



Khalsa Primary School

AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER



Message from Mrs Dhaliwal - Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we near the end of the first half term, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate our collective achievements and inform you of some important upcoming events.

Outstanding Ofsted Rating: We are absolutely delighted to share that we have received an "Outstanding" rating from Ofsted, a testament to the hard work and dedication of our school community. This achievement reflects the exceptional efforts of our staff, pupils and parents. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school's success.

Sports Competitions: Our pupils have been actively participating in sports competitions, showcasing their talents and sportsmanship. We are immensely proud of their achievements and look forward to more exciting sports events in the future. Our SEND pupils took part in a swimming event and came 2nd out of 6 schools. We played a friendly football match with a local primary school and won 6-1 to us! Some of our pupils enjoyed a wonderful day at Eton College taking part in fencing.

<https://khalsaprimarieschool.com/>

October 2023

Our New House Points: A House Points System has been launched and you will find more information about this further down the newsletter.

Parent Partnership: I hope you found the parent welcome meetings informative, and we are pleased to inform you that the slide shows have been saved on Class Dojo for your reference. As we continue to develop our partnership, we kindly request that you take note of the upcoming parent assemblies which will be shared with you after half term. During these assemblies, you will have the opportunity to watch your child and their class perform and showcase some of their learning achievements. These events offer a fantastic insight into the progress and talents of our pupils, and we believe they are a valuable way for parents to engage in their child's educational journey.

Bandi Chorr Event: SSST have organised a wonderful Bandi Chorr Event to take place on the 12th November. Due to the late finishing time of this event, we will be opening our school in the morning at the later time of 10am on Monday 13th November. Please see the poster for this event in the newsletter.

On behalf of our staff and trustees, I hope you have a wonderful Bandi Chorr celebration in advance, filled with joy and togetherness. For those celebrating Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Gurburab, we extend our warmest wishes as well.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a successful and productive second half term.

Warm regards,
Pavin Dhaliwal



Nursery

Magnificent Motor Skills

We have been busy learning through play, especially with lots of opportunities to develop our gross motor skills. We have learnt how to climb up our climbing frame independently and are starting to look carefully to check for space when we ride our vehicles. Balancing the blocks, to create big towers helps to develop our physical strength and balancing skills, while also building our teamwork skills.



Peek-a-boo

One of our favourite games to play in Nursery is hide and seek! We have found a surprisingly large number of hiding spots outside, which keeps the game fun and interesting. This game helps us to learn how to count up to 10, how to use our eyes to seek and how to wait patiently and quietly until we are found!



COOL Time – Choose Our Own Learning

We aim to foster your child's independence, so every day the children have extended periods of 'COOL Time' – Choose Our Own Learning Time. This is a chance for them to explore their classroom and outside area, interact with friends and challenge themselves. Having rich provisions in the environment ensures that independent learning opportunities are abundant!

Reception

Exploring our school environment

This Autumn one term, we have been settling in in Reception and getting to know our environment. One of our favourite activities is going for walks. We have this forest where we get to see lots of trees and even think we are somewhere else! We get to know that some trees have thorns and others are evergreen.



It's Black History month

We celebrated Black History month by learning about Oprah Winfrey, a multi billionaire from United States of America. Her resilience to life helped us to work hard and try our best in everything. We learnt that she was a great tv presenter with a successful tv show. We were inspired by her confidence and we pretended to be her as a tv presenter in her show.



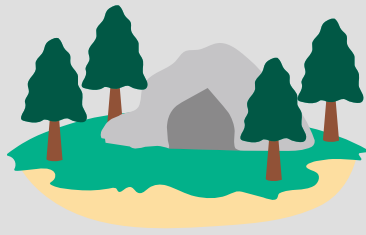
Being Safe

We went for a walk around the school and we spoke about how to stay safe when out and about with our parents. We learnt how to cross the road on a zebra crossing and why we need to look twice before crossing the road. We also spoke about the different road signs and their meanings.

Year 1

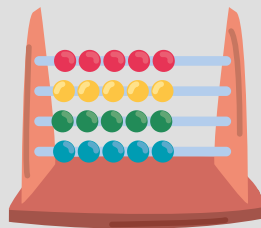
English

Children have enjoyed reading their first book in year 1, 'Cave baby' by Julia Donaldson. The children began by sharing some experiences of times when they had done 'naughty' things like the baby in cave baby. Children explored the text looking at the various animals and joining in as the text is read e.g. 'sabre-toothed tiger'. They used puppets to retell the story and explored the features of a sentence. Lastly, they created their own captions to retell the story.



