

At Anchorsholme Academy, the initial part of the Autumn term witnessed students returning to school, joining their new year groups, and extending a warm welcome to our new Foundation Year students who embarked on their first Mandarin language learning journey. We are delighted to introduce Joyce and Nora as the Mandarin teachers for Key Stage 2. Additionally, we extend a heartfelt welcome to Joyce's son, 'Summer,' whose presence we hope will further enhance language learning and communication within our school community.



In the initial weeks, Foundation and Key Stage 1 students have been busy acquiring some knowledge about China and understanding the geographical positions of UK and China on the map.

Foundation and Key Stage 1 students have learnt different Greetings in mandarin with actions and singing songs.











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

points

100 points

50 points

200

150 points

我 wŏ I/me



你 nǐ You



To those children in different Year groups who have already received points towards their Panda badges.

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Key Stage 2 has enjoyed an exciting couple of weeks delving into the culture of Mongolia. Year 6, in particular, had a fantastic experience working together to construct a 3D model puzzle of a traditional Mongolian yurt. Their teamwork skills have been commendable. Key Stage 2 have learnt self-introduction, write simple Chinese characters, revised numbers.









The first half of the Autumn term has brought a significant celebration to our entire school community as we observed the 'Mid-Autumn Festival,' also known as the 'Mooncake Festival'. This harvest festival was observed on September 29th this year, following the lunar calendar, when the moon radiates its brightest light in the night sky. It's also a significant time in China when families come together. Year 6 had an unforgettable experience during their visit to Lancaster University, where they received an exclusive tour of the campus and had the opportunity to sit in a lecture room to learn about the 'Mid-Autumn Festival.' On the 30th, Mandarin teachers from KS2 at both Anchorsholme and Hawes Side Academy joined forces at Moor Park library to present various Chinese activities, including crafting mooncakes with plasticine. The KS2 Mandarin teachers at Anchorsholme also resumed their community service at the library, celebrating the 'Mid-Autumn Festival' with enthusiasm. KS2 students also got the chance to craft mooncakes with dough, an unforgettable experience.







We are also thrilled announce, as a special reward for the 12 students (Dexter Snowden, Keevagh Quaggan, Skyla Hughes, Chloe Butterworth, Haylie Yeung, Brandon Coe, Natalia Langford, Phoebe Reeve, Lily Leary-Knowles, Millie Yeung, Evelyn Hindle and Summer Almond), now in Year 6 who participated in the YCT 1 and 2 tests in March and May 2023. They have been chosen to participate in the UK-China online exchange program. In recognition of their invaluable dedication to learning, they will have the opportunity to connect with 10 primary students from China via online and engage in collaborative art and craft activities together.