



Dates for your Diary



Foodbank Visit

Nishkam Portrait Artist of the Year



Children have been asked to create a portrait of someone who inspires them. That could be a family member, someone from history or even a teacher. They can paint, draw or collage.

Winners will get be selected by special judges. Points could be won for houses, as well as a prize. Winning work will be exhibited at parents evening.

To make sure we have room in our gallery, please make sure work is no bigger than A4 and is labelled on the back with child's name and class.

Deadline
Thursday 6th February



Last week, Key Stage 2 councillors made a trip to the food bank. It was a very pleasurable experience; it was a true eye-opener for us. At the Food bank, we saw the room where all the donations of food were stored. A volunteer at the food bank told us how the food bank worked. Our contributions will really help the homeless this winter. We are very grateful for all the contributions that were given by the Nishkam family. Thank you.



Wednesday 5th February
Compassion 1 Faith proposed visit to Singers Hill Synagogue

Thursday 6th February
Compassion 2 Faith proposed visit to Singers Hill Synagogue

Monday 10th February
Compassion 1 – Valentines Assembly for Compassion 1 Parents at 9am. Please come to door number 3.

Week commencing Monday 10th February – No after school clubs this week due to parents evening.

Tuesday 11th February and Wednesday 12th February
Parents Consultation Evening
Appointment only 3:40 – 6:30pm

Thursday 13th February
Birmingham City Missions
Assembly for children - Respecting Others
Years 4, 5 & 6

Friday 14th February
Love and Respect Enrichment Day. School closes at 3.25pm.

Monday 17th February to Friday 21 February - Half term Holidays. Children return to school on Monday 24th February

Life Journey's of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Our Key Stage 2 children have spent time this week visiting the exhibition at the Gurudwara, celebrating the Life of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Here are some reflections:



'I have learnt that Guru Nanak Dev Ji is always humble and wise. Never unfair. I feel that I have learnt lots about Guru Nanak Dev Ji and now I will be more humble.'

By Suhaavi



'I have learnt about Guru Nanak Dev Ji about their teachings and childhood. Amazed because of the life of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and how much they have been through.'

By Amrit



'I have learnt that Guru Nanak Dev Ji is humble and wise – I feel that I have changed.'

By Gurleen



'We learnt about the journey of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Our Guru's stories are never ending.'

By Jasraj

Year 5 Trip to the National Space Centre



"The Leicester Space Centre was very good trip as we learnt about space and it was fun as well. My favourite part was the movie. It was the best trip ever!

We learnt lots of things about space and we also went in a planetarium. There were lots of physical activities. We learnt lots of facts in fun ways. The planetarium was the best as we could interact with the person who was talking to us. We could see lots of stars and best of all the planetarium was 3D. We learnt lots of things like Apollo 13 went to the moon with Neil Armstrong inside. Well, all we have to say is that was the best trip ever."

By Sukhdeep and Radhika, Year 5

Sneak Peek at New Clubs this term

Yoga



"I love the special word we use - namaste."

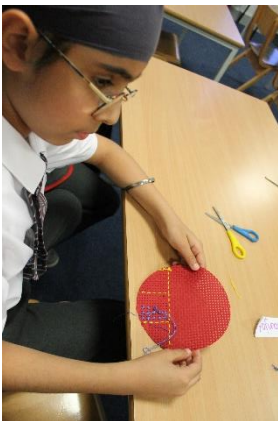
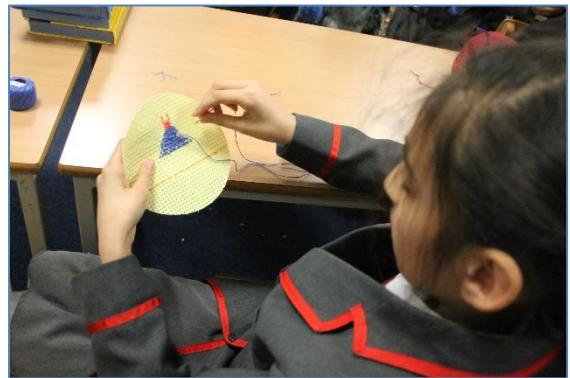
"Yoga is good for my body. It helps me to relax."

Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds



"We are reflecting on what qualities we have."

Textiles Class



"We have learned how to do a running stitch, whip-stitch and cross stitch. I can't wait to see my finished piece."

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 24 th January	w/e 31 st January
Truth 1	Parneet	Nimrat
Truth 2	Omayya	Jujhar
Service 1	Eshan	Rohan
Service 2	Sharan	Supriya
Humility 1	Armaan	Harjot K
Humility 2	Aljit	Jaya K
Compassion 1	Jappreet	Waheguruki
Compassion 2	Veer	Simar
Forgiveness 1	Amarbeer	Jugjeev
Forgiveness 2	Jayden	Suhaavi & Gurmukh
Contentment 1	-	Gurpaarus
Contentment 2	Sukhdeep	Ganeev
Optimism 1	Avneet	Namandeep
Optimism 2	Gurnihal	Prabhki

Good Workers

Good Handwriting Award

Class Name	w/e 24 th January	w/e 31 st January	Class Name	w/e 24 th January	w/e 31 st January
Truth 1	Sahej	Harfateh, Luca, Harpreet & Agamjot	Truth 1	Sahib	Rueben
Truth 2	Mannat	Gagandeep	Truth 2	Haneet	Mohkam
Service 1	Baani	Jeevan	Service 1	Avani	Taran
Service 2	Arjun	Manjot	Service 2	Amrit S	Jeet
Humility 1	Vismadh	Harveen	Humility 1	Amrit	Mayati
Humility 2	Saayam	Dylan	Humility 2	Aaprs	Dylan
Compassion 1	Jaikaar	Arjan C	Compassion 1	Arjun	Avneet
Compassion 2	Udham	Abeyjit	Compassion 2	Pavneet	Bhavnek
Forgiveness 1	Sahej, Prabhreet & Jugjeev	Jai	Forgiveness 1	Shaan	Prabhneet
Forgiveness 2	Taran	Jujhar	Forgiveness 2	Jasmine	Simran
Contentment 1	Simran	Jaanvi	Contentment 1	Kimran	Gurpaarus
Contentment 2	Whole Class	Priyadeep	Contentment 2	Alisha, Ganeev & Sukhmani K K	Devjot & Kamran
Optimism 1	Aaron & Sienna	Amarjot & Rukiran	Optimism 1	Simar & Taranjot	Kulmeet
Optimism 2	Rihanna & Prabhki	Jagmohan, Prabhjot & Kirtan	Optimism 2	Gursukh	Simran & Jaswant

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/e 24 th January	w/e 31 st January
Reception	extinct	mystery
Year 1	tourist	instruction
Year 2	gloomy	scorching
Year 3	unfortunate	dishonest
Year 4	invigorating	repellent
Year 5	Inconspicuous	dispel
Year 6	lapse	illegal

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
Harsant, Sevak, Aljit, Arjun B, Yashraj, Kuljot, Daya, Tia, Kimran, Santa, Jaylen	Harman, Omreet, Avneet C, Gagan, Sidharth, Harveen R, Sahib Jia, Udham, Harsimar, Deep, Amardeep, Jaanvi & Prabhjot	Harshleen, Gagan, Prem, Paarus, Laila, Waheguruki, Satnam, Yuvraj, Shaan, Daya, Gurpaarus, Kamaldeep, Galvin, Akaal, & Jasnoor	Avani, Seerat, Amreet, Ranjoht, Jaya K, Khankhor, Bhajan, Jaikaar, Devjot, Aman, Akaal, Amreen & Prabhjot	Manmeet, Gurleen, Anika & Bhavnek	Harnam, Ajay, Kirpal, Harjap, Simran S, & Ratan	Kirpal & Arnav