



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. These words were carefully chosen to align with the learning that took place that particular week and afforded children the opportunity to:-

- Understand the meaning
- Explore ambitious vocabulary in depth (e.g. synonyms and antonyms)
- Use the word in speaking and listening activities
- Experiment using it in their written work

It was great to see children sharing these words at home too. To further support this, we will be sending you a message every week to let you know the 'Wondrous Word of the Week'. 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
- And, of course, using it in their writing.

We look forward to you supporting us to help improve written and spoken vocabulary levels.

Welcome Back

It is great to welcome the children back after the summer break and lovely to see their smart new uniforms and how they have grown over the summer holidays. Our new Reception Class have made a fabulous start to school life and the rest of the children are settling really well into the routines of their new year groups and adjusting to the expectations of their new teachers.

On behalf of the teachers may we ask you to help your children get into good habits of reading daily, completing homework set and bringing it back on time. Your support at home really does make a difference!

Once again we look forward to another exciting and successful year at Nishkam Primary School.

Year 6 Parent meeting – Year 6 curriculum and High School Admissions

Following requests from parents we are inviting all Year 6 parents to a meeting on Wednesday 18th September at 9am.

This meeting will be to discuss any concerns around admissions and to share the Year 6 curriculum with parents.

Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

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Attendance

As a school we are constantly working to maintain high standards in punctuality and attendance.

Could we ask all parents to ensure their children arrive to school no later than 8.50am as at this point any absence (including late children) will be recorded as an absence.

Children being learning at 8.50am therefore we are now enforcing that Y5 and Y6 children who are late, complete their SoDA (start of day activity) during their break times.

At the end of each term children receive awards for 100% attendance – please support your child to work towards this goal.

Zero Hunger

For the past two years pupils at Nishkam have joined the charity Zero Hunger with Langar and participated in the Junior and Mini Great Run.

Please see the attached letter and join us this year once again for a great event.

We are praying for sunshine this time!

Spellingframe

Children in Years 2 -6 have been given login details for Times Tables Rockstars.

This is an interactive, online service to further support your child's accuracy with times tables.

Please encourage your child to access this resource on-line every week to improve their accuracy and speed. You can access our parent guide on our school website to help with logging on and using the site.

Some more information can be found here:

<https://www.nishkamschooltrust.org/npsb/attachments/download.asp?file=2113&type=pdf>

Class Dojo

As you are aware, we use Class Dojo as a behaviour management tool to recognise the behaviour of children in relation to virtues and learning.

Over the summer break you may have received an email inviting you to create a parent account to view your child's Class Dojo report.

Please note paper copies of your access details were also given to pupils today.

This is to allow you to see how your child is doing in terms of behaviour. As per the school behaviour guidelines, you will be able to see if your child has not shown the correct behaviour and as a result been given a Level 2 or Level 3. Level 4 incidents will continue to be communicated to you via letter. Please familiarise yourself with the guidelines and support is in promoting positive learning behaviour and virtues.

A national Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4 pupils will be statutory starting from this year. The check will take place in June 2020. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether Year 4 pupils can fluently recall their multiplication tables. Please see further information regarding the on our school website. Here you will find information regarding why the checks are taking place, how they will be administered, what provisions are in place at school and how you can help at home.

Some more information can be found here:

<https://www.nishkamschooltrust.org/npsb/attachments/download.asp?file=2112&type=pdf>

Homework

Homework plays a key role in providing additional opportunities for your children to practice and develop the skills taught in school. Homework is set both online and through their individual homework books.

From this term, teachers will be tracking the completion of homework on a weekly basis, providing awards to children who hand their homework in every week. They will be issued with a 'needs work' when homework is not submitted on time – you will be able to see this on your child's class dojo report.

Where children are repeatedly not completing their homework, contact will be made with parents.

Spelling frame is a website that supports children to learn and practise spellings from the National Curriculum from Year 2 to Year 6. All of the statutory and example words are broken down into the same 'spelling rules' that the children are taught in school every week.

