



# Khalsa Primary School Faith Inspired Education Newsletter



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

As ever, thank you for your continued ongoing support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the Christmas holidays, a number of our children and staff across the school have tested positive with Covid. Unfortunately, some of our staff, including teachers, have been quite unwell recently despite being fully vaccinated and we thank all the staff who have covered classes and other duties in their absence which has meant that we have been able to keep the school open as much as possible.

Plan B has now phased out, however we ask that adults continue to wear masks and social distance when entering the school for the time being.

I hope that you and your children – and our staff – continue to remain healthy as move into the spring term.



## Important: Nut Free School

We are a Nut- Free school and **restrict any nuts, sesame seeds and nut- based or nut containing products. Children with allergies to tree nuts and/or peanuts can have an allergic reaction through contact, airborne particles and/or ingestion.**

Therefore, we need to ensure that we make every effort to reduce this risk. So, we need to remind you that WE DO NOT allow nuts or nut products within our setting for snacks, in lunch boxes, or treats. These MUST NOT be sent into the school for the safety of ALL. **This includes products such as cereal bars with sesame seeds, nuts, peanut butter, or chocolate and hazelnut spreads such as Nutella.**

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe in school.



## Watches

Children are permitted to wear a simple watch with the sole function to tell the time only – FitBit or Smart watches are not permitted on site.



## Term Dates

Term ends: Fri 18th Feb 2022

### Half Term:

**Mon 21st Feb to Fri 25th Feb 2022**

Term starts: Mon 28th Feb 2022

Term ends: Fri 1st April 2022



## Calendar Dates

1<sup>st</sup> Feb: Chinese New Year

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Year 4 Kickboxing & Year 5  
Swimming

4<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 2 Kickboxing & Year 6  
Swimming

### Raising Money for National Number Day!



We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on  
**Friday 4 February 2022.**

**Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents  
about tomorrow**

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that’s always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, ‘can-do’ attitude towards it.

**We are having a fun day of maths activities. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we’d love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.**

One of the areas the school is working to improve is the attendance.

If the attendance drops below 95%, this could potentially affect any future Ofsted judgement, as well as children missing vital learning which reduces their chances of success.

**The overall school attendance to date is 94.2%**

Please help us by ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.

**You can find out more about the NSPCC’s work at [nspcc.org.uk](https://nspcc.org.uk)**

**To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)**

# Online Safety

## EYFS/KS1 Children

DigiDuck is an eBook for parents to read with children and has further information about online safety at the back.

[Click Here](#)



## KS2 Children

Here is an interactive quiz in PDF format - the answers are on the last page (upside down).

[Click Here](#)



ParentZone invites parents and carers to a free **Safer Internet Day Special Event** on **Tuesday 8 February, 4.30-5.00 pm**, live on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4keZKmxlUSA>

What games are appropriate for children? What are the advantages and disadvantages of gaming?

How can parents and carers make the right decisions for their family? Under the headline **“All fun and games? Your guide to gaming”**, expert trainer, Sophie Linington, will explore some of the most frequent questions parents have about gaming.



# Wow Moments!



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Year 1 have been Inspired by our 'Khalsa to Kenya' topic this term, we are reading a text called Handa's surprise by Eileen Browne. With this, children made masks out of paper to create a monkey and a zebra mask. They chose these animals as they said these were their favourite animals in the story. They used their fantastic skills to cut, draw and colour.

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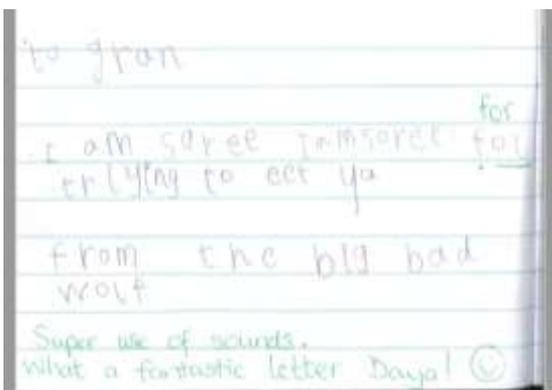
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What a buzz in Year 6 as children are busy trying a new skill - Finger knitting!

This is a skill that strengthens both sides of the brain. The best thing about finger knitting is the calm and beauty it brings.

Children are enthused to spend their break times in a fun and productive way. When they will be finished, they will have beautiful rope of yarn that they may want to use in many different ways, like a key ring, hair decoration, belt, scarf or bag handle.

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We are so proud of some of our Reception children who are now able to apply their set two sounds in their independent writing. This is a letter by Big bad wolf apologizing his terrible behaviour to gran.

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Year 5 went on amazing trip to the Winchester Science Museum. They had a fantastic time as they took a journey through space in the planetarium, where we also looked star constellations and visited each planet. The children got a chance to take part in a rocket workshop, where they designed and created their own rockets. They then saw how far these rockets could travel using fire and real life rocket fuel!

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Year 4 were lucky to welcome Eliot on Thursday who taught about mushrooms and helped create our own urban mushroom farms.

We mixed straw with mushroom spawn and used recycled plastic bottles to make mini urban mushroom farms.

We will spend the next few weeks checking and caring for our mushroom farms as a year group and we're looking forward to eating the results!

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Year 3 have started gardening for this term. We will be growing garlic, chilies, basil and aubergines throughout January

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During break time one of the children in Year 2 sat on his own and decided to meditate. He had his eyes closed and was doing his Simran meditation. This is a difficult task for adults to do let alone for a 6-year-old! What was so striking was the fact that other children saw what he was doing and decided to join him and they all sat together saying, 'Waheguru' in unison.

Teaching children about meditation sets them up for life and we all know that sitting quietly isn't that easy – it's not easy for us grown-ups - so can you imagine how hard it is for young children!

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**Get yourself featured!**

If you would like to share any achievements with our Khalsa community, please email the school office a photograph and sentence to be included in the next newsletter!

e: [office@kpsslough.com](mailto:office@kpsslough.com)

Please don't forget...

