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### Hukamnama Sahib - Order of the Day

A message for us all to reflect on, given this morning from Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh Holy Scriptures) from Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) in Amritsar, Panjab, India. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas, New Year and blessings in remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice, courage and selfless service of the sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji (tenth Sikh Guru) the Chaar Sahibzaade.

ਸਲੋਕੁ ਮੁ ੩ ॥

Shalok, Third Mehl:

ਪੁਰਖਾਇ ਸਾਖੀ ਮੁਹ ਪੁਰਖੁ ਖੋਲਦੇ ਸਾਡੀ ਸੁਹਲ ਜੁਹਾਨੈ ॥

Great men speak the teachings by relating them to individual situations, but the whole world shares in them.

ਗੁਰਮੁਖੁ ਹੋਇ ਸੁ ਭਉ ਕਰੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਆਪੁ ਪਛਾਣੈ ॥

One who becomes Gurmukh knows the Fear of God, and realises his own self.

ਗੁਰ ਪੁਰਖਾਈ ਜੀਵਤੁ ਮਰੈ ਤਾ ਮਨੁ ਹੀ ਤੇ ਮਨੁ ਮਾਨੈ ॥

If, by Guru's Grace, one remains dead while yet alive, the mind becomes content in itself.

ਜਿਨੁ ਕਉ ਮਨੁ ਕੀ ਪਰਤੀਤਿ ਨਹੀ ਨਾਨਕ ਸੇ ਕਿਯਾ ਕਥਾਹੁ ਗਿਆਨੈ ॥੧॥

Those who have no faith in their own minds, O Nanak - how can they speak of spiritual wisdom? ||1||

ਮੁ ੩ ॥

Third Mehl:

ਗੁਰਮੁਖੁ ਚਿਤੁ ਨ ਲਾਇਓ ਆਤਿ ਦੁਖੁ ਪੁਤਾ ਆਇ ॥

Those who do not focus their consciousness on the Lord, as Gurmukh, suffer pain and grief in the end.

ਅੰਦਰੁ ਬਹਰੁ ਆਪਿਆਂ ਸੁਧਿ ਨ ਕਈ ਪਾਇ ॥

They are blind, inwardly and outwardly, and they do not understand anything.

ਪ੍ਰੀਡਤੁ ਤਿਨੁ ਕੀ ਥਰਕਤੀ ਸਭੁ ਜਗਤੁ ਖਾਇ ਜੇ ਰਤੇ ਹਰਿ ਨਾਇ ॥

O Pandit, O religious scholar, the whole world is fed for the sake of those who are attuned to the Lord's Name.

ਜਿਨ ਗੁਰ ਕੈ ਸੁਭਾਇ ਸੁਲਾਹਿਆ ਹਰਿ ਸਿਉ ਹਰੇ ਸੁਆਇ ॥

Those who praise the Word of the Guru's Shabad, remain blended with the Lord.

ਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਦੂਜੈ ਭਾਇ ਬਰਕਤਿ ਨ ਹੋਈ ਨਾ ਧਨੁ ਪੁਲੈ ਪਾਇ ॥

O Pandit, O religious scholar, no one is satisfied, and no one finds true wealth through the love of duality.

ਪ੍ਰਾਤਿ ਥਕੇ ਸੰਤਖੁ ਨ ਆਇਓ ਆਇਓ ਜਲਤ ਫਿਰਾਇ ॥

They have grown weary of reading scriptures, but still, they do not find contentment, and they pass their lives burning, night and day.

ਕੂਕ ਪੁਕਾਰ ਨ ਚੁਕਈ ਨਾ ਸੰਸਾ ਵਿਚੁ ਜਾਇ ॥

Their cries and complaints never end, and doubt does not depart from within them.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਾਮ ਵਿਹੁਣਿਆ ਮੁਹਿ ਕਲੈ ਚਿਠ ਜਾਇ ॥੨॥

O Nanak, without the Naam, the Name of the Lord, they rise up and depart with blackened faces. ||2||

ਪਉੜੀ ॥

Pauree:

ਹਰਿ ਸੁਣ ਮੇਲਿ ਪਿਆਰੇ ਮਿਲਿ ਪੰਥੁ ਦਸਾਈ ॥

O Beloved, lead me to meet my True Friend; meeting with Him, I shall ask Him to show me the Path.

