

#### Newsletter from Nishkam School West London - Friday 29th January 2021

### Virtues in focus : Humility & Modesty Truth & Honesty

#### Dear Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. It has been a week of sadness and sorrow as we have passed a grim milestone of 100, 000 deaths in the UK from Covid-19 and it is hard to believe that this all started just a year ago. Our prayers and condolences are with all of those that have been impacted. I know that we are eager to get back to our normal routines and for schools to be open again for all pupils. Last week, the Secretary of State for Education said schools, parents and children would be given two clear weeks' reopening notice. This week, the PM announced that schools will not open before the 8<sup>th</sup> March. We shall have to wait and see whether the current situation is extended, whether all children can return to school or whether there is a phased return of some year groups similar to the wider opening of schools last June. We will continue to keep you updated.

On a more positive note, it was heart-warming to join in with the collective prayer session last week to mark the birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. We are planning to run more of these morning prayer sessions to celebrate upcoming faith events. We have also been so impressed with the high level of engagement with remote learning and the positive feedback from the survey that we conducted. Thank you for persevering with supporting the children whilst also juggling home/work commitments. We do understand that this is not easy, so please do get in contact if you are facing any challenges and we will do our best to support.

This week, we are focusing on the virtues of Truth and Honesty. In Sikh scriptures 'Sat' (truth) is a key principle that underpins the spiritual journey. "Truth is the highest virtue, higher still is truthful living." (Guru Nanak Dev Ji). We have been looking at ways to live more truthfully by not telling lies, admitting to mistakes, being true to ourselves and not showing off.

I leave you with an extract from a beautiful poem called 'The Hill We Climb' by Amanda Gorman as it captures the current truth (and hope) so well:

Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true: That even as we grieved, we grew. That even as we hurt, we hoped. That even as we tired, we tried. That we'll forever be tied together, victorious.

Wishing you a peaceful and safe weekend,

#### S. Rai

Mrs Rai, Head of Primary Education.

#### Farewell & Welcome Back

We are very sad to announce that Miss Hamaida will be leaving the school next week to pursue an exciting new opportunity. We will really miss her and thank her for all the hard work that she has put into the learning and teaching over the last couple of years. We wish her the very best for the future and hope to keep in touch.

We know that 4H will really miss Miss Hamaida but we also look forward to welcoming back Mrs Bentham as the new class teacher from Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Kaur will continue to teach the class on Monday and Tuesday.



#### 9th February 2021

Safer Internet Day

Parent communication:

Tue 9 Feb 2021

Details in the newsletter

Primary Phase Pupils & Staff to wear a colour /multiple colours from the GOOGLE logo. During our class conference we will create a class collage on our screens.



"Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living, and truth loving."

-James E Faust



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#### Primary Phase -only

Dear Parents/Carers and our Pupils,

On **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**, we will be celebrating **"Safer Internet Day."** It is really important that we are always talking about how to keep safe online, especially during the challenging times that we are facing at the moment and when we are relying on the internet every day to communicate with each other and access our learning.

We want to embrace this day by asking all of our Primary Pupils and Staff to **wear a colour/multiple colours** from the **GOOGLE logo**.

On this day, we will discuss Safer Internet Day during our class conference where we can see each other in our colourful clothing and **create a class collage on our screens.** 

# Google

#### Keep Active in Lockdown

### Safer Internet Day takes place every February



Extra-Curricular Activities during COVID-19



Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see attached a list of various activities which your child could participate in during the lockdown period. Whilst many of you will appreciate the pupils spend a lot of time in front of their screens, whether it is during lessons or talking to friends, which means they are not as active as they normally are. The list contains a range of activities that your child could do in their own time to help them keep active. These activities will allow a good balance of well-being and learning. All these opportunities are online and for some, pupils may need to sign up via a website, eg. Eventbrite or Harlequins.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Seraphin Head of Year 9

> Drama School | Wellbeing | Ball co-ordination | Catching skills | Footwork | Throwing | Agility | Target practice Soccercise Session | Badminton | PL Kicks | Workout | Strength & Conditioning | Balance activity | Sports club

and many more...see the attached PDF.



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#### Primary Phase: Years 3 and 4

**3 Compassion:** Impressive work produced by **Kuljot** in which she compares Egyptian belief systems to ours.

Tuesday, 19th January 2021 What did the Ancient Egypticans Value and pelieve Ra was the Sun god he was a leader of all the Egyptian Gods. It is said that he Salied across the hevens in his boat called the "Barque of millions of years."

