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# Happy Chinese New Year!

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THIS week marks the start of the Chinese New Year and children in Cheadle have been getting into the Oriental spirit of things.

As part of the Geography Curriculum, Year 5 pupils at Cheadle Hulme School enjoyed a China Day just before the Chinese New Year.

The whole day took on a Chinese theme as pupils dressed in costumes or clothes from the country.

The day began with language lessons led by Senior School pupils

Lisebetta Ling and Rebecca Choi, followed by Chinese music lessons and a Thai Chi games lesson led by visiting tutor Di Seddon.

The themed Chinese lunch went down particularly well - Chef Andy Willcox, who was recently nominated for Sodexho 'Business Chef of the Year', served up sweet and sour dishes, beef in black bean sauce and egg fried rice in the atmospheric dining hall decorated with Chinese lanterns and dragons.

The day was rounded off with lessons in calligraphy, science activities and making willow pattern plates.

Teacher Mrs Lucinda Hodges who arranged the day said: "It was a fun way to bring the geography and culture of the region to life and all students entered into the spirit of the day."

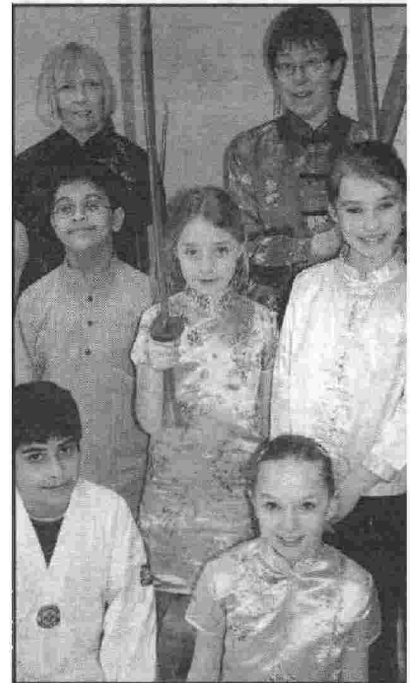


BACK row from left: Robert, Daisy, Alisha, George -front row Ellie and Caitlin (s)

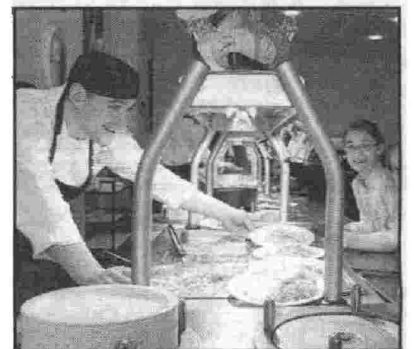




DRESSING up, back row from left: Elizabeth, Hamza, Ella, Katie, Josie, Christina. Front row: Eleanor, Sam and Monica (s)



THAI Chi instructor Di Seddon with pupils Pravar, Sophie, Elizabeth, Hamza, Holly and teacher Lucinda Hodges (s)



CHEF Andy Willcox serves up tasty Chinese food to pupils (s)