



School Fund

Thank you for your £1 contribution today

Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th to Friday 21 February - Half term Holidays

Monday 24th February
School re-opens for Spring Term 2. All clubs commence this week.

W/c Monday 24th February
After School Clubs as normal this week

Monday 2nd March
Friends of Nishkam Meeting

Tuesday 3rd March
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School visiting Year 4

Wednesday 4th to Wednesday 11th March
Scholastic Book Fair at Nishkam Primary

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day children may choose to dress as their favourite book character



Key Stage 2 Music Showcase

KS2 children have been working so hard this term with their music teachers. This week, all of KS2 gathered together to share what they had been learning. From ostinato rhythms through to four-part harmonies, the children showcased their learning and shared their love of music. We look forward to sharing more next term.

More than ever, we rely heavily on the voluntary donations that parents generously contribute to the School Fund to ensure that we can continue with our enrichment programmes.

The funds we raise from parents are used in a variety of ways; we have restocked the main school library; we provide swimming lessons to pupils in Years 2 - 6. Additionally, it has supported the purchase of classroom resources.

We would like to continue this additional investment in your child's education and therefore ask parents to assist the school by donating to the fund.

This is a voluntary contribution but, as a guide, we are suggesting to parents and carers an annual donation of £30 per child. Any additional donations above this would enable us to enhance our facilities further.

Birmingham City Mission

Years 4, 5 & 6 were joined yesterday by Birmingham City Mission. This time, they shared a story that taught us the importance of respect - how we can respect God and respect one another. We look forward to BCM joining us again next term.



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Parent Assemblies

It has been so wonderful to see so many parents attending our class assemblies this term. We would like to thank parents for their support in attending the assemblies and preparing the children with their lines and costumes. The children really benefit from these experiences and is an essential part of their educational journey.

Humility 1 – United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week



Compassion 1 -
Valentines: Love



Friends of Nishkam Bake Sale

Thank you to all those who helped and bought the wonderful baked goods from today's bake sale. The school really appreciates all your contributions.

Year 2 visit to Black Country Museum



Our visit to the Black Country Living Museum was a great way for the children to reinforce and experience first hand the fun learning that they did in school about Victorian life. They all had a great time experiencing what life was like for a Victorian child and thoroughly enjoyed the full day of Victorian activities! by Year 2 Team

The best thing about the trip was when we got to play with the Victorian toys.

Amarjot – Humility 1

I did lots of research before I went. We learnt a lot about the Victorian times. We watched an old movie which was really funny. We also went to a Victorian classroom. I wish I could go there again.

Gagan – Humility 2

The classroom was the best. It was amazing!

Sidharth – Humility 2

Year 5 visit to the Central Mosque



'We thought Birmingham Central Mosque was a great experience for us because we go to learn how other people pray. We also learnt that Muslims have similarities to other religions and their differences. We got to observe the actions that they do when they pray. Their holy book is they Quran and they read left to right and is written in Arabic.

Year 4 visit to the Dhannatalaka Peace Pagoda Buddhist Temple



This week we visited the Peace Pagoda temple, which is used by Buddhists. We found out that Buddhists use the temple to meditate and worship. At the temple, there were mythical lions patrolling the front door and there was a big gold structure that looked like a dome. There were different Buddha statues - some marble, some wood. It was AMAZING! As our journey came to a close, we were over the moon as we learnt so much but saddened that we couldn't stay longer.

By Jasmine & Aman, Forgiveness 2

Year 3 visit to the Synagogue



At the Synagogue I learnt that the Torah is the holy book of the Jewish religion. Every time you walk in, the men have to cover their head with a small black hat, which is very similar to the Sikh religion. When you go into the main Synagogue, the men and women are separated in different areas. There are lots of star symbols, which is called the Star of David. There were some important rules called the Ten Commandments. There are 5 negative rules and 5 manners. These help Jewish people to live a good life. The Torah is kept in a cupboard that has to be unlocked with a key; the cupboard is hidden behind a curtain with the Star of David.






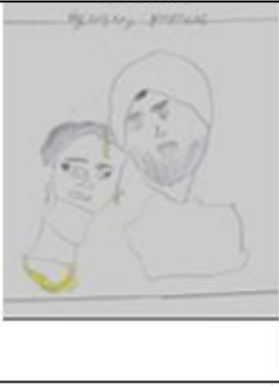






The cupboard is at the front of the hall and someone who works at the Synagogue would hold the Torah and parade around the hall. All the people would kiss it. Then the person who held the Torah would put it back in the cupboard and shut the curtains. Then they will be congratulated for doing such a holy job. There is a smaller Synagogue which is used by children. In there, there are some charts that have stars on them and they give them to the children if they do good deeds.

