



Monday 30th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



Firstly, I would like to say that the **KAPSH Has Talent 2017 on Friday was an enormous success!** The lights shone brightly on the stage as the children performed superbly. From back stage to the front of house, the staff and Year 6 children did a magnificent job! Your efforts were truly appreciated.

A big thankyou to everyone who made it an enjoyable and memorable experience for our children - the equally talented judging panel consisting of Laura, aka Ra Ra, Giresch Geram and Bay were impressed with the various talent acts. They found the job of selecting winners very difficult.

I would also like to thank parents, carers and the teaching team for encouraging the children.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Ms Ganatra.

Krishna Avanti Team, children and I are fortunate to have her part of the school. Miss Ganatra's dedicated, committed and relentless drive for developing a deeper understanding and appreciation of literacy and the performing arts across the school is marvellous. Thank you Miss Ganatra for making the event happen!

Finally, the biggest thank you goes to FOKAS, particularly to Radharupa and Binay who carefully planned and organised the event to a high standard. Binay ensured there was a smooth and efficient management in place with several parent helpers in the kitchen. Everybody worked so hard throughout the evening ensuring there was plenty of tasty food available for all.

I also can not forget to mention a big thank you to Robert and Premilaben ensuring health and safety risks were taken care of.

I am sure you would agree, that in my eyes there were no losers – all our children are winners. We have so many talented children in school, with many diverse skills.

"All the money in the world cannot make a good school, but the right approach, working in partnership, and commitment, can! Our aim is that we will work together to help the school and this in turn will help the children."

LOST PROPERTY

A thoughtful pupil handed in a lost item on the evening. If you lost something on Friday evening, please come and speak to me.



CATEGORY	EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE	KEYSTAGE ONE	KEYSTAGE TWO
FIRST PLACE	Pari Year Nursery – Dance	Shreyas Year 2A – Classical Song	Manaswini, Revati, Tulsi, Vrshni – Year 5 Classical Indian Group Dance
RUNNER UP 2nd	Parth Year Reception A Storytelling Goldilocks and the Tree Bears	Lilamanjari – Year 2A Bhajan	Parisha Year 3B Dance
RUNNER UP 3rd	Taanvi Year Reception B Drawing of Mother Teresa	Parth – Year 2 B Shloka	Datta, Madhava and Aryan Year 5 Song, Dance and Instrumental

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



KAPS VALUES OF respect and empathy

Caring for pets and animals.

The importance of caring for all creatures whether they are big and small.

Chinese New Year 2017 – Year of the Rooster

Lord Krishna and Lord Balaram explain how important it is to protect, love and serve Cows and Bulls.



YOGA LESSONS

The children have been starting their classes with Surya Namaskar and pranayam. They have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and his contribution to the world. They learned that all humans are created equally because Krishna is in everyone's hearts. Humans have two hands and two feet, hence regardless of where you come from we can change the world to make it a better place. The children sang a song by Jack Johnson called "My Own Two Hands" and carried out yoga asana sequences to it.

Lessons about the Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 theme: How Can Life Go On? The children have also focused upon forgiveness and what they do when they get angry. Thoughts of anger, hurting someone's feelings and saying sorry was shared. The pose that the children focused upon was pranayam.

Mrs Hothi shared a true story of the holocaust about Eva Kor, a holocaust survivor who decided to forgive one member of the Nazi regardless of the fact that he killed her whole family. When someone does something to us, we need to learn to forgive by using our intellect and heart. Let's reflect and look within ourselves to make us better people and resolve issues amicably.

Importance of Forgiveness and Compassion Radhanath Swami

"Without forgiveness there can be no unity.

Compassion brings fulfilment to the heart. Selfish desires simply agitate the heart."

FAMILY WORKSHOPS and PRESENTATIONS Thank you to all our parents who have been attending the recent workshops about helping children in their phonics understanding, reading and writing. All our workshops have had a positive attendance and support. **All power point presentations will be available to view on the school website.**

On Wednesday 25th January, we launched a Taster Session for our parenting course; Parent Gym. We had brilliant attendance from over 25 parents who showed great enthusiasm and participation.

