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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.

ਸਲੋਕ ਮਃ ੩ ॥

Shalok, Third Mehl:

ਸਭਨਾ ਕਾ ਸਹੁ ਏਕੁ ਹੈ ਸਦ ਹੀ ਰਹੈ ਹਜ਼ੂਰਿ ॥

There is One Lord God of all; He remains ever-present.

ਨਾਨਕ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਨ ਮੰਨਈ ਤਾ ਘਰ ਹੀ ਅੰਦਰਿ ਦੂਰਿ ॥

O Nanak, if one does not obey the Hukam of the Lord's Command, then within one's own home, the Lord seems far away.

ਹੁਕਮੁ ਭੀ ਤਿਨ੍ਹਾ ਮਨਾਇਸੀ ਜਿਨ੍ਹ ਕਉ ਨਦਰਿ ਕਰੇਇ ॥

They alone obey the Lord's Command, upon whom He casts His Glance of Grace.

ਹੁਕਮੁ ਮੰਨਿ ਸੁਖੁ ਪਾਇਆ ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਸੁਹਾਗਣਿ ਹੋਇ ॥੧॥

Obeying His Command, one obtains peace, and becomes the happy, loving soul-bride. ||1||

ਮਃ ੩ ॥

Third Mehl:

ਰੈਣਿ ਸਬਾਈ ਜਲਿ ਮੁਈ ਕੰਤ ਨ ਲਾਇਓ ਭਾਉ ॥

She who does not love her Husband Lord, burns and wastes away all through the night of her life.

ਨਾਨਕ ਸੁਖਿ ਵਸਨਿ ਸੋਹਾਗਣੀ ਜਿਨ੍ਹ ਪਿਆਰਾ ਪੁਰਖੁ ਹਰਿ ਰਾਉ ॥੨॥

O Nanak, the soul-brides dwell in peace; they have the Lord, their King, as their Husband. ||2||

ਪਉੜੀ ॥

Pauree:

ਸਭੁ ਜਗੁ ਫਿਰਿ ਮੈ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਹਰਿ ਇਕੋ ਦਾਤਾ ॥

Roaming over the entire world, I have seen that the Lord is the only Giver.

ਉਪਾਇ ਕਿਤੇ ਨ ਪਾਈਐ ਹਰਿ ਕਰਮ ਬਿਧਾਤਾ ॥

The Lord cannot be obtained by any device at all; He is the Architect of Karma.

ਗੁਰ ਸਬਦੀ ਹਰਿ ਮਨਿ ਵਸੈ ਹਰਿ ਸਹਜੇ ਜਾਤਾ ॥

Through the Word of the Guru's Shabad, the Lord comes to dwell in the mind, and the Lord is easily revealed within.

ਅੰਦਰਹੁ ਤ੍ਰਿਸਨਾ ਅਗਨਿ ਬੁਝੀ ਹਰਿ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਸਰਿ ਨਾਤਾ ॥

The fire of desire within is quenched, and one bathes in the Lord's Pool of Ambrosial Nectar.

ਵਡੀ ਵਡਿਆਈ ਵਡੇ ਕੀ ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਬੋਲਾਤਾ ॥੬॥

The great greatness of the great Lord God - the Gurmukh speaks of this. ||6||



Principal's Message

Mrs. S. Sanghera

This week, on Monday 27th November, we celebrated the auspicious Gurpurab of Guru Nanak Dev Ji (birthday of the founder of the Sikh faith). Guru Nanak Dev Ji composed the Mool Mantar, this is the name of the first prayer in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh holy scriptures) which starts with the Japji Sahib (a prayer read daily by those who wish to remember the divine messages and teachings of the Guru).

At school we set a challenge for our students to achieve 50,000 readings of the Mool Mantar in 5 days. In true Seva style our outstanding students did not just meet the target, they exceeded it. The student faith leaders recorded 222,981 readings of the Mool Mantar in 5 days. I am sure you will join me in not only congratulating them, but also acknowledging the love, devotion and pride they took in one of the key principles that Guru Nanak Dev Ji gifted Sikhs of Naam Japna (remember God). Thank you to all the parents who supported their children with this quest.

