

Panda News



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The start of the Spring term at Anchorsholme has been full of celebration, achievement, and teamwork as we welcome the Year of the Snake. During the Chinese New Year students explored the spirit of the Snake symbolising intelligence, strong intuition, grace, and charm.

We also reflected on the deeper meaning behind the snake shedding its skin, which represents transformation, renewal, and personal growth, making it a powerful symbol for new beginnings in the year ahead.

Anchorsholme's Year 6 students have done it again showcasing their incredible talent during two special Chinese New Year celebrations. Once in front of the whole school during assembly time and in front of a large crowd in Lancaster's Market Square, despite the chilly weather. They confidently performed their Kung Fu dance, the Jasmine Song, and recited and sang the well-known poem Shēng Lǜ Qǐ Méng.

Staff, families, and audience members were full of praise, commenting on how fantastic and professional the children were. All of us at Anchorsholme, the Mandarin team, and our friends in Lancaster are incredibly proud of you, well done!



Every child who participated in the Chinese New Year Assembly and the Lancaster performance received a special Rainbow Panda badge.



This Spring term, Anchorsholme students have been busy exploring a range of exciting topics in their Mandarin lessons, all in preparation for their upcoming Spring assessments.

In Foundation and Key Stage 1, children learned new vocabulary and sentence structures through the classic story of The Rabbit and the Tortoise, through songs and actions. They also practised counting in Mandarin, building their confidence with numbers.

Meanwhile, our Key Stage 2 students expanded their language skills by learning vocabulary and sentences related to school stationery, locations, weather, and numbers, linking their learning to dates and time.



Students taking part in the UK-China Online Student Exchange Programme have enjoyed a series of fun and interactive sessions this term. They focused on learning new vocabulary and sentence structures related to weekend activities. A highlight of the programme was a lively game of Charades: Chinese students guessed the actions of Anchorsholme pupils and responded in English, while our students watched their Chinese peers and replied in Mandarin. It was a fantastic way to build language skills through creativity, laughter, and teamwork.

The Mandarin Team has also brought creativity to life through a hands-on cultural craft activity introduced to our outreach schools: the ancient and beautiful technique of Tie-Dye, which has been used in various cultures for thousands of years.



In addition, the team continues to lead monthly craft sessions at the local Anchorsholme Library during the first week of each month. During the Spring term workshops, they taught the community how to create beautifully designed cards for special occasions, blending creativity with cultural appreciation.





The moment you've all been waiting for: the year classes that achieved exceptionally high scores collectively in their Spring Mandarin assessments, trophies went out to the following classes.



| Year | Class |
|------------|--------|
| Foundation | Yellow |
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 8 |
| 4 | 11 |
| 5 | 14 |

In addition to their Spring Mandarin assessments, certificates were given out to the Year Class that performed the best in their Spoken mandarin assessment.

| Year | Class |
|------------|-------|
| Foundation | Red |
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 5 |
| 3 | 7 |
| 4 | 11 |
| 5 | 13 |



Congratulations to all the students who participated in their assessments and gave their best effort!

The Mandarin team wishes everyone a fantastic half term!