



Khalsa Primary School

SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER



Message from Mrs Dhaliwal - Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer 1 has been a busy yet wonderful half term. The year 6 and Year 2 pupils have now come to the end of their formal assessments and I would like to congratulate them on their hard work and perseverance. A big thank you also goes out to our teachers in these classes: Mrs Nanda, Mrs Sharma, Miss Kaur and Mrs Birring who have worked hard to support our pupils to excel in these assessments.

The King's Coronation was celebrated in full glory by the whole community here at Khalsa Primary and I would like to extend my gratitude to the PTA, Miss Sharma and Miss Chahal who did an incredible job in making it a memorable day for our pupils. The pupils enjoyed a range of activities ranging from a magic show, pantomime, special assembly and a royal banquet and I loved watching them move around the school excitedly in their glamorous outfits.

May 2023

We are also pleased to announce that we have increased our club offer to our pupils. We will be introducing coding to the growing list of clubs. This club will be provided by an external provider and will support our pupils to grow in their computing skills.

We are awaiting confirmation, but will also be launching the Duke of Edinburgh Junior award in the new academic year, which will be really exciting opportunity for our pupils.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please can I remind you that our pupils are welcome to come to school in their summer uniform and to ensure they are using sun block and drinking plenty of water.

Wishing you a great half term and I look forward to seeing you again after the holidays.

Kind regards,
Mrs P Dhaliwal



Learning inside and outside the classroom

GROWING AND SOWING IN EARLY YEARS

Nursery children have been looking at the topic of Growing. We have been reading the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar in class and learnt how to retell the story.



Children have been planting seeds as part of the topic of Growing. Our children have been talking about how they planted their seeds and what they used to plant their seeds. They spoke about the importance of how to look after the environment and different ways to do it such as watering the plants and to plant even more plants.



Reception



We had so much fun!

We are having so much fun being scientist, learning about 'Growth'. This has made us curious. We now know that animals and plants need food and water to grow. We planted seeds. It has been magical to observe the changes. We can't wait to see the caterpillars growing in our classrooms change into beautiful butterflies!

We enjoyed making fruit kebabs inspired by our story 'The very hungry caterpillar'. We used different types of fruit to put onto our skewers, such as apples, bananas, oranges, strawberries, grapes and pineapples. This helped encourage us to make more healthy choices when eating in school and at home. Yummy!

Learning inside the classroom

COOKING AND PLANTING IN Y1

In our Food Technology session this half term, we made biscuits! This was a simple three-ingredient recipe with just flour, butter and sugar. We cut biscuits into shapes and then finally decorated them with red, white and blue icing to celebrate the King's Coronation.

In Science, we have been learning all about plants and their different parts. We started by looking carefully at some real plants and worked in groups to identify the roots, stem, leaves, and flower/petals. We have also planted our own bean seeds and some of them have grown taller than us already! We are going to plant them in our garden area and hope to harvest some beans from them in the summer.



Year 2

This term in Year 2, we had the privilege of visiting Kew Gardens. We started the day by having a workshop on amazing plants. We learnt some wonderful things and then we went off to explore the beautiful Gardens. What a fantastic day we had!



Healthy and happy



This term we had a brilliant time making our very own sandwiches! After choosing our own fillings for our sandwiches we made these in groups and had a picnic to enjoy the delightful treats that we made. We feel that we are now ready to help making some exciting and healthy sandwiches at home too!

Fit for a King!

BAKING AND ENGAGING

To celebrate the King's coronation, the children took part in many different events throughout the day. It was fantastic to see all the children dressed up in their fancy outfits and take part in a historical celebration. The children decorated their own biscuits with red, white or blue icing and yummy biscuits!



Year 3 have been busy baking Egyptian flatbread – 'saboob'. The children have used their previous knowledge to use scale, measuring jug, teaspoon and tablespoon to measure out their ingredients. We then got messy and used our hands to mix and knead the dough! When it was finished baking, we enjoyed it warm with melted butter. Delicious!

