

24TH NOVEMBER 2023

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SEVAK SERV KARAHAE SABH THAEREE



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.

“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

ਧਨਾਸਰੀ ਮਹਲਾ ੧ ॥

Dhanaasaree, First Mehl:

ਜੀਵਾ ਤੇਰੈ ਨਾਇ ਮਨਿ ਆਨੰਦੁ ਹੈ ਜੀਉ ॥

I live by Your Name; my mind is in ecstasy, Lord.

ਸਾਚੇ ਸਾਚਾ ਨਾਉ ਗੁਣ ਗੋਵਿੰਦੁ ਹੈ ਜੀਉ ॥

True is the Name of the True Lord. Glorious are the Praises of the Lord of the Universe.

ਗੁਰ ਗਿਆਨੁ ਅਪਾਰਾ ਸਿਰਜਣਹਾਰਾ ਜਿਨਿ ਸਿਰਜੀ ਤਿਨਿ ਗੋਈ ॥

Infinite is the spiritual wisdom imparted by the Guru. The Creator Lord who created, shall also destroy.

ਪਰਵਾਣਾ ਆਇਆ ਹੁਕਮਿ ਪਠਾਇਆ ਫੇਰਿ ਨ ਸਕੈ ਕੋਈ ॥

The call of death is sent out by the Lord's Command; no one can challenge it.

ਆਪੇ ਕਰਿ ਵੇਖੈ ਸਿਰਿ ਸਿਰਿ ਲੇਖੈ ਆਪੇ ਸੁਰਤਿ ਬੁਝਾਈ ॥

He Himself creates, and watches; His written command is above each and every head. He Himself imparts understanding and awareness.

ਨਾਨਕ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਅਗਮ ਅਗੋਚਰੁ ਜੀਵਾ ਸਚੀ ਨਾਈ ॥੧॥

O Nanak, the Lord Master is inaccessible and unfathomable; I live by His True Name. ||1||

ਤੁਮ ਸਰਿ ਅਵਰੁ ਨ ਕੋਇ ਆਇਆ ਜਾਇਸੀ ਜੀਉ ॥

No one can compare to You, Lord; all come and go.

ਹੁਕਮੀ ਹੋਇ ਨਿਬੇੜੁ ਭਰਮੁ ਚੁਕਾਇਸੀ ਜੀਉ ॥

By Your Command, the account is settled, and doubt is dispelled.

ਗੁਰੁ ਭਰਮੁ ਚੁਕਾਏ ਅਕਬੁ ਕਹਾਏ ਸਚ ਮਹਿ ਸਾਚੁ ਸਮਾਣਾ ॥

The Guru dispels doubt, and makes us speak the Unspoken Speech; the true ones are absorbed into Truth.

ਆਪਿ ਉਪਾਏ ਆਪਿ ਸਮਾਏ ਹੁਕਮੀ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਪਛਾਣਾ ॥

He Himself creates, and He Himself destroys; I accept the Command of the Commander Lord.

ਸਚੀ ਵਡਿਆਈ ਗੁਰ ਤੇ ਪਾਈ ਤੂ ਮਨਿ ਅੰਤਿ ਸਖਾਈ ॥

True greatness comes from the Guru; You alone are the mind's companion in the end.

ਨਾਨਕ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਅਵਰੁ ਨ ਦੂਜਾ ਨਾਮਿ ਤੇਰੈ ਵਡਿਆਈ ॥੨॥

O Nanak, there is no other than the Lord and Master; greatness comes from Your Name. ||2||

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ਤੂੰ ਸਚਾ ਸਿਰਜਣਹਾਰੁ ਅਲਖ ਸਿਰੰਦਿਆ ਜੀਉ ॥

You are the True Creator Lord, the unknowable Maker.

ਏਕੁ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਦੁਇ ਰਾਹ ਵਾਦ ਵਧੰਦਿਆ ਜੀਉ ॥

There is only the One Lord and Master, but there are two paths, by which conflict increases.

ਦੁਇ ਰਾਹ ਚਲਾਏ ਹੁਕਮਿ ਸਬਾਏ ਜਨਮਿ ਮੁਆ ਸੰਸਾਰਾ ॥

All follow these two paths, by the Hukam of the Lord's Command; the world is born, only to die.

