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# **EVA NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Seva Family,

There's just 2 weeks left of this half term; it always amazes me how quickly time flies.

We've had a jam packed week and have many achievements to share:

There has been significant success for Mrs Broughton's history enrichment club (3 of the year 7 teams got through to the first round of a local competition and spent Saturday at Coventry University-see pages 11 and 12.....look out for the famous actor who attended in the photos!).



- There has been more great news for KS3 Young Writers, who will have their poems published imminently—this is such an amazing success—well done to Ms Gabriel for organising this (see page 8).
- Seva School sent representatives to Coventry Cathedral recently (our fabulous Mrs Bains and students Raman, Dev and Akaal, all of whom were outstanding ambassadors for the school); we showcased why we had won The Lord Mayor's Peace and Reconciliation Award this year and had some lovely feedback from the organisers (see page 3).

We will have more news to share next week, including winners of the Diary Writing competition following on from Jeff Kinney's workshop to primary students. Jeff wrote the famous "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and his workshop clearly inspired pupils no end; I saw some wonderful work last week. Primary students also enjoyed a pantomime on Friday last week—we have some wonderful photographs to share.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead, Jo Donnellan **Principal** 



# **PARENT NOTICES**

**EXCELLENCE** 

Primary Nasal Flu Immunisations 8th December 2021

E-consent form portal has now closed (25th November)

**Secondary Nasal Flu Immunisations** 17th January 2022

E-consent will be sent out closer to the time.



Tuesday 7th December 17:10 to 19:10

Wednesday 8th December 16:10 to 19:10

Booking will be online via School Cloud. Please refer to the letter sent out on Thursday 25th November to access the booking form.

Non-uniform Day: Monday 13th December **Charity fundraiser for YOUNG CARERS** 

Year 11 Mock Results Reveal Thursday 16th December 6:30-8pm

Last day of autumn term 2021: Friday 17th December at midday (a packed lunch will be available to take home for pupils on free school meals)





#### PEACEFUL SCHOOL CONFERENCE

**EXCELLENCE** 

As you may remember Seva School was presented with The Lord Mayor's Peace Award in July 2021. We were very proud to be invited to a conference at the Coventry Cathedral to celebrate this success. Mrs Bains took 2 year 8 students, Raman and Dev, along with a year 4 student, Akaal, to represent the school. The keynote speaker was a survivor from Hiroshima, Ms Keiko, who spoke on behalf of the Hiroshima Peace Museum. Ms Kieko described the events of the attack to the students and this was a very touching speech; it highlighted the importance of being part of a peaceful community. These are values we also like to instil in our students at Seva School.

The Seva School students then had the opportunity to showcase why our school won the award. Mrs Bains was very proud of our students as they gave a great insight into why we won it. Examples included, working closely with other schools on Multi-Faith projects such as The Soup Kitchen and currently engaging with a toy collection for charity. All 3 students were complimented by visitors, on their presentation and for being so well spoken. It was a great event and we look forward to doing more in the school and local community to showcase our virtues and values.

This is an extract from the feedback we received from Balbir Sohal (LA Prevent Education Officer) who organised the event; "On behalf of the Lord Mayor's Peace Committee (LMPC) just a quick note to say thank you so much for taking part in the 'How to be a Peaceful school' conference last Friday. Your pupils were so inspirational, such strong proactive role models and advocates of peace. We had a number of adults who spoke very highly of the input from the young children and what the school had done in order to receive the Peace Award."

A huge thank you to Mrs. Bains for accompanying the students.









### **LEARNING THROUGH PLAY**

Let it snow! The children felt invigorated by the ever-changing conditions of the outdoors. With all of their senses awakened, they marvelled and made connections to understand themselves in the world. What an amazing learning experience!

