



Pine green leaves and 'Dragons' show up in rivers in June



Every year in June, you can always see restaurants and hawkers on the streets selling a kind of food wrapped with pine green long leaves. It remind us that Dragon Boat Festival is coming. Why did people name the day with 'dragon boat'? Do you know the story behind this special day in June?

There was a poet called Qu Yuan in **ancient** China. He was good at writing Chinese poems and many people loved his work. Later, he became a **politician** to help the Chinese Emperor **turn** the country **into** a better place. He worked his very best throughout his life to help **step up** people's lives. Unfortunately, one day a fisherman found him dead in a river. Many people were very sad about the news. They didn't want sea animals to **harm** Qu Yuan's body so they came up with some ideas.

People sailed on dragon boats and played the drums loudly to scare the fish away. Also, they made a lot of rice dumplings and threw them into the rivers for the fish and other sea animals. People kept this **practice** year by year to **commemorate** this kind and **talented** man. Until now, eating rice dumplings and watching dragon boat races has become a **tradition** at Dragon Boat Festival every year. Have you eaten rice dumplings this year? Were they **scrumptious**?

Glossary

ancient (adj) = old
politician (n) = 政治家
turn... into... (v) = 將...變成...
step up (v) = to enhance, to make something better
harm (v) = to hurt/ make someone feel painful
practice (n) = habits, something you do regularly
commemorate (v) = 紀念
talented (adj) = very good at doing something
tradition (n) = 習俗
scrumptious (adj) = yummy, delicious

Unleashing children's creativity via STEAM activities

Some 30 kindergarten students came to experience what learning at SYY looks like! An English-instructed STEAM activity was designed to help students understand concepts of two-dimensional (2-D) and three-dimensional (3-D) objects and enhance their creativity through making a kaleidoscope. During the session, students had an interactive learning experience with the help of the online learning platform Nearpod. Apart from knowing how a kaleidoscope is made, children also showcased their understanding through matching games, sharing ideas to their peers and creating their own unique piece of work. Nonetheless, having incorporated Growth mindset into our teaching, our school designed seven wristbands that represent seven character strengths for the children. The students were awarded a wristband when they completed a task. Apart from verbal encouragement, these wristbands helped convey our support to them and reminded them that every child has his/her unique inner beauty and talents! The creative process was filled with joy and laughter.



Read the above paragraphs and answer the questions below. Show us your answers with the QR code.

- Who do we commemorate at Dragon Boat Festival?
We commemorate _____ at Dragon Boat Festival
- What do we do at Dragon Boat Festival?
We _____ and _____ at Dragon Boat Festival.
- When is Dragon Boat Festival?
It is in _____.



During the week before Dragon Boat Festival, our Primary 1–4 schoolmates have taken part in various English activities. These activities, ranging from virtual learning via Nearpod and making crafts, to dragon boat races and designing rice dumplings were conducted during recess time and tutorial lessons. Some of the students talked about the activities and how they feel about them in some interviews. Let's read about their sharings!

Mascot Patrol

During recess time, two native English teachers patrolled the corridor and interacted with students about different festive practices. Students drew and wrote about the festival on memos and had them stuck on the board. A beautiful dragon was created through the united effort made across the grades. Look at how the children described their work:



1B TSANG SIN HUEN

"I'm drawing a rice dumpling. We eat rice dumplings at Dragon Boat Festival!"



1D YIP YAN YU

"I have my drawing and ride on a dragon boat."



1D LI KANG I

"I draw a dragon boat. I can see dragon boat in dragon boat festival."



2C KWOK CHUN TING RAVIN

"I'm drawing a rice dumpling. I like to eat dumplings at Dragon Boat Festival."



3A KWONG SUM YAU YOYO

"I like this activity very much because I can make my own special, beautiful dumpling – the only one in the world!"



4A LI WING LAM

"I like this activity because making our own dumplings is so special and interesting."



3A LEE DANIEL CHEUK MAN

"I don't like this activity because I like doing homework more than making crafts."



3A MAI SAI LAM

"I am making this dumpling to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival. I like the activity because it is exciting."



4A WONG WAI CHEUNG

"I made this rice dumpling because we can commemorate Mr Qu Yuan."

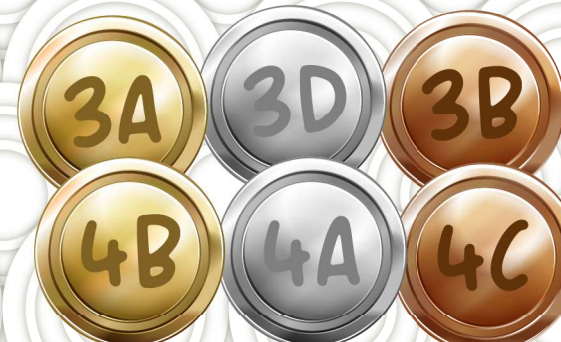
Inter-class Dragon Boat Races

Designed for P3 and P4 students, each class sent 6 representatives to ride on dragon boats and completed some challenges. Meanwhile, our NETs Miss Amandeep and Miss Pawandeep commented on the race in the live broadcast for students who stayed in their classroom. The children then brought the materials back to their homerooms to make a rice dumpling with their classmates. The first three classes that finished all tasks from each form claimed the titles! Congratulations to the following classes:

Watch race highlights here:



RESULT OF INTER-CLASS DRAGON BOAT RACE



3B SZE NGA LEE CECILIA

"I cheered for my classmates. I like the game because we can win! We have to make rice dumplings after they did the race."

4A TANG HO SEN

"I did a dragon boat race. I feel high-spirited and I think it is so splendid that we can make our own dumplings. We are going to make a dumpling that is made of plastic and other materials."

Dragon Boat Race Craft

In the tutorial lesson, students made a craft which allowed them to race with one another in class. Students tried to win over their partners by moving two strips of the craft upwards and downwards. Let's see what the children think about the activity. Let's see how they made the crafts!

