

THE BUZZ



The Krishna Avanti Primary School Harrow Pupil Newsletter

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Hello to our readers...

This issue is the first combined effort of the two new Year 6 classes. This term has been filled to the brim with so many activities, there are too many to include in this issue. So the editorial team have just put together some articles to give you a taste of what we have been doing.

This term has been full of competitions such as story writing after Pete Johnson's visit, the art competition as part of Non-Fiction November and the Remembrance Day Poetry competition where one of our students was commended. You can find out who in this issue. We also went on fun trips to the cinema which everyone preferred rather than sitting in the classroom and learning boring stuff! Happy reading!

The Editorial Team



Diwali in KAPSH

Diwali is known to be the festival of lights and the new year in the Hindu calendar. It is mainly celebrated in honour of Lord Ram's return to his kingdom, Ayodhya, after being in exile for 14 years. He is also known as one of Lord Vishnu's reincarnations, born to end the rising wickedness. He was King Dasaratha's oldest son and was also his favourite.

At school we celebrated Diwali and Govardhan Puja together. One way we celebrated these festivals were by having a delicious feast prepared by the amazing Govinda cooks. Swara from 4N said "It was delicious and I especially enjoyed the Gulab Jamuns."

Also, to celebrate this festival, Year 5 Krishna prepared an outstanding performance. Riteek said: "I understand that Diwali is a important time for Hindus all around the world. In the Y5 performance, I played the roles of a poet and a dancer."

Shreya Parmar Radharani Pau
Sianna Varsani Yash Shah (absent)
Shlok Patel Siddu Gadamsetty
Staff Support: Mrs S Maciel

Yash Shah and Radha Pau



Year 5 and Year 6 Diwali performances

Author Visit: Pete Johnson

This term, KS2 pupils were very privileged to have the author Pete Johnson visit our school. Pete Johnson is a well known children's writer with more than fifty books to his name. He talked to the pupils about how he was inspired to write stories through his childhood correspondence with the author, Dodie Smith the author of '101 Dalmations'. He described the process of writing as one where you had to keep writing, editing and re-writing. Pete encouraged pupils to not give up even if at first the stories don't look quite right. He read out funny passages from one of his books, 'How to Train Your Parents' and shared how his stories and characters were inspired by real life people and experiences he'd had. Later, during a tour of our school, he complimented on our school library and said he wished he'd had one as big as this when he'd been a child.

All the children were inspired by his talk and many bought his books and queued for a long time to talk to him and get him to sign their copy of the book.

"Pete Johnson's talk was fantastic," said Krishan from Y5K, "His book called 'How to Train Your Parents' is very funny and his talk really inspired me to write."



Pete Johnson has agreed to be a judge for the KAPSH writing competition inspired by his talk. Many children have written amazing stories and six have been shortlisted and forwarded to him.



The top three winners will be selected by him and will be announced in January, 2020.



**Yash Shah,
Radha Pau and
Siddu Gadamsetty**

The Royal Courts of Justice



Year 5 Krishna outside the court

The Royal Courts of Justice (RJC), commonly called the Law Courts, is a famous building in London which houses the High Court and Courts of Appeal for England and Wales. Here is where civil cases (non criminal) are held and appeals against criminal charges are heard in the presence of judges without juries. Both Year 5 classes visited the RJC and got to play different roles in a courtroom. Aryan from Y5B said, "I enjoyed the visit to the Royal Court as we got to do roleplay. A young boy

named John was accused of stealing gooseberries. We then had to decide whether he did this or not. Everyone was on the side of the boy, but actually the boy was guilty. Anapayini from Y5K added "I was inspired by the judge and some of his experiences in this job."

Yash Shah and Radha Pau

Non Fiction November



In November, we at KAPSH celebrated all things non-fiction. This is a national challenge led by the Children's Book Award, an organisation set up to encourage children to read and vote for their favourite books. This month, pupils from KAPSH had to borrow at least one non-fiction book a week and complete a reading challenge as well as do a piece of non-fiction homework. Jil from Year 5B said, "It was fun because I got a chance to pick up a non-fiction book." Many teachers thought it was a great idea too. The library had a non-fiction reading challenge where the children had to read 10 non-fiction books on different topics. Ten children will be picked out via a draw to win a prize in January for completing the challenge.

