



17th January, 2023

My Dear LSPS Students,

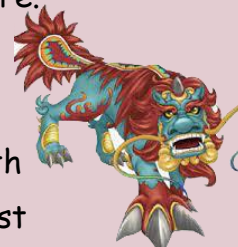


Chinese New Year Festivities

Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, is the most important festival in China and a major event in some other East Asian countries.

The date of the Chinese New Year is determined by the Chinese lunar calendar. The date changes every year but is always somewhere in the period from January 21st to February 20th.

2023 is the year of the Rabbit, specifically, Water Rabbit. The sign of Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture. 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.



Like all traditional festivals in China, Chinese New Year is steeped with stories and myths. One of the most popular is about the mythical beast Nian, who ate livestock, crops, and even people on the eve of a new year. (It's interesting that Nian, the 'yearly beast', sounds the same as 'year' in Chinese.)

It's said that a wise old man figured out that Nian was scared of loud noises (firecrackers) and the colour red. Then, people put red lanterns and red scrolls on their windows and doors to stop Nian from coming inside, and crackled bamboo (later replaced by firecrackers) to scare Nian away. The monster Nian never showed up again.

(<https://www.chinahighlights.com>)





Teachers, students and peers shared the grace and joy of the Lunar New Year. Meanwhile, students could experience the traditional customs of the Lunar New Year through the New Year celebration activities (including making spring couplets and games to celebrate the spring festival).



The Chinese Culture and History Exhibition



Student Librarians:

5A (1) Butt Atlas

5B (28) Yau Tsz Him

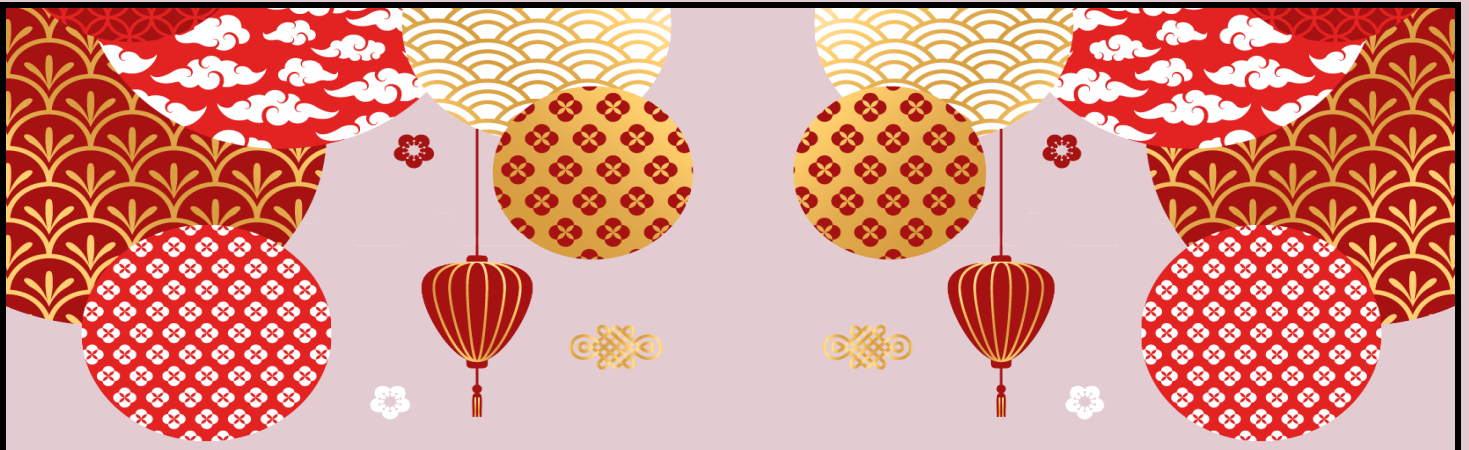
5C (25) Tong Cheuk Hang

5D (30) Wong Ching Hong

5E (6) Choi Yau Long Jordan

5F (22) Szeto Chun Hin





I had a chance to talk to six student librarians who shared information about the various books in our Chinese Culture & History Exhibition. Here are some interesting facts:

The Forbidden City is the world's largest imperial palace and is three times larger than the Louvre Palace in France. It covers an area of about 72 hectares with a total floor space of roughly 150 thousand square metres. As the Forbidden City is located in Beijing, there are temperature differences between summer and winter. As we look at the book, we can see the beautiful scenes of different seasons in the Forbidden City.

The Silk Road is 7000 kilometres long. The Silk Road was a network of trade routes connecting China and the Far East with the Middle East and Europe. It was established when the Han Dynasty in China officially opened trade with the West in 130 B.C.



Along the River during the Qingming Festival is a handscroll painting by the Song dynasty painter Zhang Zeduan (1085-1145). It captures the daily life of people and the landscape of the capital, Bianjing (present-day Kaifeng) during the Northern Song.

The length of the Great Wall of China is 21,196.18 km (half the equator). It is the only structure that astronauts can see from space. The purpose of building the Great Wall was to prevent invasions from other counties. It took 2000 years to build. To get further information, please go to the library and visit the Chinese Culture & History Exhibition.



Lunar New Year Cup
Football Tournament
13th January, 2023



The football team members, teachers and Old Boys had a fantastic time playing the matches. All other students and staff cheered them on.

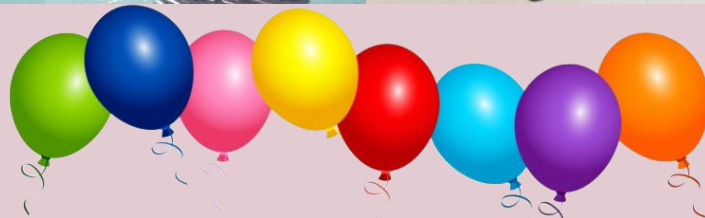




Swimming Gala 14th January, 2023



The students enjoyed the Swimming Gala and cheered all the participants. The Guest of Honour was the Swimming Club Chairperson, Mr. Tommy Lee.



PTA Spring Carnival
15th January, 2023



The PTA helped organise the Spring Carnival. It was a wonderful sight to behold. The students had a wonderful time playing all the games in the different stalls. We would like to thank all the PTA and all parent helpers for making it a memorable event for the students.




A Prayer for Our Students



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR
2023
YEAR OF THE RABBIT

May the Lord bless you
and take care of you.
May the Lord be kind
and gracious to you.
May the Lord look
on you with favour
and give you peace.
(Number 6:24-26)

St. John Baptist de la Salle,
Pray for us. 
Live Jesus in our hearts,
Forever!



Happy Lunar New Year! 😊



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May you be happy always.