We felt honoured, humbled and grateful to have the presence of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji in residence on the day. In respect of their presence all staff, visitors and students covered their heads and those wishing to do so wore traditional wear pertinent to their faith.

The Japji Sahib (prayers), kirtan (hymns), katha (explanations of quotes from the holy scriptures) and the sharing of parshad (sweet, blessed dough) made the events in the Divan Hall a calming and spiritual experience. Staff prepared lessons linked to our new House Point system, which is based on the 3 key principles of the Sikh faith. Students also created artwork and writing to use for displays around the school.

I hope you enjoy seeing the images from the day and reading about the events held at school in our newsletter this week.

I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Gurpurab.

PARENT NOTICES

The Virtue of this half-term is:

COURAGE

Tuesday 5th December
Reception Class Nativity

Wednesday 6th December
Secondary Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 6th December
Year 10 trip to see 'A Christmas Carol'

Monday 11th December
Reception Class Winter
Wonderland Workshop

Wednesday 13th December
Pantomime for Primary
Students

Thursday 14th December
Rocksteady Concert

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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 20th November to 24th November

Remember God

Mata Sahib Kaur Ji

17010

Share good will

Bhai Khanaiya Ji

17265

Work hard

Baba Budha Ji

19340

The house with the most points this week is:

Kirat Karni

CONGRATULATIONS



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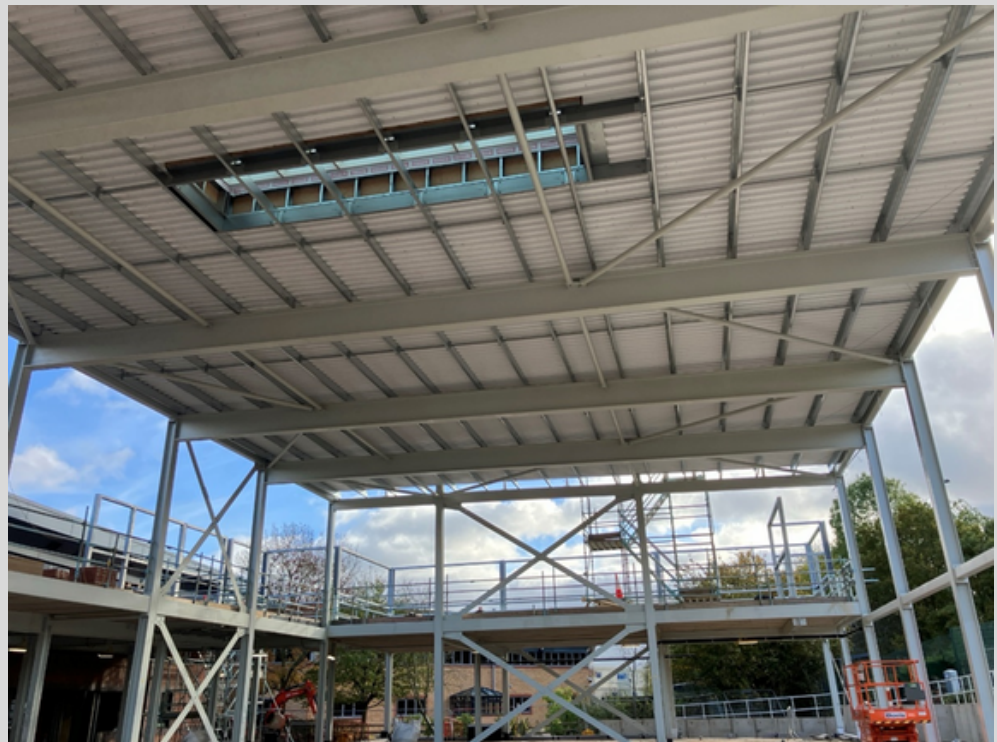
NEW NAMES FOR BUILDINGS



MIRI BUILDING



PIRI BUILDING



COMING SOON



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GURU NANAK DEV JI'S GURPURAB



A huge thank you to Mrs R Gill for loaning the school the beautiful flower wall.

