



Khalsa Primary School

SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER



Message from Mrs Dhaliwal - Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the love and kindness you have shown our whole school community here at Khalsa Primary school. We were overwhelmed with the food contributions for class parties and your generous gifts for the end of the year. I feel extremely privileged working alongside such a wonderful parent community, fabulous staff and our pupils.

Since starting my role as Headteacher in January, I have been particularly impressed with the dedication of staff and our parents and local partners in moving forwards with the development and success of key areas in our school. Some examples include the sports day event, graduation ceremony, rewards evening and the development of our assessment and curriculum.

<https://khalsaprimarieschool.com/>

July 2023

Plans to embrace innovative opportunities to enable our pupils to excel are very high on my agenda. Further refinement to the curriculum has taken place this academic year and we look forward to embedding these changes in September. We are also looking at using the PTA funding to buy our own set of virtual reality headsets to further enhance our curriculum offer.

Welcome letters and topic webs will be sent out to all parents in the new academic year. In September all parents will also be invited for a face-to-face welcome meeting so that you have an opportunity to meet the new class teacher, find out about what your child will be learning, access timetables and ask any questions which you may have for the year ahead.

Some of you may also be aware that we have recently just had Ofsted and I know you have been enquiring about the outcome of this report. Ofsted take up to 3 weeks to write up this report so this will be shared with you as soon as we receive it.

In the meantime, I would like to wish you all a safe and wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you and your pupils on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

Mrs Dhaliwal



Nursery

This term in Nursery we have been focusing on children to recognise numbers up to 10. Through different activities and games, our children have been learning to recognise and match numbers together. The children have been recognising numbers within their environment and are able to pronounce them in the correct way. Some of our children are beginning to recognise numbers over 10! Our Nursery children are beginning to recognise two-digit numbers and are able to tell which number comes first. Well done Nursery!



This term in Nursery we have also been looking at different farm animals as part of our story of what the lady bird heard. We looked at where farm animals live and what they eat. Children painted and drew some fantastic farm animals in their habitat and spoke about all the different animals.



The children in Nursery have also been looking at the topic of farm animals. We have been reading what the ladybird heard. They have loved playing in the small world area. The children enjoyed talking about the different parts of the story and using the puppets to retell the story from beginning to end. Our children were able to discuss and explain what would happen next in the story by using full sentences whilst talking. The Nursery children are able to order the story through pictures. Well done Nursery!

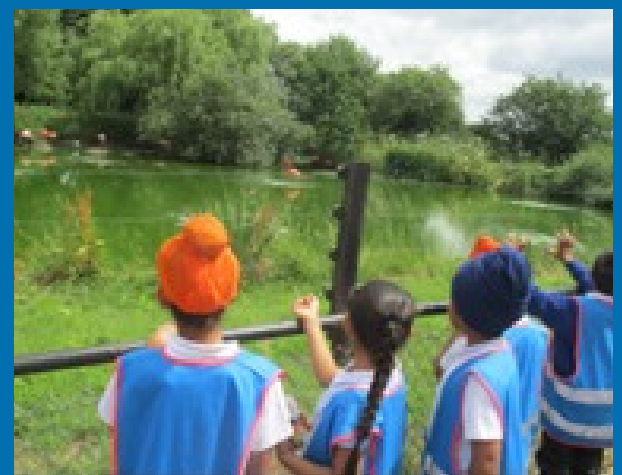
Reception

PLANTS AND MINIBEASTS

This term our allotment has been vibrant with daises growing so tall the children loved watering them. A range of minibeasts were spotted feasting on the flowers. We were happy to play our part of caring for nature.



Whipsnade Zoo – a date!



The children visited Whipsnade Zoo and were extremely enthusiastic to see all the animals. They were amazed by the beautiful flamingos and how they gracefully moved in their natural habitat.

Year 1

Carnival at Khalsa!



In our English lessons this term we have been learning the story of 'Julian is a Mermaid'. Julian loves dressing up as a mermaid and goes to a colourful carnival to celebrate with his Nana. To bring the story to life, we had a carnival at school where we danced to samba music and dressed up with vibrant fabrics. This helped us to imagine what it would really be like if we were at a famous festival like Rio Carnival.



Investigating at Iver Environment Centre!

To develop our skills as scientists, we travelled to Iver Environment Centre, which is a special outdoor learning hub. We learnt all about plants and how they are pollinated and we dissected some seeds.

