

Parent Update  
Week beginning  
Monday  
31<sup>st</sup> October to  
Friday  
11<sup>th</sup> November  
2022!

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## Inter Faith Choir

We are extremely pleased to share that our journey with Barnet SACRE continues through the support of Dr Alan Shaw. Last academic year our pupils auditioned for the limited places to form our interfaith choir. They rehearsed weekly with the support of Dr Alan Shaw and Mrs Bina Ganatra-Parmar, with a finale at Barnet Townhall.

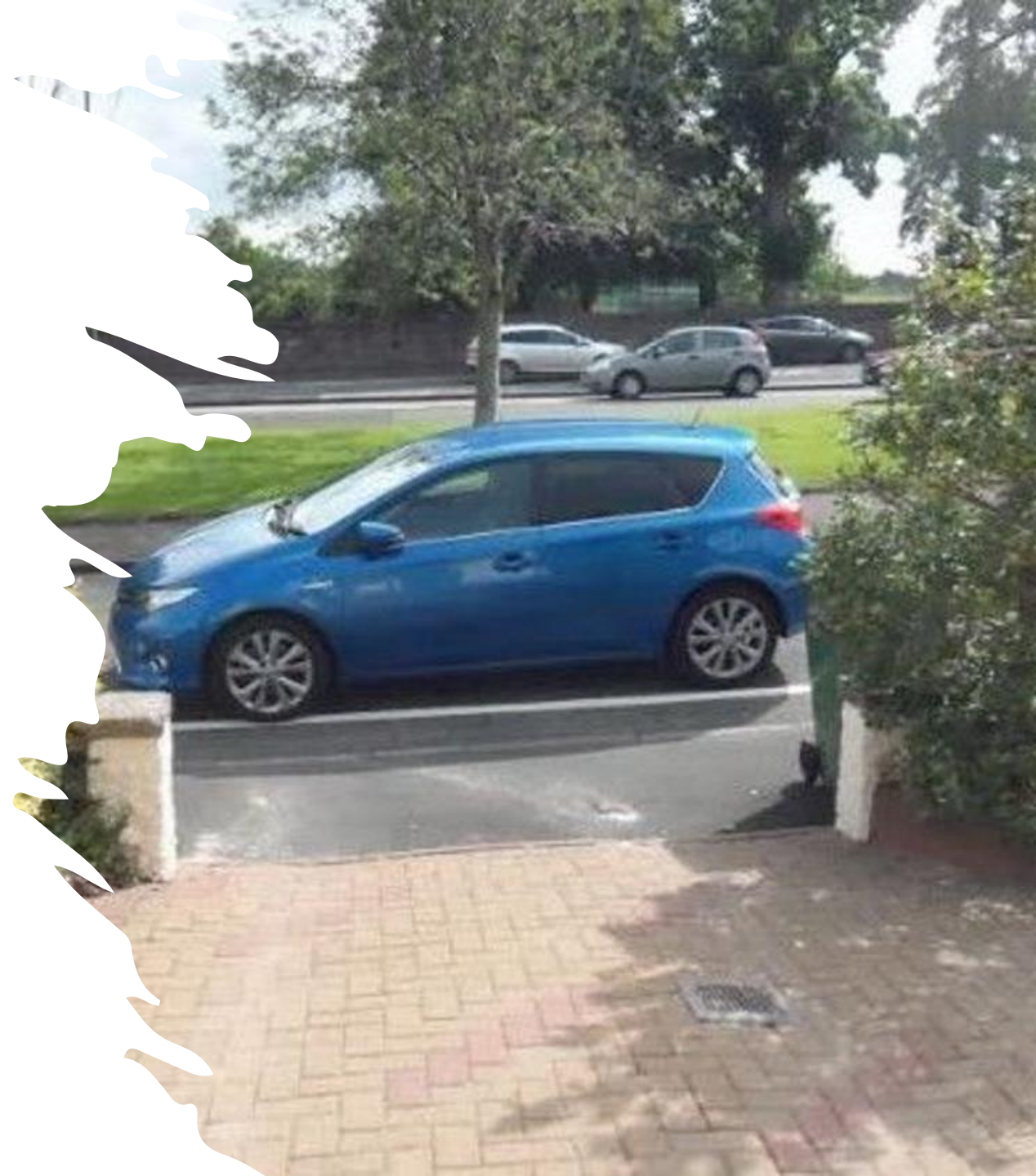
This year, we have completed our auditions and our newly formed interfaith choir had their first presentation at the RAF Museum in Hendon. They sang beautifully in their ensemble, we are extremely proud of what they achieved with only two rehearsals.

