Newsletter from Nishkam School West London - Friday 5th April 2019

Value of the Week: Selflessness

Dear Families,

This week we have focused on the value after which our school Trust is named, which of course is selflessness. With Vaisakhi approaching next week we remember the example of the 'Panj Piare' (Beloved Five) and their willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for the cross to forgive man's sin.

If we can emulate even just a little of the selflessness shown by these key figures in religious history in our daily lives over the coming weeks, I am sure it will make for an even better holiday.

As we turn our thoughts to the holidays, we also want to reflect on what has been a wonderful term, with so many trips and visits and new opportunities being embraced by the children. Above all though, we want to celebrate the day-to-day work that goes on in our classrooms and the fantastic work ethic demonstrated by classes in all year groups. A heartfelt thank you goes to all the teachers and pupils who make NSWL the outstanding school that it is.

The Patron's Birthday

Last weekend it was our Patron, Bhai Sahib Ji's 80th birthday, so we wish him many happy returns. Thanks also go to the pupils and staff who took time out to prepare and then film birthday messages for Bhai Sahib Ji. I know they were well received. We very much look forward to welcoming the Patron to the school later in the academic year so we can say thank you in person for all that he has done for us.



Thank you Miss Salvatierra and Miss Anscomb

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Salvatierra and Miss Anscomb this week. We want to thank them for their hard work and dedication to their classes at NSWL and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Special Assemblies

This week has been a week of special assemblies, with 7 Contentment sharing their take on the Easter story. We particularly enjoyed their 'live witness accounts' of the events that took place. We have also been lucky enough to welcome the Archdeacon of Middlesex, Stephan Welch, to NSWL, who shared a thought-provoking Easter reflection with us.

Sometimes, the shortest messages are the most powerful, so I want to conclude with this:

"Lord, may my selfishness be replaced with selflessness."

Have a happy and peaceful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you and your children back at NSWL after the break.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Craga, Principal

Dates for your diary



16th - 18th April

- Y6 revision sessions 9am - 12pm

23rd April

- School re-opens after Easter

24th April

- 3C class assembly

26th April

- Y3 Swimming begins

Parent communication sent home this week:-

- Breakfast/Afterschool childcare form
- Club schedule
- Reception newsletter

Attendance Figures This week

All School (95.8%↑)			
7 Contentment	7 Truth		
98.0%	96.7%		
7 Compassion	7 Humility		
92.8%	94%		
6 Humility	6 Contentment		
98.4%	99.2%		
5 Truth	5 Compassion		
94.4%	100%		
4 Humility	4 Contentment		
93.6%	98.4%		
3 Truth	3 Compassion		
98.0%	95.2%		
2 Humility	2 Contentment		
88.5%	93.6%		
1 Truth	1 Compassion		
100%	94.8%		
R Contentment	R Humility		
96%	92.8%		
R Compassion	R Truth		
98.3%	94.6%		

Congratulations to 1 Truth and 5 Compassion for achieving 100% attendance this week.



Pupil of the Week Certificates

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

Reception Compassion: Daya Bath Reception Humility: Renita Patil

Reception Truth: Jayvir Dhillon Reception Contentment: Jasmine Toor

1 Compassion: Jaspreet Seerha 1 Truth: Prabhdeep Jawanda

2 Contentment: **Daya Notay** 2 Humility: **Haneet Singh**

3 Compassion: **Probina Soni** 3 Truth: **Jakhlin Khaneja**

4 Contentment: Aryan Paul 4 Humility: Sehej Banga

6 Contentment: **Jai Devrya** 6 Humility: **Ishaan Pellay**

Faith: Keshmin Kapoor (4 Contentment)

5 Compassion: Niyamat Gill

Year 7

5 Truth: **Prabhdish Chahal**

Half-term Subject Awards

At the end of every half-term secondary subject teachers will choose one individual to win the half term award for their subject. 5 positive house points will also be logged on the PAM behaviour system.

