

# Newsletter

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### Dear Parents/Carers

We have all enjoyed a busy term with plenty of learning, visits and competitions which you can read about in this newsletter.

Thank you for your support this term in attending school events and assemblies, it is lovely to be able to **share with you the children's** achievements and successes.

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 restful and safe holiday and for those of you who are celebrating, a Happy Easter and a Happy Baisaikhi.

We look forward to seeing you and the pupils on Monday 16th April 2018 at the normal time.

Kind regards

Ms A Probert  
Executive Principal



Please note that the summer term will now end on:  
Monday 23rd July 2018 at 1.30pm

### 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'

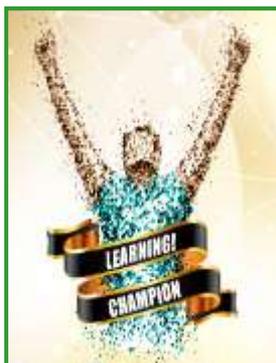
Well done to all those pupils who attended each week for **'Tuesday Tuition'** and a special **'well done'** to those **Y6** pupils who have attended Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday tuition as well! Your hard work will be worth it.

### '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 Spring 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 Spring 2018 are:



CLASS	BOY	GIRL
3W	Dilraj Singh	Mahnoor Ahmad
3E	Rodrigo Esperanca Singh	Zahra Hussain
3B	Sultan Chattha	Fatima Butt
3A	Roo Dutta	Kaia Hall
4C	Shezad Hamid	Victoria Swider
4N	Moosa Ali	Saffah Abbassi
4E	Yahya Arif	Zuzanna Hesok
4H	Ishraj Sahota	Julia Hesok
5T	Hamza Hussain	Sara Hussain
5H	Suleman Khan	Amita Jit
5R	Abdullah Hussain	Nuha Khan
5C	Ibrahim Wasim	Kiran Shah
6C	Mohammed Faizaan Rasool	Aanchal Jit
6M	Mahesh Mehra	Aamina Rizan
6K	Ali Hassan	Maliha Waseem
6Y	Narvir Mann	Nicole Singh

# Science Day

Healthy Living Science Day 2018

The Godolphin Junior Academy, in collaboration with Montem Academy definitely packed a punch for the first ever celebration of Science together on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

If you were unable to attend then you missed a day jam-packed with experiments where we exchanged some of our pupils with Montem and all the children had an amazing day.

Year 3 entranced parents with their experiments that were linked to how our lungs work, what effect using our muscles has on the body, what food we need and finally, just how much sugar is healthy?

Whereas Year 4 completed an experiment on how our bodies digest food and what is left at the end! Busy Bees was the theme in Year 5 who investigated the importance of bees and even built a bee hotel to help our little furry friends.

**Food was definitely Year 6's focus. They were busy investigating the factors needed to grow mould, how much grease a packet of crisps contained and the devastating impact of sugar on our teeth – but using egg shells instead - and all the parents who attended loved it!**

All the children had a super amazing time and their engaged faces all reflected their enthusiasm for the most awesome subject in the universe!

TGJA onwards and upwards; the home of Science!



## News from Year 3

### What do plants need?

During the Spring Term Year 3 have been investigating what plants need to grow. The children carried out an exploring and observing investigation so they could see what happens to plants in different conditions. The classes explored three different questions: What happens if a plant has no water? Can a plant grow in the dark? If a plant has no heat, will it still grow?

The children observed the plants carefully over the following week and recorded their results noting down anything that had changed or happened. After the investigation the children looked at their results and could identify that plants need water, light and heat in order to grow well, as well as air and room to grow.



Observation	Conclusion
Plant in dark	Plant died
Plant with no water	Plant died
Plant with no heat	Plant died

### Binca

The children in Year 3 have been learning to sew in their design and technology lessons. The children have used a fabric called Binca and have learnt different stitches such as running stitch and cross stitch. They enjoyed learning to thread the needles and practising the different stitches. Once they were confident with the sewing they created their own designs which they then sewed onto the Binca material. The children created some colourful, detailed finished pieces.