ਨਾਮ ਬਿਨਾ ਨਾਹੀ ਕੋ ਬੇਲੀ ਬਿਖੁ ਲਾਦੀ ਸਿਰਿ ਭਾਰਾ ॥

Without the Naam, the Name of the Lord, the mortal has no friend at all; he carries loads of sin on his head.

ਹੁਕਮੀ ਆਇਆ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਨ ਬੂਝੈ ਹੁਕਮਿ ਸਵਾਰਣਹਾਰਾ ॥

By the Hukam of the Lord's Command, he comes, but he does not understand this Hukam; the Lord's Hukam is the Embellisher.

ਨਾਨਕ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਸਬਦਿ ਸਿਵਾਧੈ ਸਾਚਾ ਸਿਰਜਣਹਾਰਾ ॥੩॥

O Nanak, through the Shabad, the Word of the Lord and Master, the True Creator Lord is realized. ||3||

ਭਗਤ ਸੋਹਿੰ ਦਰਵਾਰਿ ਸਬਦਿ ਸੁਹਾਇਆ ਜੀਉ ॥

Your devotees look beautiful in Your Court, embellished with the Shabad.

ਬੋਲਹਿ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਬਾਣਿ ਰਸਨ ਰਸਾਇਆ ਜੀਉ ॥

They chant the Ambrosial Word of His Bani, savoring it with their tongues.

ਰਸਨ ਰਸਾਏ ਨਾਮਿ ਤਿਸਾਏ ਗੁਰ ਕੈ ਸਬਦਿ ਵਿਕਾਏ ॥

Savoring it with their tongues, they thirst for the Naam; they are a sacrifice to the Word of the Guru's Shabad.

ਪਾਰਸਿ ਪਰਸਿਐ ਪਾਰਸੁ ਹੋਏ ਜਾ ਤੇਰੈ ਮਨਿ ਭਾਣੇ ॥

Touching the philosopher's stone, they become the philosopher's stone, which transforms lead into gold; O Lord, they become pleasing to your mind.

ਅਮਰਾ ਪਦੁ ਪਾਇਆ ਆਪੁ ਗਵਾਇਆ ਵਿਰਲਾ ਗਿਆਨ ਵੀਚਾਰੀ ॥

They attain the immortal status and eradicate their self-conceit; how rare is that person, who contemplates spiritual wisdom.

ਨਾਨਕ ਭਗਤ ਸੋਹਿੰ ਦਰਿ ਸਾਚੈ ਸਾਚੇ ਕੇ ਵਾਪਾਰੀ ॥੪॥

O Nanak, the devotees look beautiful in the Court of the True Lord; they are dealers in the Truth. ||4||

ਭੂਖ ਪਿਆਸੋ ਆਥਿ ਕਿਉ ਦਰਿ ਜਾਇਸਾ ਜੀਉ ॥

I am hungry and thirsty for wealth; how will I be able to go to the Lord's Court?

ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਪ੍ਰਫੁੱਧਿ ਜਾਇ ਨਾਮੁ ਧਿਆਇਸਾ ਜੀਉ ॥

I shall go and ask the True Guru, and meditate on the Naam, the Name of the Lord.

ਸਚੁ ਨਾਮੁ ਧਿਆਈ ਸਾਚੁ ਚਵਾਈ ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਸਾਚੁ ਪਛਾਣਾ ॥

I meditate on the True Name, chant the True Name, and as Gurmukh, I realize the True Name.

ਦੀਨਾ ਨਾਥੁ ਦਇਆਲੁ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਅਨਦਿਨੁ ਨਾਮੁ ਵਖਾਣਾ ॥

Night and day, I chant the Name of the merciful, immaculate Lord, the Master of the poor.

ਕਰਣੀ ਕਾਰ ਧੁਰਹੁ ਫੁਰਮਾਈ ਆਪਿ ਮੁਆ ਮਨੁ ਮਾਰੀ ॥

The Primal Lord has ordained the tasks to be done; self-conceit is overcome, and the mind is subdued.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਾਮੁ ਮਹਾ ਰਸੁ ਮੀਠਾ ਤ੍ਰਿਸਨਾ ਨਾਮਿ ਨਿਵਾਰੀ ॥੫॥੨॥

O Nanak, the Naam is the sweetest essence; through the Naam, thirst and desire are stilled. ||5||2||



Principal's Message

Mrs. S. Sanghera

Our School's Mission Statement is:
"The Truth is High: Higher Still is Truthful Living"

Guru Nanak Dev Ji - Founder of the Sikh faith.

