Chinese International School in Zambia was privileged to demonstrate the Kungfu movements which came out very colourful despite the school having young participants. The crowd rose in applause which motivated the young stars to perform even better in their colourful kungfu attires.

Apart from the children performing, our very own Teacher Zhang demonstrated the taiji movements which added flavor to the function.

The whole programme ended at 19:00 hrs with refreshments and dinner.

This was a very exciting moment for the upcoming Kungfu trainers.

**BY TEACHER RITA**

# BOOK WEEK REVIEW



Reading is an integral part of learning as such it is imperative that every child reading order to excel in all their learning processes. To help achieve this, the school embarked on an educative Book Week, where the whole week was entirely dedicated to different reading activities from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

A number of activities were lined up by our creative and intelligent teachers to help engage children from baby class to Grade five in both intensive and extensive reading. Some of the activities included big children reading stories to baby class, nursery, reception, grade 1 and 2. Interchangeably the nursery and reception equally took it upon themselves to show off their reading skills as they read out stories to the big pupils. This was beautiful and worthy experiencing to see babies "picture read "with full of expression and spontaneity.

An exchange of reading materials that children brought from home went on in different classes, narration, role-play, character impersonation, scrap book design, story writing and covering of books characterized the book week.

Teachers focused on varied objectives for reading. They helped children read for enjoyment; read for fluency; read for pleasure; read for inference; read for performance of task and speed. The teachers were really hands on activities the whole week. Bravo!!!





Around up of the BOOK WEEK was one colourful event that children and teachers really enjoyed. An assembly was organized where individual teachers were accorded an opportunity to talk about the activities that went on throughout the week. Furthermore, each class was asked to give out their best presentation from the many that they had during the week. This was the most educative part where grade 4 and 5 pupils read out stories, grade 2 and 3 gave out excellent narrations. To be precise the Grade 1s came dressed in their favorite characters from their favorite story books and gave out a worthy-watching role play entitled "SLEEPING BEAUTY".

Our lovely pre-primary section exhibited the head turning reading activities picture reading especially from pre-school, and baby class was awesome. The reception did a tremendous job on word and sentence reading.

Certificates of appreciation were given to pupils who made book donations to the school.

Thank you teachers for your immeasurable Contributions

The school Management and teachers thank parents for their support in facilitation of the book week by providing books for reading and entrusting teachers with this responsibility.

Together we can cultivate the culture of reading in our future leaders.

BY MRS KHUMALO

# Independence Celebrations



Zambia commemorated its 49<sup>th</sup> Independence this year on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, 2013. People from all walks of life joined Zambians in their celebrations. Chinese International School was also not left out.

Chinese international school is a multi-racial school with children who come from as far as Slovakia, Russia, South Africa, Botsawana, China, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Egypt, USA, Congo, India... to mention just a few.

The children were dressed in their own national costumes and colours with their own small national flags. Zambian children wore Zambian Chipolopolo outfits while others were in traditional chitin outfits. Children had an opportunity to express themselves by greeting in their own Languages during the celebrations and this strongly indicates that its one Zambia one nation.

We had a very exciting school day as children engaged themselves in different activities such as explaining the meaning of independence, singing and also explaining the meaning of the Zambian flag. May I thank all the children who participated in the celebrations because it encouraged them to learn more about Zambia's struggle for independence and other nations.

**BY TEACHER HELLEN.**



# HALLOWEEN FASHION SHOW



On the 31<sup>st</sup> October every year Halloween is celebrated in most parts of the world. Chinese International School took part in the Celebrations to introduce different cultures to our open-minded little world citizens, and have fun. The celebrations started around 09:00hrs where children had to show off their beautiful costumes inspired by different cultures and races from all parts of the world.

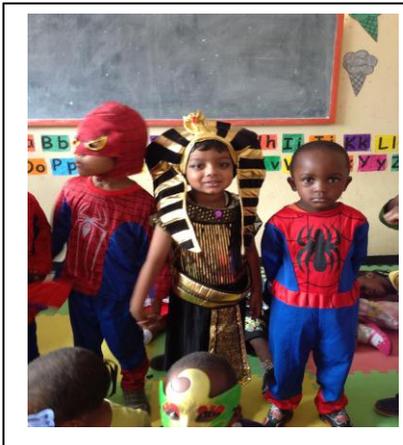
The school had a parade where pupils demonstrated their costumes and explained about them. Some children were dressed like Spiderman, supermen, warrior, Santa Claus, Christmas reindeer, rabbits, butterflies, princesses, zombies, cowboys, cowgirls, witches and pharaohs etc.

During the parade pupils with best costumes were selected, one of which was the Egyptian King Costume which used to be worn by the kings called Pharaoh.

We also played some games in the assembly.

The children had so much fun.

By Teacher SHARON



## The Amazing Cinderella Play



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013, Chinese International School hosted a play called Cinderella which was held at the Lusaka play house. The play was performed by children aged 2-10 years, thus from baby class, pre-school, reception and primary.

Welcoming remarks were given by the school principal (Mrs Jackie Pan). The guest of honor was the Chinese Ambassador to Zambia, Mr. Zhouyuxiao.

