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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic residential trip!

They have come back with so many memories and learnt numerous skills of setting traps for mammals (they were not harmed in anyway), observing voles, pond dipping and hiking to name a few.

"I liked the hike up Box Hill because it was great exercise", Ayush

"I really enjoyed the shelter building because I got dirty and wet. I found out which shape was the strongest", Vishnu

"We spent a lot of time outside which I really enjoyed. It was a nice change", Jaina

"I enjoyed the mammal trapping as there was always a new place to hide our traps which meant more exploring" Milan



The children truly 'entered into the spirit' of outdoor learning and teamwork, with clear evidence of improving their skills and understanding during their time there.

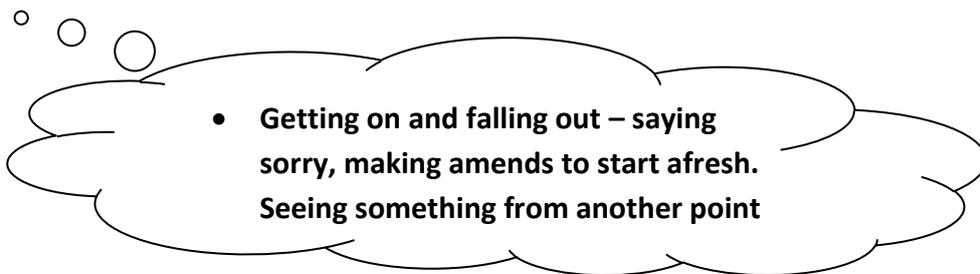
I'd like to say a **BIG THANK YOU to the school team** who volunteered their time to allow this trip to happen: Miss Patel, Miss Ganatra, Mr Alin, Robert and Mrs Beresford ... you were fantastic.

To see the range of activities Year 5 and 6 got up to, please visit the school website.

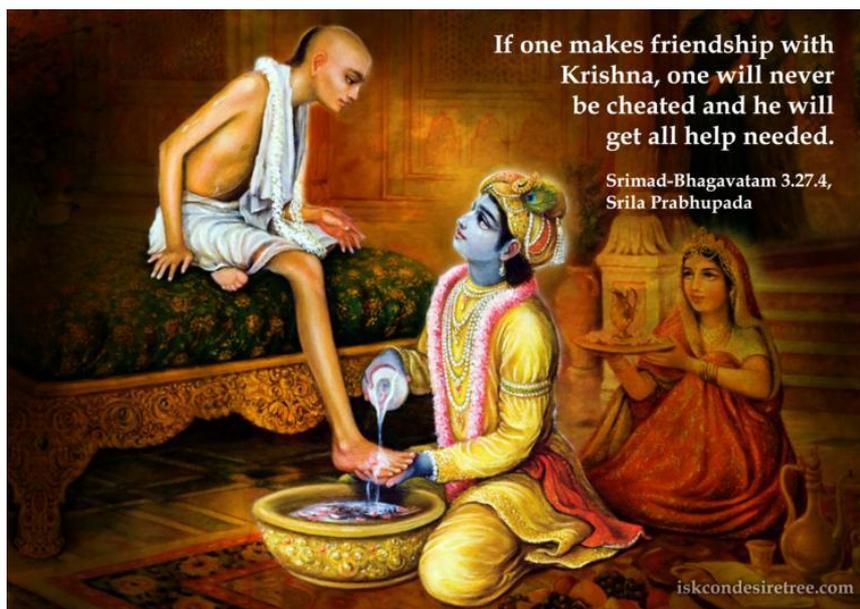
The children who didn't attend the residential were amazing helpers. They helped Reception children to read and Year 2 children to undertake an art challenge.

Miss Bhadresa and I are so pleased with their help in organising, cataloguing all the reading books in Foundation and Key stage 1. This has given the team an idea about what colour band the books are in or if there were any missing or damaged books, so that we can purchase more.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



During worship this week children will learn about the importance of friendships and how to say sorry. We will think about the developing positive relationships. The learning will also continue in Yoga and class circle time.



