



Khalsa Primary School

SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER



Message from Mrs Dhaliwal - Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking those of you who I met during the Parent Consultation Meetings and Wellbeing Coffee Morning session. It was a great joy catching up with you and getting to know you better. Some of you mentioned how you would like to support your children with their learning and would like more information on how to get more involved. This is an area which I will be working on with our team and in the new academic year we will invite you in for a curriculum information evening where parental guidance will be shared with you to support your involvement in every aspect of the curriculum.

The partnership between home and school is a huge asset which I value and believe to be the integral part of developing our children; I hope to continue to take this from strength to strength.

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March 2023

As we continue our journey to excellence, the senior leadership team have been working hard to identify what we can do better to support our pupils to make outstanding progress towards their goals. We have been working collectively to ensure that the curriculum is broad, balanced, challenging and meets the needs of the pupils.

You would have also noticed a whole new set of after-school clubs which have been launched for our pupils. We hope to build on our curriculum offer through continuously reviewing our provision and reflecting on what we can do better.

More recently, I have worked with our pupils and staff in further developing our school Values which I would like to share with you: Kindness, Honesty, Achievement, Love, Service, Aspiration

Ensuring our whole school community really understands our values will be an area we will continue to work on. Learning around these will be taking place throughout the curriculum and also during our whole school assemblies.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and join me in applauding our pupils and their achievements. One particular achievement is that of one of year 6 pupil- Kaiyan Bassi who took part in Sri Hemkunt Foundation symposium speech competition and came first! He and his family are now invited to go to New York to compete at an international level. Already meeting our school values of 'achievement' and true aspirational thinking! Another pupil to mention is Ekam Singh in Y5 that took part in a boxing tournament. Our pupils are truly the jewels of this amazing school!

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

Mrs Dhaliwal

Learning inside and
outside the classroom

PAINTING AND HYGIENE IN NURSERY



Nursery learnt about personal hygiene and how to look after their teeth and the importance of washing our hands, covering our mouth when we cough, having a regular bath or shower and brushing our teeth. As a class, we have been talking about what our teeth do and why we need to keep them healthy. Children have been using a model set of teeth to practise how to brush their teeth correctly. To encourage children to brush every day, we have a brushing chart that they do everyday in class.

Reception

In Reception, we have been learning about Monsters. We started off by reading an adjective packed story 'The Gruffalo'. It was so much fun learning it through a story map. We used actions and different voices for the characters and made our own changes to the story. This is a fun and interesting way to learn and write as children find it easier once the story has been internalised. Being at Black Park with our trip, helped us make connections to our topic 'Monsters'. For example, we could see 'log pile houses', the lake, and 'tree top houses' as in the Gruffalo story. We even spotted fossils, such as 'dinosaur footprints' and 'dinosaur poo!'.

We loved it!



Finally, we made 'gruffalo paws' using shredded wheat mixed in melted dark chocolate and white chocolate for the claws. We also wandered in the deep dark wood and children wondered if he was able to get back to where he came from and this is how we ended up doing maps! We produced some fantastic maps of our journeys from home to school.

Learning inside the
classroom

COOKING AND COMPUTING IN YEAR 1



Year 1 learnt all about the beginning of Lent and Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day). We discovered that we celebrate Pancake Day because we are getting rid of all the sweet things at home before the beginning of Lent. We make pancakes as the last time to have special treats before the beginning of Lent when we have to give up something really special to us.

In ICT, we started our work with Purple Mash and we had lots of fun! We also learnt about algorithms and that it basically is just an instruction we had to follow! That was easy!

Year 2

This term Year 2 children have been fortunate enough to learn how to dance from professional dance students. Children have been getting fit by learning different dance moves every week and they have learnt how they can even stay fit at home by learning these dance moves. We hope our year 2's can impress you with their wonderful moves!

Sharing experiences is important



In RE this term, we learnt about praying and Islam. We really enjoyed discovering the similarities between the different religions and how people in all religions pray. Learning about Islam and praying was really a WOW moment for our year group because our own friends and peers brought in their prayer mats and showed us how they pray at home with their parents. We were very grateful to be taught by our friends and our 'mini teachers' were very good at explaining their religion to us. Thank you to our peers to teaching and learning!

A common goal in Y3

ST PAULS AND GARDENING



Year 3 put their questioning hats on when they visited St Pauls before Easter. What a fantastic morning we had at St. Paul's Church! We settled in and learnt all about the Easter story and why it is important to Christians. We also had the opportunity to role play some parts of the story and take part in an egg and spoon race! The volunteers were very friendly and as we left we were overjoyed when they gifted us with chocolate Easter eggs.

The children have been learning so much about gardening and sustainable living. This term, they learnt to prepare the raised bed and sow flower bulbs and seeds (sunflower, sweet pea, red lettuce). The children are beginning to take responsibility for their plants and also learning to maintain a garden (flower and kitchen garden).

Fun in Year 4

We have been learning how to play the recorder this term and have learnt so many fantastic skills. It is such a fascinating instrument to play and we have learnt quite a few new songs. We have also have been learning about Ancient Greece and tried some lovely recipes.

