



Monday 6th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



Our Arts Week was a thoroughly enjoyable time. Miss Moore visited every class from Nursery to Year 6 to teach and support the children in their creation of innovative 3D model making. Children learnt the process of formulating designs, interpreting the importance of our values through a visual artistic form. Throughout the week, children demonstrated skills of perseverance whilst refining their models and confidence grew towards using and applying a variety of tools and resources. A special thank you is sent to our parents who gave up their time to help during the week. **Miss Moore will select work of the highest quality to be entered for the Fourth Plinth Competition. Please pop into the Hall to view the range of thought provoking work that has been produced. The artwork is proudly displayed on the stage.**

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK After prayers at collect worship time on Wednesday, we will mark the special festival of the divine appearance of Lord Chaitanya.



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

Be more humble than a blade of grass, more tolerant than a tree, always offering respect onto others and never expecting any in return

Gaura Purnima means "Golden Full Moon". The name signifies that Lord Caitanya took birth at time of full moon and He blesses

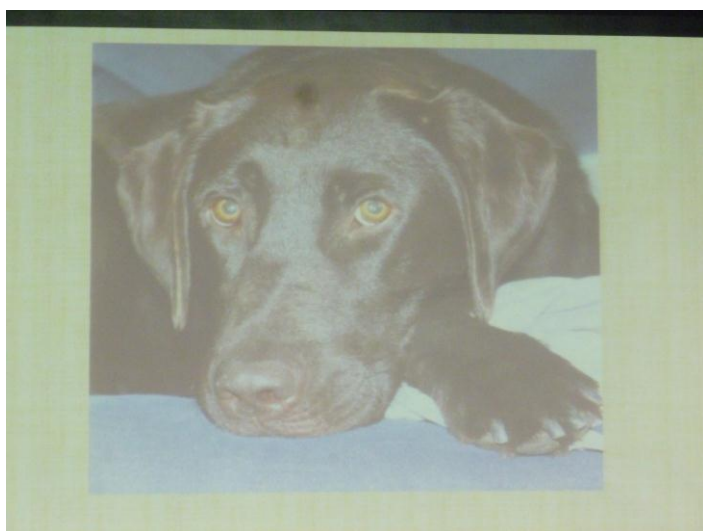
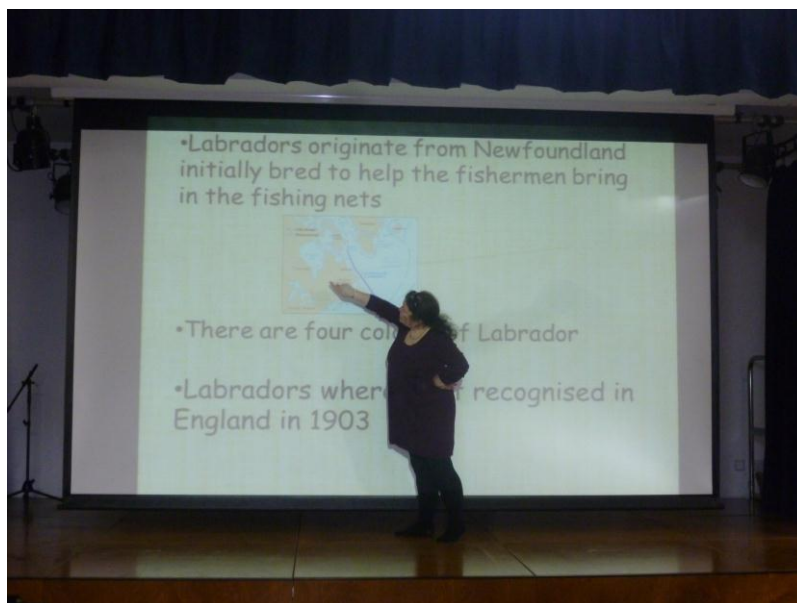
YOGA and MINDFULNESS LESSONS

last week, Mrs Hothi gave time for the children to continue reflecting upon the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and Lent, which is celebrated by Christians. She also gave the opportunity for the children to share with one another their favourite stories by using their imagination and incorporating yoga poses into the storytelling. This was to mark World Book Day



LOOKING AFTER PETS and ANIMALS

The children were delighted to meet Mrs Bereford's dogs, Rody on Thursday. He was very calm as he sat in front of all the children, whilst a presentation was given that considered the importance of looking after animals and pets. The assembly was engaging. A big thank you to Mrs Bereford for teaching us about pet care.



STAFF NEWS It is unavoidable that staff become ill. Unfortunately, this has been the case at KAPSH. We have had a few temporary changes amongst our staff. Mrs Gerrald is recovering from her recent operation. She continues to make steady progress. Mrs Jones fell seriously ill last week, where she was admitted into hospital. Thankfully, she too is making a speedy recovery. Miss Bell, Mrs Beresford and Ms Ahuja are overseeing Class 3B Raam. Whilst Ms Hongu is away Mrs Hasa, Miss Mudgil, Mrs Vasudev are ensuring routines are being followed and the children are making progress in their learning in Class 1B Kurma. In the meantime, we have Mrs Badhwar and Miss Bhadresa teaching the class. I would like to reassure you that we will ensure all children continue to blossom in their learning. We pray for the teachers that they will have a speedy recovery and be with us again soon.

Please note that Ms Ahuja will be present for Parent Consultation for Class 3B Raam.