Year 2

Gardening!

This term in Year 2 we have been busy taking care of our allotment area. We have enjoyed using the tools to take out the weeds and water the seeds. We have learnt a lot about plants this term, we can now label all the different parts of a plant.



At the beginning of this school year we asked children if they wanted to take part in meditation and learn the 'mool manthar'. Children have been practicing everyday to recite the mool manthar, they have done an amazing job learning their prayers, well done year 2! We continue with this good practice everyday which helps the children be calm and have positive mindsets!



Year 3

ETON MUSEUM TRIP

Year 3 have travelled back in time thousands of years ago to the banks of the Nile and have learnt all about the amazing people and places of Ancient Egypt. We learnt about many different Egyptian Gods and Goddesses including Ra, Osiris and Seth. For our school trip, we visited the Eton Museum of Antiquities and had the opportunity to see a range of different Egyptian artefacts, collection of paintings, sculptures and even a life-sized cartouche!



Year 3 was very excited to take part in Sports Day! We worked together as a team to complete many different relays and we showed sportsmanship by cheering each other on! Who know we have so many athletes in our year group – the skill, effort and teamwork was out of this world! In class, we have been discussing how important it is to stay healthy and active so this was the perfect opportunity for us to practice what we have been learning.



Fun in Year 4



This term we have learnt the importance of being a great citizen through our super text – Weslandia. We learnt the importance of a community and the great impact living in a sustainable manner can have on a community. We built our own shelters and explored how Wesley created Weslandia from a single plant that provided all his needs.



This term in Y4 , we had HSBC bank to come into our class and deliver a great workshop about Maths and banking. This was so interesting and we learnt some great life skills about credit cards, debit cards, fraud, gift cards and identities. This was fantastic and we learnt so much. A great opportunity with life long lessons that can be used in our childrens future!



Year 5

Cooking and healthy food

In Year 5, we have been making fruit salad and didn't know that there was so much to learn by making something simple as fruit salad! We have been learning about certain knives and how to use them. We now know that a chef's knife, which is really sharp, is needed to slice a water melon and that sharp vegetable knives are needed to cut harder fruit like apples. After our fruit salad session, we went outside and enjoy it all with ice cream! Some of us never had fruit salad before! What an amazing day this was for us all!



Year 6



What an amazing few weeks for Year 6's. PGL was the most memorable experience ever. This was the first time many of the children had been away from their parents. They made sure the teachers didn't get any sleep, patrolling rooms and catching spiders was on their night time duty list. The children had such a fantastic time abseiling, rock climbing, zip wiring, rifle shooting, raft building and getting completely soaked as part of that. Beautiful memories made with dear friends and teachers. To top it off on 7th July we had our first ever PTA colour run. KPS is really the best! Year 6 have really enjoyed taking part in their Production, which was a great success!



Year 5 Swimming



This term Y5 have had the amazing opportunity to attend Swimming Lessons at the Centre in Slough. It has been a great chance for both classes to build on their already existing skills and a chance for those who have not been swimming to give it a go! The lessons each week were split into three groups and each group was able to work on their particular areas of development. It was great to see the children who had not been swimming, or those who were less confident, getting more comfortable in the water each week. Some of us were even able to swim a distance by the end! It was so much fun. Children learned different strokes, practiced their diving skills and now know what to do if they were struggling in the water. This was a great way to expose them to some personal survival skills. Year 5 children really enjoyed their swimming lessons

Events and Achievements



PTA Colour Run at KPS

Our amazing PTA does it again! Our PTA has created another wonderful experience our children will never forget. It was a day filled with fun, energy and lots of colours while our pupils took part in KPS first ever Sponsored Colour Run to help raise a massive amount of funds for the school. In fact, a record-breaking amount, early indications are that over £8000 has been raised, the most for a single event run single handily by the school PTA. All funds will go towards future events and resources for the pupils to use and enjoy. A massive thank you to our Chair of the PTA, Kam Bassi and his awesome team, you have done us so proud once again!

Snowdon Challenge



Dharam and Eisher and their siblings were climbing the biggest mountain in Wales, Snowdon, which was an incredible experience to overcome. At times, it was a gruelling task but the huge effort put in to get 1085 metres above sea level as worth it. They were treated with astounding views and it was the same time some healthy exercise! We are very proud that they completed this challenge and hope it will inspire other children to do the same.'



