

Going Global: 3 days of culture and international education as 95 students from China visit Berrymede



95 Students and 15 Teachers from Yu Xin Primary School in Beijing spent 3 days exchanging lessons and curriculum experiences at their partner school in London, Berrymede Junior School, Acton. The students enjoyed drama lessons, music lessons as well as performing music and dance for each other.

Supported by former Mayoress of Ealing, Dr Patricia Walker, the visit was a great learning experience for Berrymede Students who were able to communicate with students of the same age from China. Headteacher Lubna Khan takes up the story:

“We have been developing these links with China for over 10 years and it is very exciting for our students to be able to know Chinese pupils of the same age. My pupils and teachers have really enjoyed hosting this wonderful delegation and I will be leading a return visit to Yu Xin Primary, which will include pupils and parents, in October 2017. It is really important that young people from our schools are able to engage with Chinese pupils as China will play an increasingly large role in their lives , we believe that this really is a global opportunity for our school and its students”

Last October, 2 students from Berrymede School visited this school in Beijing and came back buzzing from the experience.

Director of World City Links, Julian Vennis added, “We have been working with schools in Ealing for over 10 years and more than 20 schools have participated in our programmes. It is important that schools are able to provide a global education for their students as this will support a greater appreciation of different cultures, developing an ability to engage with different countries and languages is a key skill in the modern workplace. “



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