Sianna Varsani and Shreya Parmar

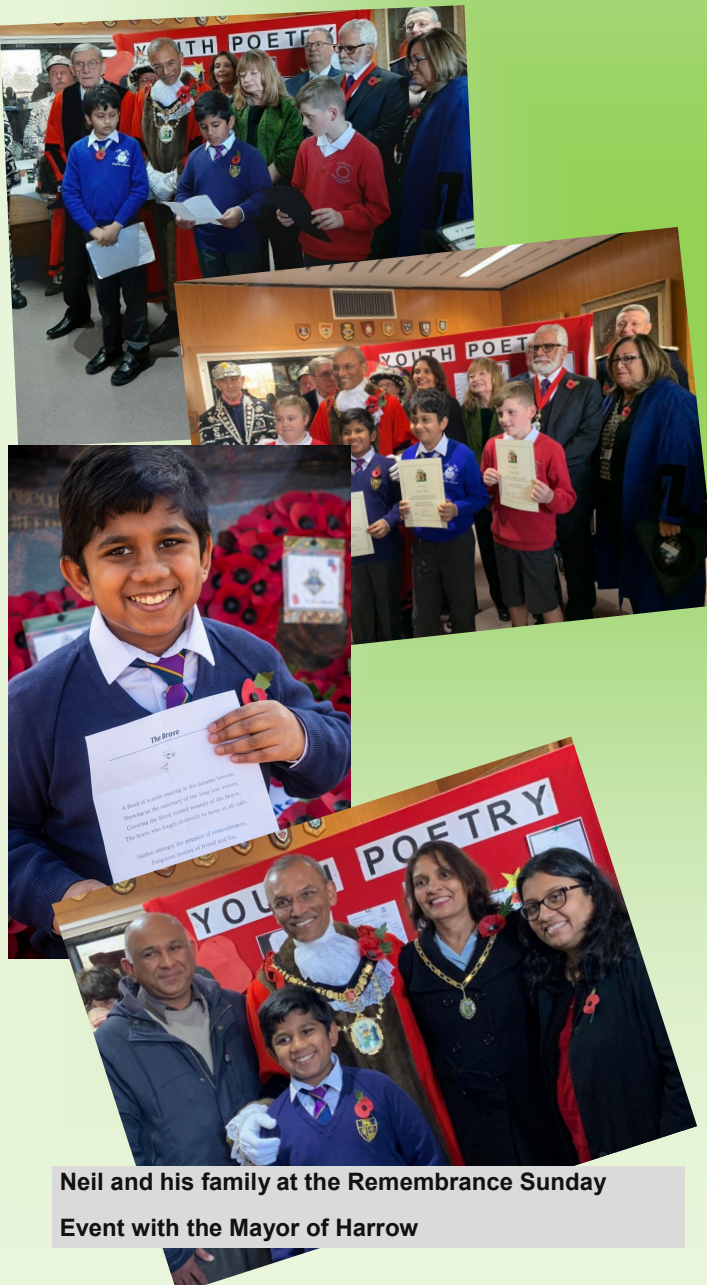
Harrow Mayor's Remembrance Day Poetry Competition

Harrow fell silent on Remembrance Sunday as the borough paid tribute to and remembered our fallen heroes while also honouring those still serving and veterans of our armed forces. Thousands gathered to watch London's second largest Remembrance Sunday parade and service led by the Glen Trew Pipe Band. Harrow's 131 Commando Squadron Royal Engineers, The Royal British Legion, cadets, scouts, volunteers and other organisations all took part in this year's parade. Winning poems from the Mayor's Remembrance Day poetry competition were read out during the Service and both winners and runners up were later awarded certificates in the Mayor's Parlour.

Report from Harrow Council

Every year, Year 6 pupils participate in the Mayor's Remembrance Day poetry competition as part of their learning on World War 1 and this year Year 6K pupil Neil Shah's poem was highly commended in the KS2 category. Almost all the schools in Harrow participate in this competition which is designed to remember and celebrate the sacrifice of soldiers in the conflicts of the past and present. Of all the entries, only four are selected from KS2: the winner and three highly commended pupils. We in KAPSH are very proud that a pupil from our school was one of the four. Neil said "I went to Harrow Civic Centre on the 10th of November to attend the memorial. I, with a few of my family members, went to the stand to witness the poppy wreaths being placed on the memorial and the soldiers march around the playground sized pitch. We then went up to the Mayor's parlour where we were given some refreshments. Soon after, we were called to recite our poems and finally, I was given my certificate."

Yash Shah and Radha Pau



Neil and his family at the Remembrance Sunday Event with the Mayor of Harrow

The Brave



A flood of scarlet swaying in the autumn breeze,
Showing us the sanctuary of the long lost voices.
Covering the blood soaked wounds of the brave,
The brave that fought tirelessly to keep us all safe.
Hidden amongst the poppies of remembrance,
Forgotten tales of friend and foe.
Crosses that mark the resting places of the brave,
The brave who risked their lives for our today.

By Neil Shah

Cinema Trips



The Into Film Festival is a free, annual, nationwide celebration of film & education for children from KS1-KS4. They show over 150 films - covering themes including anti-bullying, the environment and community and are autism friendly and subtitled to meet different pupil needs. Mrs. Rai kindly organised KAPSH to participate in this festival. During November, the classes in KS1 and KS2 went to see different films. The children have really enjoyed watching their films and really want to do it again next year. Parnika in Year 4 Narayanam said, "We watched Peter Rabbit and it was very funny. We had an enjoyable experience and it was lots of fun." Year 6 watched 'The Boy Who Would be King' which was a modern take of the Arthurian legend and looked at the themes of leadership, courage and kindness.

Siddu Gadamsetty

Year 2 outside the cinema

Sports News

Football Team First game

If you didn't know, the school football team played their first game on Thursday 14 November 2019 against St. John Fisher's Primary. It was a really enjoyable event with lots of people gathered to watch the game which took place in our school's very own astro-turf. It was a very close match most of the time, with neither team looking stronger than the other, however our opponents won. Although we lost by one goal, it was still a very enjoyable experience and we hope the next time our team comes out to play we'll be stronger, ready to win.

Shlok Patel



The two teams



Netball

Just as the boys have their football team, the girls are also enjoying their own taste of sport. Mrs Nielson, who is a Year 6 teacher is also our new netball coach. She has been teaching some of the Year 6 girls netball skills such as passes and throws. We are hoping to get a really skilled team together so we can have matches against other schools. Mahi in Year 6 Balarama said, "I really enjoy learning netball skills because netball teaches us so much more than the sport itself."

Sianna Varsani and Shreya Parmar