KAPS VALUES OF self – discipline, respect, empathy, integrity and courage



Shakespeare Enrichment Studies for Year 1 to Year 6 our annual special week has arrived, whereby each year group will be studying the life of William Shakespeare and focusing upon one of his great plays. All the children are invited to dress up in a Shakespearean costume for a celebration on Thursday 8th June 2017.

They will be presenting their learning from different plays to their fellow actors, in true Shakespearean style.

We are hoping that the weather will be glorious, so that it can be performed outside in the amphitheatre, as it would have done during the Tudor period!



Please don't forget to sign up for the Sponsored walk.

Last Wednesday, the children were delighted to receive various playground equipment and a carom board for each Phase group.

Thank you to FOKAS Committee, who kindly presented the prizes.

Tuesday 23rd May	Deadline to return the sponsor registration slips and £1.00
29/05/17 to 05/ 06/17	Kindly collect all your sponsor money from friends and family
06/06/17	Please return all collected sponsored money to the school office The class who collects the most will be given a special prize
Friday 9th June	SPONSORED WALK – please volunteer to help further details will follow

MUSIC SURVEY RESULTS: Thank you to the 77 parents who kindly completed the music survey.

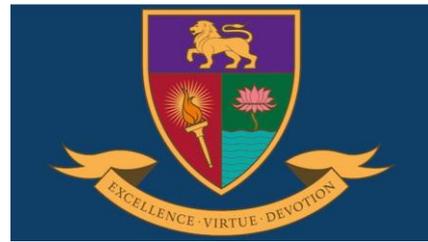
Please view the results on the power point found on the website. The results are pleasing.

I am already making plans to commence lessons in September 2017 with Harrow Music Service and other musicians. In fact I have already met Sue McCall, Head of HMS to make specific plans and will be holding a meeting with a Tabla musician on Wednesday.

You will receive a booking form letter shortly.

Depending on the interest demonstrated we will establish lessons in a particular instrument.





PARENT, PUPIL SURVEY FINDINGS for SECTION 48 INSPECTION

As a Hindu faith School and being inspired by the teaching of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, we will be conducting a Section 48 inspection commissioned by the Avanti Schools Trust. The process will guide and support school leaders, teachers and parents.

Miss Ahuja and I shall be carrying out our own discussion with children, randomly picked across the school.

I understand that we keep sending questionnaires out to you, however, your views do matter and at KAPS we uphold values of democracy and consultation, therefore your opinions do count.

Please complete the questionnaire link below by 4th June. Thank you in advance for taking the time towards sharing your views. They will guide the school to make the necessary improvements.

[PRE Collective Worship](#)

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING (Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Not being punctual to school reduces your child's chance of success. Your child's progress could drop across ALL subjects!

Your child will be missing learning opportunities if they are not in school or are late to school. We work closely with our Education Welfare Officer and unauthorised absences could result in fixed penalty fine. Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning, by ensuring they are in school every day and on time.

Attendance week ending 19th May 2017 was 96.6% for the school. The current school attendance for the academic year to date is 96.8%. Your support would be appreciated for us to reach our academic target of 97%

24 children were late from the w/c 15th May 2017



FINALLY, the School Council have launched the classroom book corner or bay competition. They want each class to work in a team to design and create a reading area that is inviting and vibrant. They can't wait to see the transformations made around the school. Good luck everybody.

Judgement Qualities - Scores

Is it:

- **cosy, comfortable and interactive?**
- **tidy?**
- **colourful?**
- **displayed in a fun interesting way?**

- **Do the books stand out?**
- **Are there soft cuddly toys to hug as you read?**



What have you done to make it exciting for **everybody to want to read?**

Wishing you a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Bindu Rai

Principal

Sherpa Kids - After careful consideration, John Geers (club leader) has decided to no longer host Sherpa Kids at KAPS. Therefore, come the Autumn Term (September 2017) this club will no longer be available and parents will have to look for an alternative arrangement. We are looking at options of hosting a new club and will inform parents if this does take effect.

