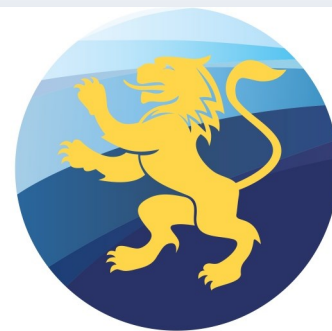


# Finham Park Multi Academy Trust

## *World Class News*

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## Celebrating Success



# Welcome from Mark Bailie



Dear Parent / Member of our community

Welcome to the latest edition of World Class News, with an updated introduction to reflect the unprecedented times we find ourselves in.

At the moment we are experiencing unusual circumstances that we have never encountered before. Whilst schools closed on Friday 20th March for the foreseeable future, that does not mean that we have stopped working. So far we have had two weeks of home learning. Colleagues in our schools have been working to continue to support your children, even though this may be at a distance. This has included setting work through online platforms, paper packs of work where needed, co-ordinating Free School Meals, as well as communication with parents and carers. We have also been able to provide support for children whose parents are critical workers.

I would like to thank the staff who have been working, either in school or at home to support your children; to thank your children who have been working hard at home; and to thank you for supporting us in helping your children.

This is uncharted territory for all of us and I hope we have found the right balance to support your children. Whilst maintaining a sense of routine and academic work is important in supporting your children during this unusual time, we must also make sure that we look after our children's well-being. That includes taking a break at weekends and holidays.

In addition to the work that is being set for children, we have produced a Fun Filled Family Pack for the Easter holidays.. This is not compulsory, and will hopefully provide you with some fun ideas and activities to complete during the holiday time. Some activities can even be completed by adults!

From this edition of World Class News you will see just some of the wonderful learning that has taken place since January when children were in school. The learning continues, just in a different way. It would be lovely to feature some of your successful home learning in our next edition. Please do send any images and examples to:

familyfun@finhamapark.co.uk

Each and every one of us is playing our part to help in this time of National Emergency —that includes following Government guidelines to Stay At Home where possible.

A huge thank you for your continued support.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy Easter break.

**Mark Bailie**  
**Executive Headteacher**

This edition of World Class News had been prepared just prior to the significant changes brought about through the COVID-19 outbreak in the UK. Schools have been working hard to continue to help children with their learning whilst at home.



We are fast approaching the Easter break and are pleased to announce that we have produced a Fun Filled Family Pack. This will be sent out shortly. It contains suggested fun activities for all ages, articles, competitions and links to useful websites. We hope you will find it useful to help you enjoy the Easter holiday and give the children a break from more academic focused learning.

**Bernadette Pettman**  
**MAT School Improvement Leader**

## Co– Construction: How this benefits students

Co-construction allows colleagues to go beyond collaboration to establish a true working partnership which enables staff to work together with a common aim of providing a World Class education for all students. It is much more than sharing ideas; we are able to benefit from:

- ◇ FPMAT CPD Programme—sharing teaching expertise and best practise for all staff to deliver a “World Class” education
- ◇ Using primary and secondary expertise to develop world class learning experiences in subject areas
- ◇ Seamless progression across phases
- ◇ Assessment progression from age 3—19 —ensuring students are making at least expected progress at each phase of their education
- ◇ Moderation across the Finham Park Multi Academy Trust (FPMAT) to standardise assessments
- ◇ FPMAT GCSE groups and masterclasses
- ◇ FPMAT Student Leadership
- ◇ FPMAT World Class Guarantee
- ◇ Finham Park MAT FROG Connect—a VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) which allows students and staff to access shared resources
- ◇ Economies of scale—enabling efficient budgeting allowing us to utilise the budget with the best impact

There are a range of opportunities that students benefit from throughout their time in FPMAT which we believe are only possible through our strong partnership.

# **Co– Construction: How this benefits students**

## **Assessment Progression**

Subjects have completed an assessment overview from Nursery – GCSE.