Children can log in and choose a spelling rule to practise. When the children practise a spelling rule, each word is read aloud and provided within a sentence for context.

Children can choose to practise a set of words, take a test, or play a game with those words. If they choose to practise they will see the word broken down into syllables and will then be given a series of activities to help them to memorise the spelling. The activities develop increasing independence. If the child then spells the word correctly they move on to the next word. If they make a mistake they repeat the process to help them to learn the word.

If the child chooses to be tested they receive instant feedback. If they make a mistake they are shown the correct spelling and given a series of activities to help them to remember it. Pupils must complete the spelling test before Monday morning as per other homework.

Year 4 and Year 5 Parents High School Admissions

Year 4 and Year 5 parents are invited to meet with Mr Kearns, Principal from Nishkam High School on Wednesday 6th November.

Classroom Reminders

Below are a few reminders about class entry points and also PE sessions.

Our clubs begin next week, you can check your ParentPay transaction history for a reminder of chosen clubs

Year	New Class	Pick up/Drop Off	PE Sessions
Reception	Truth 1 Mrs Brown	Reception Garden Area	Friday
	Truth 2 Miss Edwards		Thursday
Year 1	Service 2 Mrs Kumari	Door Number 11 on Soho Road	Tuesday & Thursday
	Service 1 Miss Bath		Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2	Mrs Nahid Humility 1	Door Number 3 on Soho Road	Monday & Tuesday
	Mrs D Kaur Humility 2		Wednesday & Friday
Year 3	Mrs Islam Compassion 1	Red Door in Main Courtyard	Tuesday
	Miss Shaheen Compassion 2	Green Door in Main Courtyard	Tuesday
Year 4	Mrs Kang Forgiveness 1	Door Number 9 on Soho Road	Thursday
	Mrs Sagoo Forgiveness 2	<p>Please note, to avoid congestion we dismiss from Door number 9 in two stages.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children without siblings at the school 2. Children with siblings 	Friday
Year 5	Mrs Chopra Contentment 1	Red Door in Main Courtyard	Wednesday
	Miss Saggu Contentment 2	Green Door in Main Courtyard	Monday
Year 6	Mr Higgins Optimism 1	<p>Main Office area</p> <p>Polite request that Year 6 parents wait outside of the office area.</p> <p>Should you wish to speak to class teacher, please wait until other pupils have been dismissed.</p>	Wednesday
	Mrs Sandhu White Optimism 2		

550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Pupils throughout Nishkam School Trust will be reflecting on the life of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak Dev Ji. This year marks 550 years since their birth.

550th Celebrations at Birmingham University

Children in each Nishkam School reflected on the story of Wali Khandhari's encounter with Guru Nanak Dev Ji, discussing the key moral of the story.

They were then asked to create a handprint and write some of these values within the print. Pupils felt that the story showed the importance of Humility, Forgiveness and Compassion.

The handprints were displayed at the University Event. We are extremely grateful to all the families who attended.



Pictures and details from event can be found on <https://uk550.co.uk/>

COMPETITION



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Thinking about the moral of the story as an inspiration, create something of your choice:

- Artwork
- Poem
- letter
- Model

Can you show the value of **CREATIVITY**?



DEADLINE: All entries to be submitted by 23rd September 2019

Competition

Please don't forget that our competition deadline is the 23rd September 2019.

