



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week goes by and the children have been busy as ever.

Years - Reception, 1 and 2 took part in a Fairy tale and Fables workshop on Wednesday. The children learnt about story settings through drama.



**" We played Sleeping Beauty. We looked at the story book and acted it out. We performed together. The Fairy had a wand to do magic. She gave us lots of stars and we pretended to be stars".**

By Sayoj, Milusan, Chatur



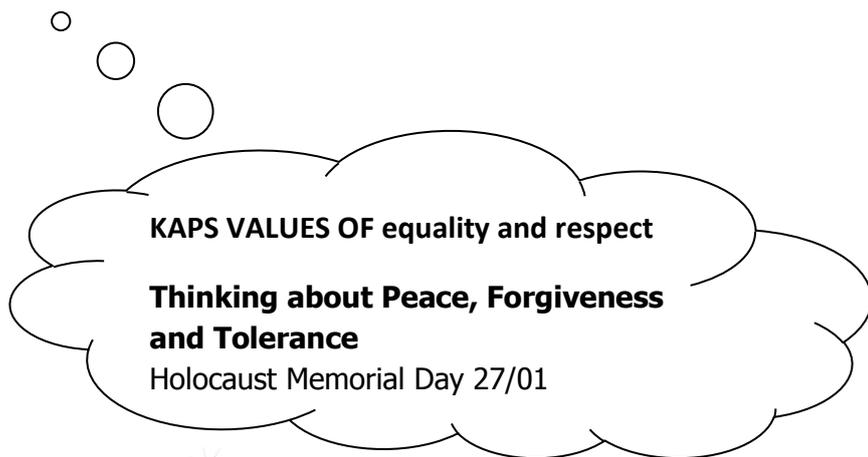
**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK** It's a time for everyone to pause to remember the millions of people whose lives have been changed beyond recognition due to discrimination, racism and hatred. The Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 theme: How Can Life Go On?



**HOW CAN LIFE GO ON?**  
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2017

**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."



It's back! We are delighted to invite all children to participate in this amazing national art competition.

Once again, Royal Mail is running this prestigious competition for primary school pupils to design stamps for Christmas 2017. This follows the hugely popular Christmas 2013 competition, where 240,000 entries were received.

The competition theme is '**What does the Christmas season mean to you?**' and so the children can design an image that best describes what the festive period means to them.

Two lucky winners will see their designs made into one of the 1st or 2nd Class Christmas stamps for 2017.

This is a prize that will be a huge honour for the winners. The winning designs will be approved by Her Majesty the Queen and used on millions of Christmas cards during the festive season. It is also a fun and engaging art activity for children.

**School Council will launch the competition during an assembly in the coming weeks and give out the entry forms too.**

School Council and the Eco Committee meeting last Friday was positive where much was discussed and agreed upon. (If only our Politicians could be like our KAPSH committees - so much more for the better could be accomplished). The committees will be explaining all the initiatives to their respective classes. Minutes can be found on the School Website for your information.

Attendance week ending 20<sup>th</sup> January was **96.3%** for the school

**46** children were late this week



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%.**

Year Group/ Class Name	Number of children who achieved 100% Attendance
Nursery - GauraNitai	10
Reception A - Matsya	6
Reception B - Achyutam	14 
Year 1 A - Keshavam	10
Year 1 B - Kurma	11
Year 2 A - Damodaram	14 
Year 2 B - Varaha	8
Year 3 A - Narasimha	8
Year 3 B - Raam	12
Year 4 A - Vamana	9
Year 5 A - Krishna	8
Year 6 A - Balaram	9



**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.

**COLD WINTER WEATHER** Over the past week the temperature has dropped and it is significantly colder. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing a warm winter coat. We have noticed that many of our children do not wear coats when they go out to play – brrr!



**Please can you help us with this and (i) make sure your child brings a coat to school and (ii) remind them they must put it on when they go out. Thank you so much.**

Please also ensure they have the correct uniform for PE as all year groups will continue to have PE outside. We aim to teach two hours of P.E each week. This is a statutory subject. Children who deliberately forget their PE Kit will have to follow the school Behaviour for Learning system.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** Please remember and adhere to the dress code. Letters will go home to children who are not wearing the correct clothing.