It was essential we ensure our expectations as a MAT (FPMAT) are consistent. Co-constructing the assessments will ensure the learning experiences for students across FPMAT are consistent, continually progressive and cohesive.

## **Moderation as a MAT**

After creating their assessments, subjects then used their co-construction meeting and teacher training day to moderate work as a MAT against the new assessment criteria.

The continuation of this work will ensure that progress is accurately and consistently tracked across FPMAT.

## **Finham Park MAT Student Leadership**

The Finham Park MAT Student Leadership body consists of students from each of the schools across the MAT. They work together to:

- ◇ Contribute to the development of Teaching and Learning
- ◇ Develop opportunities for students across the Finham Park MAT
- ◇ Experience learning in each of the FPMAT schools
- ◇ Develop leadership qualities
- ◇ Work together on school and community projects
- ◇ Raise money for charities





## New Colleges Launched

At the start of 2020, Lyng Hall School opened a new chapter by launching its own college system.

As the school's logo is a Phoenix, it seemed most suitable that the four colleges should also be named after mythical creatures:

**Centaur**

**Dragon**

**Griffin**

**Pegasus**



All students and staff have been assigned to one college and the system aims to promote community spirit through healthy competition. The colleges are as inclusive as possible, with all parts of school life taken into consideration and a very specific remit of championing the positive. All staff and students have been issued with a college badge and they are being worn with great pride.

As well as a Director of Colleges, there are also four College Co-ordinators who work to champion their particular college and celebrate positive achievements.



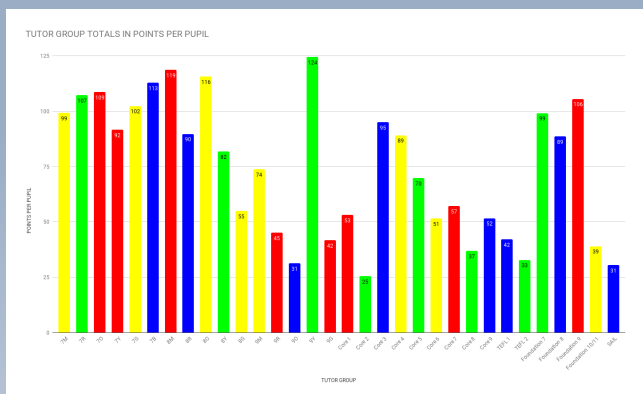
The colleges have been tied into the existing classroom behaviour system with bonus points awarded for good attendance, punctuality and extracurricular participation. The school's tutor groups vary in size so all points are reported as 'points per pupil' and these points come together to create a college championship.

There is also a Student Leadership Team, with an independent President and Vice President, and a leader for each of the colleges. These students take a lead role in the well established student college and also meet regularly with the staff college leadership team to ensure that pupil voice has a genuine impact on the system.

Our students have a great desire to have an eco-friendly message and are already working on a recycling project that will create new sculptures and enhance the school's green spaces. These initiatives will help to enhance the school's current journey towards an Artsmark Award.

In the short term there are competitions planned in debating and music, with many more planned for the future. The first college celebration assemblies will take place at the end of this term.

The colleges have their own Twitter and Instagram feeds for the latest news and achievements:



@lynghallcollege

**By Mr Sanford-Casey**



We have had an exciting start to our term at Pearl Hyde. The 'Pantomime in a Day' Theatre Company performed 'The Wizard of Oz' at the end of our first week back after Christmas, which served as a spring-board into our writing.



**FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON**  
**AT PEARL HYDE!**  
Please join us for Boccia, Table Tennis and many more activities on



In our second week of term, in conjunction with Howes Primary School, we held a 'Pearl Hyde Community Festival' as a celebration event for Coventry Young Ambassadors, which was very well attended and a great success. There were a range of sporting activities on offer including rowing, table tennis, Boccia and throwing activities.

We involved the whole community in the event by inviting everyone to:

- Wear their PE kits to school on 14th January and challenged to do up to 500 steps in their lunch break
- Wear trainers to school on 15th January
- Teachers to use active maths, more than usual, throughout the week





In the third week of term we celebrated Chinese New Year, inviting members of the wider community to join us for a whole school parade, complete with the 'Dragon Dance' performed on the school playground by Year 6 students.

