

# Embassy of the People's Republic of China, in association with Joint UK Confucius Institutes:



## UK SCHOOLS WELCOME PANDAS FROM CHINA



This December, two giant pandas are coming all the way from China to live in Edinburgh Zoo. The pandas, known as Tian Tian 甜甜 (Sweetie) and Yang Guang 阳光 (Sunshine), will be the first giant pandas in the UK for 17 years.

To welcome the pandas to the UK and celebrate their arrival, we are holding a drawing competition for all UK primary school students.

### Primary school competition

Calling all UK primary school students, it's time to get creative!

**We are inviting *all* UK primary school students to design and draw a simple poster that welcomes the pandas and celebrates friendship between the UK and China.**

Although pandas are black and white, we encourage participants to think about how they can use lots of attractive colours and patterns in their designs.

Participants are encouraged to learn interesting facts about Chinese culture or language and demonstrate this learning in their design. For example, students might include simple Chinese characters and the meaning behind them as part of a welcome message in the poster.



## How to enter

1. Design your poster to welcome the pandas and celebrate friendship between the UK and China.

*Please be sure to include the student artist's name, age and school clearly in the bottom right hand corner of the poster.*

2. Upload an electronic copy of your poster (scanned or photographed) to the online competition gallery at [www.panda-pals.org](http://www.panda-pals.org)

*Please keep the original posters safe at school in case they are selected for display in London.*

**\*\* The deadline for uploading pictures will be 15 December 2011. \*\***

A panel of judges will review all entries and choose 15 winning designs. The results will be announced in January 2012.

The winning entries will be credited online and displayed in an exhibition at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in London. Subject to sponsorship, winners of the top prize may make a 5-day trip to China with one of their parents to visit pandas in their nature reserve in Sichuan. Other winners could win tickets to the panda enclosure at Edinburgh Zoo. The schools of the 15 winning entries will also receive a package of resources for learning Chinese language and Chinese culture.

We look forward to receiving your entries online!

[www.panda-pals.org](http://www.panda-pals.org)

The panda partnership website is a secure, user-submitted content management system that is moderated by carefully selected moderators. Content is simply uploaded by approved representatives from each participating school. The website will be launched in early November.

**For more information on how to enter the competition, and about Yang Guang and Tian Tian you can visit the website:**

[www.panda-pals.org](http://www.panda-pals.org).



## Giant panda facts

To help your students to engage with this project, here are some resources about pandas which we hope you find useful.

### Websites

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/>

[http://www.pandaexpress.com/pandakids/html/fun\\_facts/index.html](http://www.pandaexpress.com/pandakids/html/fun_facts/index.html)

<http://www.rzsspanda.org.uk/>

<http://en.chinapanda.org.cn/>

<http://www.pandaphoto.com.cn/English/index.asp>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature/panda>

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/giantpandas/pandafacts/default.cfm>

### Films

<http://www.kungfupanda.com/>

### Youtube

*Giant Pandas Bai Yun and Su Lin enjoying bamboo together*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SFvWEZaRrl>

### Panda Playtime

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qk85KjZ3g0w>

### Pandas are heavy

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6vxDiahdzg>

### Books

Spilsbury, L., & Spilsbury, R., (2007). *Save the Giant Panda (Save Our Animals!)*. Heinemann

Fang Min, (2011). *Giant Panda: Discovering China*. BetterLink Press Inc.

Angel, H. (2008). *Panda: Intimate Portrait of One of the World's Most Elusive Creatures*. David & Charles Publisher



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