Making and creating in Y4

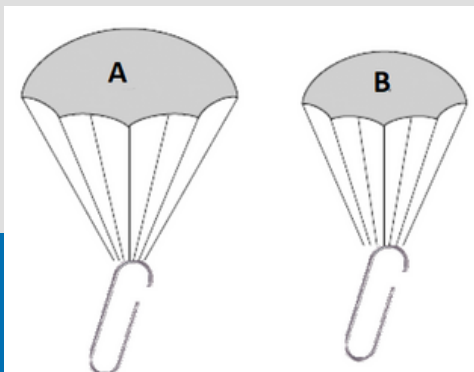
During our DT sessions, we created textured clay dragon eyes. Some of our children fashioned tiny scales with the clay. They worked hard to ensure they paid attention to detail – some even included small tear-shaped pieces. We really adored painting the eyes – a fire dragon with flame details or an ice dragon with icicles!

In food technology we made some absolutely delicious Turkish delight! This was such a great experience as it was something no one in the class had ever made! This delicious sweet links in with our class story we have been reading in English, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We really enjoyed making this, what a fantastic treat.





Due to the RHS's community sowing project, Y5s and Reception decided to work together as a small community. Children worked together and looked at seeds, provided for free by the RHS which is the Royal Horticultural Society. Children learnt from one another, they learnt how important it is to read the information on the seed package in order to know what season to plant it, how deep to plant it and what the space must be between the different seeds for the plants to have enough space to grow well. Y5s learnt how to have patience with Reception class children and how to show the school's values too.



In science, Y5's topic for this term was Forces. During our air resistance lesson, we investigated how the canopy size affects a parachute's rate of descent. They constructed 2 parachutes with different canopy areas and predicted and then measured how long they take to descend from a given height. Children found out that the larger the canopy, the greater the drag force - which is slowing the parachute. They also learnt that the drag force is opposite gravity.

King and SATs in Y6!

The coronation of Charles III took place on 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. To celebrate we dressed up as Kings and Queens on Friday 5th May. We had a wonderful day, the National Anthem was sung in the corridors, a special lunch with PTA entertainment, sandwiches and ice cream were enjoyed in our royal canteen. To top off the celebrations we had a magic show that was truly fantastic.

Y6 welcomed an NSPCC representative who came to school to talk about their latest programme for children aimed at raising awareness about all forms of abuse and how to recognise the signs to keep safe.

The children tackled SATs this term very well. They enjoyed a SATs breakfast to energise themselves before the tests.



Sikh Studies

This half term for Sikh Studies we have been learning about the 5 Ks and what they are. Children in KS1 have been shown the 5 Ks and one child has been dressed up in the 5 Ks to show how they are worn.

Also, a puppet called Joe and another called Cody have been introduced to pupils. This is so they can explain what the 5 Ks are to the puppet visitor. This is also for any other topics that children have been learning about to see how well they can explain it back to someone.



Online Safety

Here are some top tips for helping children stay safe online:

- 1) Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.
- 2) Manage the amount of time your child is online. Balance it with other activities that are away from a screen.
- 3) Check age restrictions before setting up any accounts/ apps for your children

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.

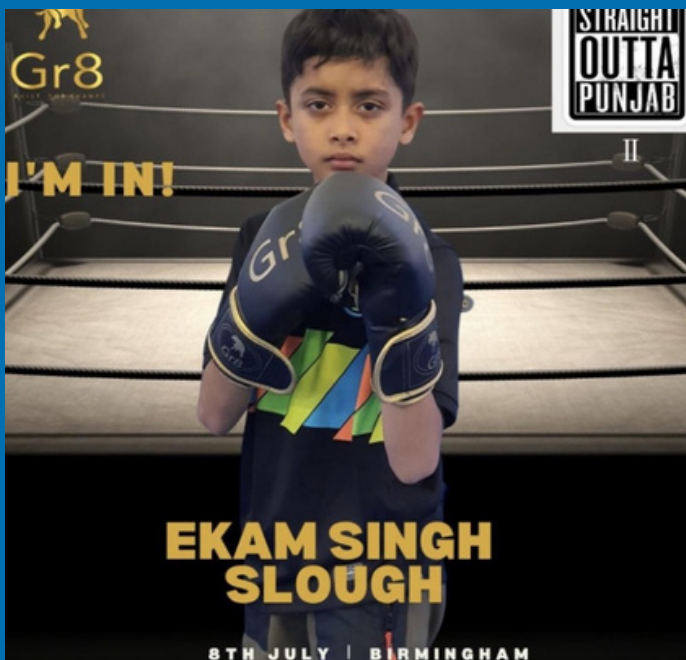


This term we delivered the NSPCC 'Speak out Stay safe' safeguarding workshops and assemblies to all our pupils.

