



SUIS Pudong offers an opportunity for students to enter a continuum of education from Primary through to the end of Secondary to prepare them to become Global's citizens for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Dear Parents,

During the last two weeks our G6 to G9 students completed their end of semester exams and celebrated Chinese New Year! The exam report will be issued on our parent portal today, please do check that you have received it.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation and to protect the health of our students, we have not been able to finish semester 1 in our usual way. On behalf of myself and all of our staff here at Pudong. I would like to wish you all a very Happy and prosperous New Year of 2022. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February for the start of semester 2. Please enjoy the holidays and keep safe.

## New Year Celebration of SUIS Pudong

The annual wonderful New Year celebration performance of SUIS Pudong came with the new year. Although the students could not watch the show because of the epidemic, the Secondary Stream recorded videos for teachers and students in advance for everyone to enjoy.



With the colorful "Wota art" light stick waving, the 2022 New Year event started. " Por Una Cabeza ", " Triumphal March ", " Love's Greeting ", " Entertainer " and other performances have brought extremely pleasant audio-visual feelings to the audience. The fluent Chinese and funny scenes of students in the short play "Three Monks" run through suis Pudong's concept of "East meets West".

Many song and dance performances, such as "Next Level", "Amazing Guest in the World", "Xiao", "Qilixiang" and dance mix, all show the students' personality charm and versatility. Among them, the student group played Hulusi "Legend of the Dragon", which perfectly presented the learning achievements of Chinese Culture week and was deeply loved by the audience. The massive band performances " From the Outer Space " and "Mojito" ignited the enthusiasm of the audience. The harmonious and vivid performances of " Black Mail" and "Going Home" triggered bursts of laughter from the audience, pushing the atmosphere of the event to a climax.





More than an hour's event ended with new year's greetings. Although all teachers and students were unable to watch the event on site, the enthusiasm of all performers to welcome the new year remained unabated. They expressed their expectations and wishes for the new year with sincere performances and enthusiastic singing, and brought an audio-visual feast to the audience with passion.

## Dragon Dance and Lion Dance

China is the home to the Dragon Dance and Lion Dance. The two performances have been welcomed by people from various ethnic groups for generations. These activities thrive and have formed a glorious dragon and lion dancing culture, especially in the east coast of China .



SUIS PD had our annual dragon and lion dance performance on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January for all of our students. Although the temperature was low outside, the beautiful sun shone and all students were engaged and excited. Local G9 students and lots of teachers also joined us on the playground at that time.

## The Dragon Dance

The dragon is made of straw, bamboo shoots and cloth. Each dragon is different in size. There are nine-section dragons, 11-section dragons, 13-section dragons and even 29-section dragons. Dragons longer than 15 sections are heavy and difficult to dance with. The one we had was a 13-section one. These longer dancing dragons are more for decoration than performances. There are also fire dragons. To make a fire dragon, cylinder-shaped cages are made with bamboo strips. Transparent and beautiful dragon cloth is pasted on the surface. Inside the cages are candles or lamps. The fire dragons illuminate the night skies, providing viewers and passers by with a stunning display.



## The lion dance

Mighty and splendid, the Lion Dance features rigid movement and various expressions. This time the two lovely lions demonstrate quite a few motions and postures that requires years of practice in front of our children. Children all touched them to get good luck for the new year.



## Words from students



In the morning, there was a Dragon Lion dance. The dance was wonderful. The lions' fur was super soft. I think I'm the lucky one because I got to hold hands with the lion. I didn't reach the dragon but I thought it was fun and exciting. —G3 Camel -Katie

I think that the event this morning was very exciting as we watched something heart-warming on a chilly day. The dancers twirled in the air gracefully as they went by us with smiles. I loved the idea of this because we all felt like we have something to look for this year, as we thought that luck was on its way when we touched the lions. —G5 Penguin - Renee



I really enjoyed seeing all the adorable lions and dragons. I like the lion dance the most, because I could feel the hard work of the actor. Whatever they performed, it is some skillful things and not so easy. —G5 Owl - Paulina



I really enjoyed today's lion dance because of the amazing feats they did and how they jumped into the air. The way that the lions patiently allow us to stroke them was very fun. I like the dragon dance because its movements were smooth and swift. When I look at the entire dance, I suddenly realized that it portrayed the story of Chinese New Year. Happy new year! —G5 Penguin- Moneshka

It's a great honor to participate in the dragon and lion dance today. I love playing drums and am very excited to be chosen in the performance. I hope to convey the charm and rhythm of this musical form to everyone at school, and it's a perfect combination of my passion and the Chinese traditional culture. —Louis Lu 7A ISS



Many children know that the dragon dance and lion dance are performed during festivals such as Spring Festival, fairs and celebrations. But what they may don't know is, after several thousand of years the two activities have accumulated thick historical cultures and are extremely valuable cultural heritages handed down from Chinese people's ancestors. We hope that besides celebrating the Chinese New Year, enjoying the festive atmosphere, our students can also learn some more about Chinese culture, which is the most precious heritage from our ancestor.



## Key Dates

- February 17<sup>th</sup> : Back to school
- February 21<sup>st</sup> : Whole school flag raising ceremony

To all of our families, we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

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