

# The Pochin School

## Newsletter 27th January 2023



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

### STRIKE DAY

The National Education Union (NEU) are due to commence industrial action on Wednesday 1 February 2023.

Based on the latest information we have received from teaching staff, The Pochin School intends to be open to all pupils on this day. However, please be aware if we experience high staff absences on this day, that would affect the safeguarding and well being of children, we may have to close a class at short notice. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible.

The majority of lessons will go ahead as normal on this day. In the event of manageable staff absence, pupils will be supervised and appropriate activities given.

It is worth noting that further industrial action is planned by the NEU on Wednesday 1 March 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. I will update you with any changes to our industrial action response if and when they occur.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR

There have been many informative and fun events taking place across the school and classes to celebrate Chinese New Year this week at school. I loved popping into Class 1 to look at their art work, listen to Chinese music and they certainly enjoyed themselves with special dishes prepared from a local Chinese restaurant for the children to try.



### Diary Dates

#### February 2023

1<sup>st</sup> - STRIKE DAY

14<sup>th</sup> - Basketball Competition

14<sup>th</sup> - PTA Doughnut Sale

15<sup>th</sup> - PTA Disco (please note the change of date)

20-24<sup>th</sup> - February Half Term Holidays

#### March

6<sup>th</sup> - Yr 5/6 Football League

7<sup>th</sup> - Uni hockey Competition

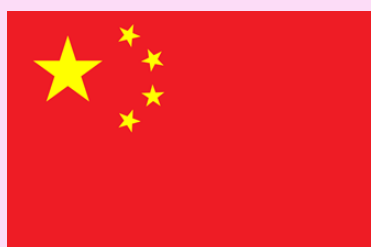
8-9<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening

17<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SATS meeting for parents 3:15pm

## Head Teacher Awards

The following children have worked extremely hard and this has been celebrated by the pupils receiving awards in front of their peers.

Savannah, Jai, Rani, Ariana,  
Aaron, Ayomide



**Cultures Celebrated within our School**  
Language of the Month - Chinese/Cantonese  
British Value of the term - Tolerance  
Pochin Value of the Month - Optimism



### Next week School Dinners 2 main choices with sides, bread and dessert

**Mon** - A choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours with meat and vegetarian toppings

**Tue** - Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato / Veggie Shepherd's Pie with Gravy

**Wed** - Pork Sausage, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes / Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese with Roast Potatoes

**Thur** - Chicken or Vegetable Paella

**Fri** - Fishfingers with Chips / Mexican Roll with Chips







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## Bikeability

We were so pleased to be able to offer the children in Class 5 the opportunity to undertake Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability training. This teaches children to

**Start and stop** with more confidence

**Pass stationary vehicles** parked on a road

**Understand the road:** signals, signs and road markings

**Negotiate the road:** including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts

**Share the road** with other vehicles

The children learned a huge amount and have grown in confidence significantly. However they haven't yet covered the skills of riding on more complex roads, negotiating more complex roads or responding to unpredictable situations such as when a car pulls out in front of you. The Bikeability instructors, who thoroughly enjoyed working with such a delightful group of learners, wanted parents to know that the children are not yet sufficiently skilled to be cycling on busy roads independently. We know they will all be keen to be on two wheels as much as possible: please help them stay safe!

