



Dear Parent and Carers,

We are immensely proud of our Year 6 children who managed to stay calm and focused throughout a challenging week of the new SATs tests. The school team thought the papers were difficult with some tricky questions. Nevertheless, the children showed perseverance and resilience to complete them. They certainly deserved a relaxing and enjoyable cooking session, at the end of the final maths test on Thursday. Well done everyone!

Now, it is our Year 2 children's turn this week. Lots of preparation has already taken place and I would like to thank the team, who have worked tirelessly to support the children but particularly during the after school booster sessions. You will have received a letter from Miss Patel outlining the timetable for the week. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask Mrs Ahuja and Mrs Borcan.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK After prayers at collect worship time, our school assemblies will focus on different core values of character formation – respect, integrity, humility, courage, empathy, gratitude and self-discipline. They will relate to our SEAL curriculum, Social, Emotional, aspects of learning too. The values will also be discussed during circle times throughout the week in class. It would be useful if you could talk about this at home too.



VALUES OF Empathy and Gratitude

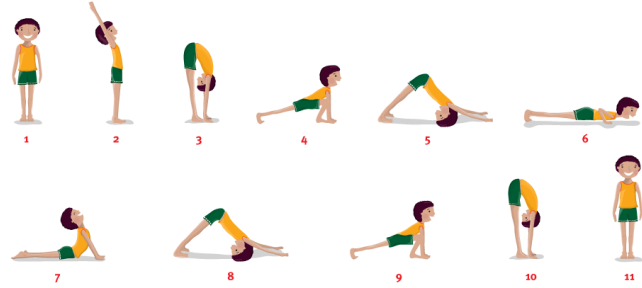
Seeing something from another point of view.
I know how to say sorry and make amends.

Quote from the Bhagavad Gita

Out of compassion I destroy the darkness of their ignorance. From within them I light the lamp of wisdom and dispel all darkness from their lives.



YOGA and MINDFULNESS LESSONS are a wonderful time for reflection! Mrs Hothi begins each class session with sun salutations. This week the focus was upon gratitude, which is one of Krishna Avanti's values. The children explored the quote "gratitude consists



of being more aware of what you have, than what you don't." The pupils took turns expressing their gratitude for something in their life and connected it to a yoga pose that

they had learnt. They gave examples in their own lives and how they can cultivate it on a daily basis. Mrs Hothi explained in the Vaishnava tradition (bhakti yoga), we offer Krishna food as an act of gratitude. Though Krishna does not need anything, we offer him food before we eat, just to say thank you for what is given to us. When Krishna accepts our food, after the offering it is called prasadam. Each class ended the session with a savasana and a reading from the Bhagavad Gita. **Krishna said to Arjuna, "If one offers Me with love and devotion a leaf, a flower, fruit a water, I will accept it. (B.G. 9.26)."**

OUR SCHOOL LINK PROJECT On Thursday our Year 5 children had a special visit from their link school, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. The visit was packed with thought provoking questions, reflection of Hinduism and Catholicism as well as lots of fun through drama, role play and activities in the playground. The whole day focused upon learning about respect through understanding others culture and religion. Below are some comments made by the children.

" Our friends learnt about Hinduism and how to write names of animals in Sanskrit. They also watched the prayers in the morning and learnt about the vegetarian diet we eat", Milan.

" It was good to talk to new children and learn some similarities between Hinduism and Catholicism. I liked the session with Ra Ra the best! It was fun and interactive", Nimisha.

" I would give 5/ 5 for the link visit. My favourite part of the day was playing football together on the astro turf", Hem.

" I liked playing tomato ketchup, making book marks and getting to know our friends a little more. It was enjoyable singing our prayers to Lord Krishna and Lord Balarama in the temple and explaining how we pray", Richa.

" My favourite part of the day was when my best buddy and I made each other bookmarks. I learnt lots of similarities and how Lord Chaitanya and Jesus Christ appeared about 3000 years ago", Pranay.