Mathmicians

In Maths, children have been focusing on place value and looking at numbers within 10. Children use manipulatives like cubes and ten frames to count forwards and backwards within 10. Once they have mastered this, then they challenge each other and start counting forwards and backwards from any given number within 10.



MAKAN the Moose!

Children in year 1 have been introduced to the class mascot, 'Makan' the moose in Rainbird and 'Rex' the dinosaur in Flamingo. Children get to take Makan and Rex home every Friday and bring them back on Mondays. They take Makan and Rex's diary home for the weekend and write about all the adventures they have with the class mascots.



Year 2

Visit from HSBC

This month we have had the pleasure of receiving a workshop from HSBC bank. Children were introduced to financial literacy and learnt about the importance of saving money at a young age. The children were intrigued by this and highly enjoyed discussing how they can save money to buy more toys! We look forward to seeing if children have applied these skills in the near future.



Reading club

We would like to thank all the parents and guardians that attended the first reading club in year 2. We had an amazing turn out and we want to emphasise on the importance of getting involved in reading with your children. Children love to read with their parents and always look forward to this part of the week.



Exploring Jazz Music

To celebrate Black History month, we explored different types of music and focused on a very famous Jazz musician, Louis Armstrong. Children had lots of fun singing along with 'What a wonderful world' which was one of the most popular songs that he composed. We looked at the similarities and differences between other genres of music and it was interesting to see how children compared Jazz to music they listen to.

Year 3

Circus Skills workshop

We started off the year with a fantastic circus skills workshop! The children learnt a variety of skills including juggling, balancing, twisting, turning & flipping. This valuable workshop provided a fantastic opportunity for children to visualize what a circus may be like and has helped them in their writing.



PE

The children have thoroughly enjoyed two PE lessons a week! They have been focusing on simple skills: listening, attention, following simple instructions. We have also been focusing on a 'Fitness' topic where they have learnt movements that will help them in strength, agility, speed and balance. They have taken part in simple drills that include sprinting, throwing, passing & stretching.



Scientists

In Science we have been learning about Scientific enquiry. We have conducted a range of investigations to learn how to pose a question, make predictions, write method, record data and write a conclusion.



Year 4

Windsor Castle Trip

We had such an amazing trip to Windsor Castle in Year 4! We learnt a great deal about our local area and made some great links with our Geography topic about changes to our environment. We got to see so much and learnt lots of history about the castle too. We also had a great workshop where we even got to dress up as kings and queens!



Science Experiment

Our science topic is about where all our food goes – the digestive system. We set up an exciting experiment to investigate the effect different liquids have on our teeth.



Script writing

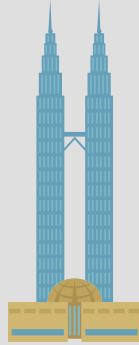
This term, we have been writing our very own scripts for the BBC because the Director General wrote to us asking us to write a script for him! We have been learning how to convert the text 'Tar Beach' into a script about the main characters – Cassie and her brother BeBe who imagine they are free and can fly!



Year 5

Role Play – Hook for English lesson

This term, we read 'The man who walked between the towers. The children have learnt a lot about the highly skilled aerialist, called Philippe Petit. As an introduction to the topic, the children had the opportunity to perform as a tightrope walker and talk about their experience. The children had so much fun trying different strategies to balance themselves.



Science experiment

The children had the opportunities to carry out various experiments in Science lessons. Our topic of friction lends it to a variety of experiments. In this photo, children investigated the effect of water resistance on the shape of an object. We discovered that streamlined shapes move easier through water than shapes that are not streamlined.



Music

In Year 5, the children started the year learning how to play the trumpet! Mrs Stoker has been well-impressed with the children's progress and said quite early on, they managed the skill on knowing how to blow, which can be quite a challenge for children this age. We are looking forward to the day when they're ready to perform in front of the parents!



Year 6

As part of our British Values and democracy, elections were held to democratically choose- Head boy/girl, Deputy Head Boy/ Head girl. Year 6 children partook in this process and presented their manifestos in school assembly. The whole school voted for the best candidates to represent them this year. We are delighted to announce our Head Boy is Gurdit Seera, Deputy Head Boy is Hukam Singh, Head Girl is Tanreet Mundi and our Deputy Head Girl is Pavan Gandham. A big well done to all who took part, we were so proud of how you represented and delivered your ideas.



Spectacular Sports!

