



## EMBRACING TRADITION AND UNITY

A vibrant Chinese New Year Celebration was held at the UUM International School Melaka on the **19th of February, 2024**, a palpable air of excitement and festivity enveloping the campus as students came in dressed in Chinese traditional attire. The school was adorned with splashes of red and gold, echoing the vibrant spirit of Chinese New Year.

The day kicked off with a mesmerizing lion dance performance by a local group from Melaka. The rhythmic beats of drums and cymbals filled the air as the colorful lions gracefully pranced around, symbolizing prosperity and good fortune for the year ahead. Adding to the joyous atmosphere, the God of Prosperity made a special appearance, spreading cheer by distributing chocolates and ang pow to the delighted students.

Following this auspicious start, the stage was set for a display of talent and skill as two students mesmerized the audience with a traditional **Chinese yoyo performance**. With deft movements and precision, they showcased an array of intricate tricks, leaving the spectators in awe.

# CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The festivities continued with a dynamic Taekwondo display by students, demonstrating sharp and precise moves that captivated the audience. This was not just a showcase of martial arts prowess but also a testament to the discipline and dedication of the students. Amidst the excitement, students eagerly participated in the **Chui Mei Paint Blowing Competition**.

Armed with straws and vibrant colors, they unleashed their creativity by painting cherry blossom trees, a symbol of renewal and beauty in Chinese culture. The judges had the arduous task of selecting the best artworks, and the winners were rewarded with ang pow, while their masterpieces adorned the school bulletin board, adding colour to the school walls.



Acknowledging the hard work and dedication of the school community, gifts were also presented to the staff, teachers, and kitchen team, expressing gratitude for their unwavering commitment.

After the exhilarating activities, it was time for a moment of unity and harmony as students came together for a heartwarming karaoke session, singing the traditional Chinese New Year song **"Gong Xi Gong Xi Gong Xi Ni"** in unison. It was a touching reminder of the importance of togetherness and celebration, regardless of cultural backgrounds.

The festivities were followed a grand lunch of steamboat, chicken, and other dishes accompanied by an array of traditional desserts and sweets such as **kuih belanda, kuih bangkit, kuih bakul and kuih bolu.**

As the day came to a close and the echoes of laughter and joy lingered in the air, it was evident that the Chinese New Year celebration at UUM International School Melaka had not only brought the school community together but also instilled a sense of appreciation for tradition and unity.

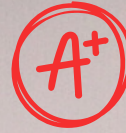
With hearts full of hope and excitement, the students bid farewell to their teachers before heading home after a couple of lessons, looking forward to the blessings and opportunities that the new year would bring.



# IGCSE MOCK EXAM



## PREPARATION FOR THE JUNE 2024 IGCSE EXAM SERIES



In a whirlwind of preparation and anticipation, our dear Year 11 students have recently completed their mock exams, marking a significant milestone in their journey toward the IGCSE. As they navigate through the rigors of academic challenges, these students exemplify resilience and determination.

Armed with textbooks and late-night study sessions, they embrace the virtues of diligence and perseverance, understanding that success is the offspring of hard work. With each practice test conquered, they cultivate confidence, fortified by the knowledge that their efforts pave the path to achievement.

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