

Wednesday 25th May 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This month, during Seva Studies, pupils will be learning about the martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji that will be marked by events in Gurdwaras around the world on the 3rd June. In these hot summer months, we are reminded that Dhan Guru Arjan Dev Ji was made to sit on a hot iron sheet with Mughal soldiers pouring burning hot sand on their body. Guru Ji was tortured for five long days, but remained strong and steadfast in their faith. When Mian Mir (a Muslim Sufi Saint and friend of Guru Sahib) tried to intervene and offered to help, Guru Ji forbade him to interfere, saying that it is the will (Hukam) of God (Vaheguru). Guru Arjun Dev Ji's actions teach Sikhs to stay in the Hukam of Vaheguru. Guru Ji asked for a bath in the River Ravi by the side of the Mughal fort and thousands of followers watched the Guru walk to the river. Their body glistened with blisters but Guru Ji said, "Tera bhana mita lageh -Sweet is your will, O Vaheguru; the gift of your Name alone I seek."

Chabeel marks the torture Guru Arjan Dev Ji suffered and finally the relief that the River Ravi provided to him. On Guru Arjan Dev Ji's martyrdom day, symbolically in India, Sikhs serve chabeel which is a sweet refreshing drink on the roadsides to provide relief from the hot scorching sun to travellers. With this thought in mind our student Faith Leaders have arranged to serve 'chabeel', to the parents of Seva School **after-school on Monday 6th June**. We hope you will visit us at our stall in the school playground. Parents of pupils in Reception will have their chabeel served in the EYFS outdoor area.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P Kaur

Faith Leader