

22ND DECEMBER 2023

VAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA VAHEGURU JI KI FATEH



SEVAK SERV KARAHAE SABH THAEREE

“O LORD. ALL THINE SERVANTS, WHO
RELISH THE NAME. PERFORM THY
SERVICE. HE, WHO EFFACES HIS SELF-
CONCEIT FROM WITHIN HIMSELF,
BECOMES PURE BY GURU'S GRACE.”

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI - ANG 599



Hukamnama Sahib

A message for us all to reflect upon, given this morning from the Siri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh Holy Scriptures) from the holiest of Sikh sites Siri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) in Amritsar, Panjab, India.

ਸਲੋਕੁ ਮਃ ੪ ॥

Shalok, Fourth Mehl:

ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਅੰਤਰਿ ਸਾਂਤਿ ਹੈ ਮਨਿ ਤਨਿ ਨਾਮਿ ਸਮਾਇ ॥

Within the Gurmukh is peace and tranquility; his mind and body are absorbed in the Naam, the Name of the Lord.

ਨਾਮੋ ਚਿਤਵੈ ਨਾਮੁ ਪੜੈ ਨਾਮਿ ਰਹੈ ਲਿਵ ਲਾਇ ॥

He contemplates the Naam, he studies the Naam, and he remains lovingly absorbed in the Naam.

ਨਾਮੁ ਪਦਾਰਥੁ ਪਾਇਆ ਚਿੰਤਾ ਗਈ ਬਿਲਾਇ ॥

He obtains the treasure of the Naam, and his anxiety is dispelled.

ਸਤਿਗੁਰਿ ਮਿਲਿਐ ਨਾਮੁ ਉਪਜੈ ਤਿਸਨਾ ਭੁਖ ਸਭ ਜਾਇ ॥

Meeting with the Guru, the Naam wells up, and his thirst and hunger are completely relieved.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਾਮੇ ਰਤਿਆ ਨਾਮੋ ਪਲੈ ਪਾਇ ॥੧॥

O Nanak, imbued with the Naam, he gathers in the Naam. ||1||

ਮਃ ੪ ॥

Fourth Mehl:

ਸਤਿਗੁਰੁ ਪੁਰਖਿ ਜਿ ਮਾਰਿਆ ਭ੍ਰਮਿ ਭ੍ਰਮਿਆ ਘਰੁ ਛੋਡਿ ਗਇਆ ॥

One who is cursed by the True Guru, abandons his home, and wanders around aimlessly.

ਉਸੁ ਪਿਛੈ ਵਜੈ ਫਕੜੀ ਮੁਹੁ ਕਾਲਾ ਆਗੈ ਭਇਆ ॥

He is jeered at, and his face is blackened in the world hereafter.

ਉਸੁ ਅਰਲੁ ਬਰਲੁ ਮੁਹੁ ਨਿਕਲੈ ਨਿਤ ਝਗੂ ਸੁਟਦਾ ਮੁਆ ॥

He babbles incoherently, and foaming at the mouth, he dies.

ਕਿਆ ਹੋਵੈ ਕਿਸੈ ਹੀ ਦੈ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਂ ਧੁਰਿ ਕਿਰਤੁ ਓਸ ਦਾ ਏਹੋ ਜੇਹਾ ਪਇਆ ॥

What can anyone do? Such is his destiny, according to his past deeds.

ਜਿਥੈ ਓਹੁ ਜਾਇ ਤਿਥੈ ਓਹੁ ਝੂਠਾ ਕੂੜੁ ਬੋਲੇ ਕਿਸੈ ਨ ਭਾਵੈ ॥

Wherever he goes, he is a liar, and by telling lies, he not liked by anyone.

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ਵੇਖਹੁ ਭਾਈ ਵਡਿਆਈ ਹਰਿ ਸੰਤਹੁ ਸੁਆਮੀ ਅਪੁਨੇ ਕੀ ਜੈਸਾ ਕੋਈ ਕਰੈ ਤੈਸਾ ਕੋਈ ਪਾਵੈ ॥

O Siblings of Destiny, behold this, the glorious greatness of our Lord and Master, O Saints; as one behaves, so does he receive.

