

10TH NOVEMBER 2023

## VAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA VAHEGURU JI KI FATEH



SEVAK SERV KARAHAE SABH THAEREE

“O LORD. ALL THINE SERVANTS, WHO  
RELISH THE NAME. PERFORM THY  
SERVICE. HE, WHO EFFACES HIS SELF-  
CONCEIT FROM WITHIN HIMSELF,  
BECOMES PURE BY GURU'S GRACE.”

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI - ANG 599



### Hukamnama Sahib

A message for us all to reflect upon, given this morning from the Siri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh Holy Scriptures) from the holiest of Sikh sites Siri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) in Amritsar, Panjab, India.

ਗੂਜਰੀ ਮਹਲਾ ੫ ॥

Goojaree, Fifth Mehl:

ਮਤਾ ਕਰੈ ਪਛਮ ਕੈ ਤਾਈ ਪੂਰਬ ਹੀ ਲੈ ਜਾਤ ॥

He decides to go to the west, but the Lord leads him away to the east.

ਖਿਨ ਮਹਿ ਥਾਪਿ ਉਬਾਪਨਹਾਰਾ ਆਪਨ ਹਾਥਿ ਮਤਾਤ ॥੧॥

In an instant, He establishes and disestablishes; He holds all matters in His hands. ||1||

ਸਿਆਨਪ ਕਾਹੂ ਕਾਮਿ ਨ ਆਤ ॥

Cleverness is of no use at all.

ਜੇ ਅਨਰੂਪਿਓ ਠਾਕੁਰਿ ਮੇਰੈ ਹੋਇ ਰਹੀ ਉਹ ਬਾਤ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

Whatever my Lord and Master deems to be right - that alone comes to pass. ||1||Pause||

ਦੇਸੁ ਕਮਾਵਨ ਧਨ ਜੋਰਨ ਕੀ ਮਨਸਾ ਬੀਚੇ ਨਿਕਸੇ ਸਾਸ ॥

In his desire to acquire land and accumulate wealth, one's breath escapes him.

ਲਸਕਰ ਨੇਬ ਖਵਾਸ ਸਭ ਤਿਆਗੇ ਜਮ ਪੁਰਿ ਉਠਿ ਸਿਧਾਸ ॥੨॥

He must leave all his armies, assistants and servants; rising up, he departs to the City of Death. ||2||

ਹੋਇ ਅਨੰਨਿ ਮਨਹਠ ਕੀ ਦ੍ਰਿੜਤਾ ਆਪਸ ਕਉ ਜਾਨਾਤ ॥

Believing himself to be unique, he clings to his stubborn mind, and shows himself off.

ਜੇ ਅਨੰਦੁ ਨਿੰਦੁ ਕਰਿ ਛੋਡਿਓ ਸੋਈ ਫਿਰਿ ਫਿਰਿ ਖਾਤ ॥੩॥

That food, which the blameless people have condemned and discarded, he eats again and again. ||3||

ਸਹਜ ਸੁਭਾਇ ਭਏ ਕਿਰਪਾਲਾ ਤਿਸੁ ਜਨ ਕੀ ਕਾਟੀ ਫਾਸ ॥

One, unto whom the Lord shows His natural mercy, has the noose of Death cut away from him.

ਕਹੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਗੁਰੁ ਪੂਰਾ ਭੇਟਿਆ ਪਰਵਾਣੁ ਗਿਰਸਤ ਉਦਾਸ ॥੪॥੪॥੫॥

Says Nanak, one who meets the Perfect Guru, is celebrated as a householder as well as a renunciate. ||4||4||5||



### Principal's Message

Mrs. S. Sanghera

The moment has arrived and the results are in. The names chosen for the two new Seva School buildings are: MIRI and PIRI.

Miri-Piri (Gurmukhi: ਮੀਰੀ-ਪੀਰੀ; mīrī pīrī) is a concept that has been practiced in the Sikh religion since the seventeenth century. The concept of "The Mir and the Pir" is respectively, temporal power and spiritual authority. It was started by the sixth Guru of Sikhism, Guru Hargobind Ji, on June 12th, 1606.

This choice is made even more special with the upcoming Bandi Chhor Divas celebrations taking place in Gurdwara Sahibs around the world on Sunday 12th November. Bandi Chhor Divas links to our virtue of the half term which is courage, as it remembers how Guru Hargobind Ji epitomised the meaning of this through the actions taken to release the unlawfully imprisoned at the time.

Thank you to all the parents, staff and students for their participation in this wonderfully collaborative project. The student faith leaders should be highly commended on the way they engaged in the decision making process and reached the final outcome. They went one step further to explain their thoughts.

Student Faith Leaders:

The primary school building should be called Miri House because as a young person you learn fast, grow your mind and become more independent. Knowledge is power.

The secondary school building should be called Piri House because as you become an older student you become more invested in ideas about the future in terms of your career and life choices. You find strength and belief in yourself through appreciating a higher power.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous Bandi Chhor Divas and Divali.