All the children make a variety of Chinese New Year creations to carry with them in the parade and musicians set the beat for the dance with good timing and musicality.

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So far this year we have celebrated:

- ♦ Harvest Festival, with donations made to the Coventry Food Bank.
- ♦ Diwali, with a firework display and shared table provided by the community
- ♦ Remembrance Day

Our next event will be Holi, where colour will rule!





On a personal level, I received a pin badge through the post as a thank you for donating 50 pints of blood.

My donations have made a difference to people in many parts of the UK, including Cardiff, Birmingham Children's Hospital, Harrogate, Isle of Man, Edinburgh, Guernsey and the Isle of Wight.

It confirmed for me just how important it is to notice and reward, in a number of ways, our young people for what they do and what they achieve. I felt so proud of my achievement and to be recognised for it in this way was truly special.



**Theresa O'Hara**

**Headteacher, Pearl Hyde Primary School**







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## Coventry Inspiration Book Awards Quiz



*Some of the students from across Coventry who took part.*

*Finham Park 2 students*



*Students from Finham Park School*

Wednesday 22nd January saw the annual Coventry Inspiration Book Awards quiz, hosted this year by Finham Park 2—thank you to them for hosting.

The students have to read eight books across the group and answer questions based on these titles.

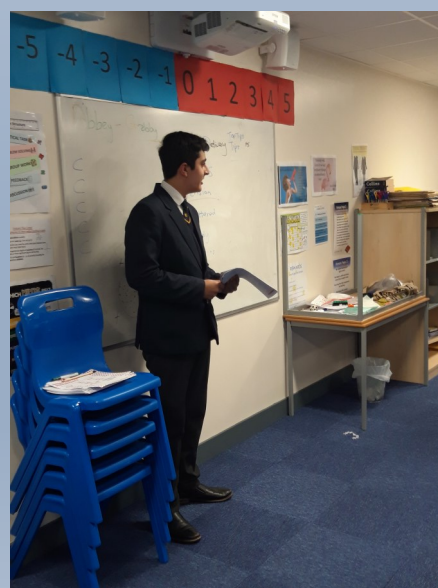
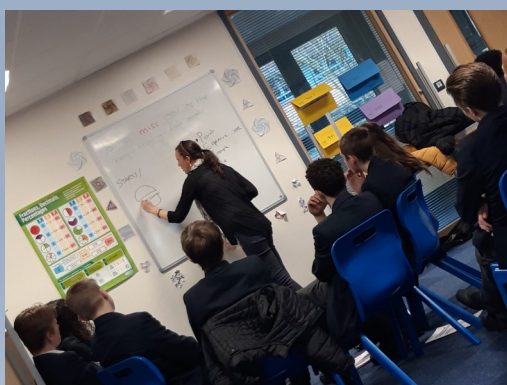
Unfortunately we could not maintain the giddy heights of last year's second place, but the students had a great time, winning some of the spot prizes. Well done to everyone who took part.

**By Mr Bates**

Some of our Year 10 students took part in the 'Speak Out!' workshop run by the Speakers' Trust, on Wednesday 25th January 2020.

25 students worked on their skills of confidence and public speaking and some will now go forward to participate in a regional competition, and then possibly a national competition.

Several students were really surprised by how much this boosted their confidence—they thought they'd never be able to speak in front of their peers!



**By Mrs Kidman**



## Year 5 at Finham Primary visit Plas Dol-y-Moch



Outdoor education can stimulate and inspire, foster independence, promote personal and social development, and can often motivate reluctant learners.

At Plas Dol-y-Moch children receive high quality education through the medium of the outdoors in a residential setting. Children and young people deserve the opportunity to experience the outdoor environment as an integral part of their learning and development, complementing learning in the classroom. Living and working in a small residential community helps young people to develop our shared values.