The Egyptions believed that the was re-born each day just do the sun rises and sets each day.

In modern times, we have diggrant graither and worship and in our own ways.

We don't worship the surmoon and stars like the Egyptions did but we do believe in hevers and re-birth equise.

4 Contentment: Meher wrote an amazing setting description using a variety of noun phrases and five senses.

**4 Humility: Jeevun** worked really hard in Computing this week to programme challenging patterns using TurtleArt.

**3 Truth: Jodh** worked very hard on his alternative ending for Krindlekrax.

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Russin digled to a side no gest as he could. He tured around and carried on butting.

Jub & threw the sack of happy endies and over her shoulder and stotted along the crooped path."Crunch, Crund" went the leaves She garred up at the granted towering trees and I pros branches there thier spindly Jub stoped She She tipled towards tree tourles. Su turned her s, the wall head. the . Suddenly Somet hino jumped out of the Tub turned. Relived, she shodows Sighed thing was a deer. Jub trag through the goodst climbed m happy endi tree N/PS soming s she was sor darkend every free. As she ninute Sky sound of volves noving filled ther eas. The eyes of ours plashed like ears. The eyes of ourts flashed torches and hats spinned her like lying frezbees. Jub started run. Within 5 minutes st head run. Within 5 minta m home, snuggled up, ready minutes she Was to go to sleep



I made a pattern, by first making a circle then making the tartle tarn right. The tartle tarning right allows me to make another circle on top. After I did this I made it repeat this action 16 times.



After making one pattern I decided to experiment with angle, I changed the angle to 180 which meant that a circle wasn't created, a different shape was made. I then changed the radius and the pattern became smaller.



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#### Secondary Phase: English

Nishkam pupils have been really engaged with English so far this half term – Mr P Cragg, Mr Evans and Ms Ogbe are very impressed by their effort and commitment. Year 7s are reading the classic novel *Peter Pan*, Year 8s are studying *Romeo and Juliet* and Year 9 are studying *Othello*, also by William Shakespeare. The pupils have responded to the challenge of remote study really well, using video clips and online resources to help get to grips with these challenging texts.

Please enjoy these examples of Year 9 creative writing. On a Thursday, Mr Cragg talks through one element of good descriptive writing with his pupils and they have a chance to produce their own.



#### Harnoor - 9 Compassion

The salty smell of the ocean merged with the petrichor and seeped through the sand on the beach. It was a cold, dull day. The wind rushed through his thick brown hair and he took a long, deep breath that seemed to last forever. As he looked up with his sore eyes the sky filled itself with heavy grey clouds of sadness. He looked down at his daughter; he saw the tender innocence glisten in her eyes. How could he tell her what had happened?



#### **Kavan** – 9 Truth

It was a bright summer's day when Jordan was informed of an upcoming visit to the beach with his family. Reluctantly, he agreed to the excursion, as he had never been before but he would prefer to play games with his friends during his free time. He dragged himself out of bed on Saturday and endured the three-hour drive to Brighton from Birmingham, with only his phone to pass the time. It seemed like decades had passed when the family finally arrived at the beach and what a magnificent view awaited them! The azure sky complemented the sapphire sea and persuaded the Stevenson family that it was worth the road trip. It was as if the flora, fauna, smooth sand and stringy seaweed were masters of enchantment, were casting a spell on Jordan, as he burst out of the car, and rushed towards the shore like an ecstatic infant. He realised that there was more to life than his phone and that he should make the most of the remainder of his childhood.





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#### Secondary Phase: Year 7 English What are you reading?

Mr Evans asked Year 7 pupils to read and then write a summary of the books they are reading at home. Here are some of the uploaded summaries below:





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#### Secondary Phase: Geography

Pupils across Years 7, 8 and 9 have been working extremely hard in Geography over the past the few weeks. The work produced has been amazing! The Year 9's have been studying Antarctica this half term and recently completed a murder mystery. Pupils investigated why the Krill are disappearing from the Antarctic seas and who the main culprits are. Here are just a few examples of their crime reports.



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It sen tensoles which have strong jakes known as a bee can catch krill, small fish, or even some of their smalk second most popular choice on the menu. Like other r loot large numbers of their family members in recent t

controvential claim. But, if we are being honest, the one that is a most. Sea-loe is a vital feeding ground for the huge numbers on coars, but around the Antarctic Peninsula, there has been a dran ce. Here, temperatures have risen by 2.5% in the last ffly years. that temperatures the rise is a result of global warming, which is WHO IS THE GUIL TIEST SUSPECT/S?