## PARENT NOTICES

The Virtue of this half-term is:

### COURAGE

**Monday 13th - Friday 17th November**

Bandi Chhor workshops in school

**Wednesday 15th November**

Year 8 Parent's Evening

**Monday 20th November**

Primary Flu Vaccinations

**Monday 20th November -**

**Friday 1st December**

Year 11 Mock Exams

**Tuesday 21st November**

Visit from Ravi Singh CEO of Khalsa Aid charity

**Monday 27th November**

Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurpurab

**Wednesday 6th December**

Secondary Flu Vaccinations

**Tuesday 12th December**

Reception class Nativity

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## FAITH NEWS

### Bandi Chhor Divas

Sikhs around the world will be celebrating Bandi Chhor Divas this Sunday, 12th November. The term Bandi Chhor literally means “release of the captured”. In Sikhism the festival marks the occasion of the 6th Guru, Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji being released from the prison inside the fort of Gwalior. Under the orders of the emperor at the time Jahangir, Guru Ji voluntarily allowed for their imprisonment. Once in the prison inside the fort they learned of the feat of 52 Raje (kings of states) who were also being held captive unjustly. These kings were being held in inhumane conditions with very little food and water, some were even chained to pillars in the cellars of the fort. Upon arriving in the prison Guru Ji started serving all of the prisoners langar (blessed vegetarian food) which was being prepared for them and there were daily Divans (services) held. After some time, Emperor Jahangir began to regret keeping Guru Ji captive, large groups of Sikhs had started to gather outside of the fort including a group led by Baba Budha Ji (a famous Sikh). When Guru Ji was told they would be released they said they would not leave until all of the 52 kings being held were also released. Guru Ji was told that however many could hold onto his clothing as he left would be released, Guru Ji had a special robe with 52 tassels made and wore this on their day of release. All of the kings were able to hold onto Guru Ji’s robe and were also freed, hence the name Bandi Chhor. Upon being released Guru Ji visited many towns and cities and eventually returned to the city of Sr Amritsar Sahib on the day of the festival of Divali in the Hindu faith. Overjoyed with the return of Guru Ji along with other Sikhs, the Sikhs of Amritsar lit Divas (candles) around the Sarovar (holy pool) in the Harmandir Sahib complex to mark the occasion of the return of the Guru.

Sikhs across the world commemorate this festival by attending services at Gurdwara’s (places of worship), retelling the story and lighting Divas in memory of Guru Ji’s return.

Mr. T. Singh



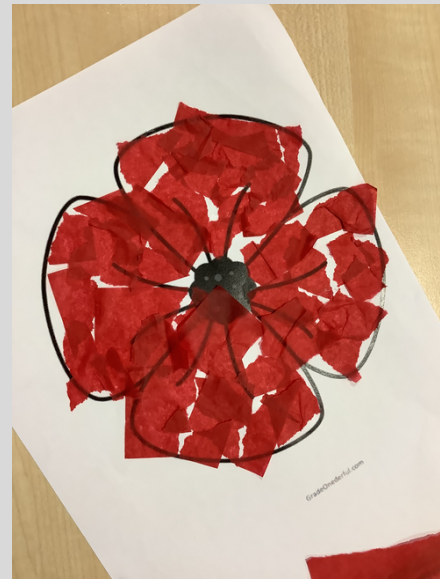
Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji  
Sixth Guru in the Sikh Faith

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## PRIMARY NEWS



The reception class made poppies to commemorate the soldiers who died in service for their country. The children learned about the poppy flower; the significance of the poppy symbol and that it represents war heroes.



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## PRIMARY NEWS



Last half-term in design and technology, the children in 3S worked extremely hard to create a beautiful, pitter-patter rainmaker. They used junk modelling materials to create their 3D art work. They used a selection of materials and different sizes of cartons, boxes and other materials. The project was linked to the topic of the jungle and the Amazon rainforest.

Fantastic work 3S.

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SECONDARY NEWS



Anshita asked if she could create a presentation on the uses, dangers and alternatives to single use plastics. From therein, Anshita showed excellence in her researching and ICT use, but also then requested, and was given permission to, deliver the presentation to our Primary pupils. This happened on Monday 6th November, to an enthralled room full of younger pupils. Anshita again shone with her excellent presentation skills, including her nurturing way in which she spoke to our KS1 pupils, and asked open questions to pupils in the room. She had even thought about how she would get constructive feedback from the pupils and staff in the room, in order to evaluate and improve. Congratulations and well done Anshita.



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## SECONDARY NEWS



Well done to 8V who organised a charity event for Human Appeal: Gaza. The students organised a Gol Guppa stand and brought in all their own ingredients and prepared everything themselves. 8V raised over £150. We are so proud of their organisation, leadership and compassion.

On Friday 10th we held our 2 minute silence for remembrance day. This was observed beautifully and respectfully by everyone in school within their classrooms. We have also been selling Remembrance Day articles such as poppies, during the week. There has been a large number of pupils helping with this over the week. In our photo are just two of our volunteers; Jasleen (8V) and Amrit (8E).



