



# A WEEK AT AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Thought of the Week

**'Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.'  
Right is right even if no one is doing it.'**  
Unknown

## A very Special Moment with Krishna!

On Monday 30th April 2018, an historic event took place at Avanti House Primary School. For the first time ever, two pupils from Year 5 took part in offering morning worship (Deity worship) to the main shrine Deities at our school.

Srila Prabhupada established the importance of Deity Worship whilst he was present in this world and he taught his disciples how to conduct the Deities according to bona fide scriptures.

**Deity worship means caring for the Lord as a person.** By serving the Deity we understand ourselves to be His servant, with practical service to offer.

Lord Krishna is a person, and when we care for Him He reciprocates with us by purifying our heart and bringing us closer in our relationship with Him.

Srila Prabhupada explains that Deity worship is authorised by God while idol worship is not. He uses the analogy of the mailbox. If you put mail in a U.S. Postal Service mailbox it will go to the destination. If you make your own box, and paint it red and blue and write 'U.S. Mail' on it, the letter won't go anywhere, because the box is not authorised by the postal service. Similarly the Lord has explained how to worship Him in the Deity form.



Pictures of Diya and Krishna from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

We hope to give two pupils the opportunity to partake in worshipping the main shrine Deities every Monday for the rest of the academic year.

Hare Krishna

## Problem Solving Week

Last week saw the beginning of Problem Solving Week, our children across the school were involved in many mathematic based activities which ensured that children had the opportunity to use and apply their skills in a fun and interactive way. The school invited the Happy Puzzle Company to deliver an exciting workshop to all children. The workshop gave maths a WOW factor and helped children to see that maths can be fun! The children had to demonstrate many qualities to help solve the problems, these include working in a team and listening to each other. They needed to follow certain rules and show patience in order to complete each puzzle.

Dhairya Majmudar 3GG *"In the workshop, we learned how to work together nicely and we now know what good team work looks like."*

Dhwani Bhudia 3GG *"We tried our best to complete the puzzles and none of us ever gave up! We used teamwork and friendship to work together!"*

Paarav Shah 3GG *"I thought it was a magical puzzle company because the teacher solved something that seemed impossible!"*

## ★ Stars of the week ★

Each week children are awarded a Star of the Week certificate in recognition of exceptional work in the classroom.

This week's stars are:

Busy Bees: Keerthiga Ponampalam and Kush Patel

Laughing Ladybirds: Pia Gorasia and Tiyan Lalji

1DD: Raya Trivedi, Rian Shah, Amba Di Pinto and Dyanna Kerai

1TT: Sarah Omiri and Diya Patel

2FF: Kyle Vara and Shayan Patel

2PP: Dev Khakhar and Taanya Patel

3KK: Dhyani Arjan and Vandan Parekh

3GG: Shree Sawjani and Vanshi Gorasia

4RR: Hanosh Kolah and Mahi Patel

4HH: Dev Gudka and Janhavi Patel

5SS: Aum Gorsia and Rushil Natha

5JJ: Suhani Kadam and Keya Lalji

### Attendance trophy

The school is working on further improving attendance, overall it currently stands at 97.3% which is above national standards, however we recognise that good attendance results in better progress. Mr Halliday has introduced an attendance trophy which is presented, weekly, to the class with the highest attendance.

**Well-done to 4HH and 5JJ for 100% attendance last week.**



### The day the Fire Brigade visited Reception

Reception children were fortunate enough to have a visit from the London Fire Brigade for our topic; People Who Help Us. They let us sit inside the fire engine and take turns to spray water from the hose. One fire man talked to us about how to stay safe when there is a fire, he explained the importance of a smoke alarm and answered a few of our questions. The children even discussed the Great Fire of London with the fire men.

"I was so excited when the fire truck came!" (Aashi Vora)

"The London Fire Brigade let us spray the water on the ground with their hose. It was lots of fun!" (Reece Patel)