So many sporting events were attended by representatives from Y6 this half term. We had orienteering, Tag rugby, Girls' and boys' football at different venues within the borough.

The children have shown great resilience and have represented the school really well. So proud of our super stars!!



RUGBY

Cooking at KPS



Year 4 baking shortbread!

This term, Year 4 have been baking shortbread biscuits. We mixed all our ingredients together – flour, butter and sugar. Then we kneaded the dough and once that was done, we rolled it out. After that, we separated it out into individual biscuits and baked it! We couldn't wait to try them with our families!



Y3 Heron

We have been making pasta salad! We have learnt how to use a knife and practiced our chopping skills. We made sure to have our fingers in a 'claw' so we are safe when chopping. In our pasta salad, we had pasta, cucumber, coriander, spring onion, sweetcorn, mixed bean salad and a drizzle of vegan Caesar dressing! It tasted absolutely delicious and we enjoyed our first cooking lesson of Year 3!

Year 6 cooking Gnocci!

Our Y6 Italian food chefs were at work making Gnocci this half term. These Italian potato dumplings were easy to make and are a versatile addition to the children's culinary skills.



Year 5 Bakers!

In Year 5 we've been baking some bread! Firstly, we had to take notice of our 'method' and read our instructions carefully and know that you need to follow it closely. We also watched a video to show us how to knead bread and that was something amazing to know why it's important. We then had to get our bread in shape and put it in the pre-heated oven! We all were stunned about how it came out! Some of us couldn't wait to go home and have it with some jam!



Physical Education



KS1 Fitness

Children in KS1 have been taking part in Fitness and Fundamental skill PE lessons. We have been learning new balances, jumps and exercises as well as taking part in lots of running to keep ourselves fit and healthy.



KS2 P.E.

In KS2 we have taking part in football lessons for PE. We have been practicing passing skills, dribbling skills and learning about the different positions we can play in on the football pitch.

We have also played our first boys football match which we won 6 – 1 against Willow Primary School.



KS1 Fencing!

Our Y2 children were selected to take part in a Fencing event at Athena Sports Centre, Eton College! This was a fun festival with fencing skill based stations for school teams to participate in and take part in friendly competition.



Bikeability

Year 6 have been taking part in Bikeability. The Bikeability course aims to improve rider's skills and confidence for cycling in smaller roads and simple junctions without too much traffic. It prepares riders for cycling on larger and busier roads and more complicated junctions! The Children really enjoyed participating in this course and will take these skills with them throughout.



Panathalon Swim Event

A group of children were invited to a swim event at Eton College! The children took part in Gala races, raft swimming and had lots of fun playing games in the wonderful state of the art swim complex at Eton.



Sikh Studies



Children from 3 Shelduck were given a unique opportunity to have a sneak peek into some new books that have been kindly donated to the School Library.

Here are the full range of new Sikhi books from Khalis House Publishing that the children will be able to take out from the School Library after half term. The different books are suitable for KS1 & KS2.



Puppets introduced in KS1

To help children with making Sikh Studies more fun, we have introduced puppets for children to learn how to speak to visitors who are curious about Sikh Studies and want to know about the topic they are learning.

A puppet called Joe came to Year 2 to ask the children about Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The children gave answers from what they had learnt in Sikh Studies.



Panjabi

Learning sounds of Panjabi letters!

In Reception children have been learning sounds of letters from the first set. To keep us on our toes we have been using a variety of resources such as magnetic letters and flash cards. Children also started learning counting up to ten in Panjabi through a number poem.



Learning Panjabi letters

In Year 1 we have been learning the first two sets of letters from the Panjabi alphabet and their corresponding sounds. To consolidate our learning children have been practicing on the white board and in their books as well. The children have also been joining two letters together and blending the sounds.




Different fruits and vegetables

In year 4 for speaking and listening our topic for this term is 'different foods'. We have been learning how to say their quantities in Panjabi. This term children have been learning names of different fruits and vegetables and relating this to different colours. To show their learning children have made posters about different fruits.

Bandi Chor Diwas



BANDI CHORR CELEBRATIONS

a family fun day for all

Sunday 12th November at Khalsa Primary School Slough

2pm Gates open for family **Fun Fair** and inflatables (2pm to 4pm rides will be half price)

4pm to 5pm Kirtan by Khalsa Primary School
5pm to 6pm Kirtan by Pioneer Secondary Academy
6pm Reharas Sahib
6.30pm Kirtan Katha in Panjabi and English by Bhai Vijay Singh
8pm Professional Fireworks Display
9pm Fun Fair closes

Exhibition & candle-lit vigil by Sikh Relief for Bandi Singhs (Sikh Political Prisoners)

Tea, pakore and langar will be served

For details & stall enquiries: Onkar Singh 0773 7749556







Professional fireworks display thanks to seva done free of charge by pyroworx.co.uk



Book Fair

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO the BOOK FAIR!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

Date: **7-13 November 2023**

Scan the QR code to pay online!



