



12th March 2021
Newsletter

Welcome Back

Dear Parents,

We are so thrilled to have the children back in school, learning with their classmates and teachers. They have been dearly missed.

We spent the earlier part of the week settling in to our routines and ensuring our children felt happy and safe coming back to school. Lessons are now in full swing and children are displaying such a positive attitude to their learning. On Monday we celebrated our Reading Challenge and Portrait Artist of the Year winners and now we've ended the week with a special Science Dress-up Day as a finale to Science Week.

We have put together this newsletter to share these wonderful events with you and update you with some of the work that has been going on around school.

A big thank you to our whole school community for supporting us with yet another transition back to school. Your efforts to keep us all safe are greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Mrs G Kaur

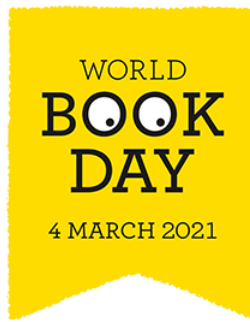


Have you seen our new canopy over our Reception Learning Garden. Now children can be outside all year round! Have a look at some of our outdoor learning this week!



We found some interesting places to read at home! And can you see Angad? I mean the Gruffalo?!





Some of us even read online using our new MyOn portal! Look at the Lego island made by Pavneet inspired by her class reading book!





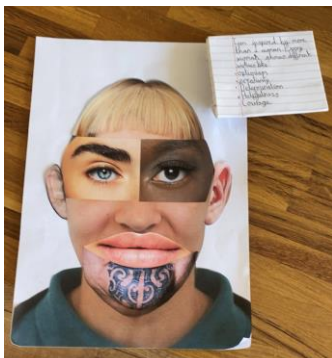
We created our own book titles and celebrated the books we love by making characters and scenes out of Lego and potatoes! Can you see Alisha's 'shelfie'? How cool!



Nishkam Portrait Artist of the Year

This year, we challenged our pupils to create a portrait of a woman they find inspiring. It could have been a famous scientist, a singer or even a family member - any woman they found inspiring.

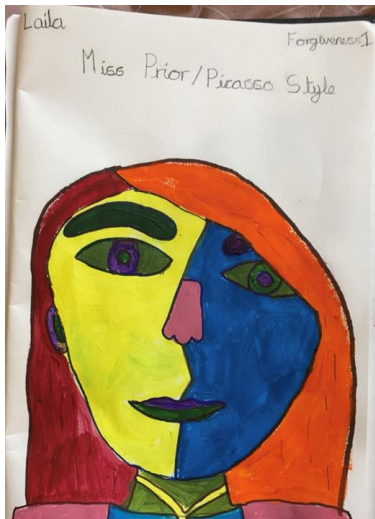
We had lots of wonderful entries that really showcased the children's artistic talents. Here are the winners:



A very interesting and conceptual piece of artwork was entered in Year 5. This collage by Gurleen shows the faces of many different women joined together. Gurleen expressed "I am inspired by more than 1 woman. Every woman shows different virtues like optimism and creativity."

Nishkam Portrait Artist of the Year

Year	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Reception	Jujhar	Uptej	Manomohan
1	Roop	Amarpreet	Veer
2	Gopal	Jasneet	Ajeet
3	Vismadh	Prabhdeep	Mehak
4	Nirgun	Laila	Taaj
5	Diya	Gurleen	Jagdish
6	Dharma	Harjap	Sukhmani



Prizes

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place have been awarded positives and digital certificates. Please check Class Dojo for these.
- Winners are being featured in our digital gallery around school and have a place waiting in our new in school gallery. Winners, please bring your artwork to Miss Edwards if you haven't already.
- Winners will join a special zoom Art activity with Miss Edwards. Keep an eye out for messages regarding this.

Reading Challenge

Thank you to all of those who took part in our reading challenge this month. A target of £3 per child was set which would have given us £1260 if everyone achieved it. However, would you believe, we managed to raise just shy of **£4500** to spend on new reading books for our school! We are so grateful to everyone who took part to raise money and donate to the school.



We have just recently launched our new library in school with thousands of new books for the children to loan each week but we are now able to buy MORE books for our classroom reading corners, giving children even more opportunities to read. We are so humbled by your generosity and awe of what we are able to achieve together for our children.



Next week the children and teachers will be selecting their new reading books. Stay tuned for more updates on this!

Reading Challenge



Wow, look at that total!

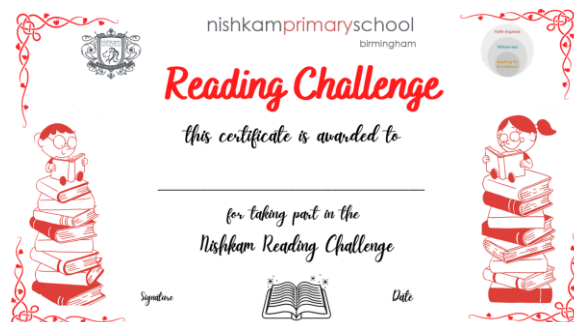
All of our amazing book worms received a certificate for their participation in the Reading Challenge. In each year group we also had winners for the child who raised the most money and the child who read the most books!