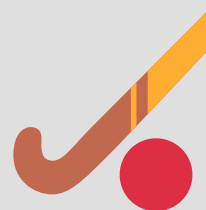
Well Done!

Gold for Jup in first Judo competition!

Jup won a gold medal in her first ever Judo competition, which took place at a school in Isleworth. She was up against more experienced and higher ranked fighters but that didn't phase her. We are so proud of you Jup and look forward to future successes!



Hockey



Well done to Ishveer and Viaan in Y5.

They play hockey on the weekends for Slough hockey club and were awarded a trophy & certificate for the category Under 10's. The Slough team also won a bronze medall in the county matches against other teams in Berkshire.



Well done!



Events and Achievements



Harkirat in Y3 took part in the annual Hemkunt Speech Contest and delivered a speech about Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Harkirat's speech scored the highest points which has allowed her to move on to the next level of the contest – travelling to New York City! This is an amazing achievement and Harkirat will be competing against children from all around the world including USA, Canada and Kenya! Good luck Harkirat – we are proud of you for representing Khalsa Primary School.



Pavan and Tanreet in Y5 joined the gymnastics club. Even during lockdown, Pavan was determined to practise her skills at home. She has learnt the art of balancing on a beam with one foot. Tanreet only joined the gymnastics club quite recently. Both attended a championship class and have received bronze medals for their routines

Graduation and Award Evenings

Students, parents and staff from the school came together to celebrate the achievements of pupils and staff for excelling in a subject area or hugely contributing to life at the school. It was a memorable evening and wonderful to hear our inspirational guest speakers Ravi Singh from Khalsa Aid and Amrit Singh Maan from Sky news. We applaud all our students for their exceptional academic performance and commitment to learning. Their determination and thirst for knowledge is truly inspiring. Well done to all!



We also had our annual graduation ceremony for our Y6 pupils – a milestone that is worthy of celebration.

We couldn't be more proud of all the hard work and dedication the pupils have put in during their time with us. They have not only gained knowledge but also valuable life skills, which will serve as a solid foundation as they embark on their next journey. Our message to the pupils was simply to remember, this is the start of a wonderful journey of learning and growth. Stay curious, stay passionate and continue to push yourself to reach new heights.

Always believe in yourself.

Physical Education

PE is fun!



This term a group of Year 4 students were lucky enough to attend a Tennis coaching session at Wexham School. The session was led by GCSE students and our children were given the opportunity to play tennis related games, matches and practice rallying drills.



Our Y6 children attended their Outdoor Adventure Residential trip this Summer. Children took part in all sorts of physical activities including rock climbing, abseiling and raft building! It was great to see our children take part in so many events, especially those that required some of our students to overcome their fears, such as fear of heights on the Giant Swing!



SO FUN



Panjabi



This term our Reception children have been learning to read and write Mukta and Kannaa words. They have really enjoyed their learning and displaying it on their white boards! The children also learnt about the farm animals in Panjabi and sang the rhyme 'Old Macdonald had a Farm' in Panjabi.



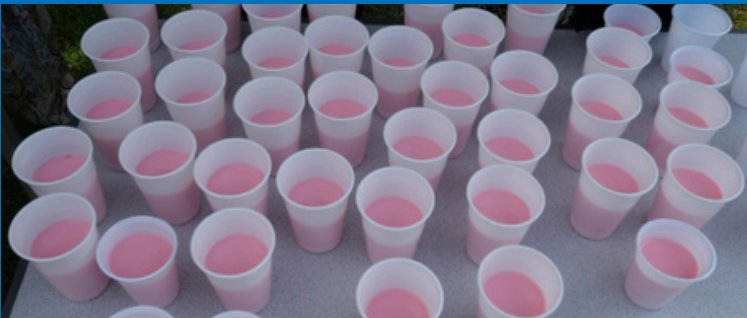
Year 6 pupils performed an assembly for Guru Arjun Dev Ji's shaheedi. They practiced shabads, kirtan and the history of our Guru's shaheedi in Panjabi. Children told the history of the 5th Guru in Panjabi, which shows knowledge and learning made through their panjabi lessons.

Sikh Studies



Recently children from across the school have been receiving different awards and certificates in the Gurdwara for saying the Guru's Fateh to both Mr. Singhs in and around the school. Also awards for children focusing on the Kirtan during Gurdwara Assemblies.

