



Dates for your Diary



All diary dates can be found in our online calendar.

<https://www.nishkamschooltrust.org/npsb/calendar/?calid=9&pid=321&viewid=18>

Senior Leaders' Message

It has been a very busy term here at Nishkam! We have had a fantastic term full of learning, visits and exciting events. Some of our term's highlights have included all the celebrations for Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 550th birthday, the Big Geography Quiz and all our Christmas festivities.

It has been lovely seeing so many parents attending the various workshops and events at the school and thank you all for your continuous support.

We wish all children, families and staff a safe and happy Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Best wishes

Mrs G Kaur, Interim Head Teacher & Miss Prior, Assistant Head Teacher

Nishkam News

We are extremely excited to launch our very own Nishkam News written by the children.

Each half term we will be selecting journalists from each KS2 class to write for our very own Nishkam News. Throughout the year all children from KS2 will have the opportunity to be a journalist. This is a unique opportunity for our children to use their skills to write for a real purpose with a real audience. The children have worked extremely hard to write their features to engage you all. Please take the time to read this edition together with your children over the holidays. A big thank you to all the journalists for putting together such a fantastic read for the whole school community.

Please check your email for the first edition!

Safeguarding Advice

As this time of the year children may be looking forward to receiving new electronic devices or games. We feel that this is an appropriate time to highlight some simple online safety tips to help parents/ carers make safer choices and support their children online.

- Take an active interest in your child's online life and engage in the digital world with them.
- Let your children teach you about their online world and how they use technology; playing new games and exploring websites together can often open opportunities to discuss safe behaviour online.
- Make sure your children know that you are safe and approachable; remind them that they can tell you if something happens online that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable, without being told off or punished.

You can find more advice about talking to your child about online safety from CEOP:
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/having-a-conversation-with-your-child/

Much like the 'real world', parents need to set boundaries for children online; this provides them with a clear understanding of the limits, expectations and consequences of their behaviour.

Remember to role-model positive behaviour online; consider asking your child's permission before posting photos of them on social media during these holidays.

Gurpurab Celebrations

Thank you for supporting our Gurpurab Assembly.

The children were well behaved and sang beautifully.



Prayer Challenge

We appreciate parental support with our prayer challenge.

Our pupils enjoyed participating and were thrilled to hear that we had recited over 100,000 prayers as a school.



Prayer Challenge

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Prayers have been recited by Nishkam Primary School students to celebrate Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 550th Gurpurab

Nishkam School Council

Supporting



Only two weeks ago our School Councillors Bandhan and Gurkiran wrote to families requesting participation in a shoebox appeal. The children created a list of items they thought homeless people would need during the winter months.



Classes throughout the whole school helped to pack and wrap the boxes ready for delivery in Birmingham City Centre.



In total, we had just over 300 boxes. Some members of the Nishkam SWAT team came today to collect the items.

Nishkam SWAT are a voluntary organisation. Their vision is that every person they meet knows they are loved and valued, lives safely, with respect, faith, hope and care for themselves and others, achieving their full potential and positively contributing to and transforming their communities".

We are very grateful to our parents who actively supported this practical application of service (sewa) in our community.



Some of the items donated were offered to our local food bank and will be delivered after the Christmas period.

Friends of Nishkam and Leo The Lion

Friends of Nishkam is a voluntary group run by parents of Nishkam Primary School who all share the same vision and virtues. We are here to serve the children and the school through knowledge, support, selfless service and integrity.

We would like to introduce the newest member of the Friends of Nishkam Team, our mascot Leo the Lion. Leo is here to serve and support Friends of Nishkam in all its activities, always displaying the Nishkam Virtues.

World Kindness Day 13.11.2019

'Where there is kindness, there is goodness.
Where there is goodness there is Magic.
Scatter Kindness!'

World Kindness day was on 13.12.2019 this year. Friends of Nishkam presented a Kindness Hamper to all the Nishkam Primary staff. It was an opportunity to recognise and thank the team of people who help and nurture our children through their work and effort.



Winter Bake Sale 13.12.2019

Friends of Nishkam held its first bake sale this academic year. We raised £290.00. Many goodies and treats were donated. It was a big success thanks to you all and the volunteers.