Goodbye – All the Best!



Important dates

Diary Dates		
Monday	30/10/2023	Flu Immunisations (Rec-Y6)
Tuesday	31/10/2023	Individual/Sibling Photos
Tues - Mon	7/11 to 13/11/2023	Book Fair
Wednesday	08/11/2023	Rec Open Day (16:00-17:00)
Friday	24/11/2023	Super Citizen Assembly
Monday	27/11/2023	Inset Day
Wednesday	06/12/2023	Aladdin Panto
Monday	11/12/2023	Rewards Assembly
Friday	15/12/2023	Super Citizen Assembly

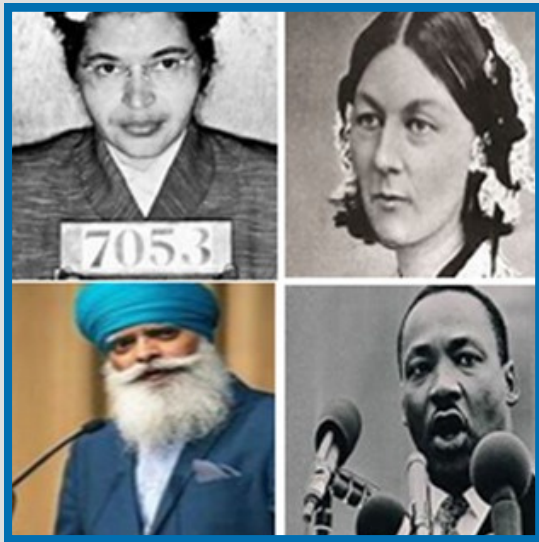
We say goodbye to Mrs Manjot Jheeta, who is relocating to Birmingham. We're sad to see you go, but also excited for the new opportunities that lie ahead for you! Your impact and legacy will remain with us even after you leave. Wishing you all the best in your new endeavors!

Houses and house points

Our return to school after October half term sees the exciting launch of our brand new House Points System.

HOUSE POINTS

There will be four houses in the school:



Singh – Ravi Singh, Humanitarian and founder of Sikh International non-profit organisation Khalsa Aid.

Nightingale – Florence Nightingale, Social reformer, statistician and the founder of modern nursing.

Parks – Rosa Parks, American Activist in the civil rights movement known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

King – Martin Luther King, Activist and Political philosopher who was one of the most prominent leaders in history.

These House names were discussed by staff and the Pupil Parliament through a democratic process and reflect our KHALSA values here at the school.

House Points can be earned in various ways, including: Showing positive behaviours around the school, contributing to the local community, demonstrating the Khalsa values and having high attendance.

In addition to this, House Group Competitions will take place throughout the year to allow children to display and learn new talents and skills and collaborate with other Year Groups.

At the end of each half term, the House Points will be added up and rewards given to the winning House Group. At the end of the school year, the winning House Group will receive the Khalsa House Cup and take part in a House Group Festival.

A huge thank you to the PTA who have agreed to fund the House Points collector and tokens from some of the money raised last year – thank you to everyone who contributed!



Outstanding!!

We have Good News for the School and Community!! Khalsa Primary School has been rated as '**OUTSTANDING**' by Ofsted. Khalsa Primary School's staff are amazing and we are humbled and grateful for Wahegurus Ji's Blessings!



The Parliament

Pupil Parliament

Some of our school pupil parliament had a fantastic day visiting the Houses of Parliament. They went on an informative tour and then learnt more about the structure of the parliament.




Macmillan Cancer Support!

Khalsa Primary School raised funds for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of those who we have lost and those who continue to fight the battle.



YOU ARE STRONG
YOU ARE SPECIAL
YOU ARE AWESOME
YOU ARE TOUGH
YOU ARE LOVED
YOU ARE NOT ALONE
YOU ARE SUPPORTED
YOU ARE WORTH IT
YOU ARE AMAZING
YOU ARE BRAVE
YOU ARE COURAGEOUS
YOU ARE A FIGHTER

SUPPORTING THE
FIGHTERS
ADMIRING THE
SURVIVORS
HONORING THE
TAKEN
AND NEVER, EVER GIVING UP
HOPE 

How can I...?



