



SERVICE  
EXCELLENCE  
VIRTUES  
ASPIRATION

## ENRICHMENT

- › **Year 1** – A visit to the Warwick Art Centre to watch “The Gruffalo” based on the book written by Author Julia Donaldson
- › **Year 2** – A visit to Think Tank, a fascinating museum, and state of the art Planetarium
- › **Year 3** – The Rainforest Roadshow visited the school, bringing the tropical rainforest to life for the children
- › **Year 4** – Coombe Abbey trip – exploring acres of beautiful woodlands, and their habitats
- › **Year 7** – First aid training from St John ambulance  
*Anti-bullying week*  
16.11.15.

### Seva and celebrations

Children in Need – Monies raised: £556.66.

Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurburb celebration day. All children wore traditional attire. We raised £198.96 for Khalsa Aid.

Christmas gift collection for the University Hospital of Coventry delivered on 17.12.15.

Food donations were delivered to Coventry Food Bank on 16.12.15.

## End of the Year

**As the autumn term and the year draws to an end there is much to remember, reflect and celebrate, 2014-2015 has been a momentous year.**

Our first set of national results in the summer term demonstrated outstanding performance in Early Years and Key Stage 1. This has been achieved through our hard work, dedication and commitment of our pupils, staff and most importantly parents and carers. Thank you to everyone and with continued combined support we will secure positive, bright futures for the children we are jointly caring for.

September heralded a new start for Seva School; moving to our new site in Eden Road along with welcoming a new cohort of reception children and families and the opening of our Secondary phase. The doubling of a school population and opening a school in our new premises is an almost unique situation for a school to experience.

Your tolerance and understanding has been greatly appreciated during this term whilst we have been implementing systems to support the effective running of the school during this transitional phase.

This term we have welcomed our DfE advisors for Primary and Secondary into school. They were pleased to share their experiences with the Governors and Senior Leadership Team describing Seva as a calm and purposeful

learning environment, pupils excited and showing a real keenness for learning, behaviour being exemplary and staff demonstrating full commitment and dedication to the school.

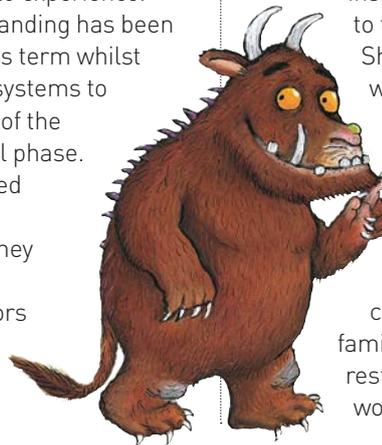
I hope you enjoy reading some of the enrichment opportunities that are described in this newsletter. Pupils in Primary and Secondary have had the opportunity to participate in a range of enrichment, fully supported by the school to include Performing Arts, Music Tuition, Sports, Yoga and Meditation. I was proud to witness all our Year 7 undertaking first aid training and showing a sense of responsibility, compassion and duty to others. Early in the spring term, information regarding after school Punjabi classes and Sports clubs will be issued to parents and carers.

As you expect, staff move on and we say a fond farewell to one of the Founding members of Seva School, Mrs Bagri. She has been an

inspiration and outstanding support to the entire school community.

She will be greatly missed and we wish her and her family all the very best for the future. The

first staff Seva babies have just been born – twin girls, to Mrs Shakti Dharmarajan and a baby boy, to Mrs Satnam Kaur we send our warmest congratulations to them and their families. I wish you all a safe and restful break and look forward to working closely together in 2016.



### New appointments to the school leadership

As you already know, we welcome onto the senior team, Mrs Morgan our Primary lead. She is a highly experienced head teacher including the headship of KHALSA primary school in Slough. Alongside Mrs Morgan, we welcome Associate Principals; Mrs Waddingham for Secondary, Mrs Varley for Primary Literacy and Maths and Mrs Goodridge for Early Years and Key Stage One. We welcome also Mrs Bowie, SENDCO. The strength and experience of our senior team will enable the school to develop to ensure outstanding provision is in place. This is an exciting moment in our school's history.

