

# THE BUZZ



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## Hello to our readers....

Welcome to this Spring edition of the Buzz Newsletter created by Year 6 pupils. This term, we have been busy with events such as Guara Purnima and KAPS Has Got Talent and you can read all about the fun we've had celebrating these. Our library has advanced from a dark, dingy cupboard to a bright and spacious room filled with books from ceiling to floor. Find out about the exciting technology called Reading Cloud we now use to borrow books. There's also lots of news about our sports teams, and some special visitors to our school. We hope you enjoy reading about how much fun we've had this term.

Editorial Team

## KAPS Has Got Talent!

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, the pupils of KAPSH showed off their amazing abilities in Krishna Avanti's Got Talent. Some children danced, some sang and quite a few played different musical instruments. The organiser of this successful show was the amazing Miss Ganatra who commented, "As usual the quality of acts who auditioned was excellent and it was really hard to choose who should perform." Some of the lucky winners on the night were Pari in Nursery (who performed a dance), Shreya in Year 2 (who sang a classical song) and Manaswini, Revati, Tulsi and Vrishni from Year 5 (who performed an Indian group dance). The judges Giresh and Bay (who were from outside our school) and Laura (aka RaRa), had the difficult job of choosing the winners. Vishnu Gor and Esha Jhookie were the stagehands who helped the contestants with their props while Amba, Ameya, Hursh, Rayna, Deepak, Mahi, Krushna and Simrandeep were the hosts who added a comedic touch to the event. The lucky winners were given trophies and all the participants received medals for their fantastic efforts. Well done everyone, it was a great night!

Yogethaa and Milan



## The Fourth Plinth Art Project 2017



This project is a competition run by the Mayor of London to find the best sculpture for the empty plinth in Trafalgar Square. To make children in London feel involved with this he also runs an art competition for schools where pupils can submit their own sculptural projects. We at KAPSH have therefore been very busy creating our sculptures. This involves designing a 3D model or a drawing related to our six values. Miss Emma Moore, who runs our arts club, organised this project on behalf of our school. When we asked her about our entries, she said, "The children have come up with unique ideas that I have never seen before. We are aiming for gold and we hope that one of students will bring back the 1st prize".



Some of entries were indeed very special. One project that caught our eye was Aniyora's from year 4 - her sculpture represented peace defeating war with two swords and a peace sign. We are looking forward to hearing who the winners are.

**Jaina and Narayani**

**Some of the pupils' entries displayed on stage**

## Reading Cloud in KAPSH Library

Our new and improved library now allows pupils to take out books with one quick scan. The new Reading Cloud online system keeps track of all the school's books, knows what books are issued and to whom and has created an efficient library service. Thank you to all our hard-working parents who volunteered over two days to barcode and scan our immense collection of books. We couldn't do without your help! With all this excitement there comes a lot of hard work around various areas in the library such as colour coding books, labelling shelves, repairing damaged books, making displays and keeping the area tidy. This is where our librarians come in. The volunteer pupils from Y6 tackle many tasks around the library by giving up their lunch play every day. We spoke to Nimisha, one of the current librarians who said, "There are lots of jobs to complete, so Rayna, Mahi and I are always rushing around making the library a welcoming place for all the students around the school."



**Y6 Pupils enjoying their library time**



Reading Cloud has now been introduced to pupils in KS2 so they can access the system from home and reserve books and write book reviews. With an extra scanner, soon our non-fiction books will also be available for borrowing. Our library will then become truly an educational, entertaining and interactive space.

**Jaina and Narayani**

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## Gaura Purnima Celebrations

Every year the pupils at KAPS participate in bathing Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda. We bathe them with holy water and milk that includes: honey, sugar, ghee and yoghurt.. Some of the parents came to volunteer on the day of the festival and they helped us pour panchamrit (holy water and milk) on the deities. Year 5 pupils gave an assembly on why we bathe Lord Caitanya as well as why we chant the name of Krishna.