This term in Sikh Studies, pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 have been learning about the Martyrdom of Sri Guru Arjun Dev Ji. Year 6 performed and Assembly and spoke about the story of the Martyrdom in English and in Punjabi. Year 5 wrote about the Martyrdom in their Sikh Studies books.



After the Assembly, the school held the traditional annual Chabeel outside with the help of the PTA in giving out cool drinks and ice cream.



Music



Year 5s learnt this term how to play the trumpet! With hard work and determination, they finally managed to perform in front of their parents too. They played with skill, timing and amazing pitch and with team work, they produced a varied programme of singing and playing their trumpets. Staff and parents were all enjoying their amazing performance. Well done to Y5!

Music Concert at the Polish Association

We had the amazing opportunity to perform playing the recorders at the Polish Association grounds. This was such an amazing opportunity, we spent the day learning about different instruments, listening to a live band and singers and watched other schools play the Violins. At the end of the day we performed a concert to our parents with our very own live band!



Children in Y6 made great effort in their Production to learn and sing the songs for their special performance. Well done!

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!



www.internetmatters.org

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.



www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/

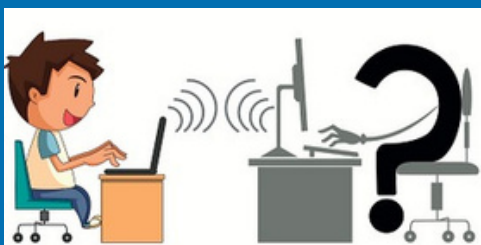
SNIPPETS



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.

www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/#latest-tiktok-updates



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.



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



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.

Goodbyes and Farewell



Mrs Bhogal



"It takes a big heart to help shape little minds."

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Bhogal, who has been an integral part of Khalsa primary school since 2009. She has been an exceptional teacher, mentor, senior leader and a governor, whose commitment to promoting success and excellence in the education of all is an inspiration.

Thank you for all the help, support, and guidance you have given to us over the years. Your outstanding advice and efforts to bring out the best in us are immeasurable.

The only way up is by chasing your dreams. And now that you have taken a giant step and found your dream job, you are much closer in achieving what you always wanted. All the luck and warmth for your future! We will truly miss your presence here. You contributed a lot to Khalsa Primary, and we are going to miss that knowledge! Good luck with future endeavours. Keep in touch if you can!

Goodbye

Goodbye



Mrs Jasingh



Mrs Sighat

We also say farewell to Mrs Jasingh and Mrs Sighat, who have part of Khalsa for a short period of time since the start of this academic year. Thank you for being such an incredible part of our team. We're sorry to see you go but we know that this is the right decision for you. You've been great members of our team and we have enjoyed working with you. We wish you all the best in your new ventures.

Welcome!

Chief Executive Officer



Mr. Sukwinder Singh Bassi

'I am honoured and privileged to assume the position of CEO at Sikh Academies Trust. I am excited about the opportunity to work with a team of dedicated educators who are committed to delivering an exceptional educational experience to our students.

My foremost commitment is to ensure that our students not only receive a high-quality education but also have a deep understanding and appreciation of Sikh values. Together, we will create an environment that instils pride, fosters personal growth, and prepares our students to become compassionate leaders of tomorrow'.



Deputy Head Teacher



Mr. Paul Hambling

Hello to everyone from the Khalsa Community

I am extremely excited to be joining Khalsa Primary School as Deputy Headteacher from this September.

I have been working in education for 14 years. After beginning my career as a Secondary School PE Teacher, working at 2 'Outstanding' schools in London, I moved to the United Arab Emirates to lead Physical Education for a group of schools. Since my return to the UK, I have worked at a Primary School in Slough for the last 5 years as a Phase Lead and Assistant Headteacher, leading on many areas including Personal Development, PE, Curriculum and Teaching and Learning.

Away from teaching, I love all sports (especially football - although I am unfortunately a Norwich City supporter!). I am also a keen traveller and try to make the most of school holidays by visiting new places, cultures and experiences around the world - although this is likely to be put on hold for the next few years with the addition of my first children - 7-month-old twins Louis and Theo.

Have a great Summer and I look forward to meeting you all in September.

More Welcomes – To the new LAB members



WELCOME



Mrs Amrit Kaur Chana

I care very deeply about my children and all children's education. I'm a teacher myself and have a very good understanding of the Education system. I'm passionate about looking for ideas and establishing systems that will bring our children forward into the community and make them model citizens.