In ICT, we learnt how to search the Internet! Did you know that you can just ask Google a question and it will return the answer! That's amazing! We also found out that you can ask Google any calculation and the answer will be right there! Like the rest of the school, we also have our very own Purple Mash logins and can do work at home too!



Year 5

To blow your own trumpet in Y5!



Year five have begun to learn how to play the trumpet. The children began by learning breath control and change of embouchure (mouth shape) when blowing through a mouth piece. Great start, year 5!

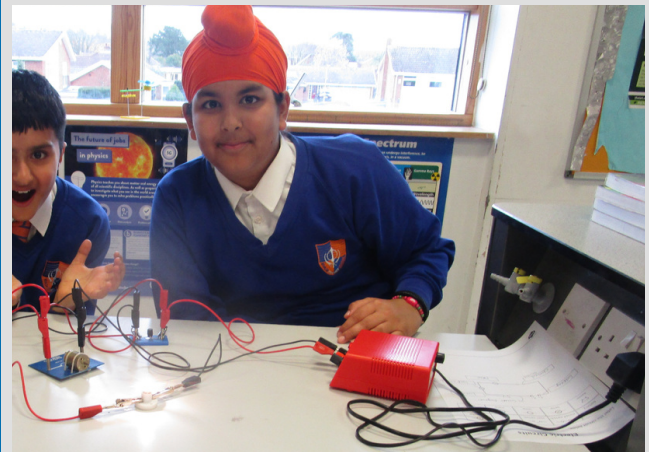


We were very lucky to have some GSCE children from PSA join Year 5 to conduct a super exciting sports activity day! The children from PSA had different sport stations and the children got to take part in a variety of activities such as Rugby, Netball, Tug of War and Dodgeball. It helped the Y5 classes learn to work better as a team and also gave them an insight of the types of sports they could be enjoying in just a few years time! We were so grateful to the staff and children at PSA for giving us such a fun filled day!

Revolting recipes in Y6!



World Book Day 2023 was celebrated at KPS, the year 6's and the teachers thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters and making revolting sandwiches based on Roald Dahl's Revolting cookery book.



We were very lucky to have the opportunity to visit Wexham Secondary School this term and learn more about how science is led in KS3 using hands on experiments. We experimented with how different chemicals react with water for example magnesium, potassium and discussed about different elements in the periodic table; using electrical components we were able to create series circuit and learnt about buzzers and motors; finally, we worked on understanding how our nerves use signal for reaction time when our eyes are closed!

Makaton

Signing is fun!

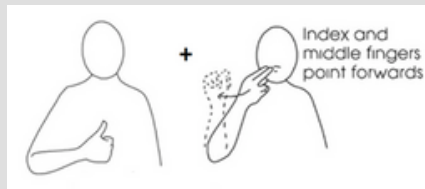
At Khalsa Primary School we are embracing Makaton signs as a way of communicating with all children. It promotes the use of sounds and words in conjunction with signs and is beneficial to all children, supporting the development of listening, social skills, fine motor, reading, spelling, friendships and confidence. This means that when we are talking we try to use signs to 'highlight' the most important words in a sentence. We as a school are supporting one another to use Makaton more frequently and be more confident with its use. We would like you as parents to join us. Please click the graphic link to view more information.



Thank you



Please



Good Morning

Good Afternoon



Speech!
Speech!
Speech!

Akaalveer took part in a speech competition. He had to deliver a speech in English for a whole six minutes! Well done, Akaalveer!

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.



**Please keep our children safe
+ Warn them about the
Tik-Tok challenges
and check that they
don't take part - or registered
on Tik-Tok.**

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Safeguarding Team

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



Mrs Pavin Dhaliwal
Designated Safeguarding Lead



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Mrs Gursharan Dosanjh
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

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



Mrs Jatinder Matharu
Director of Safeguarding and Wellbeing

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Mr John Jones
Safeguarding Trustee

Lado: Tel: 01753 690906/ 07927 681858

Any concerns relating to Safeguarding Children must be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at the earliest possible opportunity. Safeguarding Trustee can be contacted via the school on **01753 823501** or **safeguarding@kpsslough.com**

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

The truth may hurt for a little while, but a lie hurts forever.



Truth & Lies Quotes via Gecko & Fly

Our school values:
Kindness, Honesty, Achievement, Love, Service, Aspiration

Attendance



Group	% Attend
5 Crow	95.5
3 Shelduck	95.4
2 Partridge	95.4
4 Kite	94.3
6 Falcon	93.8
3 Heron	93.3
4 Crane	93
PM Peacock	92.9
1 Rainbird	92.8
6 Hawk	92.3
5 Raven	92.2
R Parrot	92
R Duck	91.3
1 Flamingo	91.2
2 Sparrow	90.1
AM Peacock	85.8



**Well done to
5 Crow
with 95.5%
attendance!**

Term Dates

Summer Term 2023

Term begins: Monday 17th April

Bank Holiday 1st May

Term ends: Friday 26th May

Half Term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Term begins: Tuesday 6th June

Term ends: Wednesday 19th July

(20th & 21st July are inset days).