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Happy Lunar New Year!

Happy Lunar New Year to all our parents! We wish for you good health and prosperity in this coming year. Our Deco Day was a success! We had fun creating Chinese lanterns, dragons and listening to the story of the Great Race.

Our Open Day went well with a few of us taking part in the school radio programme. Eric and Ji Won spoke about the unit of inquiry and the exciting things we have been doing. Lucy spoke about Physical Education and Hey Jin and Tom spoke about what they are doing in EAL sessions.

In Mathematics we looked at various time zones throughout the world and how time is calculated. We learnt about the twelve different meridians, which are imaginary lines that run from North to South on the Earth. We also calculated the time in different countries. We learnt about adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators. We continue

to review simple algebraic equations, long division and finding percentages.

In literacy we focused on adverbial phrases and prepositions. We also played rhyme games and long remembrance. We also read fables and stories that told us how to respect others even though they are different from us. We discussed the words that were unfamiliar to us and created drawings to explain these words. We then created sentences with the words to help us have a better understanding of what the words mean. We also discussed the author's meaning and made predictions as we read each paragraph. We looked at an article about standard time and we put in the correct punctuation marks needed on a passage about the importance of standard time.

In unit of inquiry, we decided to create a display of

some of the traditional costumes around the world. We also visited the Chong Yuan Si temple in SIP to develop a better appreciation of the Chinese rituals and customs. We saw a lot of interesting things. Miss Molly Mo gave us a great tour while Mrs. Willis assisted us in sketching and paying close attention to the details in each temple. We also created an oral presentation as our final assessment for the unit of how we express ourselves. We all did a great job at it.

We said good bye to another classmate this week. Natsuka has left us to return to Japan we wish her and her family all the best.

We must say thanks to Mr. Diedericks for arranging the radio programme on Open Day. He did a great job. You may listen to Year 5 Dolphins radio presentation on the internet at: <http://tinypic.com/r/33nhq/6>

A Peek into the Upcoming Week!

When we return from our holidays, we will be looking at a new unit of inquiry in which we will explore many more fabulous things.

In Mathematics, we will continue to focus on fractions, time zones and

area of objects. We will also continue to review various topics to keep our computation skills and understanding current.

In literacy, we will begin to focus on conjunctions and their uses, articles, and journal writing.

We will also continue to focus on synonyms, antonyms and homonyms. Regular reviews of the various parts of speech will also be done. Our reading groups will continue to read for the author's message, if the text makes sense along with making predictions.