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# YEAR 7

Year 7 have had a very busy and productive first term at Seva School. The students have embraced the new challenges of KS3 and have settled in very well to their new environment. The curriculum has been very diverse and our enrichment provision is proving

to be very successful, particularly guitar lessons and dodgeball. To ensure that our students are given enough support with their homework, we have designated a slot to cater for this and every year 7 student is encouraged to read for an hour a week.

Additionally, some of our year 7 students have also become peer readers and support Year 3 with their comprehension skills on a Monday

afternoon. Accordingly we have a number of students who run art club on a Friday lunchtime for Year 4, which has also proved very popular. It's fair to say that our Year 7 children are becoming strong role models and are demonstrating their passion and dedication towards Seva School.

We are now looking ahead and planning theatre/museum and other educational visits.

Year 7 Progress evenings are planned for Wednesday 6th January 2016 and Wednesday 27th January 2016.

## Our new Student Leaders Year 7

### HEAD BOY/GIRLS

**Birjot Singh** (Head Boy)

**Nemsa Dutt** (Head Girl)

**Mya Kaloti** (Deputy Head Girl)

### PREFECTS

**Amaya Mangat**

**Arshdeep Mander**

**Gagandeep Sahota**

**Gugandeep Khaira**

**Harsimrit Hayer**

**Muskan Hayer**

**Navdeep Singh**

**Navkismat Singh**

**Parampreet Kaur**

**Priya Bachra**

**Sharandeep Sahota**

**Simran Chana**

**Sonia Kajla**

**Rohan Bhatoe**

### SPORT LEADERS

**Amrita Takhar**

**Avneet Bening**

**Aziz Abdul**

**Kiran Kajla**

**Kyra Kaur**

**Paramveer Sangha**

**Tanya Gupta**

## Year 7 Leaders



"Hello our names are **Birjot** and **Nemsa**, the **Head boy** and **Head girl** of Seva School. We are part of the student leadership team and we have been given the opportunity to represent our amazing school. Being given these prestigious roles is extremely important as we have a chance to learn as well as lead by example. We have had the privilege to speak to members of the DfE (Department for Education), and the Governors to promote our exquisite school. Seva School has helped us to become more confident as well embedding the Seva values into its pupils. It has allowed us to be great role models and has prepared us to take on different challenges."

### Mr Yates

Mr Yates is leading the school council. The first meeting in November has resulted in the school supporting the Coventry Food Bank, and a letter has been issued to all families explaining how they can support this cause.

In the Springtime the school with the help of the school councillors are looking at developing a friendship area in the school playground.

## School Council

**Year 1** – Simrut Plahe, Rohan Sembi, Kalvinder Rai, Prishaa Walia

**Year 2** – Rajinder Gill, Simran Kumar, Anand Bharath, Josh Thandi

**Year 3** – Amryse Mangat, Amber Vraitich, Riya Atwal, Navjeet Johal

**Year 4** – Ramneek Sahota, Amaneet Thind

**Year 7** – Sharandeep Sahota, Rohan Bhatoe, Jasmine Dulai, Ajay Raichura, Kirenveer Sandu, Sonia Kajla

## A BIG THANK YOU



### Children in Need

Students and staff had a wonderful day raising money for Children in Need on 21st November. To celebrate students dressed up as their favourite super heroes and in return donated £1. There were also cakes on sale which were kindly donated by parents. We would like to thank everyone that took part and for all the donations. We raised a magnificent total of £556.66 for Children in Need.

### Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurburb

A fantastic day was had by all as we celebrated Guru Nanak Dev ji's birthday on the 25th November. Children dressed up in traditional dress and in return donated £1. Amongst the celebrations children enjoyed a special school lunch, which included

chocolate cake and created art work based on the three golden rules that Guru Nanak Dev ji taught us, Naam japna (meditate), Kirat Karne (earn an honest living) and Vand ke shakna (share what we have.) In the afternoon the whole school gathered in the prayer hall where children shared all the work they had been doing and sang shabads (hymns) in remembrance of Guru Nanak Dev ji. Said Mrs Hammond, Executive Principal: 'I'd like to thank catering staff and everyone else who helped to make this event a success. We raised a total of £198.96, which we will be giving to the Khlasa Aid Charity.



### ■ Rainforest Day 17 September 2015

On Thursday 17 September, the Rainforest Roadshow came to school. Students in Year 3 learnt about the tribes in different rainforests around the world, as well as the wide variety of plants and animals that call the Rainforest their home. Students also got to hold some creepy crawlies and had the opportunity to make their own tribal jewellery, create observational drawings of insects and butterflies plus they even had their hands and faces painted using tribal designs.

This is what our Year 3 students had to say:

*"I enjoyed having my face painted like a warrior." Darcey*

*"I loved making the jewellery, which I kept to wear at home." Avneet*

*"I liked drawing the pictures of the insects, it helped me improve my Art skills." Gurjas*

*Mrs Hammond, Executive Principal said: "On behalf of the Year 3 team, I would like to thank all our parents who have supported their children at home and also provided financial assistance to help ensure activities like the Rainforest Roadshow can happen at our school."*

### ■ Anti-bullying week 16 November 2015

Children were encouraged to celebrate differences and value the virtue of tolerance across our school and community.

### ■ Warwick Art Centre

Reception and Year 1 enjoyed their visit to the Warwick Arts Centre to see "The Gruffalo" based on the book written by Julia Donaldson. This has supported the reading and writing topics this term.

### ■ Coombe Abbey Park

Year 4 went to Coombe Abbey Park where they were involved in Pond Dipping and to support their Science curriculum investigated the flora and fauna of a variety of habitats. They were excited about the different invertebrates they collected, very creepy!



*thanks to We Love Coventry for use of image*

### ■ Think Tank Birmingham

This trip enhanced the knowledge of our children. Learning more about astronomy and space. The children learnt about the world of science, keeping track of the first British astronaut Tim Peake as he blasts into space.

## Christmas present appeal

With Christmas just around the corner, most children will be counting down until the big day when they will be opening their presents. However, some children will be spending time in hospital over Christmas, which is why we were asking parents to donate a present for Walsgrave Hospital. Thank you to all our wonderful families for donating, it will be appreciated by the children in the hospital.

## Travel / school dinner money – A polite notice to all parents

We'd like to thank all our parents who have been sending in the travel and dinner money on a regular basis. However, our records show that there are many parents who still owe money from the previous term. We need to collect this so that we can continue to provide these services to your children. Please send in the outstanding monies, for both travel and the dinner money labelled clearly and separately, in envelopes on our first day back (5th January 2016). Many thanks.

# ROLE OF HONOUR

Current school attendance is 97.76%

*Congratulations to the 120 pupils at Seva school  
who have received 100% attendance.*

Attendance makes a direct impact on your child's achievement in school

Missing school means missed lessons

Missing lessons means missed learning

Missing learning means missed life opportunities

If your child does have to miss school, please ensure that you ring the school office by 9.00 am on each day of absence

**ATTENDANCE TARGET FOR ALL IS 98%**

## Family requests for absence during term time

All requests must be made on the special leave of absence forms available at reception, only under exceptional circumstances will absence be authorised. Absence will not be authorised for holidays,

weddings, and the school will request the Local Authority to action a fixed penalty notice.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that on the first day of absence, the school is called with a

medical reason as to why the child is off. Please can we ask that doctors/dentists appointments other than hospital appointments are arranged outside of school hours with a prompt return to school afterwards.

## Term dates

The school closes on the **18th December 2015** and will re-open after Christmas on **5th January 2016**.  
The office reception hours are **Monday to Friday 8.30-4.15**