ਮੈ ਹਰਿ ਦਸੇ ਮਿਤੁ ਤਿਉ ਹਰਿ ਬਲਿ ਜਾਈ ॥

I am a sacrifice to that Friend, who shows it to me.

ਗੁਣ ਸਾਝੀ ਤਿਨ ਸਿਉ ਕਰੀ ਹਰਿ ਨਾਮੁ ਪਿਆਈ ॥

I share His Virtues with Him, and meditate on the Lord's Name.

ਹਰਿ ਸੇਵੀ ਪਿਆਰਾ ਨਿਤ ਸੇਵਿ ਹਰਿ ਸੁਖੁ ਪਾਈ ॥

I serve my Beloved Lord forever; serving the Lord, I have found peace.

ਬਲਿਹਾਰੀ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਤਿਉ ਜਿਨਿ ਸੇਝੀ ਪਾਈ ॥੧੨॥

I am a sacrifice to the True Guru, who has imparted this understanding to me. ||12||

## Parent Notices

### **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**

Teacher Training Day. School is not open to students.

### **Wednesday 4th January 2023**

School open to all students at the usual time 8:30 am

### **Wednesday 11th January 2023**

Year 11 Parents' Evening Wednesday 3:45pm - 7:00pm The appointments will be face to face with class teachers. Bookings will open on Monday 12th December 2022

<https://seva.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you have any problems please contact Mrs McDermott who will assist you:  
[c.mcdermott@seva.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:c.mcdermott@seva.coventry.sch.uk)

### **Saturday 14th January 2023**

Guru Gobind Singh Ji Gurburab Celebrations to be held at school from 09:00 to 12:00pm. Families of students at SEVA and from the community are all welcome to attend, with their children. who they will be responsible for during the visit. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Monday 16th January 2023**

Year 6 SATS Parent Workshop 3:30pm - 4:30pm

### **Tuesday 24th January 2023**

Year 9 options evening 6:00pm to 7:00pm

### **Monday 30th January 2023**

Year 2 SATS Parent Workshop 03:30pm - 4:30pm

## Saka Sirhind 2022

Sikh Channel have invited families from Seva School to attend a special event at Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Cross Roads in Coventry on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The event will be to commemorate the ultimate sacrifices of the Shotey Sahibzaade (the two younger princes of Guru Gobind Singh Ji) who were bricked alive in Sirhand in 1705 AD. During the month of 'Poh' (December) some Sikhs sleep on the floor, to recall the events when Mata Gujar Kaur Ji and the Shotey Sahibzaade spent their nights in the 'Thanda Burj' (Open Cold Tower).

Representatives from the Sikh Channel will be present at the Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Cross Roads in Coventry on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

The event will be broadcast live on the Sikh Channel from 6.00pm to 12.00am and will include singing of kirtan (hymns), telling of events in Sikh history, speeches from key community members and langar.



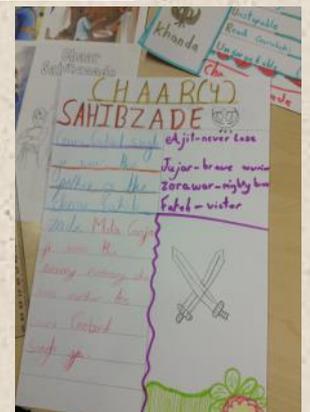
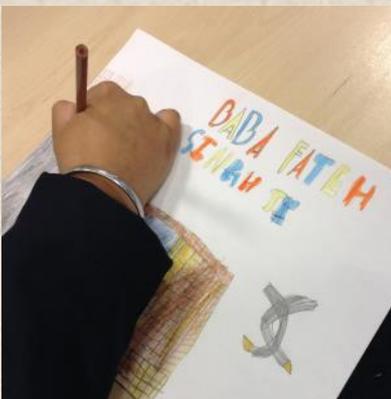
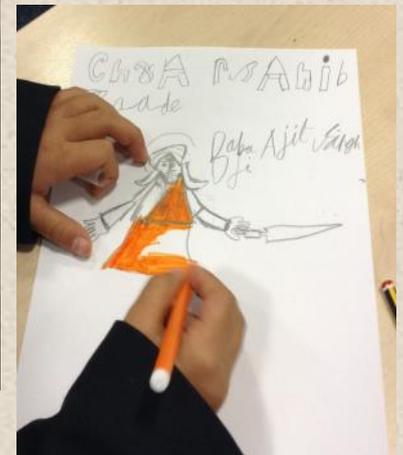
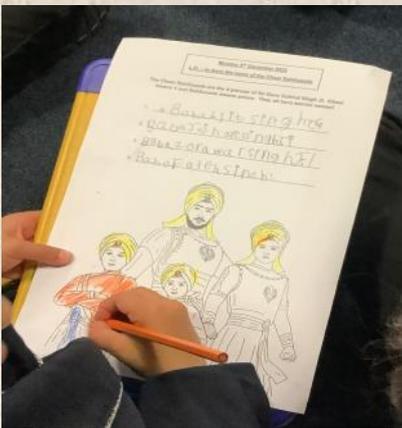
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## Seva Studies