Winter Wonderland 16.12.2019

Winter wonderland was a merry jolly time had by all children, staff and Friends of Nishkam members. The smiles on the children faces and their excited expressions said it all. All children got the opportunity to meet Santa and have a class photo with him, play various games and make a special bauble which they took home. This was not all they received as kids received a treat to eat (vegan / allergy free chocolate brownies) as well as a gift from Santa. We raised £1500.00.



Next Meeting Friends of Nishkam Meeting 13.01.2020

The next Friends of Nishkam meeting will be held on the first Monday back 13.01.2020. Anyone who would like to volunteer and be part of the Friends of Nishkam team are most welcome. We will be meeting at the Nishkam Primary school reception area by 8.55am, so we may start the meeting at 9am.

We thank all parents, staff and volunteers for your continued support. We wish you all a Happy Holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the New 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:-

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

Year Group	Week ending 6th Dec	Week ending 13th Dec
Reception	celebration	celebration
Year 1	unfriendly	Christmas
Year 2	Christmas	festivities
Year 3	Immediately	spontaneously
Year 4	purpose	generation
Year 5	insignificant	recede
Year 6	arduous	frenzied

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
Jasleen, Ajeet, Sienna, Jeevan, Simrt, Taran, Baani, Sevak, Hari, Aapr, Sukhjot, Jia, Jaikaar, Laila, Jessica, Japnoor, Harjot S, Harimsar, Surnar, Jappreet, Devjot	Jasleen, Ajeet, Baani, Bhavleen, Manmeet, Gurmaan, Prem. Jaikaar, Teghbir, Harkirat, Gurpaarus, Harjap, Kamaldeep, Milveen	Jasleen, Jayan, Tashan, Ranjoht, Manmeet, Jeevan, Darpreet	Hashwin, Manveer, Kirpal	Jay

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	Week ending 6th Dec	Week ending 13th Dec
Service 1	Rohan	Arjun
Service 2	Gurjot	Manjot
Humility 1	Jai	Bhavleen
Humility 2	Esha	Muneet
Compassion 1	Surnar	Harjot
Compassion 2	Satnam	Romanpreet
Forgiveness 1	Jasraj	-
Forgiveness 2	Shaan	Jayden
Contentment 1	Manveer	Harjap
Contentment 2	Radhika, Ganeev & Simarjeet	Anroop
Optimism 1	Isaac	Juvraj
Optimism 2	Ishveer	Jagdeep

Good Workers		
Class Name	Week ending 6th Dec	Week ending 13th Dec
Service 1	Gurvir	Jayden
Service 2	Amrit	Anmol
Humility 1	Amarjot M	Harjot K
Humility 2	Jay	Gurman
Compassion 1	Harshneet	Surnar
Compassion 2	Romanpreet	Sahib
Forgiveness 1	Gurman	Narooop
Forgiveness 2	Armaan	Prabhka
Contentment 1	Nirmaljot	Harjap
Contentment 2	Jhilmil	Keerat
Optimism 1	Avneet T	Namandeep, Simar & Arashdeep
Optimism 2	Amerpreet & Ratan	Bhajneek

Good Handwriting Award		
Class Name	Week ending 6th Dec	Week ending 13th Dec
Service 1	Jasleen	Jayan
Service 2	Rajbir	Bahadur
Humility 1	Vismadh	Harveen
Humility 2	Param	Sidharth
Compassion 1	WaheguruKi	Japnoor
Compassion 2	Sahib & Rahul	Gurjinder
Forgiveness 1	Harpreet	Kuljot
Forgiveness 2	Aaryan	Gurleen
Contentment 1	Darpreet	Harkirat
Contentment 2	Ravneet	Wedh
Optimism 1	Simar	Bandhan & Nisha
Optimism 2	Prabhki	-

Certificates for Most Progress

The following pupils have been rewarded for their diligent approach towards their class work this week in key stage assemblies.

These pupils have shown determination and we hope they continue the year in this way.