By Avneet, Compassion 1

Portrait Artist of the Year

Thank you for all the amazing entries for the Nishkam Portrait Artist of the Year competition. We had around 200 entries. It was fantastic to see a display of such creativity and diligence. The artwork submitted shows fabulous artistic abilities including paintings, collages and oil pastel drawings.

The portraits reflected a range of different people: from famous sports stars and celebrities, to family members and our Patron Bhai Sahib Ji. All were different and showed us how our pupils are inspired in different ways. This element of children's work made it particularly challenging to judge and select winners. The winners were selected based on pupil's individual artistic ability, as well as taking into account the story behind their work.

Class Winners			
			
<u>Nimrath</u> Truth 1	<u>Keerath</u> Truth 2	<u>Gopal</u> Service 1	<u>Supriya</u> Service 2
			
<u>Harjot S</u> Humility 1	<u>Harshleen</u> Humilty 2	<u>Bhajan</u> Compassion 1	<u>Jajji</u> Compassion 2
			
<u>Jagdish</u> Forgiveness 1	<u>Daya</u> Forgiveness 2	<u>Devian</u> Contentment 1	<u>Harshaan</u> Contentment 2



**Galvin
Optimism 1**

**Gursukh
Optimism 2**

Runners up		
Class	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Truth 1	Gurdaas	Pavan K
Truth 2	Nimrat	Phajneek
Service 1	Ajeet	Dylan
Service 2	Manjot	Sanmaan
Humility 1	Sevak	Amarjot M
Humility 2	Dylan	Harjas
Compassion 1	Teghbir	Laila
Compassion 2	Pavneet	Harleen
Forgiveness 1	Pavan	Ravneet
Forgiveness 2	Gurleen	Gurjap
Contentment 1	Kirpal	Kimran
Contentment 2	Jhilmil	Swaraj
Optimism 1	Sarbjot	Taranjot
Optimism 2	Gurkiran	Akaal

What does our Nishkam Passport say about creativity?

"The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover is yourself."

ALAN ALDA

Signs of Success

- I discover the gifts I have.
- I use knowledge and training to develop my gifts.
- I think of new ways to make things work better.
- I use my imagination.
- I take time for inspiration.
- Creativity helps me to use the talents God gave me.



Bhai Sahib Ji

Miss Edwards

Mrs Kumari

Mrs Dhesi

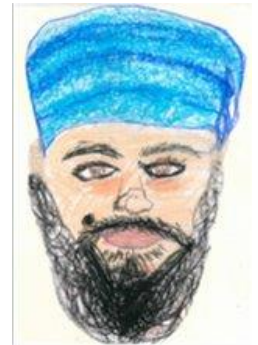
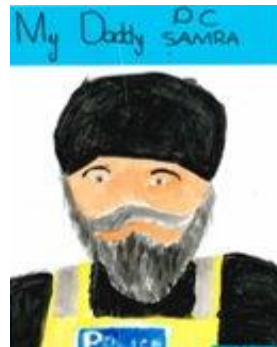
Mrs Kang

Mrs Hewer

Mrs Kang

Mrs Nahid

All entries	
Reception	Simmer, Reuben, Pavan S, Krish, Harsharan, Pavan K, Nimrath, Harkiya, Parneet, Roop, Jasmine, Veer, Mannat, Jagrup, Nimrat, Haneet, Ryan, Jujhar, Omayya, Keerath, Mohkam, Manraj, Ajit, Phajneek & Amarpreet
Year 1	Keerat Kaur, Jasneet, Arjun, Amrit K, Manjot, Ajooni, Jagjeevan, Puran, Bhagat, Sharan, Tafari, Pavani, Kuven, Sanmaan, Supriya, Jaiveer, Jayan, Jeevan, Simrt, Baani, Gopal, Balmit Kaur, Ajeet, Dylan, Bhavnoor, Avani, Jayden & Nimrat
Year 2	Tarunveer, Harman, Bhavleen, Jai, Amarjot Singh, Avneet, Sevak, Paramveer, Hari, Ranjoht, Amarjot M, Harjot K, Vismadh, Avani, Mayati, Anadh, Harjot G, Harjas, Prem, Dylan, Ranveer, Mehak, Jay, Harman, Paarus, Aljit, Harshleen, Esha, Kirtan, Prabhdeep, Omreet & Harjot S
Year 3	Harjot L, Harjot S, Laila, Gurmanpreet, Teghbir, Jessica, Harshneet, Waheguru, Dhanveer, Sahib, Satnaam, Bhajan, Arjan, Jappreet, Daya, Satnam, Simran, Romanpreet, Diya, Taaj, Udham, Gurjinder, Simar, Sahib Jassi, Nirgun, Jeevan, Jajji, Aaryn, Sonakshi, Deep, Abeyjit, Harleen, Pavneet & Avjot
Year 4	Sanjilin, Pavan, Jagdish, Naroop, Sahej, Preeya, Manjot, Amrit, Kanchan, Ravneet, Arjun B, Meeth, Gurjap, Jasmine, Aman, Harvi, Jayden, Jujhar, Diya, Suhaavi, Kundan, Gurleen, Shaan, Daya, Gia, Ajay & Taran
Year 5	Harjap, Amardeep, Kiran, Simran, Kirpal, Nirmaljot, Jasmeet, Kimran, Jeevan, Tia, Manveer, Dilraaj, Devjan, Dharma, Swaraj, Jhilmil, Amrit, Keerat, Kirpa, Sukhmani K, Ganeev, Harsharan, Amar Singh, Sukhmani K K, Jasnaam, Ravneet & Pavan
Year 6	Taranjot, Galvin, Sarbjot, Shaan, Rihanna, Simran, Jaswant, Vedh, Jagdeep, Aman, Gurkiran, Amerpreet K, Amarpreet, Prabhki, Amreen, Akaal, Gurdaat & Gursukh