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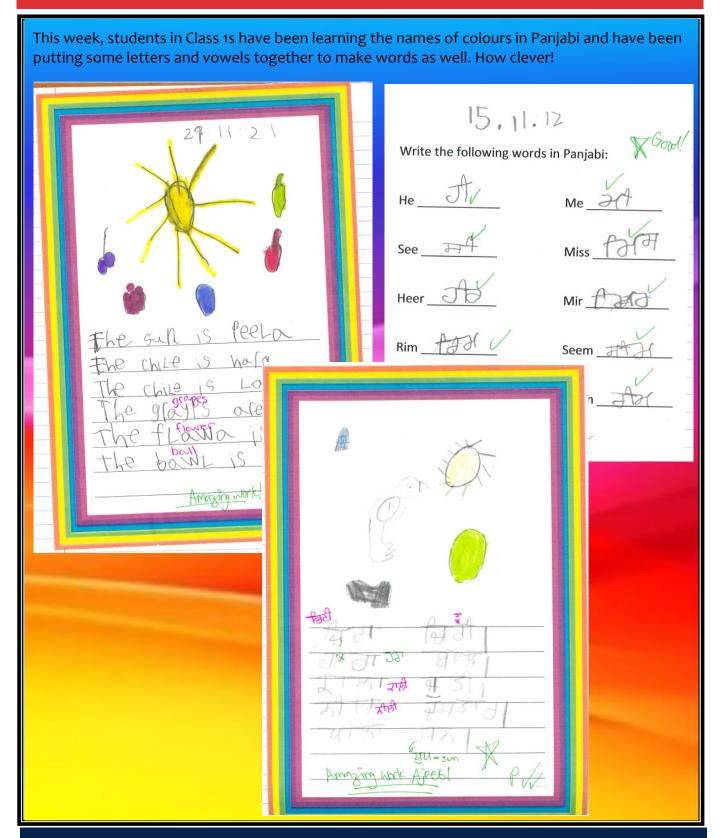
### **GURU NANAK DEV JI'S GURPURAB CELEBRATIONS**

The children in Class RS shared a story of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and the Cobra. The big cobra saw Guru Ji sleeping and the sun was shining brighter and brighter. The cobra simply spread its hood over Guru Nanak Dev Ji and provided shade from the hot sun.





### **PANJABI**





#### **GCSE ENGLISH REVISION WEBSITES**

As the English GCSE specifications involve the reading of unseen extracts and answering a range of questions under timed examination conditions, we strongly recommend that your son/daughter has access to a range of revision resources. They also need to be reading for pleasure, for approximately 30 minutes a day. The following websites are very useful in order to help them revise key aspects of this subject.

To get an overview of the GCSE English Language and English Literature specification (and past paper questions) please follow the links to:

http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/specification-at-a-glance

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http://www.aga.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/specification-at-a-glance

#### Other useful revision websites are:

1.English Biz - http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/

2.GCSE English Language – A guide to undertaking Creative writing: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a> v=GU KLET98zE&t=12s

3.GCSE English Language revision guide for papers 1 and 2:

https://studywise.co.uk/wpcontent/uploads/GCSE English Language Papers 1 and 2 Revision Guide.pdf

4.Geoff Barton Student Resources for English Language:

http://www.geoffbarton.co.uk/student-resources.php

5.Go Congr Student Resources for English Language:

https://www.gocongr.com/en/gcse/subjects/english/

6. 2. Teachit English Revision Resources-

https://www.teachitenglish.co.uk/revision-resources

7. Mr Bruff video guides (English Language and English Literature) – Our English Literature texts are: 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde,' 'A Christmas Carol' 'An Inspector Calls,' 'Macbeth' and the 'Relationships' cluster of poetry.

8. CGP Revision guides.

#### To read newspapers online try:

https://www.theguardian.com/uk

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/index.html

http://metro.co.uk/

The 'First News' publication that can be found in WHSmith is also appropriate for teenagers.

#### Stretch and Challenge – Home Study Activities:

Read non-fiction articles from the nineteenth century. You can find these on the following link: http://

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/

#### Other useful websites with reviews of popular books include:

https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/

http://www.epicreads.com/

http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/teenagers/

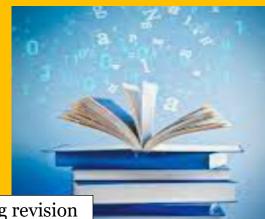
#### Other useful websites include:

http://www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames.html

https://howtospell.co.uk/spellingquiz.php

Re-reading your GCSE texts and conducting revision throughout the year will benefit year 10 and year 11







# 'Young Writers Competition'

**EXCELLENCE** 

Congratulations to students in years 7,8 and 9 who participated in the 'Empowered' competition last term. A number of their poems have been chosen for publication!



For the competition, students were encouraged

to write a poem that empowered others to bring about change in society. They chose to write about a number of topics including: climate change, aspirations for the future, hope in the midst of a pandemic, inspirational figures in Sikh history and other inspirational contemporary/ historical figures.

All students have received a Certificate of Merit and a bookmark courtesy of Young Writers.