Plas Dol-y-Moch is fun but definitely not a holiday. It is a rich and varied learning experience providing the opportunity to bring learning alive and imbue it with real meaning whilst enabling students and visiting staff to exercise all their 'learning muscles'.





**By Mrs Lomax**





## Student News

### Mencap Volunteering Trip

As part of our volunteering activities, members of the Student College volunteered to help out with a class for adult learners. The group visited the Mencap community events. Mencap is our linked charity this year and we wanted to ensure we give our time as well as money.

The day was split into different activities. In the morning, cooking/prepping lunch, and focusing on the solar system project. After lunch the group came together, played some ball games and did Zumba! It was so lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves, and interacting with one another.

Our students all gave really positive feedback, and are all eager to return. They really enjoyed this new experience, and began building relationships with those who attended the sessions. It was a great opportunity for them to do something kind for others, and they made us all very proud!



### Kindness Awards

Sigiela Nembo Wakam: Nominated by Ms Smith .

Parisa Singh: Nominated by Mr van den Top. Well done both!

## UCL Battlefields Visit 2020



Last week, Mr Ivanov and a group of year 10 students set off on a trip, along with Finham Park School, to Belgium to explore past battlefields and memorials.

On their first day, they visited the memorial in Ypres, Belgium which they described as truly moving. We were so proud of how thoughtful and reflective our students were.

Later that day, they were taken to Menin Gate, an incredibly powerful symbol of courage and sacrifice for one's country. Here, the names of the fallen hang on the walls, and the students were given the opportunity to pay their respects.

They also made a great (but very cold) stop at Le Hamel where the group got to witness the grounds on which the Australian Army, US infantry and British tanks combined to take their objective in just 93 minutes.

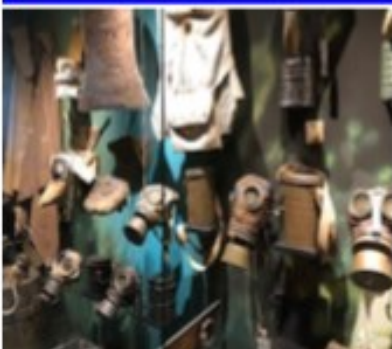


These side by side photographs show our students standing in the exact place where the Lancashire Fusiliers were preparing to go over the top at the Battle of the Somme.

Our next step was visiting the former battlefields of the Somme. The Battle of the Somme was named the bloodiest battle in the history of the English Army. Nearly 1.2 million men lost their lives!

Their final stop was at Notre Dame De Lorette where they visited the exhibit which holds the names of 580,000 soldiers from Britain and the commonwealth, France, Germany and Belgium that died in the Nord & Pas-de-Calais between 1914-1918.

This was an incredible way to reflect on their four day trip, and the humbling and inspiring experiences. Their stories live on in all of us!



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## Recruiting Trainee Teachers for September 2020

Do you know someone who is considering a career in teaching?

Perhaps they'd like a taster day in one of our alliance schools or want a chat to understand more about the profession?

Please do ask them to get in touch with us.

We are officially open for applications from prospective trainees and in addition to our partnership with Warwick University, we are also working in partnership with Birmingham City University this year and have places in a wide range of specialisms; we have both primary and secondary places available.

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## Interested in a career in teaching?

**The Lion Alliance Teaching School is proud to offer School Direct places for initial teacher training starting in September 2020**

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Throughout the year, we will be attending several recruitment events across Birmingham and Warwickshire. Our first event will be at Warwick University on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, showcasing our excellent training and support for those considering a future in teaching.

There will even be glimpses of our new promotional videos, filmed in many of our alliance schools. Keep your eyes on Twitter – you may soon see some familiar faces, of both students and colleagues!