ਏਹੁ ਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਬੀਚਾਰੁ ਹੋਵੈ ਦਰਿ ਸਾਚੈ ਅਗੇ ਦੇ ਜਨੁ ਨਾਨਕੁ ਆਖਿ ਸੁਣਾਵੈ ॥੨॥

This shall be God's determination in His True Court; servant Nanak predicts and proclaims this. ||2||

ਪਉੜੀ ॥

Pauree:

ਗੁਰਿ ਸਚੈ ਬਧਾ ਥੇਹੁ ਰਖਵਾਲੇ ਗੁਰਿ ਦਿਤੇ ॥

The True Guru has established the village; the Guru has appointed its guards and protectors.

ਪੂਰਨ ਹੋਈ ਆਸ ਗੁਰ ਚਰਣੀ ਮਨ ਰਤੇ ॥

My hopes are fulfilled, and my mind is imbued with the love of the Guru's Feet.

ਗੁਰਿ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਿ ਬੇਅੰਤਿ ਅਵਗੁਣ ਸਭਿ ਹਤੇ ॥

The Guru is infinitely merciful; He has erased all my sins.

ਗੁਰਿ ਅਪਣੀ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਧਾਰਿ ਅਪਣੇ ਕਰਿ ਲਿਤੇ ॥

The Guru has showered me with His Mercy, and He has made me His own.

ਨਾਨਕ ਸਦ ਬਲਿਹਾਰ ਜਿਸੁ ਗੁਰ ਕੇ ਗੁਣ ਇਤੇ ॥੨੭॥

Nanak is forever a sacrifice to the Guru, who has countless virtues. ||27||



Principal's Message

Mrs. S. Sanghera



As we prepare to wave goodbye to 2023, we reflect on all the exciting developments we have experienced together. Watching the PIRI Building take shape has been tremendous. The 3G pitch and MUGA are now just a walkway away and ready to roll out in 2024.

You should be proud of the resilience you have shown in the face of the temporary traffic management to support the expansion. It's not long now, so hang on in there and don't lose the drive to work together for the good of all on this. You are the role models that our students aspire to.

We congratulate all our students on their fantastic achievements. We are proud of you all and wish you all continued success and confidence to be the best you can be. The Sevaks of the half term have been chosen and their courage shines through not only in what they say, but also in what they do.

Our staff have been relentless in their passion to bring the best of learning experiences to our children. They pulled out all the stops to bring learning to life through residential, visits and visitors to clubs, faith days, charity projects, parents' evenings and open days. We thank them for all for dedication and enthusiasm.

Finally, we remember our common goal - to live up to the standards our school so dutifully salutes: Service, Excellence, Virtues and Aspirations. Together we are strong and in our unity we find our SEVA.

On behalf of the Sevak Education Trust, Staff and Students we wish you all a wonderful end to 2023 and a very blessed start to 2024.

Vaheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Vaheguru Ji Ke Fateh.

PARENT NOTICES

The Virtue of this half-term is:

COURAGE

Friday 22nd December

Staff and Students Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd December

Last day of term
Students will finish at 12pm.

Tuesday 9th January

First day of term for students.
Prompt start at 08:30am.

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INFORMATION



Only on the days students have PE can they be in school wearing their school PE kits. This does not include branded wear, hoodies or leggings. In order to maintain the quality of the 3G pitch students using it must wear astro boots, **no studs or bladed boots**. The astro boots they wear must be black to keep aligned to our PE uniform expectations. The images below show what the astro boots look like as they have a different grip to usual trainers. If students are not wearing these boots and the correct PE uniform they may be asked to sit out or a call may be made to you to drop the correct PE uniform off. The black astro boots are available to buy in most sports wear shops including Sports Direct.





