

PROMOTING GLOBAL AWARENESS AND CITIZENSHIP AT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL



Prefects' Address

In our most recent assembly, prefects Rose and Tony spoke to the school about diversity and making the most of the opportunity to connect with people from different walks of life.

Today we are talking about diversity and celebrating differences. We know that as a school we have heard about diversity about 1000 times, and it has become a bit of a cliché, but this just goes to show how lucky we are to be surrounded by and immersed with so many different cultures every day.

The diversity in the school has possibly allowed us to become complacent to our privilege; we will probably never again have this much easy ability to learn about so many different cultures around the world.

It is now our duty to be aware of all the diversity within the school and to be open and to embrace the differences that make each one of us unique.

As people we have the right not to see our differences, but it would be stupid to not take up this chance to grow as people as this chance will only come around once in our lives. This will enable us to grow as a society and within our own selves as looking towards others often help us to discover more about ourselves.

I am 100% sure that when you leave school, in a world becoming increasingly diverse, you will come across a range of people from different walks of life. Not everything that we learn at school is key for our future but what certainly will be is the ability to interact with other communities. It is through these interactions that you will be able to, from many connections and experiences evolve. So, this week we challenge you to be more appreciative of the people around you.



Upcoming Curriculum Topics...

- Y7 History - West African Power
- Y7 History - Feudal Japan
- Y13 Business - International Investment
- Y7 Design Technology - Plastic Recycling
- Y8 Design Technology - Cultural Dishes
- Y7 Geography - Antarctica (Past, Present & Future)
- Y8 Geography - Africa
- Y9 Geography - Natural Disaster Planning in Japan
- Y13 Geography - Carbon Cycle & Climate Change
- Y7 PRE - World Festivals
- Y10 Physics - Nuclear Fission & Fusion Power
- Y10 Art - Personal Identity & Heritage Project
- Y10 Media - Cultural Demographics
- Y11 Media - Ethnic Representation and Attitudes
- Y9 Classics - Religious Influence on Social Norms
- Y10 Classics - Relationship of Religion and Politics
- Y13 Classics - Art & Literature as Propaganda
- Y7 Languages - Christmas in European Culture
- Y8 Languages - Pen-Pal Programme
- Y10 Languages - Language and Employment

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RECENT EVENTS...

Recent RHS events include Holocaust Memorial Day, and update to Georgie's emissions project, Chinese New Year and the success of our EAL (English as an Additional Language) pupils in essay writing.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Chinese year of the Rabbit begins this month. In this short article, delivered to our 6th Form pupils, one of our Chinese pupils, David, explains why it is significant to him and others from our Chinese and Hong Kong community

So why is the Chinese New Year important? Because it is the most important social and economic holiday for billions of people around the world. The holiday is tied to the lunar-solar Chinese calendar and was originally observed as a time to honor household and heavenly deities and ancestors.


The New Year celebration is centred around removing the bad and the old, and welcoming the new and the good. It's a time to worship ancestors, exorcise evil spirits and pray for good harvest.

Chinese New Year is often the one time of the year when migrant workers get to go home. They fill up trains, buses, boats, and planes, bringing with them souvenirs of their big city lives to impress their older family members who stayed behind in the villages.

The New Year holiday is about spending time with family and sharing blessings and abundance with loved ones. But even more than that, it's a time to forget about work and school, light up the sky with fireworks, exchange large sums of money, and eat until you can eat no more.

"AS WE MOVE INTO THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT, LET US WELCOME ITS LUCK AND BLESSINGS. I WISH EVERYONE A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS CHINESE NEW YEAR. THANK YOU."



<div>RHS GLOBAL</div>	<div>January 2023</div>
<div>POETRY CORNER...</div> <p>This year's national poetry day ran with the theme of "Poems for the Planet". In the next few editions of RHS Global, we will share the winning entries from each year group.</p> <p><u>Perfectly Placed Paws (Henrietta, Y10)</u></p> <p>The elegance of the white snow placed perfectly on ice,</p> <p>Whilst small paws play and fight. Never dreaming of</p> <p>Anything different,</p> <p>The fish swim happily as the waves peacefully glide above them</p> <p>Clouds roll in. Darkness stops the once joyful paws,</p> <p>And the waves become rolling stones down a steep mountain,</p> <p>Ice falls, rolls, cracks. Splitting these once beautiful paws away from each other.</p> <p>The warmth of the sun dries the broken ice away,</p> <p>As the perfectly placed snow drifts off into a memory.</p> <p>The small paws never connected again.</p> <div>  </div> <p>Next edition will feature the winning entry from Year 9</p>	<div>CHINESE NEW YEAR - TOBY SH.</div> <p>Chinese New Year is the most important Chinese festival. The so called red pockets, red envelopes filled with money, are the most important part for children, the different traditions the most important part for adults. So, let's look at some of the stories, traditional food and the red pockets.</p> <p>One of the most famous stories of Chinese New Year is the zodiac. You might have heard of the Chinese zodiac and its famous race between different animals: rat, ox, tiger, hare, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, cock, dog and pig. Some of you might wonder why the rat came first, let's find it out.</p> <p>The King in ancient time told the animals "I will hold a race. I will make the twelve winners represent the twelve times in a day, and the twelve years." The animals were so excited about it. On the day before the competition, the cat asked its friend, the rat, to wake her and so that she could join the competition. She was a lazy sleepy cat. However, the rat didn't do this and just went to the competition the next day. That's why the cat is not one of the twelve animals.</p> <p>When the race started, most of the competitors ran with their full power, but not the rat. The rat was the smartest one. It climbed on the ox and took a ride. Not long into the race and the ox was leading and almost reaching the finish line. Ox thought that that he would win. However, the rat jumped off the ox and won just in time. After the competition, the cat woke up and found the rat betrayed her. She was furious and was no longer friends; that's the reason why cats are always chasing rats.</p> <p>Another key area that makes Chinese New Year so special is the food. In Hong Kong, we may have a dish to share with our family when it's Chinese New Year and some important days. Poon Choi is a big pot of food, a combination of everything, included pork, seafood, chicken and many kinds of vegetables like radish. It is a traditional Hong Kong dish; if you get a chance, you should try it!</p> <p>Another food that you may likely see in Chinese family during Chinese New Year are tangerines, and usually as a pair. This is due to the pronunciation of tangerine in Chinese which is similar to 'luck', and having two is like doubling your luck. However, we do not eat the tangerines. Do not eat them when you see them in a Chinese' persons house, since they might think you have taken their luck or make them less lucky in the coming year.</p> <p>Moreover, Chinese New Year is an important festivals for children too, because of the red pocket. You might have heard of it. The Chinese love to send their blessings to the children. Parents put money in a red envelope with blessings written on, and hand it out. This is the main cash flow for the Chinese children, and is probably one of the reasons why children are interested in Chinese New Year.</p> <p>Chinese New Year is not just a festival of traditions, it is a festival of gatherings. During Chinese New Year, the Chinese always go and visit their families and have dinner together. The children might be going for red pockets, but the adults always know that visiting one another is like sending their blessings to one another, and to tell each other that they are caring for their family. Chinese New Year is also the festival of showing love and care. Why don't you try telling your parents that you care about them this Chinese New Year? No matter where in the world they are.</p> <p>Chinese New Year is definitely not the most important festival in Britain. But love is always there and if this article makes you think of your family, tell them you care about them, and send your blessings to them. Chinese traditions and stories might sounds a bit strange to you, but just remember that Chinese New Year is a time to meet the people you care about and to send your blessing to your family and friends.</p>
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