Chinese Department
Adult Classes

Chinese Dance Troupe

With 2017 being the second year for the Pretoria Chinese School Dance Troupe, the managing teacher, Ms. Hsiao, and I decided to allow new students from Grade 4 onwards to join the club. We were delighted to have a large group of enthusiastic girls from Grade 4 and 5 join the team.

The girls’ first performance was on 30 May, at the school’s Dragon Boat Festival celebration. The younger girls from Grade 4 in particular were very excited for their first dance performance, and showed great energy on stage with their Bell Dance. On the other hand, the older girls from Grades 5 to 7 showed off their experience with a charming and charismatic performance of the Money Sticks Dance.

The Dragon Boat Festival celebration was also attended by several special guest from Alma School, who were so impressed with all the performances. They invited the whole Dance Troupe, including the drumming team, to perform at their Casual Day event on 1 September. The students displayed professionalism and presented their performances flawlessly. They were also good representatives of PCS and even participated in the event’s festivities.

The older girls and the drumming team were invited to perform the Money Sticks Dance and a thrilling drum performance by the Taipei Liaison Office on 9 October at the Centurion Country Club. The audience was impressed by their performance and the students also enjoyed themselves at the event.

It was a busy year for the Pretoria Chinese Dance Troupe, and I’m very honoured to have been a part of this team.

Miss Shinny Chen
Our Chinese Bridge journey started when we auditioned at the school to represent the school. The selected students started working hard, studying hard, practicing their talent performances and learning their speeches. Soon enough it was time for the preliminary contest in Pretoria. After completing the test and presenting our speeches and performances, we were the winners of the contest and became the new representatives of South Africa at the international Chinese Bridge Competition in China. Now it was the time to start our journey to China.

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Activities

Chinese New Year

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Dragon Boat Festival

The celebration for the Dragon Boat Festival as well as the Chinese Characters & Culture Festival was held on Tuesday 30th May.

We were very honoured to invite the members of governing body, Board of Executives, and other guests including Acting Representative Richard Shih from Taipei Liaison Office, a group of ladies from Pretoria International Circle of Friends (women from different embassies and foreign businesses), Professor Norma Nel from UNISA, and teachers and children from Alma School.

The programme included a video on the legend and the customs behind the Dragon Boat Festival, a talk on the theme “Martial Arts & Dancing”, and various performances, including Chinese drumming, dancing, a Tai Chi sword performance etc. A prizegiving took place to announce the winners of the various competitions related to the festival, namely a colour-in competition for Junior Prep. phase, dragon boat design for Senior Prep. phase and “Martial Arts & Dancing” characters design for College phase. Delicious rice dumplings were handed out to the whole school as well as the guests after the assembly ended.

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Activities

Winter Dance

Chinese Feast
Welcome to Chinese Culture Club!

That’s what I want to say to my old club members, new members and even to future members!

It has always been a thrilling experience for me to have so many children willing to learn more about Chinese culture even after their daily Chinese lesson. For club time, we have so much fun through different hands-on activities, such as traditional opera mask making, Chinese character collages and many more.

The Chinese Culture Club tries to offer a different variety of activities each year and through all these elements slowly figure out the bigger picture for our students what Chinese culture is all about. Seeing our students embrace, enjoy and respect differences in cultures make me proud to be their teacher and glad to share every moment with them.

To enjoy life is to be active in every aspect of it, being involved and enjoying it are the best way to learn about a culture!

Ms Nicole Hsiao