A huge thank you to Mrs Amin, former SSC Chair, for supporting our choir during the event, in the absence of a staff member.



# Inconsiderate driving/parking

As you will be aware, this is an ongoing concern for the school and we have exhausted most of our options to support our wider parent community to park their cars with consideration to our neighbours. We received a plausible suggestion from a parent from our recent Townhall, which we will look into. In the meantime we continue to receive communication from parents who have been in altercations with other parents caused by reckless driving as well as our patient neighbours. Please see an example of an email received recently, which was shared with gratitude, however you can hear this persons frustrations. For data protection we have anonymised the communication.



# Inconsiderate Parking/driving cont...

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*'So I would like to ask if you could remind parents to drive SLOWLY and LEGALLY when dropping off the children. Most parents are responsible for sure, but there are those that:*

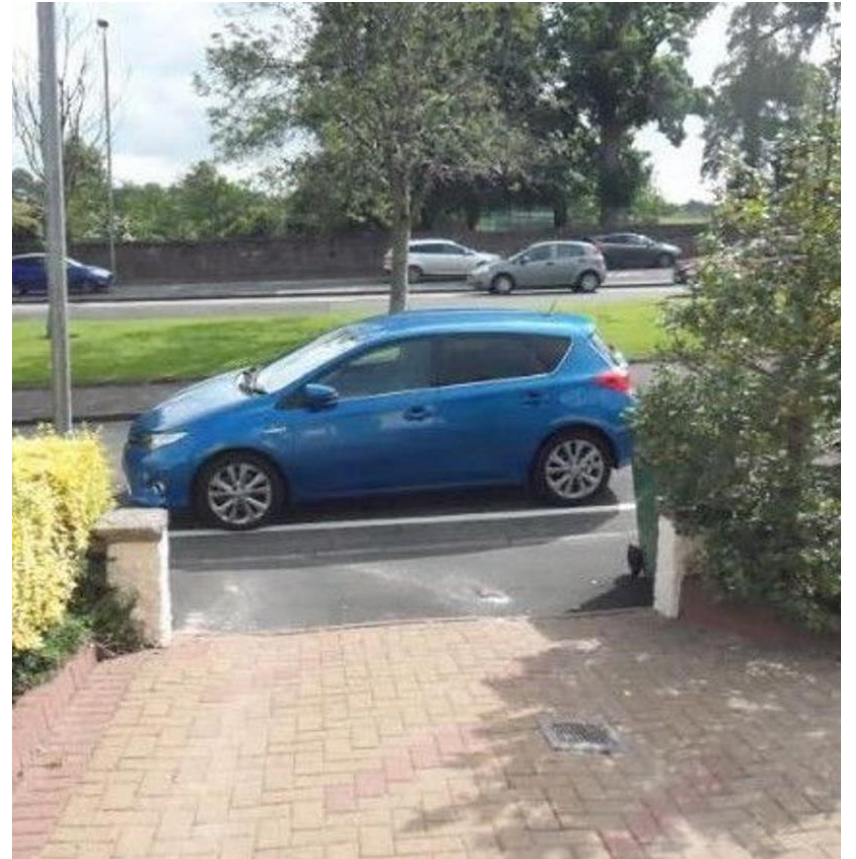
- 1. Accelerate to high speed on Broomgrove Gardens and Northolme Gardens, driving much much faster than the average traffic outside of school times*
- 2. Constantly park on double yellow lines which makes the passage of traffic difficult and creates dangerous blind spots for children crossing between Northolme Gardens and Broomgrove. This is particularly concerning when the children are on bicycles and scooters .*
- 3. Performing three point turns at high speed by mounting pavements and driving up resident driveways. I have seen careless manoeuvres where cars cross the pavement without looking and in the proximity of children on bicycles. If they want to turn they should remain on the highway as we all have done when we took our driving test.*

*I raise this because as a parent I am concerned about the safety of the school children and my own children and elderly parent.*

*Please remind parents to drive and park responsibly. Perhaps asking one of your staff to by even come out in the mornings between 7.50 and 8.00am to witness the traffic yourselves at the junction of Broomgrove Gardens and Northolme Gardens.*

