

THE BUZZ



The Krishna Avanti Primary School Harrow Pupil Newsletter

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Hello to our readers...

We are back after a long and unwelcome hiatus brought on by Covid with its lockdowns. Yet, we are resilient and enthusiastic and in this issue we want to reflect the different things we do in school that makes learning fun.

Happy reading!

The Editorial Team

Gaura Purnima

On Friday 18th March we celebrated a fantastic festival. You guessed it, it was Gaura Purnima! Read on to find out what happened across the school.

This year each year group was given a theme to focus on for the festival. We decided to ask pupils what they thought the festival about and how they felt about it. Year 3 theme was when Nimai confused the thieves. The pupils we spoke to thought the food was good and it was a fun time. They also enjoyed the meditation and going around the nine islands. They felt Gaura Purnima was important because it spread the sankirtan movement across the world. The things they wanted to improve on was having to do less writing and more time to celebrate. We also spoke to some Year 5 pupils. Their main theme was when Lord Chaitanya did Sannyas and they had to write persuasively to convince Lord Chaitanya to take Sannyas. They thought Gaura Purnima is important because he taught the world Krishna consciousness. They had the most fun during the abishek, because they had a chance to dance. They felt they would have preferred to have a feast than an ekadasi meal.

Overall, however, everyone had a fantabulous time during the festival and everyone will certainly be looking forward to the next one in 2023!

Shree Chaitanya Mahaprabhu ki! Jai!

Yuvraj, Tanay & Darsheel



Pupils celebrating with kirtan and abishek

Storytelling Week

Spring Term took us pupils into exciting new worlds from rainforests to Ancient Greece to Medieval murder scenes. Yes, this was KAPS Harrow's Storytelling Week where pupils learnt a lot of interesting things and did a lot of exciting activities to inspire us to write stories. We spoke to different year groups to see what they had been upto.

Let's start with Year 2. "We have been learning about Amelia Earheart," explained Aarna from Year 2R. "I learnt about how you should follow your dreams." This topic clearly has had an effect on the whole class as Amelia was a person who stood up for what she believed in. Year 4 had been reading Christoff's Story, a tale about a refugee boy. Radhika from Year 4V shared, "From hearing this story, I learnt that stories can tell feelings." This story taught students to empathise with characters.

Year 5 were looking at the interesting world of Greek mythology as part of a Southbank Writing project where they were contributing two chapters for a collaborative novel. They did several activities to inspire their writing such as making Greek pots, learning about Greek gods and comparing Hinduism and Hellenism (Greek mythology). "Writing part 1 of their story for our project was my favourite part of storytelling week." enthused Paarth from Y5B.

Finally, Year 6 was learning about Shakespeare's Macbeth. On the first day of storytelling week, pupils were met with a crime scene in their classroom. There he was: King Duncan himself (or at least an outline of his body) on the floor in front of the whiteboard, surrounded by bloody footprints. Pupils were then able to interview witnesses and potential suspects to write their own crime scene reports.

Storytelling certainly inspired all of us to tell very different stories.

Kiara and Niya

Children enjoying different activities



Making Greek clay pots



Crime Scene



Exploring the rainforest

Author Visit

On Wednesday 23rd of February, the whole school was fortunate to meet a well-known children's author called Margaret Bateson-Hill. She has written many books for all ages, some targeting younger children and some are better suited for older children. During the series of workshops she ran, she read from 'Dragon Racers' series to pupils from Years 5 and 6. Masha and the Firebird was the perfect book for children in the lower key stage 2, whereas her book 'Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain' gave children in KS1 a real thrill. It was an exciting day for everyone as she gave us a brilliant vision of her stories. She has inspired everyone and helped us by taking our writing onto a whole new level.

We asked Pujan in Year 1 about the book that the author read to them, "I really liked the book and my favourite part was when Lao Lao was rescued by the dragon. I really enjoyed it when the author came, I hope she comes again." As you can see the children really enjoyed listening from a real author. Well done Margaret Bateson-Hill.