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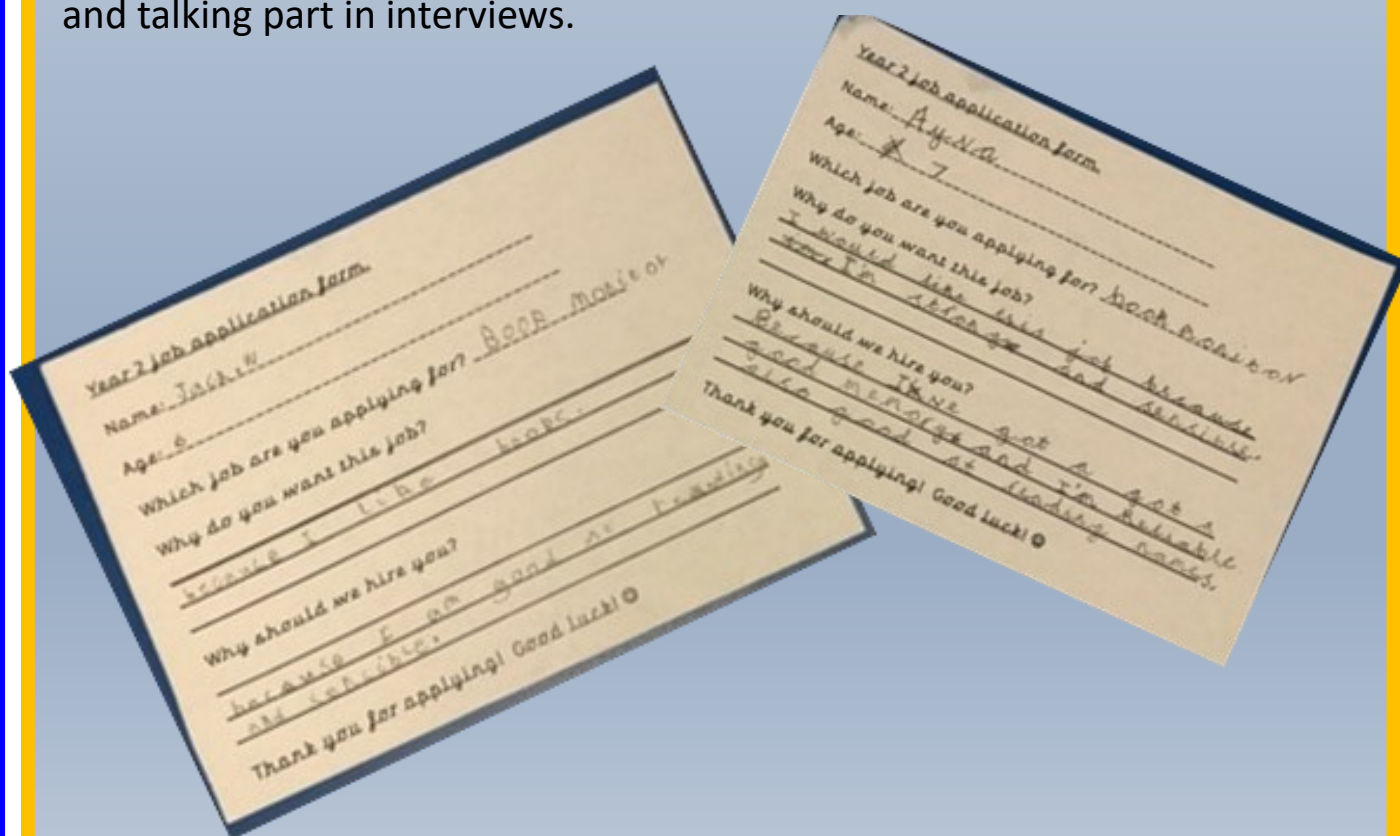
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Over the last few years we have been developing a Careers Week to open our children's eyes to the world around them.

