

# THE BUZZ



The Krishna Avanti Primary School Harrow Pupil Newsletter

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## Hello to our readers...

Welcome to a new Year 6 cohort and the latest edition of the pupil newsletter. Here we present a summary of this term's highlights that makes KAPSH a fantastic place to learn and play.

The Editorial Team

## Divine Diwali

Prior to the half-term holidays, we celebrated a very special Diwali. This year we had a fantastic celebration like no other and it was marked with a grand worship, heavenly feast, a brilliant bazaar, a non-uniform day where we wore colourful, traditional clothing and a fabulous play that was presented by Year 5 portraying why Diwali is the festival of lights. We spoke to Hasi from Year 5 Buddha who played Sita. To our question about how she felt playing such a big role on the day, she confessed, "I felt really nervous because I had to play a huge role in front of a lot of people and parents who came to watch the play." We thought the event was really great and she agreed. "Despite all the messed up rehearsals, we finally improved after practising over and over again repeatedly and the result was impressive. I felt extremely proud of myself and our class." So did we!

For the first time ever KAPSH held a Diwali Bazaar and it was filled excitement and fun. We indulged in a celestial paradise of divine candy floss, luscious samosas and pani puris and we were able to buy many interesting objects. Freya from Year 6 explained how the bazaar worked. "Different year groups had set up a variety of games and stores. So you could purchase items or you could pay to play games and win prizes. While the pupils had made the items and created the games, the teachers manned the stalls so we could go around with our friends and families and enjoy the bazaar." Along with all the fun we were able to raise lots of money for the school to purchase more resources.

Anaya and Szajiny



Diwali celebration and bazaar



## **The School Council**

Every year, the school holds hustings to elect new pupil members to the School Council. Pupils who are interested in standing for these positions have to prepare speeches to persuade the classmates to vote for them. It is always an exciting time and filled with nail-biting tension! These roles are a great way for us pupils to actively influence the way the school is run with our own inspiring ideas. This year the hustings were held earlier in

the term and we have lots of new members buzzing with ideas. Below we give you a snapshot of one new school councillor's experience in our 60 seconds with Aum Shah (Year 6).

## **Our Voice counts....**



**Congratulations Aum on being elected. What was your first meeting like?**

The first meeting was with the headteacher, Mrs Bellare giving us guidance on how to be a school council. The best part of it so far was taking parents on a tour around the school.

**How exciting! How did you find that experience?**

In the tour, the most confusing part was where to start and where to end. Therefore, Mrs Bellare and all the other school councillors decided to separate into groups. I was group 1 along with Nikhil and we started in the Mandir. We then went clockwise around the school. It was great fun.

**Are you happy to be School Councillor?**

Yes, I am elated with my role; however, it has great responsibility and you have to be a role model to young minds in the school. As school council, we have to make sure that we behave ethically and responsibly but overall, I am ecstatic.

**Well, we wish you all the best and look forward to all the new ideas you are going to bring in.**

**Jinay and Paarth**

## **Eco Warriors**

Eco Warriors have an important role to play in our school to raise awareness amongst their fellow pupils about sustainability and encourage everyone to save energy and recycle. Pupils who wanted to be Eco Warriors also had to go through hustings and representatives were selected from Years 3-6. We spoke to one member, Karshi Bhatia from Y6 to ask her about her new role.

**Karshi what was the reason you stood to become an eco warrior?**

I did because I believe that our school can be a better place and I can help improve it.

**What are you thinking of doing as an eco-council member?**

I am just trying whatever I can do to make this school tidy and safe. For example, litter picking makes a huge difference to our school environment. My friends and I have done litter picking around the school a couple of times.



**Ansh Patel**



## Football and Netball Teams

KAPSH have created their own football and netball teams. Last year, they won a gold medal for football and this year, they are eager for another. We spoke to Mahi in Year 5 asking her to explain the game. "Netball is playing matches and shooting in the hoop when you have the ball. You have to finish with a higher score than your opponents and that is the aim of the game." Jiyan from Y6 added, "I like it because I get to intercept the ball and score for my team. I feel proud of my team and my effort." As you can see, netball is a big sport in our school and we embrace it in our PE Curriculum.