Rachel, our coach, led the session providing us with an overview for the next 6 weeks. Each week will have a different theme and focus, for example, chat, love or behave. These sessions will enable parents to share experiences and strategies that are successful in supporting their children.

As we have had an overwhelming response from parents, there will be another 6 week block run in the summer term.

We look forward to sharing all the positive feedback after the 6 week period.

Attendance week ending 27th January was **96.7%** for the school

49 children were late last week (23.1.2017 – 27.1.2017)



The classroom doors open from 7.50am so there is no excuse for being late and ready to learn.

100% ATTENDANCE AUTUMN TERM I am thrilled to share with you that 119 pupils did not miss a day during the Autumn term. We congratulated the children in assembly and they received their special certificates on Friday.

Our target for the academic year is 97%.

Appointments – Nearly all surgeries are open late and at weekends. Please try to arrange appointments after school. If in school time please bring your appointment card into school and an explanation of why it has to be in school time.

AMBER = Worrying

Attendance between 91% and 95.9% would raise concerns for pupils' progress and parents will be alerted with an 'amber' letter, which may help to identify patterns of absence which we could address.

RED = Serious Concern For attendance which falls below 91%, parents will receive a red letter outlining absences for the term, and highlighting the serious impact that this would have on progress if it continued.



AND FINALLY, We received just over 30 letters of support for the boundary fencing to prevent the fly tipping outside the school.



Thank you for the time taken to write the emails and letters. I am grateful for your effort and sharing your opinions to the Council.

Your responses have also been shared with Cllr Nitin Parkeh, who was invited to view the health and safety hazard. We have forward our concerns and the school documentation to Harrow Council and await to find out what happens next. I shall continue to keep you informed of the developments.

Wishing you a good week ahead. We look forward to your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Bindu Rai
Principal

DIARY DATES : SPRING TERM - dates may change, so please check the website regularly and your email messages

09/01/17	Big Schools Bird Watch commences during this month. ECO Committee will explain the importance of this initiative.	
30/01/17	Pupil Conferencing week 2 meetings	
30/01/17	Reception parents invited see Learning Journals 8.00- 8.30am	
01/02/17	Parent Gym session 1 in Hall 8.15am	
01/02/17	Year 2 trip to Museum of London	
06/02/17	Launch of National Poetry Day Class Recital competition	
07/02/17	Safer Internet Day	
08/02/17	Parent Gym session 2 in Hall 8.15am	
08/02/17	Nityananda appearance day	
10/02/17	Year 2 SATs Workshop 1.45pm – 2.20pm	
10/02/17	Go Green Day - Environmental awareness Week Break up for Half Term Holiday	
13/02/17- 19 /02/17 HALF TERM		
22/02/17	Prospective Reception Parents tour of school afternoon	
22/02/17	Parent Gym session 3 in Hall 8.15am	
24/02/17	Siva Ratri on 25/2/17	
01/03/17	Parent Gym session 4 in Hall 8.15am	
02/03/17	World Book Day	
03/03/17	Keep Britain Tidy day	
08/03/17	Gaura Purima Abishek celebrations	
08/03/17	Parents Consultation 1 evening	
09/03/17	Parents Consultation 2 evening	
13/03/17	Holi Arrival of Spring	
15/03/17	National Poetry Recital Assembly celebration Competition EYFS, KS 1	
15/03/17	Parent Gym 5 in Hall 8.15am	
17/03/17	St Patrick's Day (story of the Patron Saint of Ireland)	
22/03/17	National Poetry Recital Assembly celebration Competition KS2	
22/03/17	Parent Gym session 6 in Hall 8.15am	
24/03/17	Red Nose Day Mufti Day – details to follow	
30/03/17	Easter Class assembly Year 3	
31/03/17	FOKAS EVENT – details to follow watch this space	
31/03/17	Break up for Easter Holiday	
18/04/17	Pupils return	