

## FOBISIA Games - Beijing 2015

What a week for our Beijing athletes. A combination of hard competition, awe-inspiring cultural sites, fun water parks and evening discos!

After a very early morning last Friday, and a considerable flight delay, we finally arrived in Beijing on Friday evening with spirits still high. After a good night's sleep, Mr. Towse turned 'tour guide' as he used his knowledge of Beijing to direct us around Tiananmen Square and The Forbidden City. In the afternoon, we hit the water slides at The Cube, having taken in the Olympic Park along the way. To round off day one we had our opening ceremony dinner complete with magicians and lion dancers.

Day 2 was swimming and athletics. As usual, our swimmers, under the guidance of Miss Sarah, were ready to go. With a silver medal in the bag in race one, SCIPS never looked back. More medals followed in what was a very successful morning. From 65 events, SCIPS had bagged 21 golds and 19 silvers.

Due to the swimming running behind time, and with a storm threatening the afternoon events, the athletics was shortened. All the track events took place with the Year 6 discus and shot putt events also. Other events were squeezed into the remaining 2 days of the competition. This did enable all attention to focus on the track events, where SCIPS performed admirably continuing where they had left off in the pool. Our children were constantly up on the podium and it was becoming clear that day 1 had gone as well as we could have wished for.

Monday morning arrived and Harrow International School hosted the tee ball competition. Another exciting day was in store. The Year 4s and 5s won all of their 3 group games, and the Year 6s had some very tight matches. The afternoon saw more of the same, resulting in both the Year 4 and Year 5 teams achieving gold medals without losing a game. Year 6 finished 7<sup>th</sup> but it could have been a different story, losing three games by only 2 points.

The final day of the games was dedicated to football. The standard was high but yet again our students rose to the challenge remarkably with 5 out of our 6 teams making it to the semi-finals. The Year 5 boys and all Year 4 & 6 teams made it through with the Year 5 girls battling hard to eventually finish in 7<sup>th</sup> position. In the afternoon, the Year 6 boys, Year 4 girls, and Year 5 boys all won their respective semi-finals and although we couldn't get all the teams on the podium, the children performed incredibly well with the Year 6 boys, Year 5 boys and Year 4 girls all winning silver medals.

At a wonderful gala dinner the results of the swimming and athletics events were announced and despite some nervous anticipation, SCIPS' recognition was deserved when they were announced as overall winners in the swimming and runners up in the athletics.

A final day trip taking in the Great Wall of China capped a wonderful week. The magnitude of that monumental tourist attraction was a fitting end to the trip, given the huge effort put in by our students. Many congratulations to our athletes on a wonderful performance on and off the pitch. An outstanding week with so many great memories of which we are all extremely proud.

Special thanks to all the staff who accompanied the team for their efforts before and during the games – it is greatly appreciated. An additional thank you to those coaches who helped with training before the trip and finally a huge congratulations to Mr. Abel, Miss Sarah and Mr. Evans for all their efforts over the past 5 months – a tremendous achievement!

RESULTS (All out of 8 schools):

- Swimming 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Athletics 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Tee ball Year 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> place      Year 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> place      Year 6 – 7<sup>th</sup> place
- Football Year 4 girls – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Year 4 boys – 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Year 5 girls – 7<sup>th</sup> place  
Year 5 boys – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Year 6 girls – 4<sup>th</sup> place  
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