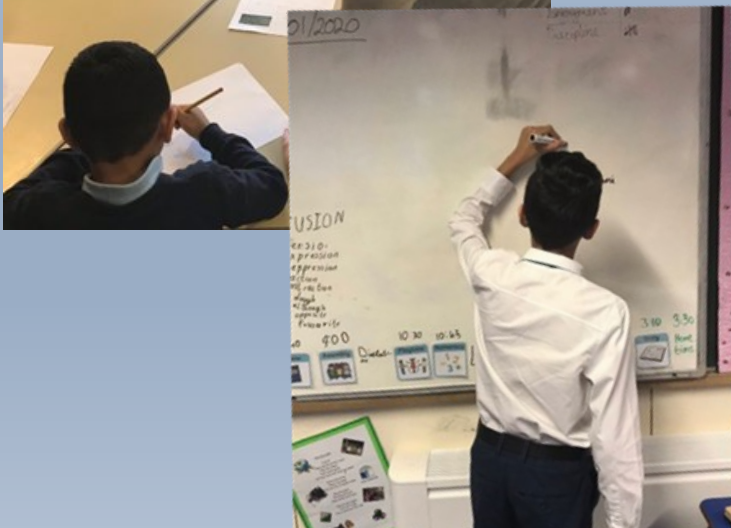
We started this with a "Take Over Day" for Year 6 pupils. This year this has been developed to include every year group from Nursery to Year 6. As they go through the school they will then enhance their knowledge of the education system and how important this is to them as a learner.

Careers Week is an exciting opportunity to help raise children's aspirations and broaden their horizons by; finding out about jobs people do, bringing volunteers from the world of work into school, writing job applications and taking part in interviews.



The week culminated with Year 6 taking over the school for the day. The children applied for jobs, were shortlisted and interviewed, given roles for the day then planned their itinerary in advance.

Our newly appointed Head, Deputy and Governing Body thoroughly briefed their team from site services, catering, business management, teaching and inspecting to ensure the day was a great success.



**By Mrs Lomax**





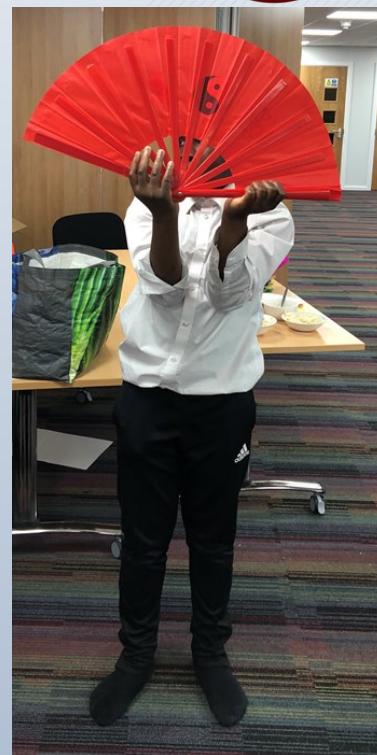
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Happy Chinese New Year

Mandarin



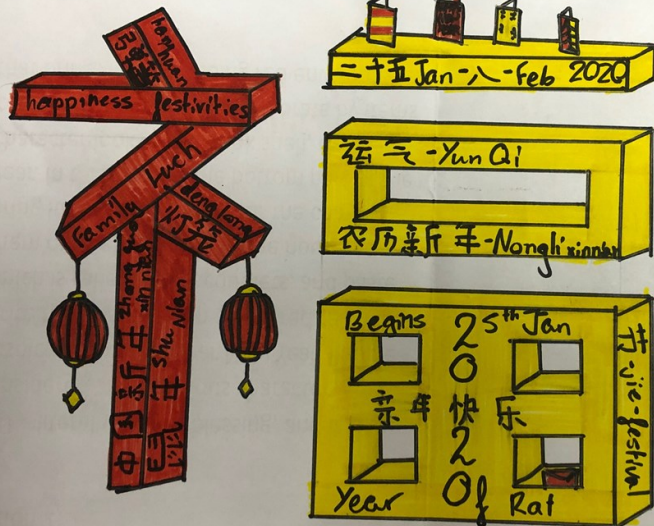
Students at Lyng Hall celebrated the Chinese New Year with a range of fun activities, including calligraphy, drama, dancing, designing Chinese characters, cooking, as well as enjoying eating some Chinese food. Students also had the chance to take part in a competition, with some of the entries on the next page.





