

HHGKLA Buddhist Chan Shi Wan Primary School

# Shi Wan NET Post

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## Celebrating Lunar New Year





## Miss Alex

I really enjoy celebrating Lunar New Year with Shi Wan Family. I have learnt a lot about Lunar New Year from the students and teachers here. My favourite story is about Monster Nian.



Scan the code to watch the story about Monster Nian!

Monster Nian was very scary as it ate all the villagers' food and children. An old man scared the monster away by decorating his house with red Fai Chun, setting off firecrackers and playing loud drums.

The old man saved the villagers from Monster Nian! They were very happy and started to do these things every year!



Fai Chun



Firecrackers



Drums

This story is really interesting because it helped me learn about the Lunar New Year traditions and practices that are still used today!



## Miss Sandy

I always prepare for Lunar New Year by tidying my house. I find cleaning very relaxing. In fact, it is very important to clean before Chinese New Year to sweep away the bad things.



We want to welcome a new start with a nice and clean house. I also go for a haircut and wash my clothes before Lunar New Year. It is unlucky to wash our hair, sweep the floor or wash our clothes on Lunar New Year because it can wash away the luck.



I also enjoy decorating the house with red Fai Chun.

How can we forget the red packets? I am sure many of you are looking forward to them. What will you do with all your money from the red packets?





# Miss Elaine

Lunar New Year is a very important and special festival in Hong Kong! During this time we can eat some food that brings us good luck for the coming year. I have learned that each kind of food has a different meaning.



Fish, dumplings, sweet rice balls, noodles and turnip cakes are all popular choices for this festival.



We can eat fish to increase prosperity because this word in Chinese sounds like 'surplus.'



We can eat dumplings because they look like gold ingots. The more dumplings we eat, the more money we can make in the new year.



We can eat sweet rice balls (Tang Yuan) to bring us family togetherness.

We can eat noodles for longevity, which means a long life of happiness!



What is your favourite dish to eat at Lunar New Year?



# Miss Catherine

My favourite thing about Lunar New Year is going to the flower markets! We can see so many beautiful flowers and plants. They all have different meanings.



Narcissus flowers are very special because they bring prosperity and fortune. They also smell very beautiful!



Mandarins, also called 'Kut' are very popular during Lunar New Year. This is because the Chinese word for mandarin sounds like luck and fortune. So the more you eat, the better!

You can also see so many orchids during Lunar New year. They are popular because they bring luxury and abundance. (Abundance means to get a lot of things.) Orchids come in many pretty colours such as pink, red and blue.



Scan here to see our schoolmates' Narcissus flowers!



## Lunar New Year Quiz

An old man scared away Monster Nian with red Fai Chun, \_\_\_\_\_ and loud drums.



- A) firecrackers
- B) violins
- C) dumplings
- D) lions

We should not \_\_\_\_\_ at Lunar New Year.

- A) wash our hair
- B) eat turnip cakes
- C) wear new clothes
- d) go to the flower market

What should we eat to wish for a long life of happiness?

- A) potatoes
- B) noodles
- C) dumplings
- d) chocolate

These Lunar New Year \_\_\_\_\_ are still used today.



- A) schools
- B) transmissions
- C) things
- D) traditions