" I like the drama activities with Artis because I got to know my friends more. My link school learnt about Sanskrit and how our religions have some similarities", Vishnu.

" It was enjoyable to meet our friends again. The activity with Artis was about teamwork and we had a chance to talk to one another. I learnt that Lord Chaitanya and Jesus Christ taught the same values to people", Deepak.

" I learnt about the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den and how the story is similar to the story of Holi. Since an angel saved Daniel and Lord Naarayana saved Prahalad", Vrinda.

Please look at the photographs of the day.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MAKING

DECISIONS On Friday, our School Council representatives held a meeting with Hew, the Manager of Catering to share their thoughts about the current lunchtime menu and how it could be improved for the remainder of the summer term. The discussion was valuable and informative towards making a menu that is varied, yet nutritional and tasty. The children were given a freshly baked cookie, as a treat for their worthwhile contribution to the meeting.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO 100% ATTENDANCE DURING SPRING TERM

Risha	Year 1	Denisa	Year 2	Mikhil	Year 4
Ruhi	Year 1	Neil	Year 2	Vrshni	Year 4
Bhavi	Year 1	Hygreev	Year 2	Madhava	Year 4
Dev	Year 1	Caitanyahari	Year 3	Haren	Year 4
Shaan	Year 1	Kris Vrndavan	Year 3	Hashni	Year 4
Naiya	Year 1	Vrishti	Year 3	Yashvi	Year 4
Dilan	Year 1	Prisha	Year 3	Balarama	Year 5
Shaandeep	Year 1	Vedanth	Year 3	Aahuti	Year 5
Sparsh	Year 1	Rhiya	Year 3	Mahi	Year 5
Hena	Year 1	Aryan	Year 3	Nimisha	Year 5
Elena Karina	Year 1	Jahnvi	Year 3	Damodar	Year 5
Jayden	Year 1	Disha	Year 3	Dylan	Year 5
Lilamanjari	Year 1	Prayag	Year 3	Yogethaa	Year 5
Ruchi	Year 1	Adi Keshav	Year 3	Keli-Kandarpa	Year 6
Harit	Year 1	Tiana	Year 3	Hriday	Year 6
Om	Year 2	Keya	Year 3	Karina	Year 6
Lakshmi Siddhar	Year 2	Salma	Year 4	Bhavi	Year 6
Param	Year 2	Pranav	Year 4	Aryan	Year 6
Mahi	Year 2	Kamila	Year 4	Tirth	Year 6
Sritha	Year 2	Tia	Year 4	Ved	Year 6
Veera	Year 2	Jiya	Year 4	Nachammai	Year 6
Hemali	Year 2	Krrish	Year 4	Divygandha	Year 6

Attendance and punctuality is the key to successful achievement. Attendance and punctuality will be closely monitored throughout the year by the school team, governors and Education Welfare Officer.

AND FINALLY... Thank you all our families who have been attending the various reading workshops recently about how to help your child with phonics, reading comprehension and building confidence. We hope you found the sessions useful and are underway with using the information packs that have been given.



Summer Diary Dates are set out below:

16/05/16	KS1 Y2 SATs Week
24/05/16	General School Tour Request – register your interest via the school’s website
25/05/16	<p>TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT SCIENCE AROUND US led by Ms Naidoo –</p> <p>The aim is to encourage all children to participate in lots of science based investigations and to grab their imagination and enthusiasm. Throughout the learning we hope to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage the children to see themselves as scientist • show how important science is in our lives. • promote learning with parents and carers • show-case and celebrate individual learners, share success and enthusiasm <p>We would like to welcome you in to come and help out during the week if you have any spare time - no prior knowledge necessary.</p> <p>Science and technology is all around us. You may be in a profession where you use science every day. Please come and talk to your child’s class about your job. The children would gain much knowledge from your career and feel inspired too.</p>
27/05/16	Break up for Half Term
06/06/16	Children return to school



Wishing you a good week ahead.

Mrs Bindu Rai
Principal