Football has always been a popular sport in KAPSH and we asked Prahlad from Y6 why he liked it so much. "In my school's football team I have learnt how to cross, pass and be in the right positions at the right time. Occasionally, people are quite passionate and can get a little disagreeable but it's a really nice bond to have and builds our relationship with our team. It is really an amazing experience."

There you have it. A little insight into our sports from the team members. Good luck to them for the upcoming matches!

**Jinay and Paarth**



Netball and football teams



## Sing, Sing, Sing

This term KAPSH's talented musicians have been busy creating music everywhere. First a group of Year 6 pupils went to and we sang Stormzy's 'Blinded by Your Grace'. It was an amazing experience and children from other schools were also there." In the October holidays, 10 year 6 children were chosen to go to Harrow Arts centre to perform a song called Stormzy, Blinded By Your Grace, which they had learnt in their music lessons. Karshi from Year 6 explained the reason for the event. "It was part of celebrating Black History Month. The children were chosen on a first come first served basis. Advay from 6K said "It felt like a good opportunity." Alesha from 6B said "I wanted to make my voice heard." The children performed with two other schools in front of not only parents but also kids from many other schools and the Mayor of Harrow.

We are also continuing with the Interfaith Choir which we started last year. We spoke to Veer from Year 5 about his experience. "I have sung in one performance so far. It's an amazing experience because we have lots of fun while going to different places and expressing ourselves through singing." When asked who had inspired him to participate in the interfaith choir, he added, "Dr Allan Schore, who runs the choir is really inspiring. I feel refreshed by the way he teaches." This sounded so moving and we can't wait to hear more about the choir's future performances.

**Neev and Ansh**

Last, but not least, is our own KAPSH Kirtan group run by lovely Mrs Ganatra-Parmar. After a successful performance in the summer term, the Kirtan group has been busy rehearsing for their next performance. We spoke to a couple of pupils about why they joined the group. Vishakha from Year 4 explained, "I was inspired by my mum and dad because they come from a religion where they go to the temple every day and sing their hearts out for God. That's why I decided to join the Kirtan Group at school. I like singing and have a good voice. This is why Mrs Ganatra chose me for the performance. I am really excited after

my first experience of the performance and I am not nervous in front of the audience anymore. My favourite kirtan song is Namo Maha Vadanyaya because of the tune and melody."

Simran from Year 6 agrees. "The kirtan group is fun and I feel closer to God. We are performing on 2 December to all the parents. We sing a variety of songs and mantras e.g achutam keshavam, namo om prayernds and more. I wanted to join the kirtan group because I wanted to understand and learn how to look at God in different ways. "

This truly shows what amazing talent KAPSH pupils possess!

**Kianna and Shriyaa**



Kirtan event with pupils and parents



## Arts Council and Art Week

Our talented Mrs Pascutoi has done an amazing job with helping us create beautiful art in KAPSH. As part of this, she has created an Arts Council made up artistic pupils. Shria from Year 5B explained her role, "This is a big responsibility because you have to help and work hard to the depths of art. We also have meetings every Friday, so Mrs Pascutoi could tell us the art schedule to plan the art lessons ahead for the school. I quite like this job as it is very creative. My favourite part of it was when I had my interview with the previous Year 6 and when I got chosen. I did not feel nervous and was pretty excited."

"Being an art council is a fun job but a big responsibility," agreed Saloni Shukla, from Year 6 Kurma. "You get to help choose the school's art lessons and topics." She had been selected by the previous Year 6 pupils for her excellent presentation in her art book and for how confidently she answered the questions. She wants to help turn the school into a more colourful and artistic place to learn. We can't wait.

Meanwhile, KAPSH has been celebrating Art Week on the theme of Recycled Art. All the classes looked at different artists who have used recycled materials to create art to raise awareness of environmental threats such as plastic pollution and reducing waste.

We have had different artists visit the school and share their amazing skills with us. Have a look at the wonderful art created by KAPSH pupils.



Year 5 Krishna working on their newspaper collage

### Shriyaa and Kianna

Various artistic projects across the school