Lillian and Devisa



Year 5 & 6 in author workshops

World Book Day

World Book Day in KAPSH this year was certainly different to 2021 because last year's celebration of all things book related was online. This year's theme was Fantastic Beasts and pupils came dressed up as beasts and mythical creatures. We had different activities to based on the previous week's author visit as well as a story round robin and a catwalk of all the characters. The Reception pupils we spoke to thought World Book Day was for going on an adventure and learning new phonics. The Year 1 children found the round robin catwalk was the best bit which they described as "awesome!" The Year 4's claimed that the majority of the boys dressed up as mythical creatures and majority of the girls dressed up as fairy princesses from fairy tales. When asked how to make WBD even better, "There should be more activities, less writing and no maths on the day," suggested the Year 5 pupils. Overall, everyone absolutely loved the activities and already looking forward to next year's World Book Day.

Yuvraj, Tanay and Darsheel



Staff and pupils channelling their inner fantastic beasts!



Fun Learning

Apart from learning very important subjects like English, Maths and Science, KAPSH pupils also learn a lot by doing fun things. Some of the many things pupils did this term was Bikeability and School Trips

Bikeability

Year 5 and 6 have been participating in a fun bike - riding experience whilst learning how to maintain their bikes. Many students have told us that they found the initial experience nerve - wracking although a valuable learning opportunity. Many had the fear of falling off their bikes. Others said that they felt proud as well as ecstatic. The children who participated also rode on the road and earned a badge according to their skill and effort. They gained the confidence to ride on the road alone though specialised adults were there to help in case of an emergency. They also learnt some specialised hand signals that many cyclists use when riding on roads.

School Trips

Many different classes have gone to various educational places. Year 3 went to Headstone Museum and they learnt about the Romans' agriculture: how they hunted and lived, whilst also learning about ancient artefacts. They saw different weapons including spears. They

learnt about the houses they lived in though they weren't houses; they were huts. There were many artefacts on display, most of which were related to the Romans. Some of them give proof that the Romans were much more advanced than some people believe. According to some students that went on the trip, it was truly thrilling to learn about so many amazing things about the Romans.

Hetarth and Krishn

Year 3 excavating artefacts



Sports News

KAPSH Pupils Get in the Game!

Netball

Here at KAPSH, students from Years 5 and 6 have been training to get a place in the school Netball team. The quality of the players was so good that the coach had a hard time choosing children for the team. If you are one of the children that didn't make it you should still be immensely proud of yourself, there will always be more chances. The children will be coached by professionals who will hopefully lead them to victory. They will be playing in several tournaments, competing against different schools. Let's keep our fingers crossed that our team will bring back many trophies for us.

When we asked Anaya from Year 6 Balarama how she felt about being chosen for the netball team, she was thrilled. 'I can't believe it, I put in so much effort and practised so much and now I made it into the team. I'm willing to put in as much work as it takes to make my team and my school proud.' Let's hope trophies will come pouring in.

Football

As well as the netball team, there is also a KAPSH football team. It is for children in Years 5 and 6. There were just 20 spaces and all of them have now been filled with excellent footballers. There is still much work to be done but for now let's just congratulate our new football team and hope they do the best that they can. Everyone who didn't make the team should still be extremely proud because they persevered throughout this challenge and just remember that there will always be other opportunities.

We asked someone who didn't manage to make it onto the team how they were feeling, "It was a real disappointment that I didn't make it, I had put in so much hard effort and work. However, that's in the past, we can only look to the future. There are always other opportunities in life and I know that if I put my mind to it I can do it."

We should applaud this brilliant example of resilience - you may not succeed once but that doesn't mean you will never succeed, if you want something then you will work hard to get it.

The football team has already got a shield tournament lined up at the Hive. Good luck team!

Lillian and Devisa