Date	Events
Monday 16 th September to Friday 6 th December	After School Clubs start this week
Wednesday 18 th September	Year 6 Parent meeting – Year 6 curriculum and High School Admissions meeting 9:00am-9:30am
Wednesday 25 th September 2019	Reception Parent Workshop - supporting your child with phonics and routines 2:45pm-3:15pm. Please come to door number 3
Thursday 26 th September 2019	Nishkam High School Open Evening for Year 7 entry 6pm – 8pm To be held at Great King Street North. Hockley, Birmingham, B19 2LF For further details please call the school office on 0121 348 7660 Time: 5.45pm – 8.00pm Principal's address: 6.00pm and 7.00pm
Friday 27 th September 2019	Nishkam High School Open Morning for Year 7 entry 9am – 10:15am To be held at Great King Street North. Hockley, Birmingham, B19 2LF For further details please call the school office on 0121 348 7660 9.00am – 10.15am
Monday 30 th September	Humility 2 Grandparents Day Assembly – Parents invited to attend 9:00am – 9:30am Please come to door number 3.
Monday 7 th October	9.00am Friends of Nishkam Meeting
Friday 11 th October	Individual Portrait Photos to be taken <u>today</u>
Sunday 13 th October	Nishkam Primary Pupils invited to participate in Birmingham Mini Run https://www.greatrun.org/great-birmingham-run/juniorandminibirmingham
Monday 14 th October 2019	Forgiveness 1 – Diwali Assembly– Parents invited to attend 9:00am – 9:30am Please come to door number 3.
Tuesday 15 th October 2019	Parents Consultation Evening – please come and visit your child's classroom and work, and see how they are settling in. 3:45 – 5:30pm No appointments.
Tuesday 15 th October	Parents Consultation Evening 3:45pm-5:30pm - Opportunity to meet with new teachers and discuss any initial concerns. No appointments required.
Monday 4 th November	School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2
Monday 4 th November	9.00am Friends of Nishkam Meeting
Tuesday 5 th November 2019	Reception intake September 2020- Open Evening for prospective parents 5.00pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 6 th November	Meeting for Year 4 and 5 parents with Principal from Nishkam High School
Thursday 7 th November	Reception intake September 2020- Open Morning for prospective parents 9.15am-10.15am
Monday 2 nd December	9.00am Friends of Nishkam Meeting
Monday 9 th December 2019	Truth 1 & 2 – Nativity Assembly – Parents invited to attend 9:00am – 9:30am Please come to door number 3.
Friday 20 th December	School closes at 1:00pm

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 13 th Sep	Week ending 6 th Sep
Service 1	Nimrat	Baani
Service 2	Amrit K	Amrit S
Humility 1	Vismadh	Avani
Humility 2	Harjas	Aljit
Forgiveness 1	Preeya & Pavan	Kuljot
Forgiveness 2	Jasmine	Gurjap
Contentment 1	Simran	Jasmeet
Contentment 2	Harshaan	Devjot
Optimism 1	Namandeep	Namandeep
Optimism 2	Aman	Gurnihal

Good Workers

Good Handwriting Award

Class Name	Week ending 13 th Sep	Week ending 6 th Sep	Class Name	Week ending 13 th Sep	Week ending 6 th Sep
Service 1	Jeevan	Gopal	Service 1	Baani	Haswin
Service 2	Jagjeevan	Sanmaan	Service 2	Jeet	Jasneet
Humility 1	Omreet	Hargun	Humility 1	Paramveer	Jaya
Humility 2	Aaprs	Saayam	Humility 2	Harjas	Jay
Compassion 1	Arjun	Yadin	Compassion 1	Avneet	Jappreet
Compassion 2	Pavneet	Sonakshi	Compassion 2		Pavneet
Forgiveness 1	Amrit & Alisha	Jugjeev	Forgiveness 1	Naroop, Preeya & Ravneet	Ravneet
Forgiveness 2	Jayden	Meeth	Forgiveness 2	Meeth	Gurjap
Contentment 1	Permya	Milveen	Contentment 1	Harkirat	Amardeep
Contentment 2	Kamran	Amar	Contentment 2	Radhika	Alisha
Optimism 1	Veer-Singh & Taranjot	Anika	Optimism 1	Radhika, Rukiran & Arjun	Avneet K
Optimism 2	Ishveer	Bhajneek	Optimism 2	Prabhki, Simran & Jagdeep	Ishveer