I have no interest in social media but my children do. How can I learn more?

Social media in particular is a fast-moving area with new apps coming out all the time. You don't need to keep updated with all the apps out there, but you do need to be aware of the ones your children are using. See the link for more advice about safe use, benefits, concerns and much more!



Please click on this graphic image and it will take you to the link.

I have no interest in gaming but my son is never off Fortnite. I would like to learn more so that I can be more aware, how can I do this?

Gaming is hugely popular and for many children it is a primary way of socialising and staying in touch with their friends. But it comes with risks, so it's good to increase your knowledge which you can do from the link.



Please click on this graphic image and it will take you to the link.

SNIPPETS



Tik Tok have been making a lot of good changes over the last few months as well as creating guides for users and their parents or caregivers. All of these changes are detailed on their Safety Centre. <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-gb/>

There is also a comprehensive Tik Tok guide for parents on the Internet Matters website which you can find on this link.



Please click on this link graphic image and it will take you to the link.



Online Safety

Online life and offline life is just life

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

Please visit the NSPCC link to learn how to keep your child safe online. Click on this graphic and it will take you to the link.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Safeguarding Information

Khalsa Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.



Mrs Pavin Dhaliwal
Designated Safeguarding
Lead



School Office: 01753 823501
safeguarding@kpsslough.com



Mrs Gursharan Dosanjh
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding is EVERYONE's responsibility.

Any concerns relating to safeguarding children must be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at the earliest possible opportunity.



Mr John Jones
Safeguarding Trustee

Lado: Tel: 01753 690906/ 07927 681858

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We are committed to keep all children safe at all times.



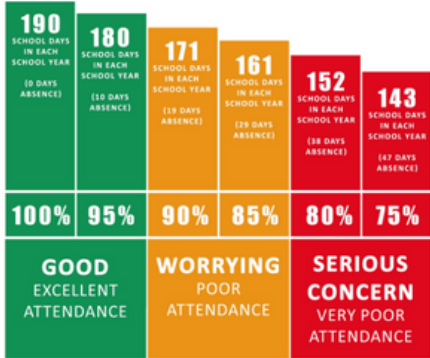
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**Kindness, Honesty, Achievement, Love,
Service, Aspiration**

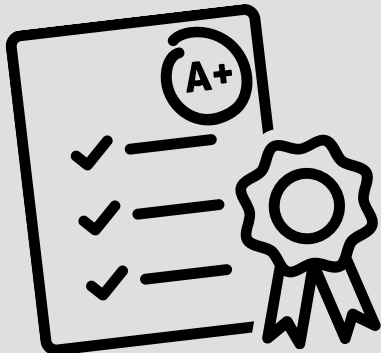
Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE EDUCATION YOU DESERVE!



Attendance for 06/09/23 - 20/10/23

Autumn 1

Group	% Attend
5 Raven	97.9
4 Kite	97.6
1 Flamingo	97.6
4 Crane	97.5
2 Sparrow	97.5
2 Partridge	96.8
3 Heron	96.7
3 Shelduck	96.5
R Parrot	96.4
1 Rainbird	95.9
5 Crow	95.7
R Duck	94.4
6 Hawk	93.8
6 Falcon	93.2
AM Peacock	89.1
PM Peacock	88.2



Well done to 5 Raven with 97.9% attendance!



Term Dates

AUTUMN

INSET DAY: Mon 4th Sept 2023

INSET DAY: Tues 5th Sept 2023

Term starts: Wed 6th Sept 2023

INSET DAY: Fri 6th Oct 2023

Term ends: Fri 20th Oct 2023

Half Term:

Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct 2023

Term starts: Mon 30th Oct 2023

INSET DAY: Mon 27th Nov 2023

Term ends: Fri 15th Dec 2023

SPRING

Bank Holiday: Mon 4th Jan 2024

Term starts: Thu 4th Jan 2024

Term Ends: Fri 9th Feb 2024

Half Term:

Mon 12 Feb to Fri 16th Feb 2024

Term starts: Mon 19th Feb 2024

Term ends: Thu 28th Mar 2024

SUMMER

Term starts: Mon 15 April 2024

Bank Holiday Mon 6th May 2024

Term ends: Fri 24th May 2024

Half Term:

Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May 2024

Term starts Mon 3rd Jun 2024

INSET DAY: Fri 28th Jun 2024

Term ends: Fri 19th July 2024