We thank all entries for their hard work. Thank you to parents for their support – we are glad you enjoyed looking at the exhibition at our Parent's Evening.



Look out for our future art competitions later in the year!

Wondrous Word of the Week

Nishkam Primary School successfully introduced the 'Wondrous Word of the Week' last year in order to improve children's written and spoken vocabulary. It would be wonderful if you could encourage your child to share what they have learnt and support them to discover how to use the word outside of the school setting too.

Maybe they can:-

- share what they have learnt,
- look it up in a dictionary,
- see how many times they can use the word in conversation,
- practise spelling the word.

Year Group	w/c 7th February	w/c 14th February
Reception	Rhyme	Magical
Year 1	Adore	Occasionally
Year 2	Recommendation	Thoughtfulness
Year 3	Motionless	Knowledge
Year 4	Glimpsed	Civilised
Year 5	Tender	Vent
Year 6	Escalate	Omit

Nishkam Reader – Lifetime Achiever!

Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it's the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so we would like you to try to put aside some time (20 minutes) for it every day.

Creating a regular 'special time' to read together can help children see the magical world that can be unlocked by the opening of a book, comic or magazine and learn to love the time when they have your undivided attention.

Talking about what you've just read together helps children think about what they've read, boosts their imagination and grows their confidence. It's also a good way to pick up on new words and check that they understand what they've read.

We would like your child to read aloud at home with an adult for 20 minutes every day. Once they have read, please sign and date their reading record with a brief comment about what they have read. Children will then be awarded certificates accordingly to encourage and praise their success.

30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	120 Days	150 Days	180 Days	210 Days
Jayden, Gurvir, Param, Aljit, Sahib, Romanpreet, Simran, Kimran, Devjan, Ravneet & Aaron	GHarman M, Avneet, Omreet, Ranbir, Harjas, Arjan C, Sonakshi, Aaryn, Ranveer J, Maha, Gurnihal, Amerpreet & Amarpreet B	Paarus, Gurmaan, Vivek, Teghbir, Armaan, Kulmeet & Shaan	Jaya, Laila, Darpreet, Radhika, Avneet, Veer & Aman	Tashan, Jayan, Manmeet, Bhajan, Amrit, Milveen, Taran, Asha, Kamran, Devan, Bhajneek, Gurdaat Jagdeep, Harman & Gurkiran	Hashwin, Devjot, Rhea, Rajan, Rukiran, Santokh & Jaswant	Jsy, Sienna, Namandeep & Prabhki

Class Dojo

Children's behaviour in class is monitored by use of the 'Class Dojo'. Positives are awarded for good work and showing values. The children with the most positives in each class are celebrated in assembly along with the class that has the most positives for the week. Well done to all the children listed below and keep up the good work!

