

CHINA NEWSLETTER

All the latest news from China House at Gordon's School

Welcome Back Everyone

I hope that you all managed to have a good break over the half term period. Speaking to the girls in our Zoom chats, I know it was mostly quiet and restful, with a few managing to catch up occasionally with friends. I am sure everyone was grateful to have a break from home learning too. We were blessed with the continuing good weather and I hope that like me, for many of you that meant afternoons in the garden reading and relaxing.

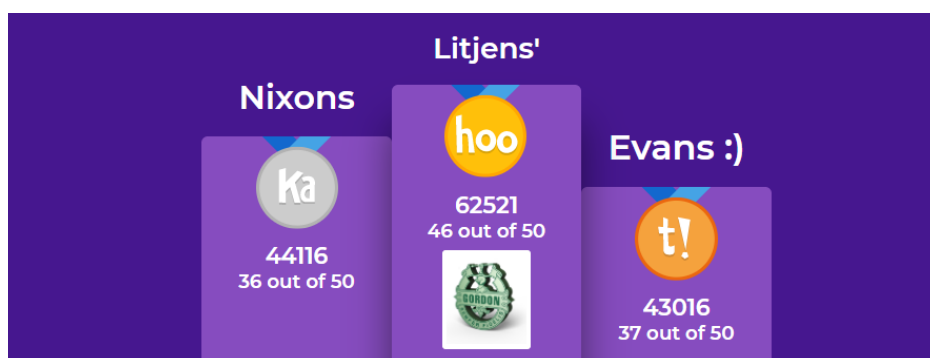
Our animal antics continue and although the nuthatches and robins have now safely fledged, it was upsetting to find a dead blue tit underneath the bird feeder earlier in the week looking as though it had been attacked by a predator. Joining our tail-less squirrel Stumpy, we now also have a dunnock with no tail which we call Dumpy. Beware, coming to our garden carries a serious health warning! I have really enjoyed having more time (albeit from the conservatory whilst WFH) to observe the wildlife that is around me. Do you have any strange animal stories to share with us?

I hope that you are enjoying the weekly newsletter, please do send in any information that you would like shared, tips, news and pictures. Shared ideas have become so much more the norm since lockdown and it would be great to continue this.

Have a good week!

Quiz of the Week Results!

Well done to the Litjens family - top of the leader table in China again! Can you beat them next week?



**We have
Twitter!**

Be sure to follow us on Twitter to get school news and stories in realtime!



**We have
Instagram**

Follow us on Instagram to keep up to date with all our in-house photos!



Watch your teachers messages to you in this weeks assembly, you won't want to miss it...

Competition Time!

Are you "green fingered"? Even if you have never tried growing your own vegetables before, enter our competition to see who can grow the best tomato plant from just one tiny seed.

Follow these easy step by step instructions: (Thank you Miss Dunne)

1. Choose a seed from any tomato
2. Fill a small pot (if you don't have a pot, cut a juice or milk carton in half and use that instead) nearly to the top with soil (this can be straight from the garden, don't forget to ask first!).
3. Push your seed in and cover with soil.
4. Put the pot somewhere with plenty of light and warmth, but keep out of direct sunlight, and water regularly. Your seed should start to sprout after a few days.
5. Once the plant has started to grow and is stronger, transfer to a bigger pot and put it in a warm place in the garden, remembering to water it daily especially in the hot weather.
6. Send me a picture to enter the competition.



LOOKING FOR A CAKE FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION?

Look no further! Emily from Y13 has spent many years honing her baking skills and now runs a very successful baking business. Despite the challenges of finding flour and the heat making decorating the cakes tricky, Emily has been busy during lockdown making all sorts of delicious cakes for friends and family. We have been lucky enough in China to sample her delights over the years and would highly recommend them to anyone. Contact Emily on Facebook [here](#), Instagram [here](#) or you can email her directly [here](#). Enjoy!



Thank You Y11!



A **HUGE** thank you to the Y11 China girls who have very kindly offered to help any of the KS3 students who are struggling with their school work. Please see the details below of the girls involved and the subjects they can help with. The girls can be contacted through their school email account if you need their academic support and you can then arrange to speak to them on Zoom, Teams or FaceTime.

Amelie Wyatt: Maths, Science (all) & French

Annabel Bygrave: Spanish

Abigail Hunter-Blanco: Art, Computer Science/IT, Drama & Maths

Jess Franklin: Geography, English and anything creative

Leoni Jack: English Literature & Drama

Rose Roberts: Geography, Drama, English, Biology, Spanish & Maths

Stuck for meal ideas this week?

Check out **Gordon's School Dinner Recipes**; choose from family favourites such as Chicken Katsu Curry, Pulled Pork or Sticky Toffee pudding. Please click [here](#) to see all our lovely recipes.



Gordon's Lockdown Live

Mr Knight will be returning to Gordon's Lockdown Live tonight with a mix of classic "Swing" tunes and some modern favourites. Watch live from **6.30pm** via the Gordon's School Facebook page, Instagram or Zoom.