Take a look at our Reading Challenge Winner Gallery!

Most Books Read (in year group order)



Most Money Raised (in year group order)



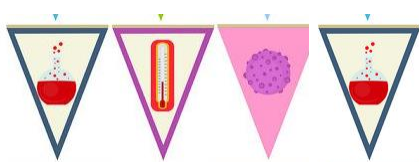
Reading at Nishkam

This year we are working hard to ensure that reading is a priority for us as a school. Here are some of the things we have been working on this year to improve Reading and Nishkam Primary School:

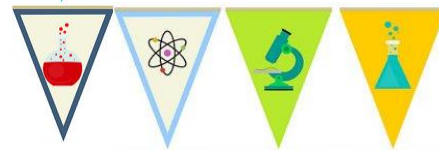
- We have implemented Accelerated Reader to help us to track children's reading progress and ensure they are challenged with appropriate texts based on their age and reading ability.
- There are many opportunities within the school week to read or to listen to someone reading.
- We have been focusing on developing vocabulary through opportunities to read more and by introducing children to new language regularly. Ask our children about 'word of the week' and 'word blasts'!
- We have launched MyOn to develop a love for reading by providing children with a range of e-books.

And now thanks to you, we can continue to invest in more reading books to inspire children to read more and to have a range of books to choose from!

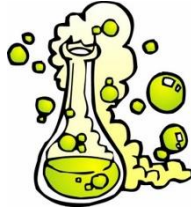




Science Dress Up Day Winners



Truth



Service



Harcharan

Amber



Harpreet

Geneve

Humility



Compassion



Arjun

Gurmukh



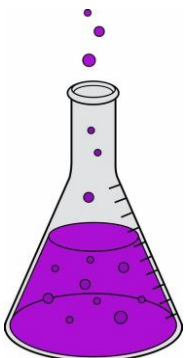
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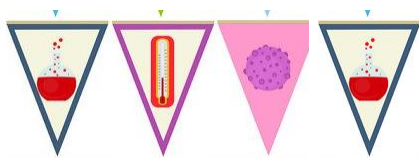
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Science Week

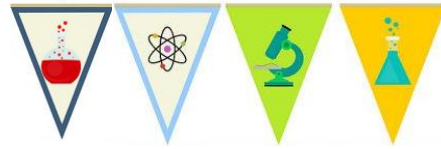
Wow! What a fabulous week our children have had celebrating science.

As part of our Science Week celebrations children were asked to use their virtue of creativity for a science themed fancy dress outfit! Everyone did a fantastic job. It was a hard job for the teachers to choose the winners!

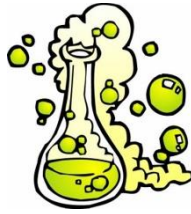




Science Dress Up Day Winners



Forgiveness



Contentment



Manveer

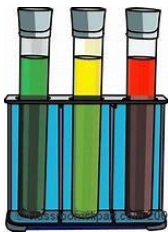
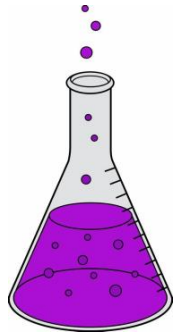
Jaskaran



Jugjeev

Gurmukh

Optimism



Harshaan

Gurpaarus



Just for fun!

Q: What do you call a dinosaur with bad eyesight?



A: Do-you-think-he-saurus.

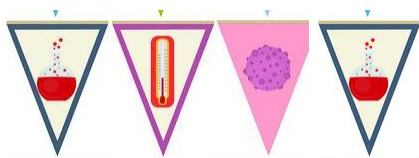
Useful Home Learning

Have a look at this website. It is full of science activities that you can do with your child to encourage them with their learning at home.

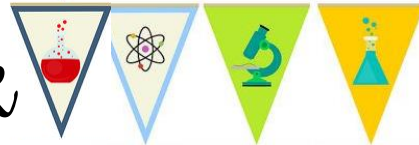
<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/community/resource/258613/early-yearsreception-science-homeworks>

Child's Quote

"Science is about asking lots of questions. We need to make a prediction before we experiment. Then we observe and make changes. My favourite thing about science is that we can experiment and explore new things."

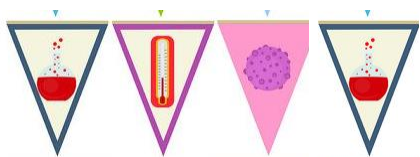


Science Week

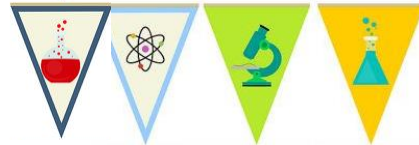


Here at Nishkam we love investigations in science! Have a look at the incredible experiments we have been doing this week.





Dress Up



Have a look at our fantastic dress up costumes. Today the children have been testing each other's heart rates, using their robot machine brains and blasting off into space!



Our Classrooms

In preparation for returning to school, our teachers and associate teachers worked together on new displays for all the classrooms. We wanted to share some amazing examples with you so you see what our learning environment looks like in different classrooms around the school.

What an amazing team!

