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Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic term we have had! It has been very busy with lots of exciting visits and events that the children have enjoyed which you can read about in this newsletter.

It has also been wonderful to see how well the children have been learning and the progress they have made both in their lessons and in their behaviour.

Please do try to make time over the holidays to visit The Curve in Slough, they have a huge range of books and plenty of extra curricular activities all of which enhance your child's learning.

We hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday and a very Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you and the pupils on Thursday 4th January 2018 at the normal time.

Kind regards

Ms A Probert  
Executive Principal



**E-Safety**

Please ensure that you monitor your child when they are on the internet, social media has become a platform for cyber bullying. Children can be very vulnerable when they are on the different internet sites.

**'Tuesday Tuition'**

Well done to all those pupils who attended each week for 'Tuesday Tuition'. It has been a positive experience for all. New groups will start later in January 2018.

**'Welcome Wednesdays'**

A reminder: that you are most welcome to join your child in lessons on Wednesdays. . If you would like to join us please contact Reception.

**Learning Champions**

Congratulations to our Autumn Term 'Learning Champions'!! At the end of each term, each teacher chooses two pupils, a boy and a girl, as 'Learning Champions' for their class. These pupils are chosen for demonstrating excellent learning behaviours, having a focused and determined attitude towards learning and working hard, always giving their best. The pupils receive a certificate, a rosette, a 'Learning Champion' badge and a special gold tie to wear so others can recognise their efforts. Our Learning Champions for Autumn 2017 are:



3W	Harmanjot Burn	Ariba Sajid
3E	Abdullah Qazi	Alize Faheem
3B	Dylan Sandhu	Hiba Amin
3A	Daniyal Khan	Taranpreet Kaur
4C	Naweed Jabarkhel	Ana Aslam
4N	Prabhupkar Singh	Jannat Ali
4E	Abu-Bakr Khan	Gursimran Gill
4H	Abdulla Rizan	Aisha Ghazanfar
5T	Abdullah Yusuf	Eiliya Iqbal
5H	Aadam Ahmed	Linh Dang
5R	Fahad Khurram	Suela Ademi
5C	Hashim Mehmood	Farhana Khan
6C	Deen Vassi	Aleena Chaudhry
6M	Eissah Ali	Razaan Ansari
6K	Adnaan Mohideen	Jasleen Johar
6Y	Delawar Shamin	Kira Boghani

let it snow

### Let it Snow!

Christmas Celebrations were off to a flying start when some of the Senior Citizens of our community joined us for a lovely party in the school hall. The School Council, chaired by Humzah Yousuf 5C, had been carefully preparing a warm welcome for senior family members of Godolphin pupils and they were on hand to help provide refreshments and to ensure that everyone had a lovely time. Entertainment was provided by the school choir, led by our music specialist Miss Cale. The children sang beautifully and their repertoire included traditional carols and popular Christmas favourites such as *White Christmas* and *Let it Snow*. One delighted grandparent said that the whole experience had been enjoyable and that it made her feel really valued. Mrs Tudor said that it was such a pleasure seeing the generations

chatting together, pulling crackers and enjoying each other's company. There was lots of eager anticipation as raffle tickets were drawn by our Head Boy, Farhaan Iqbal, and all the guests left with a parting gift.

Well done to everyone who helped to make this annual event a success and a big thank you to our senior citizens for joining us for a lovely afternoon.



### News from Year 3

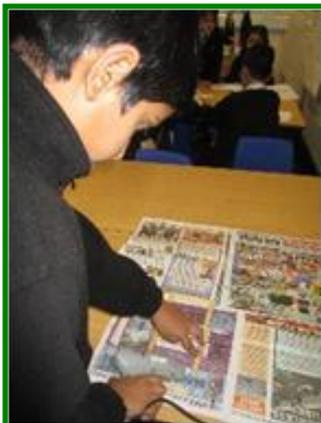
During this term Year 3 have enjoyed designing and evaluating photograph frames during their D&T lessons. The children enjoyed looking at different frames and evaluating which materials were best for frames and which ones were visually appealing.

They then designed their own frames. The children had the opportunity to measure, saw and glue their frame together and to decorate it using a range of art materials.

We hope you enjoy displaying the frames at home!

Happy Holidays!

Year 3 Team



### Year 6 Visit the Theatre

On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 had the privilege of watching *The Lion King*, at the Lyceum Theatre, London. The children absolutely loved this opportunity. They were blown away by the breath taking visuals, fantastic costumes and back drops.

The children enjoyed watching performers leap over the stage like gazelles with antelope puppets on their arms and watching actors on giant stilts, to make impressive giraffes.

It was an experience that many said they would never forget and thoroughly enjoyed singing along to all their favourite songs. As a bonus, the pupils were able to enjoy the Christmas lights, as the coach travelled into London.

What a fantastic trip and I am sure the pupils will remember this experience for life!

Thank you to all the parents and carers for accommodating the late pick up and allowing your children to have this wonderful experience.

Have a fantastic Christmas!

Year 6 Team



## Year 4 visit the Gurdwara

At the start of this half term, Year 4 visited the Gurdwara on Woodlands Avenue, Slough. We began our adventure by walking through the park and we knew we were there when we caught sight of the first sign of a Gurdwara, the Nishan Sahib (orange Sikh flag) flying in the brisk air.

As we approached the gates we noticed the next clue on the gate which was a Khanda (the Sikh symbol).