Congratulations to the following pupils, who were nominated within a subject as pupil of the half-term:

English - **Kavan Dehal** Maths - **Sukhveer Rawal**

Science - Harkirat Malhotra RE - Samveer Bhogal

History - **Amber Basra** Geography - **Ria Ubhi**

Spanish - **Savir Sura** French - **Gunshiba Wadwa**

Punjabi - **Gurleen Sandhu** Music - **Sid Krishnan/Heramb Rana**

Food Technology - **Phajmeet Kaur**P.E. - **Nayna O'Brian**Art - **Mareesha Arora**I.T. - **Navneet Ahuja**

Class Ambassadors Summer 2019

We are very pleased to introduce our Class Ambassadors for the Summer term. They have been appointed by their teachers to welcome visitors to our school and community. It is an achievement to be chosen to represent the school as an Ambassador and we feel that this role helps children to show and improve their leadership and presentation skills. Our Ambassadors have been selected because they are excellent role models within the school who are keen to promote our Nishkam values.

1C	Vivekaa and Sahib	4H	Tejpal and Ruby
1T	Mehar and Leon	4C	Milaavn and Shreeya M
2H	Shiv and Jugjot	5T	Avleen and Harshan M
2C	Minaya and Rohan	5C	Ramzy and Gurbani
3C	Ishandeep and Kirat	6H	Arjan and Sharanpreet
3T	Armaandeep and Jakhlin	6C	Rajveer and Jasmeet



Year 6

I would like to say a very special 'well done' to our Year 6 pupils, who have been working very hard this term to prepare for the upcoming tests in May. The recent mock data is looking very impressive and this is all down to the hard work and determination of the pupils and the Year 6 teachers. A reminder that Easter revision classes will be running from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th April from 9am to 12pm.

Values Homework: Tolerance

Pupils in Year 1-6 have created some excellent submissions for our homework task last week. The children have created some wonderful, thoughtful pieces of work and staff have been very impressed by the overall quality of everything from stories to songs to poems. Well done to all pupils for carefully considering the value of tolerance and what it means to them.



End of term assembly pictures





Ministry of Defence visit

This Wednesday, eleven Year 7 pupils visited the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall. Pupils sang and played the sacred Sikh scriptures known as Kirtan, to celebrate Vaisakhi. Guests at the event commented on how well the pupils played, and what a credit they were to the school. After the ceremony, pupils spoke to the minister of defence RT Hon Earl Howe and members of the British Armed Forces Sikh Association.

Many thanks to Navleen Kaur for preparing the pupils and Miss Atkin and Mrs Carroll for supporting the trip.





Science Projects

Pupils have put an incredible effort into their Science projects in Years 6 and 7. Just by looking at some of the projects you can see that the pupils have shown teamwork, resilience and patience. A lot of hours have gone into producing these creative pieces demonstrating different journeys that have taken or are taking place. Well done to the following pupils who had theirs sent off for the external competition:

Nayna and Tuka - 7 Contentment Savir and Harkaran - 7 Truth Minakshi - 7 Humility Simran - 6 Humility Harnoor and Rinal - 7 Compassion

















Interfaith linking trip

On Tuesday 2nd April, pupils from Year 5 Truth experienced their second School Linking Partnership project day at Berrymede Primary School. The first link day was hosted at Nishkam School in November last year. Pupils from both schools paired up and engaged in various activities to promote skills and build meaningful Interfaith relationships. Pupils had a creative, amazing enjoyable day.







Holiday Home Learning Project

I hope that you do take time to relax with family and friends over the holidays. However, I do have a holiday project for pupils who enjoy taking on a challenge:



Plan, Write & Make A Book



- Step 1: Decide what type of book you would like to make (fiction or non-fiction).
- Step 2: Think about your target audience (Reception, KS1 or KS2)
- Step 3: Research the themes that you want to include in your book. Look at the cover, contents and the blurb. What features are common?
- Step 4: Start drafting your story/information. Get someone to check your work. Edit and then write a final draft.
- Step 5: Think about the layout of the pages. Will you include photos & illustrations?
- Step 5: Make your book. Design the front cover & write a blurb.
- Step 6: Market your book. Think about an advertising campaign.



Bring your books in on Tuesday 23rd April



I look forward to reading them!

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Wishing you a very restful and enjoyable break.

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