

February was a very busy month for the pupils at Wincle as there were many special events that were celebrated and focused upon. This was on top of an already busy curriculum.

The beginning of February saw the children celebrating Chinese New Year. It began with a parade of the junior pupils in traditional Chinese dress: these were kindly lent to the school by Mrs Jackie Cogan. The older pupils set the rest of the school a challenge: to find out about Chinese New Year for the rest of the day. We had the infant class learn about the importance of the festival to Chinese people and they discovered how the New Year is celebrated. In our assembly at the end of the day, the infants performed a fantastic dragon dance. The pupils in year $\frac{3}{4}$ learnt about traditional Chinese beliefs and managed to learn a popular nursery rhyme in Mandarin by the end of the day – very impressive! Finally, the older pupils learnt about why and when the New Year is celebrated and many of the traditional events that take place over the fourteen day celebration. They also learnt about the twelve animals and painted large pictures of them for the younger pupils to see. They then worked out who was born in which year for the whole school.



At lunchtime, the pupils were treated to a delicious Chinese buffet. They were all given a lucky red envelope at the end of the day to keep and made a wish on the wish tree before leaving school.

Children's Mental Health week also took place in February and this led to the Healthy School Committee leading a number of assemblies throughout the week on how important it is to look after our own mental health. To support this, they organised a non-uniform day to raise funds for Visyon, who are a charity who support pupils with their emotional wellbeing. We successfully managed to raise over £100 for this charity highlighting how wonderful it is to see our pupils leading for change.

E-Safety Day took place on 8th February and this supported the pupils in learning how to stay safe online. With the recent pandemic, pupils have turned to screen more for not just social reasons, but for school work also. The pupils debated whether or not screen use can be beneficial and the pupils in Jupiter wrote a balanced argument on this point. Learning how to stay safe online is of paramount importance for our pupils and most importantly, where they can go for help if they need it.

As you can see, life in Wincle is busy, but the pupils remain shining like a star in all that they do and for this, they were treated to an end of half term disco with a Valentine's theme.