



29th March 2022

Vaisakhi enrichment day – Dress Down Day on Wednesday 6th April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are in the process of arranging a Vaisakhi enrichment day for our pupils to participate in on **Wednesday 6th April 2022**.

Vaisakhi marks the formation of the Khalsa (the first initiation for the Sikh faith in 1699) when Sikhi was born as a collective faith, which is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar.

The day will consist of:

- Walking to visit a local Gurdwara (Nanaksar Thath) including a talk about the events in history commemorating Vaisakhi. Pupils will be offered a small vegetarian snack and drink to share in the langar (Guru's free kitchen, open and welcome to everyone). Pupils will also share the shabads (Sikh hymns) they have been learning in class.
- They will watch and learn all about Gatka (Gatka is a form of martial arts associated primarily with the Sikhs of the Punjab) and will learn how it is associated with Vaisakhi and its history.
- Pupils will learn in detail all about Vaisakhi and will participate in art and crafts activities.
- There will be a special Vaisakhi lunch for pupils to share.
- The card competition will be announced.

It will be a very informative fun day and pupils are asked to come in their '**cultural dress**' or smart wear. Please refrain from sending pupils in tracksuits or jeans.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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