Panda News
From Anchorsholme Academy

你好!
Nǐ hǎo

At Anchorsholme Academy, students throughout the school have been actively engaged in revising and learning new Mandarin words during the Autumn term. The focus has been on the theme of greetings, introducing oneself and the Christmas festival.
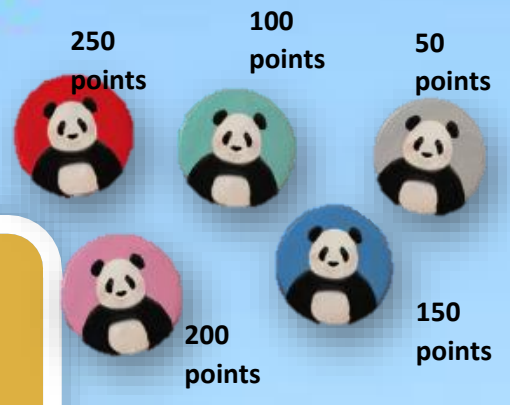
Foundation and Key Stage 1 students have excelled in introducing themselves while dancing and learning the new song from Chinese Buddy titled "I Am Called Tim, What Is Your Name?" They are also revising vocabulary from their Hello and Goodbye song through interactive games.

In addition, Key Stage 1 students have learned a new song, "Good Morning and Good Evening, My Teacher and Friend". Expanding their vocabulary with new greeting phrases: Good Morning, Good Afternoon, and Good Evening, incorporating Kung Fu actions into their routine.
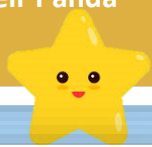
Key Stage 2 students have reviewed their Kung Fu and greeting words from the previous year. They've improved their self-introduction skills by integrating sentences from the song 'What's your name?' by Little Fox, and concurrently, they've explored the usage of plural pronouns from the song. Students expanded their sentences using new vocabulary from the song "Hello" by Basho and Friends. They engaged in fun activities designed to help them recognise the Mandarin characters for "I/me," "you," and "good."

我　　你　　好

Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì?

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250 points

100 points

50 points

200 points

150 points

The Mandarin team are continuing with the reward system, allowing all children to start accumulating points towards their Panda badges.

KS2 students have been exploring different regions of China in their culture lessons and learning greetings and self-introductions in their language lessons. They have also excelled in mastering the following poems:

"Mountain Village" for Year 3 uses numbers to capture the simplicity and beauty of rural life, making it accessible and enjoyable for Year 3 students.

"Goose, Goose, Goose" for Year 4 is a short and playful poem that highlights the charm of geese, incorporating body movements that make it engaging and fun to learn.

"Sheng Lü Qi Meng" for Years 5 and 6 features rhyming pairs that describe changes and contrasts in weather, birds, and animals, offering an enriching and interactive experience for older students.

咏 鹅

骆宾王

鹅，鹅，鹅，曲项向天歌。
白毛浮绿水，红掌拨清波。

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Year 5 and 6 YCT students participating in the UK-China online exchange program have made new friends with students in China. In their first sessions, they greeted and introduced themselves to one another. They also explored the topic "What can you do?" by learning sentences such as "Can you run/swim/jump?" and responding with "Yes, I can" or "No, I can't."

In the second session focused on festivals, students from China sang 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas "song in English for the Anchorsholme students, while the Anchorsholme students sang "Happy New Year" in Mandarin for the Chinese students. They also participated in a fun drawing activity where students drew and guessed festival foods, learning to name them in both Mandarin and English.

The Key Stage 2 Mandarin teachers have continued their monthly Monday lunchtime sessions at the local Anchorsholme library, immersing the participants in Chinese culture and art. The attendees have been acquiring intricate skills in paper cutting everyone who took part in these activities thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

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

Year	Class
Foundation	Yellow
1	3
2	5
3	7
4	10
5	15
6	16

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

Year	Class
Foundation	Yellow
1	1
2	4
3	7
4	11
5	15
6	17

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

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At the start of the Autumn term, we welcomed two new Mandarin teachers to KS2: Miss Lila Jiali Huang and Miss Luana Yingzhen Lu. However, as we welcome two new mandarin teachers, we also bid farewell to Joyce Juan Yun, who joined KS2 in March 2023. We thank her for her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Wishing everyone a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Shèng dàn   kuài lè
圣诞 快乐！
Merry Christmas!