Truth 1	Amelia
Truth 2	Abdulrahman
Service 1	Jeevan
Service 2	Amrit S
Humility 1	Hari
Humility 2	Jay
Compassion 1	Aarti
Compassion 2	Sonakshi
Forgiveness 1	Manjot
Forgiveness 2	Harnam
Contentment 1	Permya
Contentment 2	Jasnaam
Optimism 1	Taranjot
Optimism 2	Deep

Award for consistently role modelling and demonstrating our school virtues

At Nishkam Primary School we envision that all pupils will be good citizens and demonstrate good values in all that they do. The following pupils have been awarded for their devotion to consistently showing virtues.

Truth 1	Parneet
Truth 2	Amarpreet
Service 1	Simrt
Service 2	Bhagat
Humility 1	Seerat
Humility 2	Jaya
Compassion 1	Harjot
Compassion 2	Pavneet
Forgiveness 1	Preeya
Forgiveness 2	Arjun
Contentment 1	Kamaldeep
Contentment 2	Kirpa
Optimism 1	Aaron
Optimism 2	Jasnoor

100% Attendance from September to December

Pupils with excellent attendance were awarded this week and commended for their commitment

Truth 1	Arjun, Veeraaj, Kirin, Sehaj, Nimrath, Harkiya, Roop, Krish, Agamjot, Parneet, Simmer, Gurdass, Jassahib, Govind, & Harfateh
Truth 2	Ryan, Mani, Abdulrahman, Keerath, Nimrat, Omayya, Geneve, Mannat, Manohar, Manraj, Manraj & Jagrup
Service 1	Harkrishan, Jaiveer, Ajeet, Jayan, Nimrat, Dylan, Arjun, Jasleen, Essar, Taran, Simrt, Amrit, Eshan, Teerath & Keerat
Service 2	Amrit, Tafari, Jagjeevan, Jasneet, Gaurav, Sanmaan, Sharan, Kuyen, Amarpreet, Vaani, Supriya, Manraj, Arjun, Manjot, Ekam, Bahadur & Gurmukh
Humility 1	Dilarsh, Mayati, Harjot, Harveen, Ranbir, Jaylen, Omreet, Hargun, Jasjeet, Bhavleen, Seerat, Veer, Vismadh, Jai, Hari, Sukhjot & Harjas
Humility 2	Khankhor, Jay, Harjot, Sidharth, Ranveer, Sayaam, Kirtan, Jaya, Gagan, Muneet, Harveen, Anadh, Prem, Harshleen, Prabhdeep, Paarus & Harman
Compassion 1	Jessica, Waheguruki, Japnoor, Aarti, Harjot, Udham, Laila, Harjot, Teghbir
Compassion 2	Simar, Pavneet, Satnam, Sahib, Joban, Jajji, Mohan, Daya M, Udham, Bhavnek & Daya
Forgiveness 1	Jagtaaran, Amrit, Ravneet, Arjun, Preeya, Baldip, Manjot, Jugjeev, Chayden, Jai, Sahej, Kuljot, Naroop, Amarbeer, Prabhneet, Kanchan, Sanjlin, Prabhreet & Gurfateh
Forgiveness 2	Amrit, Meeth, Aaryan, Arjun, Daya, Gurjap, Ekampreet, Shaan, Ajay, Armaan, Asha, Jasmine, Kavanvir, Harnam, Simran, Gurmukh, Taran & Kundan
Contentment 1	Inderpreet, Bhagat, Mehtab, Devjan, Harja p, Kiran, Haris, Darpreet, Milveen & Harkirat
Contentment 2	Sukhmani, Devjot, Radhika, Jhilmil, Ranveer, Amar, Ravneet, Munveer, Keerat, Kamran, Simarjeet, Ganeev & Rhea
Optimism 1	Sienna, Aaron, Arnav, Devan, Taranjot, Arashdeep, Nisha, Bandhan, Isaac, Simar, Santa & Simran
Optimism 2	Jaswant, Amarpreet, Ishveer, Amreen, Aman, Kirtan, Prabhki, Veer, Vedh Jagdeep, Jai, Jaskeerat, Harman & Prabhjot