We gathered around the Nishan Sahib and Mrs Kalarai explained a lot about the features. We learnt that it is actually a saffron colour, not orange, and is washed once every year and replaced. Before entering the Gurdwara we covered our heads with a scarf and then when inside took off our shoes.

Inside was extremely peaceful and tranquil as we made our way upstairs to the main hall. Ishmeet showed us how to show respect by bowing in front of the amazing temple like structure under which sat the Holy book – the Guru Granth Sahib. It was covered in a beautiful cloth. We sat on the floor and listened to Mrs Kalarai who explained the different features that we could see. She was very impressed with how much we already knew!

After that, the priests sang a hymn and played the Indian musical instruments which looked like a piano crossed with an accordion and two drums which are played with the hands. During this we thought about how it made us feel and which picture it created in our minds. We all agreed that it made us feel like we were floating, very relaxed and created calming pictures in our mind.

At lunch time we went down to the langar hall and had chips and beans or our own vegan sandwiches and snacks. We were served the food so that it stayed pure and when we had finished there were volunteers who washed the plates ready for the next day.

We finished our visit by doing some sketching of inside the Gurdwara. Visiting the Gurdwara really enhanced and brought to life our learning in class.



## Year 5 Visit Windsor Castle

“Is she here?” The eager Year 5 pupils asked as they walked up the hill towards the castle on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November on their visit to Windsor Castle. Although the Queen wasn't in the castle on both days; they knew that as the Union flag was up, the children were not disheartened and made the most of the day.

My day at the Castle by Harleen Kaur:

Windsor Castle is the oldest inhabited castle and has been the favourite residence of many British kings and Queens since it was built in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. We visited the State Apartments, Queen Mary's Doll house and St Georges Chapel.

Firstly, we saw St George's gate. Through the gate we could see the statue of St George slaying the dragon. While we were walking we noticed some slits in the wall. They were used to defend the castle. When you shoot the enemy, you can see them clearly, however they can barely see you. We found out they were called arrow-slits. From the Norman gate we reached the promenade and from here we had an amazing view of Windsor. We could also see the Mars factory. We then went to Queen Mary's dolls house. We felt we had entered a magical place. The doll's house had everything like a real house but smaller. The objects were kept behind a glass frame as they are very valuable. It was dark inside as the lights were turned off so the items in the house could be shown well. There were many rooms.

Later we went to St George's Chapel which is basically a church. Everyone had to be quiet as it is a place of worship. This time we had audio guides which helped us to be more familiar with the place. The windows were designed in gothic style. They made the chapel very vivid and vibrant. The fan styled ceiling looked very mystical. The church is the religious home of the Knights of Garter- the highest order of chivalry.



Pictured above is a Coat of Arm designed by Suleman Khan in year 5 inspired by what was seen at Windsor Castle.



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continued support.

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**Dates for Your Diary**

19th December 2017	End of Term school finishes at 1.30pm
3rd January 2018	INSET DAY
4th January 2018	Start of Spring Term
9th February 2018	INSET DAY– End of Spring Half Term 1
19th February 2018	Start of Spring Term 2

**Attendance and Punctuality:**

This term we have issued **3** fines for unauthorised absence for a period of 5 days or more. We are also very concerned about how many pupils are arriving late into school.

We closely monitor punctuality and if we have concerns we will be arranging a meeting to discuss this with you.

Please make every effort to arrange appointments outside of school hours or in the holidays. If this is unavoidable, please note that appointment cards will need to be seen for the child's appointment during school time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Well done to 3B, 3W, 4E, 4C, 5R, 5H, 6K and 6Y who have all achieved 100% attendance at least once this term.

Week Ending	04/11/17	11/11/17	18/11/17	25/11/17	02/12/17	09/12/17
3B	99.3	100	97.1	100	97	97.4
3A	98	97.2	98.4	97.2	96.8	96.4
3E	99.2	94.8	98.4	96.4	93.6	90.8
3W	97.4	100	100	97.8	97.4	94.8
4E	96.8	100	98.4	97.7	99.7	98.7
4N	98	98	99	97.3	96	92.1
4C	97.3	100	100	99	96	95.3
4H	96.4	99.3	98.6	96.2	97.9	96.2
5T	98	99	98	94.3	98.7	95
5R	98.7	99.3	96.7	100	98	96.7
5H	100	96.7	98.7	94.3	93.7	99
5C	96.7	99.3	97.9	99.3	96	95.7
6M	99.3	99.3	98.1	97.7	97.1	93.9
6K	98.7	99.3	100	95.2	97.2	96.9
6Y	100	99.3	98.7	98.7	100	88
6C	90.7	88.3	93	91.7	99.3	98

**News from the Sports Coaches:**

**Basketball**

Congratulations to the Y6 Basketball team. The team (pictured below) finished as runners up at The HASBRO Basketball competition held at Langley College on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The team competed against several schools from across Slough, eventually finishing in 2nd place behind winners Iqra School. Special Mention goes to Abhijeet Singh who won an individual award for the sportsmanship he displayed throughout the competition.



**Football**

The Y3&4 and Y5&6 boys Football teams have played several matches recently against local schools. Most recently the Y3&4 team narrowly lost 2-1 to Pennwood Primary school. Despite a very brave performance the Y5&6 team lost 3-0 to a strong Pennwood side. Well done to all the children involved and league matches will continue after the Christmas break.



**Boccia**

Congratulations to the Boccia team. The team finished as runners up at the annual Slough Schools Boccia. Swera Khan, Usman Hussain and Tyler Gill took part in several games against schools from across Slough, competing with determination and pride, eventually finishing as runners up.