Parents may wish to note that the government has introduced an additional 30 hours per week of free childcare over 38 weeks. Although this is aimed at children between the ages of 2-4 years, there are other childcare options that parents may be eligible to apply for and parents can check whether they are eligible for a range of government childcare offers, including 30 hours, via Childcare Choices at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> or the Childcare Calculator at: <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

If parents are eligible for 30 hours per week of free childcare (over 38 weeks) or other childcare options they may wish to visit Harrow Council website that has a list of registered child-minders. For ease of reference I've attached the necessary link below. This will allow working parents to make the necessary arrangements for the collection of their children. http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare_options/265/registered_childminders_in_harrow

PMX - Parentmail - <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk> - We have moved across to the parent-mail PMX system and parents have been sent a number of emails for registration. If you are experiencing problems in registering, please do email Mrs Natha bhakti.natha@avanti.org.uk or come in to see her in the school office between 8.15am-10.30am – Mrs Natha would be happy to assist.

2017/18 Academic Year School Calendar/Term Dates - Please see link below for the school term dates 2017-2018 academic year. Can parents please note that any holidays or travel arrangements should only be booked during the school holiday period. There are sufficient holidays within academic year for you to make travel arrangements.

We would also like to highlight that the Christmas period is only two weeks. The school monitors attendance closely to ensure that all our children can achieve their full potential and would be grateful for your support.

[Please click here to download the 2017/18 academic year school calendar for Krishna Avanti Primary school.](#)

Pupil Premium: The Pupil Premium is funding from the Department for Education which is additional to the main school funding. It is allocated according to the number of pupils on-roll who are eligible for free school meals (FSM), a smaller amount is allocated according to the number of children of service families, and an allocation for each pupil who has been, Looked After" (in care) for 6 months or more or a pupil who was adopted in the UK. In our school funds are allocated, for example, to support parents in purchasing school uniform, to support children's achievement and their participation in extra- curricular activities including school trips.

To find out if you qualify for the Pupil Premium Grant, please use the Free School Meals eligibility checker by visiting <http://fsm.lgfl.net> . Once you have accessed the website, you will be able to quickly and easily check if you are entitled. It gives you an immediate "yes" or "no" response and may notify the school. IF YOUR CHILD WAS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS LAST YEAR, YOU MUST STILL RE –APPLY USING THE ABOVE WEBSITE. It's quick and easy to find out if you are eligible and it only takes a moment! If you are eligible for FSM please inform the school office by email. Please visit the school's website www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow to find out further information.



DIARY DATES:

22/05/17	Shakespeare Enrichment Week.
25/05/17	Pupils break up for half term
26/05/17	Training day for school staff only
29/05/17 – 04/05/17 Half Term Holiday	
05/06/17	Pupils return to school
05/06/17	Shakespeare Enrichment Week continues – performance on the Amphitheatre, weather permitting.
05/06/17	Parent Consultation Evening 1
06/06/17	Parent Consultation Evening 2
07/06/17	Snana Yatra
08/06/17	Judging of Book corner/ Bay Competition by School Council representatives
09/06/17	FOKAS Sponsored Walk – Please send in your registration form and £1.00 (by 23 rd May). We would like volunteers help for the event. Further details will be sent out.
12/06/17	INTERFAITH WEEK led by Year 6
15/06/17	Empty Classroom Day learning
19/06/17	Refugee Week
21/06/17	Rath Yatra celebrations
23/06/17	Year 6 Junior Citizen morning Trip
28/06/17	Sports Day choice 1 weather permitting TBC
29/06/17	Sports Day choice 2 weather permitting TBC
09/07/17	SUNDAY FOKAS SUMMER FAIR – save the date, support and help out.
12/07/17	Sports Day choice 3 weather permitting TBC
14/07/17	Year 6 Leavers day trip out - TBA
14/07/17	Annual Pupil Reports go home
17/07/17	Parent Open Evening – a chance to wander around the classrooms to view the learning that has been showcased. A chance to talk to your child's current class teacher and to meet your child's new teachers
20/07/17	Year 6 Leavers Graduation and Performance
24/07/17	Children spend time with their new teacher
25/07/17	 Celebration and Goodbye assembly. Break up for the summer holiday