On Tuesday 21st November, Seva School had the honour of welcoming the CEO of Khalsa Aid International, Ravi Singh and local Coventry representative of Khalsa Aid, Gurmeet Singh. They shared information about the work of the charity and the impact it has on people in Britain and around the world irrespective of their identity or background. They talked to students and staff about the 3 key principles of the Sikh faith, Vand Chhakna, Kirat Karni and Naam Japna and how these teachings influence, motivate, and drive their charity mission to serve others.

Ravi and Gurmeet shared their experiences of travelling to several countries, whether this be due to a natural disaster or war. They explained how the charity provides food supplies, water, and amenities to those in crisis, not just in the short term, but for their recovery over time. Their work is an example of selfless service, kindness and courage - all virtues close to the heart of our school. It was great to see our students' making links to these and feeling inspired.

Ravi was impressed with the simran and shabads (hymns) shared by students in primary. He particularly liked the questions about what inspired him to start the charity and how this linked to our Seva standards and virtues. He said he had attended a Nagar Kirtan (walk from Gurdwara Sahibs to Gurdwara Sahibs in a locality) and came across a stall raising funds to support the victims of the war in Kosovo at the time. This sparked his interest in the work of volunteers and charity workers. Students in secondary asked Ravi about what he would have been had he not become the CEO of Khalsa Aid, he shared his interest in travelling the world and cars. Ravi and Gurmeet expressed how impressed they were with the respect and engagement shown by our staff and students.

Finally, Ravi explained how one of the cornerstones of the Sikh faith of "Sarbat dha Bhala" inspired the key message of his charity which is:
 "Recognise the Whole Human Race as ONE".

PARENT NOTICES

The Virtue of this half-term is:

COURAGE

Monday 20th November -
Friday 1st December
 Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 27th November
 Guru Nanak Dev Ji GURPURAB

Monday 4th - Friday 8th
December
 Careers week

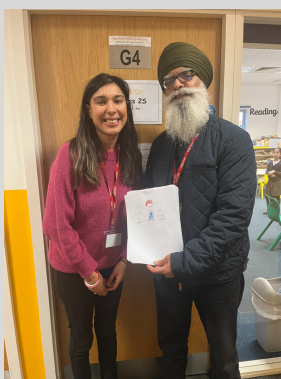
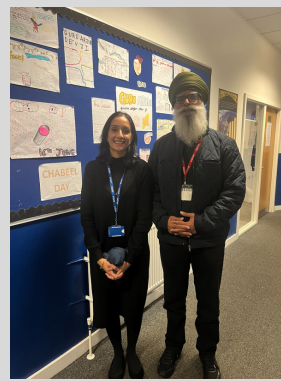
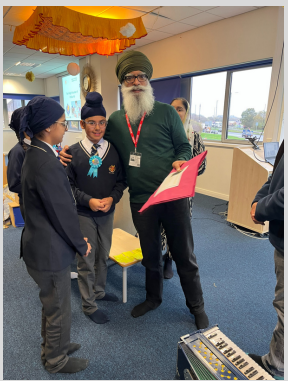
Tuesday 5th December
 Reception class Nativity