After the narrator came up and the curtain opened, everyone was amazed and impressed to see the beautiful decorations and the nice arrangements on the stage.

The school came up with this initiative in order to:

- Fundraise for some school facilities
- Expose and extend the children's talent
- Show the nation at large that the school is not just teaching indoor activities but also outdoor activities.

The play was exceedingly amazing everyone who came to watch it, had a nice day.

This can be seen from bursts of laughter and applause from the audience when they heard humorous lines and saw cute vivid acting of the children.

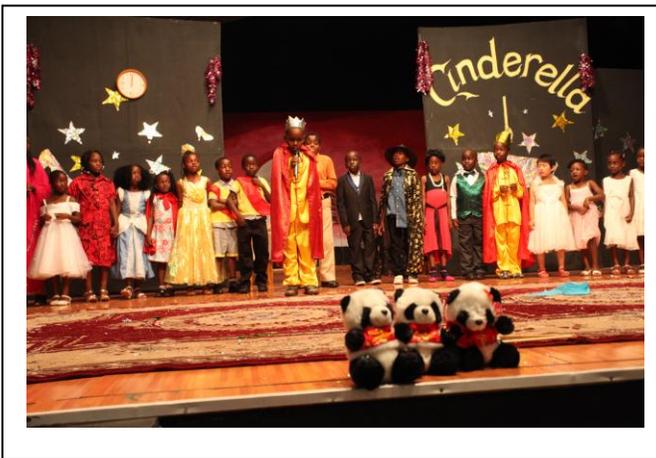
Eventually the school Director came up (Mr. Mo) to present prizes to the raffle winners as a token of appreciation for the

Support that the parents have been giving the school.

The closing remarks were given by the school principal (Mrs. Jackie Pan) and the Director (Mr. Mo)

Many thanks go to the excellent actors and actresses, supportive parents, the dedicated CIS team of staff for training the actors and to management for the support rendered.

**By Teacher Samuel Banda**



## CHINESE OPEN WEEK



Every Monday to Thursday morning all the pupils have Chinese language lessons respectively in their various classes. Parents wanted to know how the lessons are conducted and how their children learn.

From the 25<sup>th</sup> November to the 29<sup>th</sup> November, there was Chinese Open Week at the Chinese International School, parents were invited to observe how the classes were conducted. Nursery, Preschool, Reception, Grade1-5 pupils and teachers were very excited to show the parents how to learn and what they had learnt in Chinese throughout the term.



During this term, pupils have made great progresses in Chinese study. For kindergarten children, they can say some simple words like fruits, animals, colours, count numbers, sing Chinese songs, greetings, ask and answer "What is your name?" in Chinese. For primary pupils, they not only can speak but can also write.

Children have more advantages in learning a second language, as they can imitate the pronunciation quickly and accurately. Chinese songs and games are integrated in the teaching process in order to attract students' attention. The teacher encourages every child to speak, because the most important is the ability to communicate in learning a language

Teacher ZHANG and Teacher Silvia are proud of the children for the hard work in learning Chinese throughout this year, see you next year! Wish you a good holiday and Merry Christmas!



By Teacher Silvia





# GRADUATION CEREMONY

RECEPTION CLASS OF 2013



Chinese International School held the Reception Class Graduation Ceremony on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. The ceremony is very important in the lives of the little ones; it gave them so much joy upon seeing how they successfully completed Kindergarten stage. Parents turned out in good number to support the children and this really cheered the 2014 Grade ones.

Parents became excited as they all stood with their cameras when the graduates marched to the stage dancing.

Other pupils both in kindergarten and primary section had prepared activities to support the graduates. They performed poems, songs, mini drama, etc.

The graduates presented a poem and two songs one of which was done in Chinese

They were awarded certificates by the school Principal Ms Jackie Pan and later took group photos.

**By Teacher Gertrude.**



## FIELD TRIP TO ZCCZ (MUSHROOM PLANT)



On the 4<sup>th</sup> December, the school had a field trip to ZCCZ where mushroom is grown on a large scale. This is near the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport.

When we arrived at ZCCZ, we were welcomed by the staff and taken around the place.

They showed us the three major stages before the mushroom is harvested

In the first and preparation stage, this is where the seed is mixed with lime, sawdust and wheat husks for nutrients. This is mixed in a well sterilized place so that all the germs are killed. The mixture is then put in plastics and taken to a room with less sunlight and it is kept there for a period of one month.

In the second stage, they add sugar molasses to increase the nutrient content and more air is needed so that germination can start taking place. It is also kept here for another one month and by this time, the mixture would have matured.





In the final stage, the mixture is kept in a moisturized place so that the mushroom can start sprouting. After one week, a lot of mushroom will sprout and when it is harvested they wait for another week for more mushrooms to sprout. The mushroom is harvested three times from one mixture.

The children were showed the different types of mushroom, some were white, some black and even a pinkish type of mushroom.

We were also shown a new type of mushroom which they are growing for the first time .It will be an expensive one because of its requirements. It needs a room which has air conditioners so that they can regulate the temperature of 14 °C.We found this mushroom in its first stage hoping we might have another trip to see how this mushroom will appear when it is fully grown.

The children had a wonderful time.

BY MRS KAPAKU