This week in Seva Studies lessons, Primary classes discussed the incredible Chaar Sahibzaade (the 4 sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji) and how the Sikhs remember their bravery and courage during this month of December. Classes watched an animation about the 2 youngest Sahibzaade and then made some excellent art work.

During the holidays, let us all be grateful and remember the sacrifices made by the Khalsa during this month of December.





## Seva Stars

### Service



Mrs P Kaur nominated Achint for always being happy to help with jobs around the classroom. Well Done.

### Excellence



Mrs Dosanjh nominated Surjan for persevering and trying new activities. Well Done.

### Virtues



Mrs Armstrong nominated Gurnaaj for always being kind and having lots of friends because of this. Well Done.

### Aspiration



Miss Morris nominated Rufaro for always being willing to help during PE lessons in a variety of ways. Well Done.

## Primary Sevak of The Half-Term

# Courage

Year	Name
RS	Jasmeyera for taking on additional roles in the nativity & delivering the roles with perfection.
1S	Davjot for showing courage in settling into her new class & taking ownership of her learning all half-term.
2S	Amrit has a very small voice but has shown that that doesn't stop her from speaking out when it really matters
3A	Kavneer has been building confidence by participating in the class assembly. He has grown since September to become a strong & courageous boy who wants to take part in all tasks.
3S	Geeth as she has shown tremendous courage, dealing with & overcoming challenges whilst always standing up for what is right. What a great role model for Seva School.
4A	Chiraag shows courage by always doing the right thing. She often supports others & is helpful to teachers.
4S	Japjort for showing courage in all that she does.
5A	Kairadeep as she has the courage to face difficult maths challenges and succeed.
5S	Renee for having the courage to face challenges through persevering & seeking help.
6A	Sehaj has demonstrated the virtue of courage for participating fully in lessons and attempting to answer difficult questions.
6S	Avi for having the courage to stand up for others.

## Secondary Sevak of The Half-Term

# Courage

Year	Name
7S	Jacob a she is always willing to stand up for what he believes in in a positive way & does not get easily influenced to follow the crowd.
7E	Priya for overcoming daily challenges within secondary life
7V	Ganeve for always showing courage in everything she does
8S	Cristian for having the courage to settle in well as a newcomer to Seva School. He has integrated himself very well into the form.
8E	Arjun has shown courage by not allowing himself to be distracted by others in lessons. He has worked independently & persevered through challenging questions in maths.
8V	Sophie for being so brave & settling in so well since her return to Seva school
8A	Bhavleen is a very kind & helpful student and contributes well in class.
9A	Rajinder for growing into a confident student
9S	Adithyan for being courageous and positive always.
10A	Mrs Bangar nominated Kimran for being true to herself.
10S	Romi for being an excellent faith leader & for always being consistently cooperative during form time.
11A	Gurjot for showing courage & discipline in applying himself to improve his knowledge & understanding across a range of subjects that he is currently studying.
11S	Ashlynn is always on time & puts in the effort during form activities.