Wednesday 6th December
 Secondary Flu Vaccinations

Monday 11th December
 Reception Class Winter
 Wonderland Workshop

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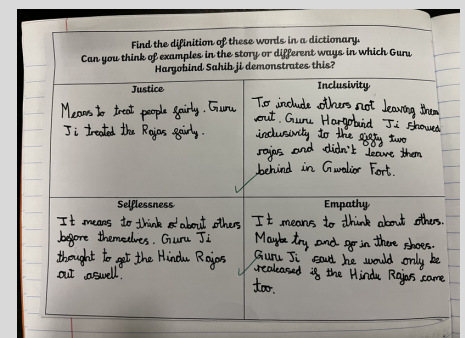
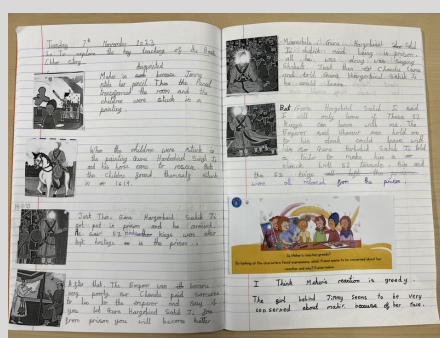
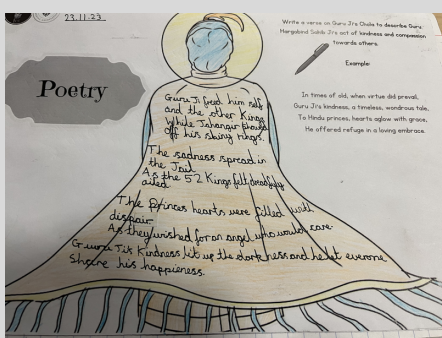
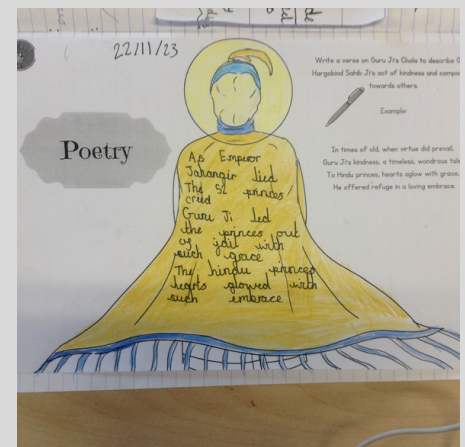
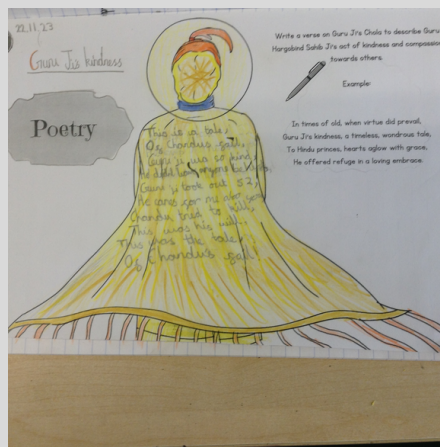
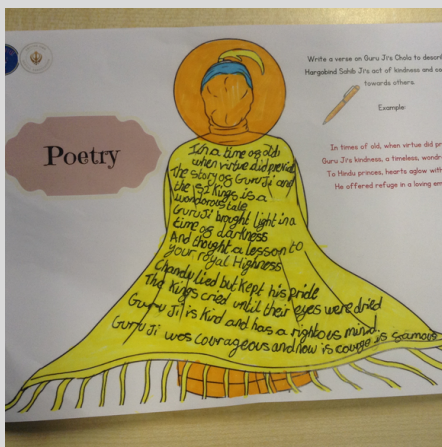
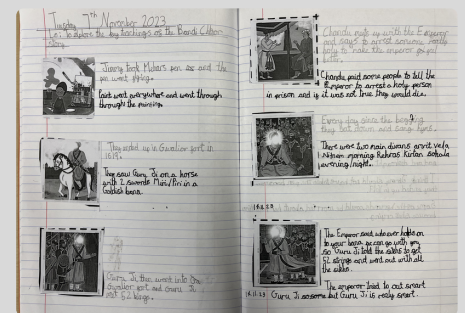
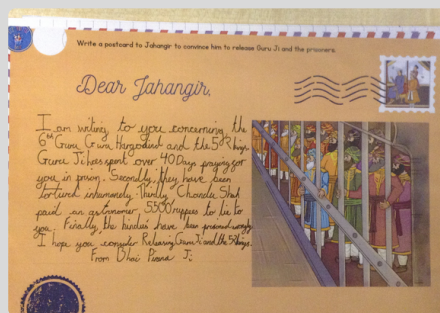
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BANDI CHHOR WORKSHOPS



In Seva Studies, we have been working hard with our learning about Bandi Chhor, when the Sixth Guru – Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji was released from Gwalior Fort in 1619. Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji also liberated the 52 Hindu Kings that had also been falsely imprisoned in the fort. Guru Ji had a special cloak made with tassels for each person to hold so that all could be released with him. In celebration and memory of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji's act of kindness and compassion, we explored how different virtues were demonstrated, created artwork, retold the story and ignited our creativity through poetry. Reception class worked hard to decorate Guru Ji's cloak and wrote key words. Take a look at our work. Well done everyone

Mrs Sahota



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PRIMARY NEWS



Year 5 had a Viking Workshop day to support their learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. There were lots of fun activities including games, story-telling and role play with artefacts.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



One small step for two girls, one giant kick for mankind

We are immensely proud of Ishanni in year 3 for the following accomplishment shared with us by her family:

The first-ever football kit for the Moon revealed today...in time for the 2035/36 season.

