

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
Lions Club of South Kowloon Nursery School
Chinese Culture School-based Learning Activities

Lunar New Year Activities

Activity Date / Time

2023 - 2024

Object

N to K3 students

Aims

- Understanding the origins of the Lunar New Year
- Understanding the customs and characteristics of the Lunar New Year
- experiencing the festive atmosphere of the holiday through celebration activities

Overview

- Lunar New Year is the most festive traditional holiday in China. We organized various activities to help the children experience the lively atmosphere of the Lunar New Year, including designing red pockets with parents, making mochi, writing couplets, spring cleaning, and participating in group greetings. Through these activities, the children experienced the joy of sharing traditional festivities and exchanging blessings, thereby gaining an understanding of Chinese traditional holidays and Chinese culture.



Photos



Before the Lunar New Year, we invited parents and children to make mochi together. They could choose their preferred fillings and decorations. Children took their mochi home to share with their families as they welcomed the Lunar New Year together.



Principal Young and teachers demonstrated how to write couplets, introducing the children to the "Four Treasures of the Study" in Chinese calligraphy. They helped the children understand the significance of writing couplets for the Lunar New Year, allowing them to learn more auspicious greetings.

Photos



In Chinese tradition, on the 28th day of the lunar calendar, it is customary to "clean up." The teachers and children also participated in this tradition by doing a thorough cleaning. Everyone worked together to clean their respective spaces (activity rooms), such as wiping tables, chairs, and toys. This activity helped the children understand the meaning of "removing the old to welcome the new" and the importance of caring for the cleanliness of the school environment.



The day before the Lunar New Year holiday, children in each class enjoy a delicious reunion dinner featuring dishes with special meanings, such as scallion steamed fish fillet, which symbolizes intelligence, and corn and fish maw soup, which represents abundance year after year. This event not only conveys blessings to the children but also enhances their sense of belonging to the kindergarten through the shared dining experience.

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After Lunar New Year holiday, our staff and children dress in traditional Chinese attire to visit others to exchange New Year greetings and blessings. Additionally, on 15th day of the Lunar New Year, the President and members of the Lions Club of South Kowloon Hong Kong visit the school to participate in the festive activities. Children perform dragon dances to celebrate, everyone exchanges well wishes, and they all enjoy the joyful and lively atmosphere of the holiday season.