Speak out Stay safe is a safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old.

Through this programme helped our children to understand:

- 1) Abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse.
- 2) That abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe.
- 3) Where to get help and the sources of help available to them.



Well done to Ekam Singh – Y5 – who made it to Birmingham on the 8th of July for another boxing tournament! Good Luck, Ekam!

Sports Day

It's all good fun
and games!

- **KS2 on Tuesday 13th June 2023**
- **KS1 and Reception on Wednesday 14th June 2023**

We would like to invite all parents to come and watch the children take part in activities from **10.00am to 12.00pm**. Thereafter, parents are invited to stay for a picnic from **12.00pm-13.15pm**. (Please note children will come to school at the normal time).

Parents of children in:

- Reception to Year 2 & Free School Meals – if you would like us to provide your child with a packed lunch (consisting of a cheese & cucumber sandwich, fruit and a carton of juice) please inform the school by **10.00am** on **Friday 9th June 2023** via email to office@kpsslough.com.
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – provide a packed lunch for your child whether you are staying for the picnic or not.
- **Reminder – no meat, eggs, nuts and chocolate. Please adhere to our healthy school food policy.**

Early finish

When the picnic has finished, children will return to their class for registration. If you wish to take your child home, please collect them at 13.30pm from the classroom door. Please note, if you have other siblings in the school they will need to remain at school until the end of the day.

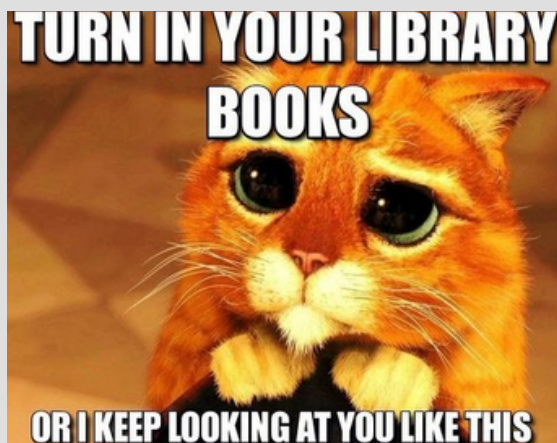
Children will need to wear a **plain** coloured t-shirt to represent their Khalsa family. Please confirm with your child's teacher if you are not aware which family your child is allocated to.

The Khalsa families are:

Climbing Sun Tiger Yellow	Fast Fin Dolphin Green	Ice Master Penguin Blue	Sky Glider Eagle Red
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All children will need their PE kit on the day including outdoor trainers, a water bottle and sun cream/sun hat in case the weather is warm, and let's hope it is!

We look forward to seeing you all and don't forget your running shoes for the parent's race!



Please
**Library: All books to be
returned after half term**

Clubs

This term, children from Reception to year Six have been enjoying a vast variety of clubs these include, Multi Sports, Construction, Archery, Spy club, Ninja Warrior club and Busy Bees club.

We have been extremely fortunate this term to have a yoga/mediation club which takes place every Wednesday during Breakfast club for the children to which they love being a part of as this is a positive way to start to their day.

Yoga/Mediation has positive effects on mental and physical well being, so therefore please do come along and join in.

Next term, these clubs will continue with a new additional club, Jam coding , which will start after half term.

Also , please remember to book online for any Club you wish your child to attend as we no longer accept cash. Therefore, online bookings for Clubs are the only way for a successful guaranteed placement for your child to attend a Club. Thank you for your. continuous support and understanding.

