



The Buzz

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Hello to our readers...

Welcome to *The Buzz*, Krishna Avanti Primary School's first student newsletter that has been brought to you by some of the Year 6 pupils.

We have worked really hard to write a newsletter that is both informative and fun to let you know all about what's happened in school this term. Children have been on some brilliant school trips and are learning about lots of new and interesting areas in their classes. We have also interviewed some children about what they like at school to give our readers a true student perspective.

As this is our first attempt, we would like your feedback so we can keep improving our newsletter.

We really hope you enjoy reading it!

The News Team

P.S Thank you to Mrs Maciel and Miss Patel who have helped us to make our newsletter perfect!

The News Team



A budding nursery doctor

Taking First Steps to Greatness

When we took a peek into the nursery, we were expecting tears and drama but it was a peaceful world of absolutely adorable children playing beautifully with each other.

"The nursery children have settled in brilliantly. For some children it is their first time they have ever been to nursery so it is a really big change for them. Some children took a little longer than others to settle in, and they have started making some really great friendships with each other which is lovely," said Ms Mudgil, the Nursery teacher.

It has been a very busy term in the Nursery. They started the term learning about themselves and their bodies, then moved onto people who help us; which was a really popular topic. The children had particularly enjoyed dressing up and role playing doctors. Arts and crafts are big with our new arrivals when we visited them as they were busy painting and making fun things with play dough. The children were also practising Christmas songs they were going to be singing to their parents at the nursery Christmas performance.

Maahi Shah

Dear Zoo and People Too

Both Reception classes have been having so much fun this term! Both classes have been reading *Dear Zoo* and in the new year, they are going to visit a real zoo as well. They have been learning about shapes and have been going around the school to see what shapes they can see. Their teacher, Ms Askham informed us that they have all made great progress this term. "At the start of the year most of them wouldn't talk but now they all do," she said proudly. When we visited, as children have been learning about why they like things, we asked Dhruv, one of the boys what he liked. "I like playing on the computers and playing with my friends because it is fun," he said beaming at us. Both classes have been very busy too, learning about themselves and their family members. They went on a trip to the park and collected leaves and conkers. "At the beginning of the year they were all crying and wanting their parents, but now they are all having lots of fun without their parents. Krishna, a girl from Reception 2, told us, "I like dancing and playing with my friends. I don't cry anymore. I like my teacher because she is funny." Well done Reception 1 & 2!

Isha Doshi and Keli Kandarpa

Bear Hunts & Building Sites

This term, Year 1 has been learning about changes around the school. Some of their activities include mapping the school and comparing them. The children seem to really be enjoying this. Prior to this, they have been focusing on *Going on a Bear Hunt* and writing what they would do if they went on a bear hunt. In science, they have been learning about body parts, which are linked to Sanskrit where they have been learning the nursery rhyme head, shoulders, knees and toes. Year 1 have been to see our building site as they have been learning about construction. They have also been on an exciting trip to a local church.

Isha Doshi and Keli Kandarpa



Another doctor in the making in Year 1



Year 1 listening carefully to *We are Going on a Bear Hunt*

Forests & Fish

Both Year 2 classes have been working very hard. Arav from Year 2B introduced us to some of the fun yet educational activities they have been doing such as the project on Canadian forests to learn about the trees and animals that are found there. Aran from 2A, not to be outdone, told us their most exciting project which was making mini 3D fish using papier maché for their project about life in the oceans. Both classes are looking forward to their trip to the Science Museum and the trip to Tate Modern to view the works of an artist called Kandinsky.

Y2B pupils in front of their forest



Krishna Caitanya Karia & Krsna Patel

Year 2A pupils with some of their fish



Meet the Flintstones!

Year 3 has had an exciting start to their year as they have learnt all about the Stone Age and how people lived in that period. After having an amazing workshop the children made fire and bracelets with purple ink. The whole school was amazed by the incredible Stonehenge project work the pupils had produced and their work has been displayed outside their classroom. Best of all was the beautiful cave paintings the class did with Ms Moore that adorns their very own corner of the Year 3 learning area.