Thank you to Mrs M Bening and the catering team for the delicious Gurburab cake.



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GURU NANAK DEV JI'S GURPURAB



As part of our capital build social values programme, we invited Aron Ledward and Jack Shaw from the contractors Bowmer and Kirkland team to join us. They learned about the significance of the day for Sikhs, visited the Divan Hall and ate lunch with us. We sent samosas back with them for the team and a Happy Gurburab message.



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GURU NANAK DEV JI'S GURPURAB



“Thank you so much for having us this morning, we had such a wonderful time and for lots of the students that came with us this is the only time they will ever experience a Sikh service. To be able to listen to the Japji Sahib recited so beautifully by your students, along with the Simran and the Kirtan was all truly wonderful”.

“Your two year 11 students were incredible hosts, they are an asset to you all and we wish them well in their GCSEs”.

Mrs Kaur & Miss Clemo

Seva School opened their doors to Blue Coat School during Faith Day. Students from Blue Coat had a tour of the school as well as sat in the Divan Hall during the prayers. Thank you Mr Malhi for organising this.



Mr Sandhu kindly donated Domino's pizza to staff and students at Seva School as a special treat to mark the auspicious occasion of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Gurbpurab. We extend a warm thank you to him, his family and their children Khushreet, Noorgeet and Uday-Pratap.



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GURU NANAK DEV JI'S GURPURAB



“Thankyou for being such fantastic helpers on Monday for Guru Nanak Dev Ji’s Gurpurab Day”.
Mrs Armstrong.



“Thank you to all the staff and students for all of their hard work and support in making this a special and memorable occasion”.
Mrs Sanghera.

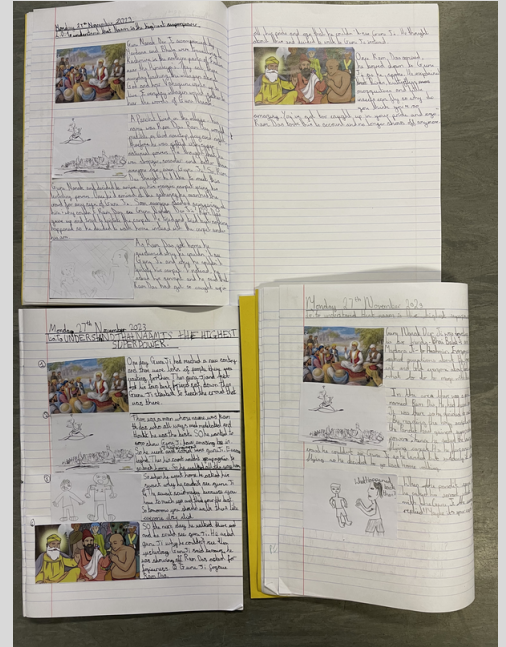


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PRIMARY NEWS



Mrs Satsangi's class learned about the key teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji during Gurburab celebrations.



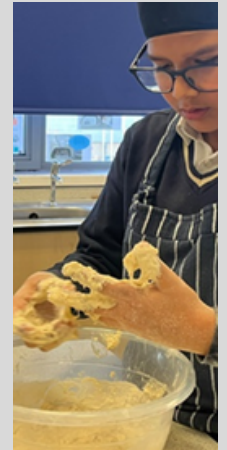
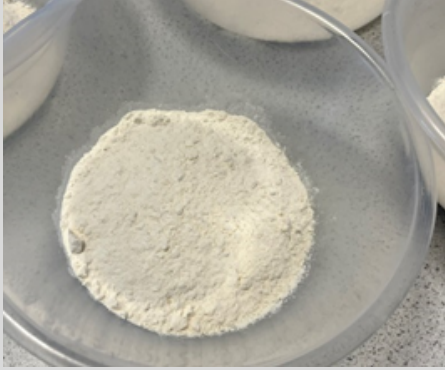
Class 5A designed a shield to represent their house team. They visited the Divan Hall and recited 'Mool Mantar' jaaps and listened to some kirtan. The children celebrated Gurburab day by completing a written task where they were asked to recall Bhai Gurdas Ji di Vaars (verses) and write an imagery conversation that Earth had with God. In this conversation Earth is complaining that human beings have forgotten righteous living and as a result are a heavy burden to carry. In this conversation God promises to come down to Earth as Guru Nanak Dev Ji and show the path of truthful living. Our school mission statement by Guru Nanak Dev Ji reminds us that "The Truth is high: but higher still is truthful living.

