

Welcome

I welcome you all back to the latter half of the Autumn term, where we will be enjoying a host of planned events. This is always an exciting time of year with many social, cultural and religious events taking place.



Macmillan Coffee

On Friday 12th October, we held a Coffee Morning and raised a total of £100.00 for Macmillan Cancer fund. A big thank you to our sponsors and to everyone who supported this very worthy cause.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings during last half term were well attended by parents. If you were unable to attend please contact Mrs Laydon in the School Office to make an alternative appointment.

Space Week



On Monday 8th October, the children took part in a space day in line with World Space Week. The children carried out three different activities within their key stage. The activities varied from trying space food to making and testing out rockets! We were joined by a space engineer who worked with KS2 to look at what material would be best to make our space crafts. We also had some students in from York St John University who worked alongside the children.

In the afternoon we all become astronauts in training and carried out a variety of activities which Year 5 ran for us and this led us all to receiving a certificate from Tim Peake and becoming space commanders!

Scholastic Book Fair



The Book Fair proved a complete success and as a result, Khalsa Science Academy will be able to purchase £400 worth of school library books. THANK YOU!

Remembrance Day

Over the last month, Mrs Nau-Berry has delivered a Remembrance Project across the school. The initiative from the Yorkshire Evening Post focussed on the First World War. The children have been following a child's life story through this period, with an emphasis on food rationing, the change of women's roles, animals on the front lines and why we use poppies.

On Sunday 11th November, Khalsa Science Academy were privileged to represent our school community during the Remembrance Service in Leeds City Centre. Mr License and two of our school prefects (Polina and Balkaran) attended the service; laying a wreath in memory of those who lost their lives.



Children in Need

On **Friday 16th November**, we will be taking part in raising money for Children in Need. Children in Need help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. There are currently more than 2000 projects supported by the charity and more than £900 million has been raised since the first major Appeal in 1980.

This year we will be running activities throughout the day, and for a contribution of a pound the children can come to school in their pyjamas or onesies. Please can you ensure that they have sensible footwear to wear, both indoors and at play time.

We hope you will be able to support us raising funds for this very worthwhile charity and thank you for your help.

Class Assemblies

Each class will hold an assembly illustrating children's achievements. These will take place at 2:45pm. Please take this opportunity to find out what your child has been learning in class.

Friday 23rd November Year 2

Friday 7th December Year 1

Reception Class Assembly will take place during the next half term



Christmas Performance

We will be hosting a Whole School Christmas performance on **Monday 17th December at 2.30pm** and **Tuesday 18th December at 9.30am**. We hope you are able to attend and enjoy the celebration. Information about the performances will follow shortly.



Christmas Dinner

The children will be having their Christmas Dinner on **Thursday 20th December**. If your child currently has a packed lunch and would like to have a school dinner on that day, please let the School Office know **by Friday 7th December**.



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance at Khalsa Science Academy has been an ongoing struggle, with attendance to date of 95% compared with our target of 97%. We firmly believe that the best place for children to be during term time is in school, and know children with poor attendance tend to achieve less well at school. We therefore discourage parents from taking their children out of school for any reason, and unfortunately a penalty fine (up to £120.00) may be issued for unauthorised absences of five days or more within a 12 week period. **This includes absences for holidays as well as other unauthorised absences.**

Being late to school also has a significant impact on the amount of learning time lost over a school year. For instance a total amount of 3.4 days of learning is lost throughout the whole school year if your child was just 5 minutes late every day. May I remind you that an arrival after 9:30am is an **unauthorised absence**. Please ask for a copy of the revised Attendance policy or visit the school website at <http://www.khalsascienceacademy.org.uk/policies/>

Parking

It has come to our attention that a number of parents are parking on the street at the beginning and the end of the school day. Whilst this is acceptable, please be considerate to the residents who live nearby and ensure that their drive ways are not obstructed.

On Reflection

*Guru Nanak Dev Ji quoted Man Jeetai Jag Jeet -
By conquering your mind, you can conquer the world.*

Mr J License and Mrs S Rai
Assistant Principals