England Lioness and Women's Euros 2022 winner Beth England joins two inspirational schoolgirls for a football kit reveal in anticipation of the first-ever football match on the Moon, as children across the UK competed to design the first official Moon United kit.

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) with the help of Beth England has today unveiled the world's first football home and away kits for the lunar footballers of the future following a campaign in which engineers predicted humans could be playing a competitive game of football on the moon as early as 2035*. The big reveal follows a nationwide competition by the IET for school children aged 4 to 13 to design the first-ever 'Moon United' home and away kit – with the aim of challenging outdated perceptions of engineering and showing children how they could combine a passion for football and space with a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) related career. With bold and eye-catching futuristic designs that would rival any Premier League club's shirt, the kits were designed by two talented winners, one of the winners was Ishaani.

Based in Coventry and winner of the 4–7-year-old category, Ishaani created a bold space-themed shirt, with striking colours and playful solar system illustrations. According to Ishaani the Earth and Sun featured are meant to give positivity to the game, and the shooting stars represent the speed and spirit of football. The judges 'loved the colourful design and the smart idea to turn the planet Saturn into a football with rings as the central focus point.'

Competition winner Ishaani said: "I am so happy to be a winner and can't wait to wear my shirt. One day I hope I'll get to play football on the Moon with my sister. I'd love that."



<https://www.theiet.org/media/press-releases/press-releases-2023/press-releases-2023-october-december/14-november-2023-one-small-step-for-two-girls-one-giant-kick-for-mankind/>

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COMMUNITY NEWS



The Waheguru Foundation has launched their annual book and toy drive to support The Children's Society and Action for Children, asking you to donate new books and toys for underprivileged children aged 6 months to 18 years. This charity appeal is in loving memory of the Mother and Four Princes of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and to honour the lives of those who fought to defend the poor, homeless, hungry and oppressed.

Donations must be new. Old and used items will NOT be accepted. Donations must not be deemed to have connotations of conflict.

Please hand in your donations to your class teachers/form tutors/Mr T Singh or Mrs T Sahota by 5th December 2023.

Let's all show kindness and brighten someone's day. Thank you.

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

BOOK & TOY DRIVE 2023

ਸਹਿਥਾਇਆਂ 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/wahegurufoundation
- Drop off to a Mr Singh's near you visit mrsinghspizza.co.uk/contact

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@waheguru @booktoydrive

DONATE WITH CARE
We cannot accept old, used or damaged gifts due to health and safety reasons. We cannot accept any gifts which are damaged by fire, conflict, natural gifts with human remains or a human body part, weapons, drugs, pornography etc. Donations are "donor to donor" or "donor to charity" only. Items must be new to be accepted.

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 Mann nominated Ekamjit in year 7 for being very kind, always sharing and helping others, showing true service.
Well done.



EXCELLENCE

Mrs Sahota nominated Arashdeep in year 6 for writing an amazing poem about Bandi Chhor and worked hard to improve her work.
Well Done.



VIRTUES

Mrs Sahota nominated Keerut in year 6 for kindly offering to help her peers with their poetry work in such a mature manner. She helped and motivated her peers with ideas and is always happy to help others. Well Done.



ASPIRATIONS

Mrs Swales nominated Omar in year 9 for making excellent progress with his literacy skills, I would like to commend him for his consistent hard work throughout all his lessons this year. Well done.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**Attendance Teddy's Message**

Congratulations to year 5 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

13th - 17th NOVEMBER

YEAR	%
RS	90.40
1	97.00
2	95.20
3	93.80
4	96.30
5	97.40
6	94.50
7	92.20
8	91.60
9	93.10
10	92.60
11	89.90
Weeks Average for Whole School	93.30