Mr Randeep Singh Sidhu

I have a great passion for education and becoming a governor provides the opportunity to give back. I'm excited about being part of a team which actively helps the school obtain excellent standards of academic achievement but also promotes emotional wellbeing of pupils that they can develop a strong sense of self. I understand the time commitment and dedication this role requires because I have experience of being a school governor. Coupled with my broad professional experience of working in the private sector and in government. I believe I would make a valuable contribution to the board.

Welcome



Mrs Sarbjeet Bansel

My daughter left the school last year and my son is in Year 6 next year. As a parent, I am passionate about my child's education and the well-being of all students at the school. My professional background in finance has equipped me with strong communication, problem solving and strategic thinking abilities. I am confident in my ability to contribute constructively to discussions and decision-making processes that will directly impact our children's learning.



Mrs Christa Van Rooyen --
Y5 Teacher



Mrs Rajwinder
Kaur Gill – TA

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.



Mrs Jatinder Matharu
Director of Safeguarding
and Wellbeing



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**

Lado: Tel: 01753 690906/07927 681 858

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

it's okay to feel



your feelings

Our school values:

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

Message from Sikh Academies Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all parents and carers of Khalsa Primary School and Pioneer Secondary Academy for your unwavering support and dedication throughout the year.

This has been a year like no other, filled with unique challenges. Despite the obstacles we faced, together, as a united community, we have overcome them and emerged stronger. The resilience and determination displayed by our pupils, teachers, and parents has been truly inspiring.

We are immensely proud of the progress our schools have made over the past year. Our commitment to providing an outstanding education while nurturing the holistic development of each child remains at the core of everything we do. The collaborative efforts of our exceptional teaching staff and the continuous engagement of our parents have allowed us to create a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for our pupils.

At Khalsa Primary School and Pioneer Secondary Academy, we firmly believe that education extends beyond the classroom walls. Our focus on character development, moral values, and fostering a sense of community has been instrumental in shaping well-rounded individuals who not only excel academically but also demonstrate compassion, empathy, and respect for others.

As we break for the well-deserved summer holidays, we encourage you to take this time to cherish the precious moments with your children and celebrate their achievements throughout the year.

Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to continuous improvement and innovation. We are committed to equipping our pupils with the skills, knowledge, and values they need to become future leaders and positive contributors to society.

Your support, feedback, and active participation in school activities are invaluable to our collective success.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we extend our warmest wishes for a joyful summer break.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment to our schools. Together, we will continue to build a bright future for the next generation.

With warm regards,
Gurminder Singh Athwal Tajinder Kaur Jagdev

Chair Vice-Chair

Sikh Academies Trust Sikh Academies Trust

Attendance and term dates

Well done!



Group	% Attend
5 Crow	98.1
4 Kite	97.9
1 Rainbird	97.8
2 Partridge	96.4
2 Sparrow	96.3
6 Falcon	96.2
R Parrot	96.2
3 Heron	96.1
3 Shelduck	95.5
R Duck	95.1
4 Crane	94.9
5 Raven	94.8
6 Hawk	94.4
1 Flamingo	94
AM Peacock	91.6
PM Peacock	87.8



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Term Dates

AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
INSET DAY: Mon 4th Sept 2023 INSET DAY: Tues 5th Sept 2023 Term starts: Wed 6 th Sept 2023 INSET DAY: Fri 6th Oct 2023 Term ends: Fri 20 th Oct 2023 Half Term: Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct 2023 Term starts: Mon 30 th Oct 2023 INSET DAY: Mon 27th Nov 2023 Term ends: Fri 15 th Dec 2023	Bank Holiday: Mon 1st Jan 2024 Term starts: Thu 4 th Jan 2024 Term Ends: Fri 9 th Feb 2024 Half Term: Mon 12 Feb to Fri 16th Feb 2024 Term starts: Mon 19 th Feb 2024 Term ends: Thu 28 th Mar 2024	Term starts: Mon 15 April 2024 Bank Holiday Mon 6th May 2024 Term ends: Fri 24 th May 2024 Half Term: Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May 2024 Term starts Mon 3 rd Jun 2024 INSET DAY: Fri 28th Jun 2024 Term ends: Fri 19 th July 2024

INSET DAYS

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Mon 27th Nov 2023,
Fri 28th Jun 2024**