## News in Year 5

### Moving Toys

Year 5 have been designing and making moving toys.

The moving toy uses a cam mechanism which converts a rotary movement into a linear movement. In groups, children considered the theme and audience for their toys. There were various themes featured, such as Jack-in-the-boxes, birthdays, jungles and Easter. Using the skills that they developed over the previous years, the children were able to measure accurately, saw and use glue guns to create their own masterpieces!





## Year 4 – Viking man

### The day that Peter the Merciless visited!

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Year 4 had a special visitor. His name was Peter, Peter the Merciless! He was a very old Viking man who had come to

help us experience life as a Viking.

We started by listening to some Viking stories and during this time some of us dressed up in authentic costume as Viking people from different

members of society.

Peter the Merciless showed us some really dangerous weapons that the Vikings will have used, how they would have used them and the reasons for using them! These were on the dangerous table which we were not allowed to go near. Phew! It included swords, spears, daggers, brooches with sharp pins, tools and of course a full sized battle axe.

Then we were split into groups and set off to one of the exciting tables around the hall to explore what Viking life would have been like.

**There was a children's toys table** – not quite play-stations and roller-blades but hoop and stick, wooden spinning tops and quoits. We got to play with them and tried to beat our own personal best attempts.

The writing table gave us the opportunity to use a feather quill and ink to write our names – that was tricky. We loved to look at the jewellery, especially the

semi-precious stones in the rings and many of us tried them on.

On the weaving table we spun some wool using the spinning stick and created strings of wool that would then be used to

make woolly jumpers! It was harder than it looked.

There was a table where we were able to do rubbings of some fine wooden carvings – the best from each class won a small prize for doing the best one! Well done to Ana, Meesam, Zuzanna and Ramneet for the most careful and best looking rubbings.

The last table had an assortment of helmets, gauntlet gloves, drinking glasses, musical instruments, a huge horn trumpet and

even had a real piece of wild boar skin – toenails and all!

The noisiest part of all was striking a silver Viking coin. We placed a plain silver disc into the authentic metal tube, put it on the metal die and then Peter the Merciless banged it with a hammer. When we took the coin out it had an image printed on there - in the Viking times you could have brought fifteen chickens with it!

**We really enjoyed our Viking experience and can't wait for the next historical adventure!**



## Sport Relief



A super 'thank you' for supporting our Sport Relief fundraising event last Friday.

Because of you and your children, we managed to raise £220. A good day was had by all:

- each child took part in adding to the Sport Relief goal of achieving a Billion Steps (Phew!),
- each class ran a mile,
- all took part in football challenges,
- we shared our Super Moves during the lunch time Disco,
- many made generous donations.

To give you an insight to the good work you are supporting, we attach an interactive story called 'Meet Precious'. This tells you about the positive affect that Sport Relief has on children's lives around the world.

Link: <https://precious.sportrelief.com/meet-precious?ga=2.266147023.1570098522.1520972250-590895914.1520972250#126166>

Thank you a Billion!  
The Charity Champions.



## News from Year 6

Year 6 had the privilege of enjoying a fully guided tour of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir; popularly known as the Neasden Mandir. Although often described as a sanctuary of vibrant Hindu worship in north-west London, it welcomes all, as our Year 6 experienced.

**Visiting the Mandir and the 'Understanding Hinduism' exhibition was simply - magic!** The expression of pure admiration on the face of EVERY child who had the pleasure of attending was a joy to behold!

On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Year 6 had the delight of being shown around Mandir. In fact the children were so flabbergasted that Amir Yahya, 6K, stated just what everyone was feeling: **"I just don't know where to look! Everywhere is awesome!"**

Situated in London, Neasden Mandir is a masterpiece of traditional Hindu design and exquisite workmanship that rises serenely amid London's iconic skyline. Using 5,000 tonnes of Italian Carrara and Indian Ambaji marble and the finest Bulgarian limestone, it was hand-carved in India before being assembled in London in 1993. Our children were astonished to learn that it was all crafted and assembled entirely by volunteers.