Mrs P Kaur



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PRIMARY NEWS



This week Class 5A visited the food and technology room to bake some bread. In science they have been learning about reversible and irreversible change of materials. The pupils were challenged to think about how the fine flour powder changes throughout the bread making process and if this is an example of irreversible change. What do you think?

The children enjoyed kneading the dough and creating shapes to make their individual bread. Back in class they will be creating an explanation report about how yeast helps the dough to rise. Why don't you have a go at baking your own bread at home - it was great fun.

Mrs P Kaur

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Thank you for the donations. Final chance to donate is the morning of Wednesday 6th December at the latest. Let's remember Dhan Guru Nanak Dev Ji's message of 'Vand Chhakna' which means to share good will. Please do keep the donations coming they will brighten up a child's day.

WAHEGRU FOUNDATION **The Children's Society** **Action for Children**

NEW! BOOKS & TOYS
DONATE WITH CARE - we cannot accept old/used gifts

BOOK & TOY DRIVE 2023

ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਯਾਦ ਵਿਚ ਅਨਾਥ ਅਤੇ ਬੇਸਹਾਰਾ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਨਵੀਆਂ ਕਿਤਾਬਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਖਿਡੌਣਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਜੀ ਸਮੂਹ ਸੰਗਤ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਮਰਤਾ ਸਹਿਤ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਪਣਾ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਪਾਓ ਜੀ

Supporting The Children's Society and Action for Children, donate toys for underprivileged children aged 6 months to 18 years *

Donate from **23 October to 6 December**

How to donate:

- Donate via PayPal visit paypal.me/wahegrufoundation
- Drop off to a Mr Singh's near you visit mrsinghspizza.co.uk/contact

DONATE WITH CARE
We cannot accept old, used or repaired gifts due to health and safety reasons. We cannot accept any gifts which are deemed to be conflict related gifts with violent connotations e.g. knives, swords, guns, console games etc. Download the 'What to Donate?' at bookandtoydrive.com to find out more.

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In loving memory of the Mother and four Princes of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Honouring the lives of those who fought to defend the poor, homeless, hungry and oppressed.



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SEVA STARS OF THE WEEK



SERVICE

Mrs Armstrong nominated Geeth in year 4 for always being willing to help and support others and showing empathy.
Well done.



EXCELLENCE

Mrs P Kaur nominated Gurman in year 5 for showing excellent behaviour during Gurburab day. He carried out his duty in the Divan Hall with respect. We are proud that he is our year 5 faith leader.
Well Done.



VIRTUES

Mrs Riat nominated Hargun in year 2 for working really hard on her newspaper article about The Great Fire of London.
Well Done.



ASPIRATIONS

Mrs Romero nominated Nimo in year 9 for working extremely hard in lessons and completing homework tasks to the best of her ability.
Well done.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance Teddy's Message

Congratulations to year 6 for the highest attendance this week.

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.

Holidays

Holidays must not be booked during term time. Term-time holidays will not be authorised and you will be subject to a fine. Holidays must only be booked to coincide with school holidays. The dates of these can be found on the school website under the publications tab.

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 s.alcock@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. Thank you.

CELEBRATING BEST ATTENDANCE FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS

20th - 24th NOVEMBER

YEAR	%
RS	92.20
1	89.60
2	94.10
3	91.70
4	93.00
5	96.50
6	97.20
7	90.90
8	95.90
9	91.80
10	90.90
11	91.90
Weeks Average for Whole School	93.20