Nahima 8M

Your design:



Explain your ideas:

The reason for making it 3D is as it would be more attractive.  
I added Chinese characters as they are related to Chinese New Year.  
I used red and yellow as they are common for the Chinese New Year.  
Lanterns hanging down to resemble the decorations and.  
I have put cards as people give others cards on special occasions.  
Red envelope - present

Your design:



Explain your ideas:

I did the fireworks to represent happiness because people would put this character on the main gate of the house to bring them luck so when you have ~~to~~ luck you are happy. I ~~like~~ did the lanterns in the streets because in China they hang a lot of lanterns. In China they have a dragon festival so I drew a dragon. I wrote the word blessing since the character means blessing!

Happy new Year

Your design:



Explain your ideas:

In this picture, the characters are arranged together. If the characters are arranged like this, then around it, it will form the symbol of wealth and success.

By Alysha 7M



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Your design:



Explain your ideas:

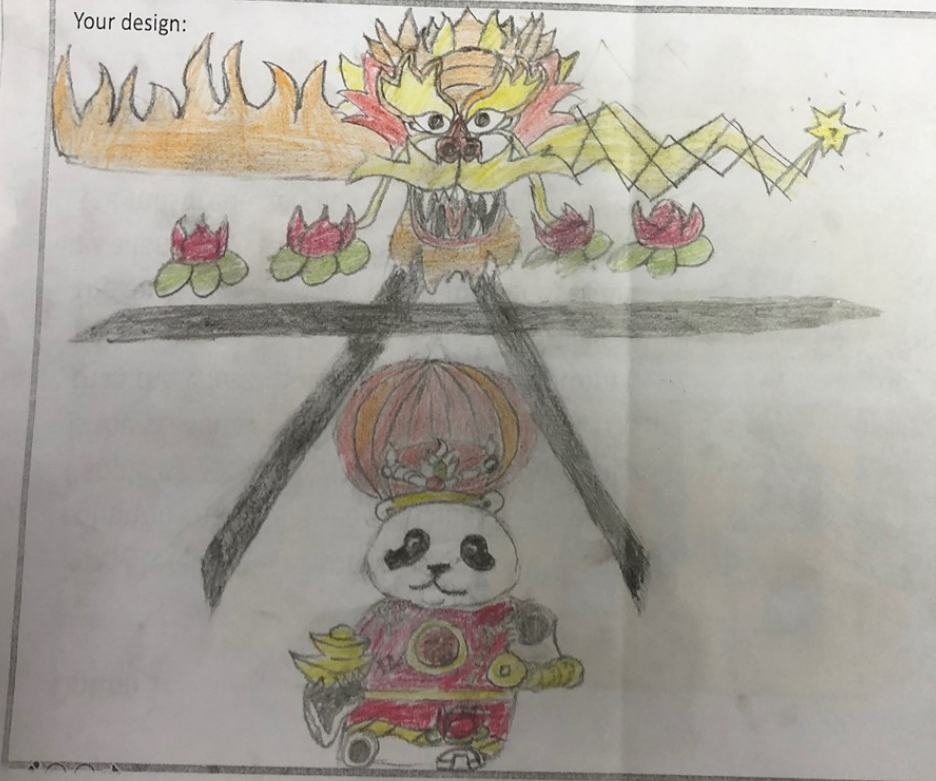
I chose this idea because on Chinese New Year people decorate and celebrate for the new year.

I have drawn a dragon and lanterns to show that people are celebrating to music (which are the music notes) and are very excited.

I drew a blossom tree because it was to resemble the beauty of China and Chinese New Year.

Finally I drew a bowl of oranges because it is a traditional present.

Your design:



Explain your ideas:

The lotus flowers represent Spring and growth whereas the dragon symbolizes the celestial gestures to celebrate the new year. The panda, god of wealth, represents a sense of celebration and achievement. And the lantern represents the sun, always shining down upon you.

Weyan Nendo Haram  
TM Pogues College

PS the fire represents fireworks and the lightning symbolizes an array of vibrant colors.

By Vanessa Priest



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