- Please contact the school office to see the Breakfast Club Bees register.



Our wonderful PTA – you helped to make the day for our children a memorable one!

We had such a fantastic celebration at our school to mark the coronation of King Charles III. Each class had their own independent activities for the day and we produced some amazing work. We also had a very special British lunch set out like our very own royal banquet and for dessert we had ice cream cones with sprinkles and sauce, yummy! The PTA were such a huge help and put on an amazing production for everyone to enjoy during our banquet.

We spent our afternoon decorating gingerbread biscuits with special red, blue and white British coloured icing with special sprinkles. What a treat. We were also lucky enough to have Saav, the magician, come into our school to perform magic for each class. It was safe to say everyone was completely mind-blown. We would like to thank all of our PTA members for all their help and support for putting on such a memorable day for everyone!

Thank you!



Martians and the future

Every year, students of Bristol University invite schools across the country to take part in their Mars Balloon Project.

This year, like a few years ago, we are taking part in this exciting science project. We have sent three experiments this time and these are from: Y6 Falcon, seeds; Y6 Hawk, ink of different colours and Y5 Raven, an elastic band. You can click on this graphic to find out more about this very exciting project!



This is what some of our pupils in Y6 say:
"It is such an amazing experience to be part of."
"Contributing to history and future knowledge about science is really exciting."

Children decorated the kinder capsules in which the experiments will go 30km above Earth into space! This is Y6 Falcon's - the King, Y6 Hawk (Sikh man) and Y5 Raven (Martian alien)



Book swap!

Does your child have a pile of books sitting in their room that they have already read?

Do you wish you had the opportunity to exchange them for more exciting reading materials at no cost to you?

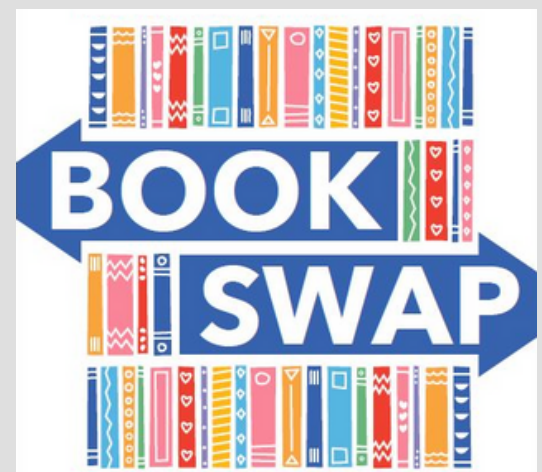
Well here is your opportunity!

Why not get involved with our school 'Book Swap Box'? The idea of the 'Book Swap' is very simple – children donate a book to the book swap box and then they can take a book of their choice in return. That's all there is to it.

If they love their new book they can keep it forever. If they don't want to keep it, they can swap it again once they have finished reading it.

Please look out for a letter with more information about book swap!

This is a project by our Head boy and Head girl: Kaiyan and Jeevika



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



School Office:
01753 823501
safeguarding@kpsslough.com



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**

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

Our school values:

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

IT TAKES COURAGE
TO BE KIND.

– MAYA ANGELOU

Attendance



Well done to
5 Crow for
achieving 97.8%
attendance in
the school!
Keep it up!

Group	% Attend
5 Crow	97.8
3 Shelduck	97.4
3 Heron	96.9
6 Falcon	96.8
2 Partridge	95.7
4 Kite	95.6
2 Sparrow	95.3
6 Hawk	95.1
5 Raven	95.1
1 Flamingo	94.3
R Duck	94.1
1 Rainbird	93.9
4 Crane	93.6
PM Peacock	92.7
R Parrot	92.4
AM Peacock	91.2



Important Dates

5th June 2023– School Inset Day

5th June 2023 – School closed for pupils

12th June– Phonics Screening begins

13th June– Sports Day KS2

14th June– Sports Day: Reception & Y 1

28th June– Y6 PGL Trip

7th July– Reports to parents

7th July– PTA Colour run event

13th July– Y6 Graduation Evening

4th July– Rewards Evening

19th July – last day for pupils