## Primary Star Readers

Star Readers for Reading regularly at home and contributing well in Reading lessons are:



Baanie	RS
Pooran	1S
Jasleen	2S
Hukmi	3A
Avneet	3S
Hargun	4S
Hagun	4A
Jasmeh	5A
Kiran	5S
Ashmannpreet	6A
Teejay	6S

## Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



### Celebrating Best Attendance in Primary for w/c: 05.12.22 - 09.12.22

Registration Form	Present
6S	100%



### Celebrating Best Attendance in Secondary for w/c: 05.12.22 - 09.12.22

Registration Form	Present
7S	92.50%

Dear Parents

Please can you ring the school every day of your child's absence/illness by telephoning the school line 02476 614593/02477 987619 Option 1 or emailing on [s.alcock@seva.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:s.alcock@seva.coventry.sch.uk). If your child has a long period of illness, please provide a doctor's note or letter. If your child has a medical appointment, please provide an appointment letter before or on their return. Non-emergency appointments must be booked in the school holidays and not in term time.

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's hope for a healthy 2023.

Thank you

Mrs Alcock



### Absence from School

If your child is absent from school due to an illness, please phone the school absence line from 8 am and leave a voicemail (Option 1) or email the Attendance Officer on [s.alcock@seva.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:s.alcock@seva.coventry.sch.uk) daily by 8.30 stating clearly the pupils name, class/tutor group and a detailed reason.

You must inform the school every day if your child is absent unless you have a doctors letter stating the length of absence.

### Term Time Holiday Request

Holidays should not be booked during term time, if you are intending to take your child out of school for a period of time, you must fill in a Term Time Holiday Request Form which you can collect from the school office. Only in exceptional circumstances will a leave of absence/holiday be authorised. The new directive from the Local Authority is that no holidays should be authorised during term time and children should be in school during this time.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Last week, pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Christmas Jumper Day in order to raise money for Save the Children charity.

A hearty thank you must go to every pupil, parent or staff member who supported by either: donating £1 for wearing a Christmas jumper, purchasing 50p bakes in our bake sale, partaking in the Christmas quiz or having a guess in the "how many jumpers?" competition.

### Staff thanks

Special thanks must go to the following staff members who personally baked an incredible number of delectable treats or bought in a selection of cakes and biscuits:

Mrs Gill  
Mrs Bains  
Mrs Atwal  
Mr Subhra  
Mrs P Kaur  
Mrs Alcock  
Mrs Subhra  
Mrs M Kaur  
Miss Morris  
Miss Hussain  
Mrs Dhadwal  
Mrs Sanghera  
Mrs Tomlinson  
Mrs Woodward  
Mrs McDermott

### Pupil thanks

Thanks must also be awarded to Mrs Gill's groups and volunteers who worked efficiently by helping to collect donations, organise cakes for each cohort and selling them at Lunch and form times.

8S  
7a/en2  
Baalak Pooni  
Angel Chandi  
Aniya Thandi  
Simran Dhese  
Gursheen Kaur  
Shenay Dhillon  
Mohtaab Singh  
Harshaan Mattu

### Bake sale

All cakes were divided equally and sold at separate times amongst: Reception and Year 1, Years 2 to Years 6, KS3 and KS4. There were approximately **488 individual bakes** purchased with much enthusiasm by all pupils and they were an absolute sell out! Secondary pupils must be credited for their excellent queuing skills and Primary for their eagerness to take part in everything.

There was real excitement around school on the day; feedback received indicated that it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Christmas Jumper Day

### Winners of the "Guess how many jumpers?" Competition

Thank you to all 75 pupils who attempted to guess the total amount of jumpers which was 43. The pupils listed below correctly guessed the right amount.

Avjot Gill - 6A

Aniya Thandi - 7E

Aryan Cheema - 11A

All names went into a hat and the winner of half the prize money of £37.50 is: **Aniya Thandi**



### Money raised

The total amount raised was approximately **£657!** Of which £244 was from the 50p per bake sale (half will go to the charity and half to our school library or other initiative) and £75 from the 75 pupils who partook in the 'guess how many jumpers?' competition (half of which will go to the winner, Aniya Thandi, and the other half to charity). Therefore, the total amount to Save the Children raised by Seva School is **£498.**

Following on are a selection of photographs from the day to compliment last week's photos of pupils wearing their Christmas jumpers.

# Christmas Jumper Day



## Year 10 Trip to see 'A Christmas Carol'

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 56 year 10 pupils attended the Albany Theatre to see a memorable production of 'A Christmas Carol.' 'A Christmas Carol' is the 19<sup>th</sup> century text that year 10s are currently studying for their GCSE English Literature paper 1 and it was brought to life for them by this thrilling interpretation.