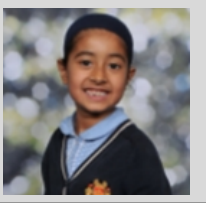



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SEVAK OF THE HALF-TERM



Sevaks of the half term - Courage







	Reception Class	RS Mrs Dosanjh	For showing courage throughout the nativity performance. They performed to parents and primary students.
	Jasmaira	1S Mrs Burbank	She is a kind, courageous girl who is always keen to learn. It is her last day on Friday and I will miss her and wish her the best of luck at her new school.
	Divjot	2S Mrs Riat	For showing courage throughout this term.
	Jeremy	2A Mrs Bhullar	For showing great courage when faced with challenges and approaching every task with confidence. He always has the courage to do the right thing.
	Ajooni	3S Mrs Verdi & Mrs Thethy	For showing courage when attempting difficult tasks.
	Ekkam	4S Mrs Armstrong	For having the courage to carry on with all his learning despite the injury to his foot.

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	Kavneer	4A Mrs Ghedia	For showing courage in all his interactions with peers and teachers. Voted for by his class.
	Japjort	5S Mrs Hall & Mrs Featherstone	For consistently showing courage through her resilience and determination in her learning.
	Sahib	5A Mrs P Kaur	For having the courage to always tell the truth especially when he has witnessed an incident on the playground and the teachers need someone to help solve a conflict.
	Ishver	6S Mr Singh	For always being kind and respectful to everyone.
	Damandeep	6A Mrs Satsangi	For showing courage by asking for help when needed and pushing himself to do the best he can do in his school work.
	Salma	7S Mrs Z Hussain	For being kind and courageous.




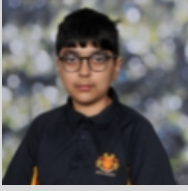

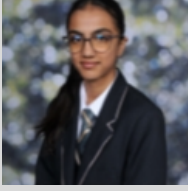


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	Amar	7E Mrs N Gill	For his lovely personality and great attitude to learning.
	Felistas	7V Mrs Angulo Romero	For showing courage this half term.
	Gursimran	7A Mrs Tomlinson	She is very confident to stand up and speak out to what she sees is wrong and often offers her opinion.
	Karmann	8S Mrs Broughton	For overcoming barriers this term and remaining a positive and important role model within the school community.
	Anshita	8E Mrs Bangar	For showing courage when attempting challenging work/situations and encouraging other students.
	Angel	8V Mrs Mann	For showing courage by always choosing to do the right thing even if others have chosen not to do so. She is a role model to the students around her and can be trusted to always show the virtues.








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Sevaks of the half term - Courage

	Taranpreet	9S Mrs Daler	For helping lead with charity lessons and faith leader work which she has given feedback to students about.
	Harjot	9E Mrs Grewal	For showing courage when attempting challenging situations.
	Jeevan	9V Mr Malhi	For demonstrating courage through aspects of Art Lessons, History Lessons and persona across school during break time and lunch.
	Parneet	9A Mrs Ndongala & Mrs Thandi	For always having the courage to do the right thing every single day by being respectful, prepared and being a great role model to her peers.
	Sanmeet	10S Mr Patria	For showing courage and discipline in applying herself to improving her knowledge and understanding across a range of subjects she is currently studying.








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Sevaks of the half term - Courage

	Daniella	10E Miss M Hussain	For showing courage in everything she does this term.
	Sadjaad	10V Mrs Dhadwal	Sadjaad started Seva in October. He has shown courage by adapting to his new school, making friends and working well in his subjects.
	Kheera	11S Mr Eastwood & Mrs M Gill	For preserving and showing courage even when things are tough.
	Amalbeet	11E Ms Dhillon	For persevering when faced with extreme adversity, and being a role model for others.
	Vaheesa	11V Ms Gabriel	She is always going out of her comfort zone and shows courage in speaking up and not worrying about making mistakes.

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PRIMARY NEWS



Wow! What an amazing performance by the Reception children. The children spoke with confidence and helped each other along the way. A big shout out to the parents who produced the costumes and all came to watch the show. A brilliant turn out. Well done reception class, we are so proud of you. Mrs Dosanjh.



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PRIMARY NEWS

Year 4 have been learning about African masks and they designed and made their own.

Mrs Armstrong.