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## SECONDARY NEWS



### The Amazing Amrit

Through books I am birthed,  
because they are my treasured pearls.  
I need food to fuel,  
Otherwise, I'm as cruel as a mule.  
Wake me up with light,  
and I'll start to fight!  
My friends are better than the rest,  
but I am still the best.  
I love aloe vera juice,  
It always gives me a boost!  
If you see me laughing  
And I say, "I am fine," I won't be lying.  
"Slay the day away,"  
I'd always say.  
This is me! (Amrit R)

A sleek, silky creature of the sea,  
but not the sky,  
It loves to jump, but not to fly.  
They're turquoise and bright in every sight,  
they adore the light that shines so bright.  
They're very adept at doing nifty tricks,  
in the sea they are quick.  
These mammals make people smile,  
You should read this instead of a story of the Nile.

What is it?

Answer – A dolphin (Avjot K)

Students in three year 7 classes have been participating in a competition entitled 'This is Me!' They were encouraged to write a poem celebrating their gifts and talents. Alternatively they had to adopt the persona of an animal and to write a riddle poem. Ms Gabriel would like to congratulate students in year 7 for their amazing efforts in creating these poems.

### All About Me!

I am as fast as a lightning in Jordan Sneakers,  
I am a lover of Labradors.  
I am as kind as Ms Honey in 'Matilda.'  
My hair is a black diamond,  
My eyes are like brownies,  
They shine so bright in the night,  
This is me.  
  
(Precious O)

### My Favourite Animal

A mysterious monster of the jungle, but not the sea  
It has beautiful blue eyes and roams around free.  
Fast as a cheetah, as loud as a speaker,  
to catch prey. It's a very good seeker.  
Gray and white with a hint of black,  
It likes to travel in a pack.  
Their grey, thick fur helps them survive in the cold,  
It's best if they're not provoked.  
What is it?

Answer: Wolf (Jasmeen K)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Children In Need

The Sikh Doctors and Dentists Association (SDDA) is supporting BBC Children In Need on Friday 17th November 2023.

The SDDA are supporting this event by conducting a Kirtan programme at the Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Cross Roads, Coventry, CV6 5GR. This will be from 7pm onwards on Friday 17th November.

The Seva school family and Coventry community are welcome to attend and support this event.



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# INFORMATION



**DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?**

Get in touch with us if you would like to join our next SENDIASS Coffee Morning. Meet other parents in a similar situation. Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

**COFFEE MORNING**  
TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023  
(10AM -12PM)

**Venue: Metropolis Restaurant**  
Upstairs Community Room,  
Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RU

To book your place contact:  
SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)  
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: [lass@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:lass@coventry.gov.uk)

**NHS**  
Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership  
NHS Trust

## INJECTABLE FLU VACCINE

- The injectable flu vaccine does **NOT** contain Porcine Gelatine
- Suitable for vegetarians
- Suitable for egg allergies
- Protects your child, your family and your community

Complete consent form sent via your school and opt for Injectable Flu Vaccine. The team will then contact you to arrange the vaccination at your child's school.

OR

Book an appointment online via Swiftqueue website or scan QR code:  
<https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/userlogin.php>

Please Note: you may need to register if you do not already have an account

Coventry schools: Tel: 024 76 961422  
Email: [Rewise.Immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:Rewise.Immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

South Warwickshire schools: Tel: 01926 353899  
Email: [SOUTHIMMS@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:SOUTHIMMS@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

North Warwickshire schools Tel: 02476 321550  
Email: [NORTHIMMS@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:NORTHIMMS@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

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## SEVA STARS OF THE WEEK



### SERVICE

Mrs Clay nominated Anshita in year 8 for delivering an amazing presentation on single use plastic to primary pupils during assembly. Well done.



### EXCELLENCE

Mrs Romero nominated Hardit in year 11 for working hard in lessons and on homework. Well Done.



### VIRTUES

Mrs G Singh nominated Avneet in year 6 for consistently displaying the Seva virtues. Well Done.



### ASPIRATIONS

Mrs Romero nominated Arjun in year 11 for working extremely hard in lessons and on homework. Well done.

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**ATTENDANCE MATTERS****Attendance Teddy's Message**

Congratulations to year 4 for the highest attendance this week.

**Medical Appointments**

If your child has a medical appointment, please make sure you inform the school as soon as you get the appointment / 24 hrs in advance. You must also provide the school with a letter / appointment slip of the appointment.

**Holidays**

Holidays must not be booked during term time. Term-time holidays will not be authorised and you will be subject to a fine. Holidays must only be booked to coincide with school holidays. The dates of these can be found on the school website under the publications tab.

**Absence**

If your child is absent from school due to illness, you must inform the school by 08:30am. You must call and leave a message on the absence line (option 1) or email [s.alcock@seva.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:s.alcock@seva.coventry.sch.uk) clearly stating the pupil's name, year/class and a detailed reason for the absence. Reason of 'not well' is not acceptable.

Thank you.



CELEBRATING BEST  
ATTENDANCE FOR ALL  
YEAR GROUPS

16th - 20th OCTOBER

YEAR	%
RS	75.20
1	87.40
2	94.30
3	89.00
4	95.30
5	91.00
6	91.00
7	85.80
8	94.40
9	89.30
10	90.90
11	86.90
Weeks Average for Whole School	89.20