We will share some of their poems with you once they have been published

Consent forms, permitting Young Writers to publish their poems, should be handed in to Ms Gabriel in G8 by the end of next week please.









We will be running yet another Young Writers competition this term. Details to follow soon. Here are some of the current year 8 pupils with their Certificates of Merit. Well done to all.



# **SEVA STANDARDS: WEEKLY STARS**

#### **Service**



Miss May nominates **Harshaan** and **Kurbani** in **year 7** for helping her with some front office jobs this week.

#### **Excellence**



Mrs Sanghera nominates **Ravleen** in year 5A for being a super learner through always trying her best.

#### **Virtues**



Miss O'Dea nominates **Jay** in **year 3S** for Virtues for showing courage during Spanish. He was able to say the whole alphabet without singing it. He read this out to the rest of the class. He did a great job. Well done Jay!

### **Aspiration**



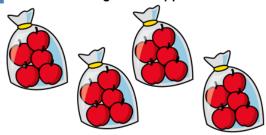
Mrs Woodward nominates for **Reet**, **Dwij** and **Gurman** in **year 3A** who came to share their learning about Hinduism with year 2.

# SCHOOL SERVICE F

# **PROBLEM OF THE WEEK KS1 & KS2**

### KSI Problem of the Day

Tina has 4 bags of 5 apples.



Joe has twice as many apples in 10 bags.

How many apples are in each of Joe's bags?

4

2 5 bananas cost £2



A pineapple costs £3



How much do 20 bananas and 3 pineapples cost in total?

£17

### KS2 Problem of the Day

If this is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a shape.



What fraction of the shape is this?



Explain your reasoning.

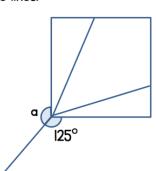
 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

2 A 5 litre jug of water is shared between 6 glasses.

A 6 litre jug of water is shared between 9 mugs.

Which contains more water a glass or a mug? A glass holds more water.

3 The diagram below shows a square and some lines.



What is the size of the angle marked a?

145°





### GALLERY OF LIVING HISTORY COMPETITION/ HISTORY CLUB

EXCELLENCE

On a cold and snowy Saturday morning, 12 intrepid students and 3 dedicated teachers set off to Coventry University for a workshop organised by the Gallery of Living History to support the History Club's 3 entries in a regional history/art competition. All three teams had made it through the first round and we were now getting some and guidance to help improve our entries even further.

The competition is to create a piece of artwork commemorating individuals or groups in the regional who have made a great contribution but that have not been fully recognised for their significance.

The History Club students had chosen 3 worthy recipients of the artwork, Langar Aid; Lady Pearl Hyde and the resilient and inspirational child survivors of the Blitz. Now we were taking our ideas to Coventry University to begin to develop them into prototypes of the final Sculpture.

After initial meet and greets we were invited to welcome one of the founders of the Gallery of Living History, and who should walk in but Oscar nominated actor Andy Serkis - how exciting!

Andy spent 3 hours with the students working closely with them helping them visualise what their piece of public art would look like. The students learnt a great deal from him and all the representatives of the Arts Faculty of Coventry University who also gave up their time to encourage the groups.

Students were able to make clay models, use green screen and speak to artists who had produced public art installations around the world.

A great day was had by all and we have come back to Seva ready to develop our sculptures even further and submit them for the next round of judging on the 14<sup>th</sup> January. The winning sculpture will become a permanent exhibit in Coventry and I look forward to updating on our progress in future newsletters.

An enormous Thank You must go to MS Gabriel and Ms Morris who gave up their Saturday to support the students and obviously a very big round of applause to all the students in the History Club who have worked so hard on this project.

**History Club Members** 

Mohammad; Abdullah; Medha; Vaishali; Apsa; Antonio; Shenay; Jeevan; Amrinder; Sam; Ahmad; Alex; David; Arjun

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Thank you to Mrs Broughton for organising the event.

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On **Wednesday 8th December** from **5:00pm - 7:00pm** we're hosting our virtual Insight to Engineering Multi-Employer Event and we'll be joined by 5 of the biggest engineering companies in Siemens, Spectris, Vodafone, Equans and specialist university NMITE!

Each company will speak for 20 minutes, giving us an insight into their business and a taster of what it's like working for the organisation.

It's not very often we're able to bring such an incredible lineup of global organisations together into one event so we're so excited to be able to put this together and share the opportunity with you.