*The parents are a reflection of the school and as such should be setting a better example to the community and residents by showing due care and attention.*

*Thank you for taking the time. Please understand that my primary concern is the safety of the children.'*



# KS1 Phonic Workshops

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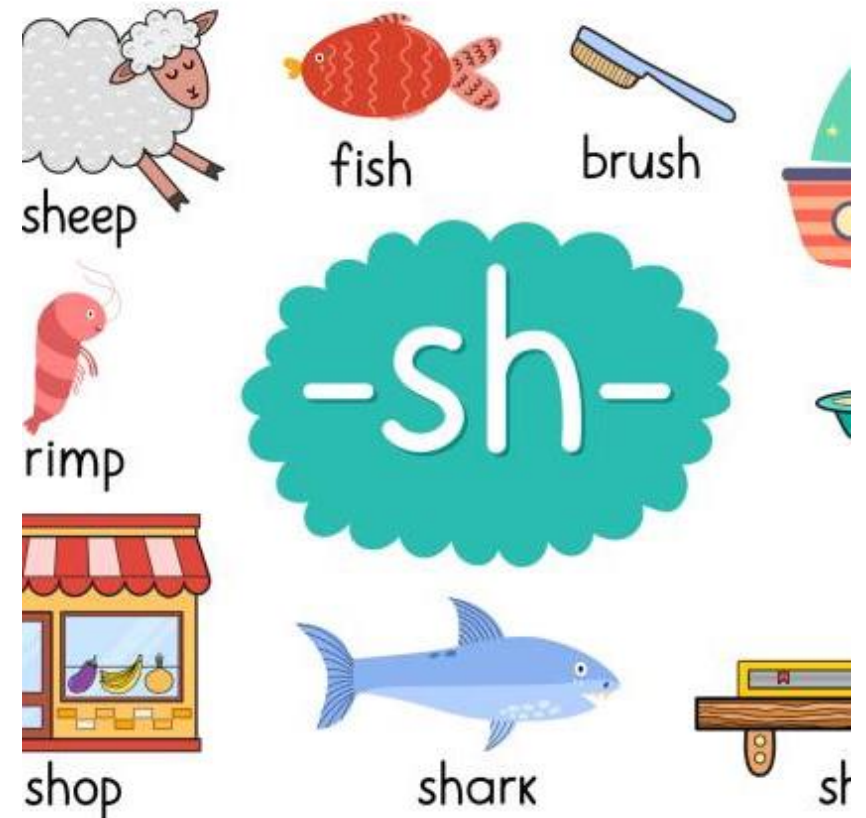
Our teachers have been very busy this week, with planning and delivering various workshops and reading sessions. Those who attended have found these sessions very useful, if you were unable to attend, please find relevant resources and information on the website. For some key stages, we have posted the slides onto Google Classroom.

See feedback below:

*'Very informative session and full of great strategies to adopt.'*

*'Recap was useful and certain strategies to help with Year 2 was useful.'*

*'The demonstration on how to break up a sentence to help with reading was useful.'*





# Diwali Bazaar

We raised just under £1000 that will go towards school resources. We have now purchased visualisers that will be used to enhance teaching and learning in the classroom with a focus on presentation in books. The visualisers have been ordered and will be with us soon. With the remaining money, we will purchase games and resources that can be used by children during wet play breaks.



# No Nuts!

KAPSH, like most schools, is a nut free zone. We have noticed that children, particularly for snack when they have after school clubs, have been bringing in nuts and other sweet snacks such as biscuits, cereal bars...

I would like to remind you, that children must only bring in fruit and/or vegetables. These food items will ensure that our children are full in readiness for their club, but also ensure that the fruit/vegetables they consume will slowly release the energy they need to continue to be active. We do have children, who are allergic to nuts, therefore nuts must not be brought into school!






# Farewell!

It is always a sad time when a member of staff makes the, very difficult decision, to leave us. Sadly, Champa Dabasia, whom we all respect and love, has decided that it is time for her to look after herself but to also dedicate her time to serving her family. Mrs Dabasia has given children from KAPSH ten years of support and we are extremely grateful for all that she has done for us.

Mrs Dabasia's final day with us will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.





# 2023/2024 Term Dates

Term dates for the academic year 2023/2024 have now been finalised and shared on our website, please do consult them prior to booking any events.

A reminder that leave request during term time, will not be approved. We are very grateful to have the amount of holidays that we receive and this provides ample time to visit family and friends around the world.