Year 4 performed a short play called 'Caitanya Floods the World' which was a metaphor for Lord Caitanya flooding the world with his knowledge and teachings. It was a tale of how Lord Caitanya came to Earth as the form of a devotee, wrapped up in Radharani's love. Nandini, one of the year 4 pupils said, "I enjoyed taking the role of Krishna but if had a choice of what character I could play, I would have chosen one of the three funny men because they kept cracking jokes."

Milan and Hem



## KAPS Poetry Recital



This spring, all classes in KAPS recited different poems in KS1 and KS2 assemblies. This was done so pupils could build up their courage to perform in front of an audience and also to remember the words and actions that go together of the poems they learnt. The pupils did an amazing job and made it look really easy to perform even though they had to rehearse everything many times. Lilamanjari in Year 2A said, "I liked our performance of Ning, Nang, Nong (by Spike Milligan) because of all the funny words in it and it was really fun to recite. My favourite one was Little Red Hen by Reception A, it was fantastic!" Manaswini from Year 5, who did an amazing dramatic performance of The Highwayman, said, "I liked Year 6s poem about Macbeth's witches' spell because it was full of action." The best performers will be selected to perform in front of the whole school after the Easter holidays.

Little Red Hen by Reception B



Year 2A performing Ning, Nang, Nong



Y5 performing The Highwayman

Monil

## Year 5's Link School Visit

On Tuesday 21st March, our school had some special guests! Year 5 was visited by their link school, Sinai Jewish Primary School. After a previous visit where KAPS went to Sinai, Year 5 has enjoyed catching up with their friends. To find out how the pupils from Sinai felt about our school, we interviewed two children: Elouise and Jake.

Q: What is the first impression of our school? Did you like it?

Elouise: Yes, it's very big!

Jake: Yes, you're really lucky to have this school.

Q: Did you do any activities?

Elouise: We did Yoga and I really enjoyed it.

Jake: Yes I learnt a lot about your religion after doing some.

Q: Do you like the pupils here?

Elouise: Yes, I learnt more about your religion when I talked to them.

Jake: Yes, they're really nice!

Q: What did you learn about our religion?

Elouise: That some Hindus wear tilaks on their foreheads.



The visitors did some fun activities with Rara in Artis, and they *loved* it. They also did Yoga and meditation and learnt about Hinduism from Miss Ahuja who did a Q & A session.

**Yogethaa and Jaina**

**From top to bottom: Sinai pupils listening to Miss Ahuja and trying yoga moves**



## KAPS Lions Football Team

Unlike the last few games, this term KAPS Lions haven't played to their full potential. The first match of this term was against St Joseph's. We interviewed Damodar Swatantra (defender) and he stated "It was really terrifying as there were a lot of tall and agile people on the opposing team." In the first half, St. Joseph's started with the ball and got off to a smashing start! We tackled them and tried to stop them scoring; but it was no use. Fifteen minutes in and our goalie, Dillan Patel, let the ball in! Only minutes later, we let in another goal! And another 3 more! The team was devastated and had absolutely no hope. Defender, Dylan Vekaria said, "We didn't play so well, but we tried our best. We still have to play one more game, so we can't give up now!"

**NEWSFLASH!!!** KAPS Lions have saved their reputation by winning 1-nil against Belmont School. Hem scored a penalty in the first half. "After we scored that goal we were determined not to let the other team get into our half of the pitch," said Deepak. Apparently, Belmont had beaten all the school that had beaten us this term but we ended on a high note having beaten them. Well done, KAPS Lions!

**Hem and Milan**

## Avanti All Stars Netball Team

Recently Avanti all stars (KAPS Netball Team) have played 3 matches and have won one. They have played many teams from many different schools, such as St Johns, St Bernadette and Aylward Primary.

We asked Amba our defender (goal defence) if there is room for improvement on the team and she replied "Yes definitely, if we train hard I'm sure we can bring back many more victories. We need to take more risks when shooting as we paid for that a lot in our matches."

**Jaina and Narayani**

**From top to bottom: Avanti All Stars and playing that victory match**