We look forward to your visits during our **PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS ON: Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March.** The school team are looking forward to holding a progress meeting. These meetings are compulsory.

Please remember to arrive on time and for Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 prepare yourselves by:

Reading and completing the Student Planner with your child

- Home/School Agreement must be completed – please sign it. Any concerns that will be raised.
- Pupil Conferencing Target section
- Fitness Score card to be read
- Healthy Living Spring Term to be read
- All books, work and the writing portfolio will be left in the pupil tray for you to browse through.

You will also find a Parent Questionnaire in your child's tray. Please kindly complete the answers and put it in the box before you leave. The box will be found in the school library. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Parents as Partners



Attendance week ending 3rd March was 96%. The current school attendance for the academic year to date is 96.6%. Your support would be appreciated for us to reach our academic year target of 97%.

37 children were late this week



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

Our target for the academic year is 97%.

We have the highest aspirations for our children and every lesson counts towards your child's achievement. We also know that you want your child to get on well in life. Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending school every day on time. When children do not attend or are late they struggle to keep up with school work, miss out on the social side of school life – especially at primary school. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement. In primary schools, less than 65% of children get good results in Maths and English in schools, when they have an average of 15 days absence, compared to around 90% in schools where the average is less than 8 days. Many parents are surprised how quickly their children accumulate 15 days absence.

Class teachers will be giving a letter to you should we have concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality.

May I respectfully remind you that we have to closely monitor attendance at school. It is a statutory legal requirement.

We expect you to work closely with us in adhering to the DfE and Harrow local authority guidelines.



Main Aims

- To support and promote children's learning
- To help the school find out what parents and carers think about important issues
- To involve parents and carers actively in school decisions
- To make plans that support the ways the school wants to develop and improve outcomes for our children
- Aim to meet twice a term

Parent Forum Friday 3rd March Thank you to the parents who attended the coffee afternoon last Friday. The meeting was successful, whereby gaining a further insight of how we can make improvements for our children.

Please see below the suggestions put forward:

| Discussion Points Raised | Suggestions put forward, Plan of action |
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| Enhancing communication between class teachers and parents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have email contact details of class teachers directly • Once every half term, have an open forum at the end of the school day for parents and teachers to share and discuss information. • Mrs Rai to be available at informal times, rather than making an appointment via the Office. • The telephone system – cut down on the options that are available. It takes too long before you are able to speak to the office team. |
| Pupils being exposed to different cultures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school continues to raise the profile of all the different festivals, religions and spiritual, moral, social cultural events that are taught within the school. Parents will be invited to support with the learning too. • The weekly newsletter will continue to publish information regarding religious, cultural and diversity awareness and appreciation. • Links are made with other schools too. Currently Year 5 has made a link with a Jewish Faith school. |
| Pupils drinking water during lessons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers allow pupils to sip water during lessons. However, they monitor the situation and have a discussion with individuals who are constantly not concentrating. |
| Pupils visiting the Toilet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers are aware of meeting the needs of pupils with medical needs. However, they are also mindful of pupils who visit the toilet during lesson time. This stops valuable learning time. • Teachers will continue to remind children that they must visit the toilet during break times. |
| Behaviour for Learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We follow the Good to Be Green Behaviour system in school. We expect all children to adhere to it. • Poor behaviour is addressed swiftly. The class teacher will continue to liaise with parents. |

HOMEWORK/HOME LEARNING REVIEW The Forum discussed the setting of Homework. Please kindly complete the questionnaire at Parent Consultation evening. Our School Council will also be conducting a survey with a random number of children from their class. The school Team will also complete a survey.



Once all results are analysed and information triangulated, a clear way forward about home learning will be presented to you.

PMX - Parentmail - <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk> We have moved across to the new 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 who would be happy to assist.

Pupil Premium - funding to support vulnerable learners_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. 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. Please visit the school's website www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow to find out if you are eligible.

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.](#)

Wishing you a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Bindu Rai

Principal

DIARY DATES :

PROGRESS MORNING VISITS "Thumbs up Tuesday or Thursday"

We warmly invite you to the following valuable sessions

Thumbs up Sessions are all about:

Celebrating successes

Ownership for the children

Sharing time together – focussed on learning

Seeing work regularly

Informing parents about what is being learnt

Thumbs up Sessions are not about:

Taking books home

Looking at other childrens' books – confidential





Parents chatting together

Discussions with teachers

Replacing open mornings /class assemblies/Parent consultation meetings

We do hope to see you during this initiative. Please sign up for the three weekly visit. Speak to the class teacher.



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| 08/03/17 | Gaura Purima Abishek celebrations – Non uniform day to celebrate this important festival. |
| 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 conference room 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 conference 8.15am |
| 24/03/17 | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 20px;">  </div> <div> <p>Red Nose Day - Wear red clothes from head to toe. The best "red dressed" children will win a prize. We kindly request you to donate £1.00 for this national charity fundraising event.</p> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;">  </div> </div> |
| 30/03/17 | Easter Class assembly Year 3 |
| 31/03/17 | <p>FOKAS EVENT – The committee will be shortly sending out a newsletter. In addition to this, they will be meeting School Council and ECO Committee to find out their thoughts about how they would like to spend the money raised.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> |
| 31/03/17 | Break up for Easter Holiday |
| 18/04/17 | Pupils return |