Last week, we were thoroughly entertained by the dazzling performance of our budding artists in the Rock Steady Music performance at Seva School. Thank you to all the parents and students who came to watch and support this amazing club. Hopefully, it has inspired other students to join the club, learn to play an instrument and develop their singing talent.



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SECONDARY NEWS



Connor and Sary have worked so hard this term in Prince's Trust. They have cooked some fabulous vegetarian meals. Connor designed a creamy, cheesy mushroom pasta dish and Sary created an amazing sourdough Pizza. These boys have worked so well. Connor's work got marked at the Prince's Trust Headquarters last week and he has passed with flying colours.



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HOUSE POINTS SYSTEM & RESULTS



Our School's Mission Statement

"The Truth is High: Higher Still is Truthful Living"

Guru Nanak Dev Ji - Founder of the Sikh faith

Our house points system is aligned to the 3 key principles of the Sikh faith.
Each of the houses are also assigned a key figure from Sikh faith history.

House Points Results from 11th December to 15th December

Remember God

Mata Sahib Kaur Ji

20315

Share good will

Bhai Khanaiya Ji

20890

Work hard

Baba Budha Ji

22255

The house with the most points this week is:

Kirat Karni

CONGRATULATIONS



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COMMUNITY NEWS



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For ages: **11-18**

Kooth is an online **mental wellbeing** community for young people

Here are some of the features young people can access on Kooth:

- Magazine**
The Kooth magazine shares personal experiences and tips from young people and our Kooth team
- Discussion Boards**
Young people can start or join a conversation with our friendly Kooth community, with lots of topics to choose from
- Chat**
Young people can chat with our helpful team about anything that's on their mind
- Daily Journal**
Young people can view their daily journal to track feelings or emotions and reflect on how they're doing

Sign up for free at **Kooth.com**

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Kooth's live chat hours over the holiday period

- 24th December (Christmas Eve) - 4pm - 8pm
- 25th December (Christmas Day) - 4pm - 8pm
- 26th December (Boxing Day) - 4pm - 8pm
- 31st December (New Years Eve) - 4pm - 8pm
- 1st January (New Years Day) - 4pm - 8pm

Other days over the holiday period will follow our usual live chat hours of 12pm - 10pm on weekdays and 6pm - 10pm on weekends.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one topic of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

- 1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD**
If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (It's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).
- 2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'**
This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.
- 3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS**
One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.
- 4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE**
Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.
- 5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'**
Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.
- 6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY**
Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.
- 7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS**
Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.
- 8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME**
Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.
- 9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES**
Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.
- 10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF**
It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.
- 11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS**
It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.
- 12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK**
Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Yearly Attendance	Yearly Days Missed	Yearly Learning Hours Missed	Learning Hours Missed Over 5 Years
100%	0	0	0
97%	6	30	150
95%	10	50	250
90%	20	100	500
80%	40	200	1000
50%	100	500	2500



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance Teddy's Message
 Congratulations to year 4 for the highest attendance this week.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The school term starts back on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 08:30am for a prompt start.

Vaccinations – Year 8 HPV

Can I remind parents that the link for the online consent form for the Year 8 HPV Vaccination is now open. It will remain open until midnight on the 24th December 2023.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment, please make sure you inform the school as soon as you get the appointment / 24 hrs in advance. You must also provide the school with a letter / appointment slip of the appointment.

Absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness, you must inform the school by 08:30am. You must call and leave a message on the absence line (option 1) or email attendance@seva.coventry.sch.uk clearly stating the pupil's name, year/class and a detailed reason for the absence. Reason of 'not well' is not acceptable.

Lateness

Can I remind you that the school day starts at 8.30 am. We are getting a lot children arriving after the school gate has closed. If you have brought your child late, please accompany them to the reception desk with a reason.

CELEBRATING BEST
 ATTENDANCE FOR ALL
 YEAR GROUPS

11TH - 15TH DECEMBER

YEAR	%
RS	97.40
1	83.00
2	96.80
3	92.40
4	97.70
5	96.60
6	93.90
7	91.40
8	96.60
9	87.00
10	94.60
11	89.30
Weeks Average for Whole School	93.30