Neeharika Patel & Maahi Shah



Smashing Saxons

Not to be beaten by Year 3, Year 4 have had their own exciting history project on the Anglo Saxons. The marvellous Ms Moore has helped them make Saxon boats for art, but the best projects have been created by the children during their Genius Hour. Year 4 have Genius Hour every week where the children choose a topic that they are passionate about and do a project around it either in a group collaboratively or on their own. For Genius Hour, Eesha Vekaria's group has chosen to do a fashion show on Anglo Saxon clothing as her group is passionate about fashion. They are planning to welcome parents to watch the fabulous show before the end term.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Leach, the Year 4 teacher, who is leaving KAPS and is returning to Wales. Her raucous laughter and crazy dance moves will be missed by all. Good luck Mrs Leach and thank you for helping so many of us.



Keli Kandarpa & Isha Doshi

Eesha showing off her beautiful Saxon outfit

Rotten Romans

Year 5 have also had an exciting history project in the shape of the Roman Empire. This was to keep with their theme of Power and Occupation. The children visited The Verulamium, the Roman museum built on an ancient Roman site in St Albans. They also made models of Roman houses and Krushna's Roman house even had a working steam bath in it! The class has made links with another Year 5 class from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Uxbridge so that the pupils can work in partnership and share their learning. Sadly, their joint visit to the Science Museum had to be postponed because of the heightened security after the Paris bombings, much to everyone's disappointment. However, this has now been rescheduled for the new year.



Vrinda from Year 5 with their Roman houses display

The Ace Team

In year 6 we have had some amazing opportunities this term: being ambassadors of the school and showing visitors around on Open Day; being filmed for a video for the Indian Prime Minister, Naredra Modi and having creative workshops. Year 6 haven't just had fun, they have been working extremely hard too (so parents, please give us a rest!) In DT and graphics we have recently started a new project making board games. As we have been learning about World War I in history, we also went to the RAF museum and did a workshop on planes and pilots during WW1. We learned about an Indian pilot called Indra Lal Roy who was air ace (a pilot that has shot down five or more planes). Roy also fought in WW1 but sadly, he was killed at the age of 20.



Keli Kandarpa and Ved Patel

Team London

Year 6 have also started to be a part of a project with Team London. Team London is an organisation for young people who want to help young adults become more responsible citizens so that they contribute to their communities more effectively. We will be having an event called Help Yourself Day in May 2016, where there will be a coffee morning for parents, lunch, arts and crafts and a motivational speaker from Team London. Our chosen charity is Save the Children and in on our recent FOKAS meeting we managed to raise over £300 which is a phenomenal start to the project. Thank you to everyone who contributed generously.

Keli Kandarpa



Sporting Stars

Football

The school football team has had mixed results this season so far, though the training was amazing and fast paced. But then again, seeing there haven't been many matches for Krishna Avanti Lions, we have a good reason as we have only entered our first league this year. The coach is confident that we will have a good run. With the team putting all their efforts into training, the outcomes are building their confidence.

Results this season have been: Lions 2-0 Deans Brooke, Lions 1-1 Deans Brooke, Lions 1-2 Deans Brooke, Lions 1-2 Saint Bernadette, Elms Grove 5-1 Lions.

Netball

The school netball team hasn't had any matches this term but the team are still training hard. We have a new team this year and we are slowly but steadily developing our netball skills. Unfortunately, we lost the last match we played in the summer so we are working doubly hard this year to make sure that Krishna Avanti All Stars is going to be the winning team!



Keli Kandarpa & Krishna Caitanya Karia



A Note from the Head



As it comes to the end of my first term at Krishna Avanti, I would like to say how welcome everyone has made me feel. It is also so exciting to have a school newsletter written by our own pupils. I have had a quick read, and there seems to be so many interesting articles and lots of really useful information. It is always great to read about what is going on in school and hearing about what everyone is enjoying. If this edition is anything to go by, then I certainly will be looking forward to reading all the future publications too. Well done team and keep up the good work.