

Panda News



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Nǐ hǎo



At Anchorsholme Academy, the spring term was marked by an assembly to celebrate Chinese New Year. All the students from Year 6 to the youngest from Foundation year participated in the festivities. The enthusiasm of the pupils was particularly evident in the Year 5 and 6 volunteers, who performed a Lancaster show with their special Chinese fan, lantern and Qilin dance routine. The audience was further delighted by the children singing songs in Mandarin. All staff of the school and from Lancaster Confucius Institute were justifiably proud of the children's efforts.



We have seen Foundation and Key Stage 1 complete their Kung Fu number training in mandarin Chinese early in the spring term. They are all well trained just like the Kung Fu Panda Po.



Foundation and Key Stage 1 students have explored the various traditional houses found in China, noting how these architectural styles are seen in many places around the world. This demonstrates the impact of architects who travelled in the past, exchanging ideas and learning from one another.



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The Mandarin team have successfully launched their new reward system, allowing all children to start accumulating points towards their Panda badges.



Well Done!

To those children in Year 5 and 6 who have already received their first grey panda badge.

Key Stage 2 students have learnt a very traditional folk game called Jian Zi, which dates back to the Han Dynasty (206BC-220AD). This game involves keeping a shuttlecock in the air for as long as possible by kicking it. It is a great way to exercise leg muscle strength and body flexibility. Who knows, maybe we should have a year class championship to see who can keep the shuttlecock in the air the longest! It's also a great way to practice football skills.

Key Stage 2 students have done amazingly on learning their phonetic symbols Pin Yin and tones for Chinese characters.





Chency and Nora, the Mandarin teachers, have resumed the Mandarin outreach community learning program at the Anchorsholme Library. Every first Tuesday of the month, this month they taught Chinese Calligraphy to the local community, which has been met with great success.



Year 5 and 6 students who had recently taken the Youth Chinese Test (YCT) were given a special treat. Visiting our school were the Co-Director of the Lancaster University Confucius Institute, Professor Yang, and the Lancaster University Confucius Institute's Manager, Colette Webb. Through the Institute, local schools can experience unique lessons taught by teachers from China, who help teach the Chinese language and culture. The YCT is a well-recognized certificate-based qualification for children under the age of fifteen. Achieving this certificate can be a great addition to any resume, and the skills learned from taking the test may give children confidence in learning other languages. Moreover, there are often opportunities for YCT or HSK holders to travel to Asia (HSK tests are for any age group but mostly recommended for over 14 years of age), either through scholarships or other programs with the university.

For those who wish to continue to learn YCT and gain further certificates level 1- 4, the Lancaster University Confucius Institute also provide Online lessons. Information is on their website: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/confucius-institute>