Students had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon being fully immersed in the Gothic horror Christmas tale, set in the Victorian era. The spellbinding lighting, sets, props, costumes and staging enabled pupils to gain an appreciation of Scrooge's transformation, after being challenged by the visitation of three ghosts.

Students were able to review the storyline and themes effectively, as the director was very faithful in his depiction of the text. In comparison to the RSC national production an online review states that "David Edgar's RSC version takes a few liberties with Dickens' work, but Albany artistic director Kevin Shaw sticks faithfully to the source material." Students mentioned that they were reminded of the quotes they had learnt in the novel as the intonation and pronunciation of the actors were very clear.



## Year 10 Trip to see 'A Christmas Carol'

The diverse ensemble cast sang Christmas carols in splendid harmony throughout the production, to bring festive cheer. Here are some comments from students about the production:

“I liked the use of the puppet to present us with Tiny Tim. It was very creative. I learnt the sets must be changeable fairly quickly, to create transitions between different scenes” (Kheera)

“I loved the carol singing and the harmonising. I felt the changes in lighting altered the mood of the scene very effectively.” (Ekamjot)

“My favourite parts of the production were when Scrooge started to ruin his life and regretted it later.” (Amalbeet)

“The acting was on point. The lighting, fog and background were all very effective.” (Kacey)

“I enjoyed the fog and the lighting because it created tension for the audience.” (Vaheesa)

“I enjoyed the reveal of the final ghost because of its mechanical design and the technical ability needed to operate it.” (Tarun)



## Winter Wonderland

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Winter Wonderland Workshop.' The children and parents enjoyed participating in the festive activities. What did the parents have to say about the event...

'A really good idea that I will use at home'

'I loved the workshop. It was lovely spending this quality time with my child, what a fun session.'

'We loved the session, thank you for having us in'

'Enjoyed the activities and learned new ways to play and learn at home'

'What a lovely session for the kids and their families, really enjoyed it'

'Can't wait for the next one'

'It was such a great day, so grateful to have this time with my daughter. I loved all the activities and it was so nice to take some activities home too'

'Thank you Mrs Dosanjh and Mrs Bachu, we loved it'

'Really enjoyed having an insight into the classroom environment and seeing the kids learning whilst having fun. It was reassuring to see the kids so happy and confident, thank you for inviting us into the environment'

'Mrs Dosanjh was very good with explaining the reading and maths games. I feel my child is getting the best start in his education''.

Thank you to Mrs Dosanjh and Mrs Bhachu for organising the event.



# Winter Wonderland



## Aladdin

We are pleased to announce the pantomime – **ALADDIN** flew into Seva School; it was perfect entertainment, packed with a lamp-load of laughs and genie-us special effects. The children in primary thoroughly enjoyed it and so did the adults... oh yes we did.



## Year 1 Card Making

We made Christmas cards. We used a range of creative resources to create a wintery background. Then we cut a slit in the card to insert the moving snowman. What great moving Christmas cards. We hop you enjoy receiving them.



## Safety Advice

### Ice Dangers

Many aren't aware of the dangers of frozen water; it may look solid from the surface but will not hold your weight and could crack when stood on meaning that you become trapped under the ice. The Royal Life Saving Society UK has devised these safety tips about the dangers of frozen waters.

When water is frozen and the cold weather sets in these are a few safety tips to take note of:

1. Teach children not to go on to frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs under any circumstances. Children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water during cold weather.
2. Pets should be kept on leads when near frozen water and owners should refrain from throwing objects onto ice for them to retrieve.
3. Bystanders should shout reassurance to casualties without endangering themselves. Make sure help is on the way by phoning the emergency services (call 999).
4. Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue and certainly don't get into the water, you may become the next casualty.

If someone can't climb out of the water, it is not advisable, as many people think, to move about in the water to keep warm while waiting for help. Instead, they should conserve their energy by keeping as still as possible.

If you see someone fall through the ice:

1. Shout for assistance; get help also by phoning the emergency services (call 999).
2. Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue.
3. Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm.
4. Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.
5. When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice – this spreads your weight more evenly.
6. If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats, such as a plastic bottle or football, across the ice for them to hold onto to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.
7. If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services while calming and reassuring the casualty.



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