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#### WHAT IMPACT HAS THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE KRILL HAD?

appearance of the krill has had a huge impact on not just itself, but s that rely upon it for survival. Seals and penguins have faced rapid ause of the dec where when one animal becomes exproved angene Mer. Also, the krill business has declined, as there are nies to produce and sell the krill, due to their disappe he harvests, and fisherman struggle to find enough to

#### RE THERE ANY SOLUTIONS?

There are some solutions to help stop this oremostly, do everything we can to stop climate change before algos for stopping the emissions of greenhouse pases and chan inable, renewable method is vital, not only for the benefit of the for all of humanity.

tor all of humanity. Io stop hunting creatures, and harvesting the krill. Seals are struggling massive to one of their biggest food sources declining, which leads to their enclarge



#### Photography Lockdown Challenge Winners

#### Week 1.

- Theme - My javourite jood ...



Saavi 1 Contentment



Hasini 1 Truth



Anjali 7 Contentment



Anaiya 5 Compassion



#### Photography Lockdown Challenge Winners

Week 2

#### - Theme - Winter in lockdown...



Taran 4 Humility



Hardit 1Truth





Jaseena 6 Contentment

lqra 8 Love



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#### Pupil of the Week Certificates : 22.01.21

Congratulations to all the pupils who were awarded merit certificates for Pupil of the Week:

R Compassion:	Parina Kaur	R Truth:	Haksh Bedi
R Humility:	Aahana Marway	R Contentment:	Gagan Sura
1 Compassion:	Kriya Prakash	1 Truth:	Dyal Kanda
1 Humility:	Simran Cleary	1 Contentment:	Ishpal Bumrah
2 Compassion:	Lano Faad	2 Truth:	Ayva Bhachu
2 Humility:	Parteek Sangha	2 Contentment	Gurseerat Cheema
3 Truth:	Leon Gurung	3 Compassion:	Tanveer Vig
4 Contentment:	Paavan Lall	4 Humility:	Anokh Bhamrah
5 Truth:	Harveen Gill	5 Compassion:	Sharleen Bal
6 Humility:	Jimsher Baga	6 Contentment:	Niyam Patel
7 Compassion:	Oscar Fernandez Ramirez	7 Truth:	Prabhdish Chahal
7 Humility:	Sukhchain Dhillon	7 Contentment:	Prabhleen Notay
8 Compassion:	Jasman Singh	8 Truth :	lshdeep Jawanda
8 Humility:	Jiya Gandhi	8 Contentment:	Jind Matharoo
8 Love:	Yuvraj Singh	9 Compassion:	Amber Basra
9 Truth :	Savir Sura	9 Humility:	Devneet Madhan
9 Contentment:	Sukhneet Madhan	Faith: 1 Compassion	Aryan Azad



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#### Pupil of the Week Certificates : 29.01.21

Congratulations to all the pupils who were awarded merit certificates for Pupil of the Week:

R Compassion:	Navleen Singh	R Truth:	HarRaiya Cheema
R Humility:	Jaanveer Walia-Dwyer	R Contentment:	Mehar Walia
1 Compassion:	Anika Bhatia	1 Truth:	Shayaan Mohyeddin
1 Humility:	Prabneer Khaneja	1 Contentment:	Amreen Sarai
2 Compassion:	Reyna Brar	2 Truth:	Jayvir Dhillon
2 Humility:	Priya Jain	2 Contentment	Bavneet Sate
3 Truth:	Ekaras Sidhu	3 Compassion:	Mankeerat Kaur
4 Contentment:	Rohan Virdee	4 Humility:	Manpreet Rooprai
5 Truth:	Gurleen Sarl	5 Compassion:	Jaskeerat Chahal
6 Humility:	Sahibveer Nagpal	6 Contentment:	Shreeya Mathur
7 Compassion:	Yashita Konda	7 Tr∪th:	Eesha Mann
7 Humility:	Dilveen Sethi	7 Contentment:	Prabhdeep Gujral
8 Compassion:	Bavneet Aujla	8 Truth :	Yuvraj Virdi
8 Humility:	Puneet Raju	8 Contentment:	Dharren Chopra
8 Love:	Harkirat Kholi	9 Compassion:	Tushar Shukla
9 Truth :	Phajmeet Kaur	9 Humility:	Mareesha Arora
9 Contentment:	Manal Kapoor	Faith: 1 Compassion	Zayn Barkatali Hadwani