**It was deemed to be an experience 'not to be missed!'** Each child was really appreciative of the significance of the place and hence were respectful at all times. It was an experience that they will cherish for a lifetime. It is for this reason that we ensure that all our children visit places of worship for all the main religions – **the value of those magical memories will help generate and power each child's tolerance and respect for others.** They will harbour an inspirational day that will last a lifetime!



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Thank you for your continued support.

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*Dates for Your Diary*

29th March 2018	End of Term school finishes at 1.30pm
16th April 2018	Start of Summer Term 1
7th May 2018	May Bank Holiday– School is closed
25th May 2018	End of Summer Half Term 1
4th June 2018	Start of Summer Term 2
23rd July 2018	End of Summer Term 2 school closes at 1.30pm

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 5T and 6Y who have achieved 100% attendance at least once this term.

Week Ending	23/02/18	02/03/18	09/03/18	16/03/18	23/03/18
3B	98.2%	93.5%	97.4%	97.8%	99.20%
3A	94.2%	91.7%	94.4%	98.2%	95.90%
3E	97.6%	95.0%	98.4%	96.0%	95.20%
3W	94.8%	97.0%	98.5%	99.3%	94.80%
4E	99.7%	87.9%	95.5%	96.4%	94.20%
4N	97.7%	80.8%	98.0%	97.3%	91.10%
4C	95.7%	95.0%	95.0%	97.7%	96.30%
4H	96.7%	86.7%	97.7%	97.3%	99.30%
5T	94.7%	88.8%	96.0%	97.0%	100%
5R	92.3%	90.8%	97.7%	98.7%	96.70%
5H	96.7%	90.0%	94.3%	89.0%	90%
5C	97.0%	90.0%	96.0%	98.3%	99.30%
6M	94.5%	92.7%	99.7%	97.7%	88.10%
6K	95.9%	93.1%	98.6%	96.9%	96.60%
6Y	98.3%	93.3%	98.3%	98.7%	100%
6C	96.3%	89.2%	96.7%	92.6%	95%

News from the Sports Coaches:

We have had a busy sporting term with a high number of pupils participating in a range of competitions. Well done to all the children who participated.

Y3&4 and Y5&6 Tag Rugby

Well done to the Y3&4 and Y5&6 Tag Rugby team. The team attended the annual Slough primary school festival held at Slough Rugby Club. The competition format is now non competitive so despite playing several matches against many schools points are not collected or tallied. All the children involved played well and worked as a team, in some very cold and windy conditions.



Federation Cross Country

The Y5&6 Cross Country Squad attended the annual Park Federation Cross Country competition, at Lake Farm Academy. The team (consisting of seven girls and seven boys from years 5&6) racing against fifty other children, were required to run a distance of 2 km. All of the children that raced, displayed grit and determination through-out a very challenging race.

Well done to team GJA, eventually finishing in 5th place.

A special mention goes to Junior Jonski and Doua Sleman who both managed to finish within the top ten children.



**Federation Girl's**

Netball

The Girls Netball team competed in the annual Park Federation **Girl's Netball competition**, at James Elliman School. The team (consisting of seven girls from years 5&6) eventually finished in 5th place. Well done to our team and congratulations to the winners Western House Academy.

Hi 5 Mixed Netball

The mixed netball teams competed against in the annual Slough Primary Schools Hi5 Netball competition, at Langley Grammar School. GJA Team B finished in third place in a very strong group, facing Montem, Penn-wood and Purlant Park Schools. GJA Team A topped the group after beating **Holy Family, St Anthony's** and Priory. GJA Team A eventually lost out to Federation rivals and eventual winners Montem Academy in the semi finals. Congratulations to all the children that participated.

