



Khalsa Primary School Faith Inspired Education Newsletter



Friday 14th January 2022

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Head of School Update

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school. I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and were able to spend some quality time with your loved ones.

You will be aware of the constantly changing Government guidance regarding COVID-19 and changes with the isolation period. This is now 7 days from the point of symptoms or from the date of positive test if asymptomatic, on condition of two negative lateral flow tests undertaken on days 6 and day 7 at least 24 hours apart.

Government policy is changing quickly at the moment and it is important that we take our lead from the Department for Education. We will endeavour to keep all parents continually informed.



Mrs Mahil

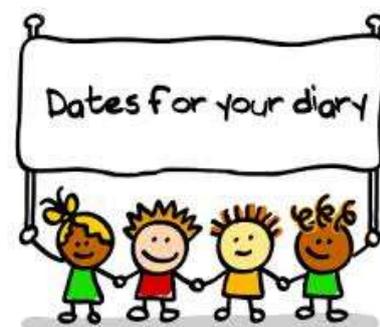
The first two weeks of term have been fantastic. It has been lovely to see nearly everyone back in school and to see the children busy getting on with their learning.

- ✓ Please visit the school website for our yearly overviews and recommended reading. The link can be found [here](#).
- ✓ We also update our website on a monthly basis showcasing Life at KPS. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Important Dates

19th Jan, 26th Jan: Year 5 Swimming

21st Jan, 28th Jan: Year 6 Swimming





How are we keeping safe in school?

- Children wash their hands frequently
- We are keeping the doors and windows open for good ventilation.
- We strongly advise you to keep testing at home

Please send your child dressed warmly as the classrooms can be chilly.

Inform the school office of any positive cases. We need to record all cases and must inform the local authority.

Attendance

Belated **congratulations** to 5 Crow who achieved the best attendance in Autumn Term! Collectively, the children managed to have 97.3% attendance – well done!

We want every child at our school to have the best education possible. Attending school everyday is crucial to the education of your child.

In order for this to happen, we will not authorise any leave during term time.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Children in Year 5 and 6 have started swimming this term. They have been assessed and placed into ability groups and now the learning begins!

Children will learn the necessary skills to swim front crawl, backstroke, breast stroke and also the basic skills of diving.

This is a wonderful learning experience for our children as well as an important life skill so we are proud to say that almost every child is taking part and said they have enjoyed the sessions so far.

Online Safety

The internet is essential in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. As children move up through the school, their access to a variety of technology increases and it stands to reason that their exploration and curiosity increases too.

The positives of the digital world overwhelmingly outweigh the negatives but children, schools and parents all need to be aware of various online risks.

If you would like to share any information or require any further support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Your help is still needed to prevent children accessing inappropriate material at home by way of filters and parental controls.

Our newsletters will provide you regular information about online safety.

LEGO Build and Talk LEGO® have created Build and Talk to help you chat to your child about digital safety and wellbeing. Firstly, you pick an activity to do and then you read a story, which includes questions and conversation prompts, whilst they build with their LEGO®.

This is a great way to start talking about online safety with your child! Whilst you're there, view their guides on key topics related to online safety



Apple Guided Access/Android Screen pinning

Does your child use your phone at times? Both Apple and Android give you the ability to restrict what can be accessed when they are using it, so you can restrict your device to the one app that your child would like to use (so all other features are disabled).

Click on the right model for more information:

[Apple](#)

[Android](#)

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Year 6 have been working hard to publish their descriptive writing piece titled 'The Andes'. We were so proud of all the work that the children had completed that we thought we would share an example of it with you. **Well done to all the children in Year 6 for their amazing work!**

Year 5 have completed creative carnival masks. We looked at different ways to blend colours together using acrylic paint and many of us gave it a go, creating a beautiful ombré effect. After our masks were dry, we began to design and decorate them using many different materials and craft bits. We loved using feathers in particular to make the masks seem like authentic Brazilian Carnival Masks. As you can see, the end result is amazing!



Gurdit spent a month and a half building and decorating a wooden worry box for our 4 Kite. We're so impressed with his hard work and design skills and his classmates are delighted with their new worry box.



Year 3 used drama to make 'stone age' lesson more active, engaging and meaningful. Look at their expressions!



Kickboxing is an extremely rewarding exercise. With the number of skills and techniques children will learn to master, they can take true pride in what they do, developing their new hobby into a serious passion. Year 2 have been fantastic in their weekly classes – keep up the good work!



Inspired by our Wonders of the World topic last term, in Year 1, Hariaaval and Manreet collaborated to build their own Colosseum. They explained how it was like in our story of 'Androcles and the Lion'. They created seating for the spectators and placed them all inside to watch the big show!

The children were in the role-play area where they were using their imagination and speaking skills to help Grandma get better as she was ill. Our children were feeding Grandma healthy food such as watermelon and calling the doctor for help and advice.



In Nursery, children learn through play. This is a simple notion, but has profound meaning.

It helps children make sense of the world around them through discovery, allowing them to develop cognitively, socially, emotionally and physically.



Safeguarding Information

Khalsa Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.



Mrs Jasbir Mahil (Vice Principal)
Designated Safeguarding Officer



Mrs Del Matharu
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding is **EVERYONE's** responsibility.

Any concerns relating to safeguarding children must be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at the earliest possible opportunity.



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