**KAPSH HAS GOT TALENT 2017** We look forward to sharing and celebrating the talents of our children on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

I would like to take the opportunity to gently remind you that the event is focused upon showcasing the children's talents, having fun and involving the community. Although there will be medals and trophies to proudly give out to our children, it is not an event where we expect to witness competitiveness, anger, jealousy and resentment. I know you will agree that there is no place for this at KAPSH. This is a time to celebrate others skills and talents. A time for children to watch their friends perform on stage and to recognise non- academic skills.



**A big thank you to FOKAS committee, who will be organising the hot food and snacks.**

**We have several winners of the design a ticket competition.**

Well done to Diyan V 2B, Hygreeve 3B, Eesha V Year 5, Mimisha Year 6! You will receive your prizes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.



## It's Good To Be Green Behaviour for Learning Policy

### The Policy is on the website.

Here at KAPSH, we aim to provide a happy atmosphere in which staff and parents work together for the welfare of all our children.

We expect the children to behave as well in school as you would expect them to behave at home and take responsibility for their actions.

We are hoping that your child has told you about our Good to be Green behaviour charts in each classroom. They are helping to provide us with a consistent approach to dealing with behaviour

in school, as well as providing an excellent model of behaviour that we know promotes learning. We encourage the children to listen carefully, follow instructions, join in with discussions, take turns and use their manners at all times.



Green Card	Amber Card	Red Card
<p>All children will start the day on a green card.</p>	<p>If a child misbehaves or disrupts his/her peers the child will be given an amber warning and the class teacher will ask the child to reflect on their actions.</p> <p>The child may also be asked to complete a reflection sheet.</p>	<p>If there is a further breach in a child's behaviour this would result in a red consequence card. The child will be spoken to by a senior teacher.</p> <p>Depending on the severity of the behaviour - e.g. a child who has hurt another child; he/she may have to make a sorry card or miss part of their playtime.</p> <p>All red card behaviour is recorded in the class behaviour log and the school team will ensure that parents are informed about any concerns they may have regarding the child's behaviour.</p>

**Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any queries.**

## **KAPSH Expected Behaviours all the time –**

### **Pupils should:**

Arrive punctually at 7.50am
Brings equipment to school
Brings PE equipment to school
Returns letter slips
Follows the classroom behaviour rules
Takes care of school property
Listens to instructions
Brings a Reading Book to school
Demonstrates positive behaviour during break times
Follows lunchtime rules
Demonstrates politeness towards others
Follows the Anti-Bullying Policy
Wears correct School uniform
Completes set homework
Try to be a good citizen and follow the values of Krishna Avanti Primary School

## **At Krishna Avanti Primary School Golden Standards**

- 1.** Be kind, helpful and gentle: think of others
- 2.** Be respectful: listen and act respectfully, use good manners
- 3.** Be honest and responsible: think before you act; tell the truth
- 4.** Be safe: care for people and property
- 5.** Be courageous: Learn Brilliantly! Never give up.

And finally, I had a meeting with the Executive FOKAS Committee. It is great news that we have a newly formed committee consisting of class representatives. Discussions were held about the preparations of Friday's KAPS Talent show event and in organising future events for the children.

In addition to this, news was shared about the mini bus sale. The sale from it will be reinvested by FOKAS into school - ICT initiatives and a reading scheme across the school.

I look forward to your support in building an active FOKAS committee

**“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.”**

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.	
23/01/17	Y1 Parents commence Guided Reading programme	
24/01/17	Writing Workshop Year 4, 5 and 6 at 8.15 - 9.00am	
25/01/17	Parent Gym Taster Session in Hall - 8.15am	
25/01/17	EYFS Phonic workshop 2.45 – 3.15pm. Children will be supervised	
27/01/17	Writing Workshop Year 1, 2, 3 at 8.15 - 9.00am	
27/01/17	Chinese New Year 2017 learning – Year of the Rooster 28/01/17	
27/01/17	KAPSH Has Got Talent Show in the evening – 5.00pm (tickets can now be purchased in the office)	
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	
03/02/17	Year 2 SATs Workshop 1.45pm – 2.20pm	
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	Go Green Day - Environmental awareness Week Break up for Half Term Holiday	
<b>13/02/17- 19 /02/17 HALF TERM</b>		
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 - Book Character Dress Up Day details to follow	
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	