Children Awarded with the Most Positives

Class Name	w/e 7th February	w/e 14th February
Truth 1	Simmer	Amelia
Truth 2	Keerath	Ajit
Service 1	Avani	Bhavnoor
Service 2	Amarpreet	Gurmukh
Humility1	Seerat	Harjot K
Humility 2	Harveen	Jaya
Compassion 1	Gurmanpreet	Gurmanpreet
Compassion 2	Jaskaran	Simar
Forgiveness 1	Preeya	Baldip
Forgiveness 2	Ekampreet	Gia
Contentment 1	Kimran	Prabhjot
Contentment 2	Sukhdeep & Ravneet	Kirpa
Optimism 1	Isaac	Devan
Optimism 2	Ishveer	Bhajneek

Good Workers

Class Name	w/e 7th February	w/e 14th February
Truth 1	Jujhar	Jassahib
Truth 2	Mani	Sukhraj
Service 1	Tashan	Eshan
Service 2	Bahadur	Kuven
Humility1	Taran	Seerat
Humility 2	Ranveer, Gagan & Harjot	Muneet
Compassion 1	Dhanveer	Bhajan
Compassion 2	Jeevan	Sahib
Forgiveness 1	Arjun	Jagdish
Forgiveness 2	Ivneet	Harvi
Contentment 1	Inderpreet	Kimran
Contentment 2	Jhilmil	Kirpal & Amrit
Optimism 1	Jujhar	Jasveer
Optimism 2	Harveer & Rihanna	Amerpreet

Good Handwriting Award

Class Name	w/e 7th February	w/e 14th February
Truth 1	Roop	Krish
Truth 2	Maria	Amarjunga
Service 1	Diya	Teerath
Service 2	Youhana	Sanmaan
Humility1	Taran	Jaylen
Humility 2	Gagan	Sayaam
Compassion 1	Laila	Aarti
Compassion 2	Jeevan	Sonakshi
Forgiveness 1	Himmat & Sahej	Mishika
Forgiveness 2	Ivneet	Diya
Contentment 1	Daya	Kiran
Contentment 2	Amar & Jasnam	Rajan
Optimism 1	Karamdip	Santokh
Optimism 2	Ryan & Jasnoor	Veer

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Aloo Matter Paneer (Potato, Pea And Cottage Cheese Curry) Rice Plain Yoghurt Veggie Nuggets (Reception And Year 1) Soya Nuggets (Years 2-6) Garlic Bread Diced Potatoes Beans	Carrots, Potatoes & Peas Sabji (Curry) Daal (Lentil Curry) Roti (Chapatti) Plain Yoghurt Sausage Rolls Wedges Beans Sweetcorn	Rajma Curry (Red Kidney Beans Curry) Rice Vegetable Pasta Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Daal (Lentils) Roti (Chapatti) Pizza Chips Beans Sweetcorn Sliced Carrots	Channa (Chick Pea Curry) Naans Plain Yoghurt Burger Wedges Spaghetti Hoops
Pudding	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit	Milky Semiya (Sweet Noodles) Fruit	Cake With Icing Fruit	Flapjack Fruit	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Daal (Lentil Curry) Rice Vegetable Fingers Diced Potatoes Spaghetti Hoops Sweet Corn	Daal (Lentil Curry) Mix Vegetable Sabji (Mix Vegetable Curry) Roti (Chapatti) Plain Yoghurt Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Mixed Vegetables	Aloo Palak (Potato And Spinach Curry) Daal (Lentil Curry) Naan Plain Yoghurt Jacket Potato Chilli Con Carne Baked Beans Cheese	Daal (Lentil Curry) Roti Pizza Chips Beans Sweetcorn Sliced Carrots	Curry Rice Spaghetti in Creamy Red Vegetable Sauce Garlic Bread Broccoli/Sweetcorn
Pudding	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit	Strawberry Delight Fruit	Apple Crumble Fruit	Semolina Fruit	Fruit Yoghurt Fruit

Menu Key:

	Option 1
	Option 2

Fresh Fruit:

- ½ Banana
- Apples
- Red / Green Grapes
- Melon

Salad bar Daily:

- Sweetcorn
- Cucumber
- Carrot Sticks
- Ice berg
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Beetroot
- Steamed Broccoli
- Sweet Peppers

Yoghurt:

- Strawberry
- Peach
- Plain Yoghurt

Enrichment Day

Today we celebrated our enrichment day based around the virtue of love. Look out for our next newsletter to find out about our special activities. Thank you for all your donation for non-uniform day today – we have raised a total of £364.95.



Love

"Sing, listen, and let your mind be filled with love. Your pain shall be sent far away and peace shall come to your home."

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB, ANG 2

Love is caring for someone, wanting to be near them, and wanting to share with them. Love is the power of attraction. It is a special feeling that fills your heart. Loving someone is treating them with special care and kindness because they mean so much to you. You can show love in a smile, a pleasant way of speaking, a thoughtful act, or a hug. Love is treating other people just as you would like them to treat you - with care and respect.

Signs of Success

I treat others as I would want them to treat me.

I say kind and loving things.

I share my things and myself.

I show affection.

I express love for the Creator by caring for others and creation.

Love is my greatest treasure.