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Happy Diwali

In the Key Stage 2 assembly yesterday, Mithulan (Year 6) led a wonderful presentation all about Diwali – the Hindu **Festival of Light**. He explained clearly what the festival celebrates, how he and his family mark the occasion, and why it holds such special meaning for them.



Mithulan spoke with great confidence and knowledge, and he expertly answered thoughtful questions from the audience.

A big thank you also to **Aadam** (Year 6), who conducted a brilliant interview with Mithulan and helped the whole school learn more about this important celebration.

Happy Diwali

“Learning about Diwali helps us understand about people around the world—their beliefs and cultures.”

“I was nervous beforehand but really pleased that others can learn about my religion.”

“Diwali is Light and Joy” (Mithulan)

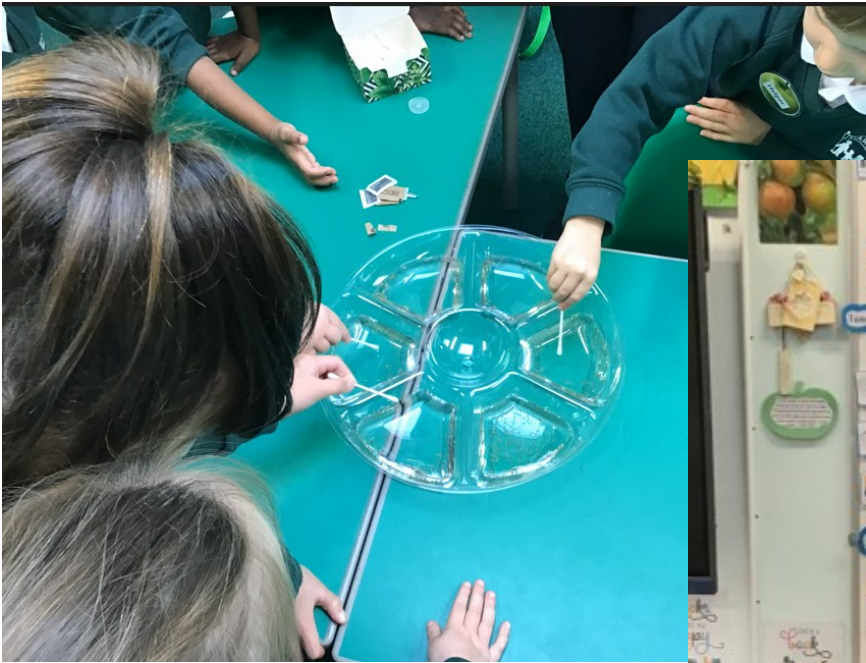


“It is really important young people know about other cultures because when they grow up they will meet lots of other people with different backgrounds.” (Aadam)

Hand Hygiene

Apple and Cherry were very excited to welcome Mrs Gyorgy (mother of Robi in Palm) to talk to us about hand hygiene. The children got to explore the UV light to practise super hand washing and then conduct an experiment to see how soap repels germs!

Many thanks for educating the children, Mrs Gyorgy!



Consistently Kind

With kindness being an important part of what we are at Harlands, it was really lovely to celebrate with all the children in Years 1 and 2 who have displayed consistent kindness in this part of the school term.





Tinga Tinga Tales

Year 6 have been writing their own Tinga Tinga tales and were delighted to share



them with the children in Apple and Cherry today.



Forest School Exploration

Our Forest School Club has been a real highlight for many of our younger children this term. They have loved spending time outdoors — exploring the woodland area, building dens, discovering minibeasts, and caring for nature.



Forest School Exploration

The children show great enthusiasm and teamwork as they learn new skills, work together on creative projects (including mud swamps!), and enjoy the freedom of learning in the fresh air.



It's wonderful to see their confidence grow as they connect with the natural world and with each other.



(They all also enjoy the jam sandwiches!)

Member of Parliament visit

Today we were delighted to welcome our local Member of Parliament,

Alison Bennett, to our school.

After enjoying a tour of the school grounds, Alison met with members of our debating team who represented the school in last week's competition.



Finley, Larry and Edward (Year 6) did a fantastic job explaining how the debating competition worked and then asked Alison some thoughtful and insightful questions about her role as an MP. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to learn more about democracy and public service in action.

Big Green Books 500 Club

We would like to thank Big Green Books, and the parent who kindly nominated us, for the lovely donation of books of our choice for the school.



Some of the children enjoyed looking at them earlier today.

Cricket Success

In assembly, a group of our talented girls spoke about their amazing achievement in being selected to play cricket for Sussex.



Each of them spoke passionately about the positions they most enjoy, whether it's opening the batting or bowling fast deliveries. Their dedication and enthusiasm for the sport was truly inspiring, encouraging everyone to see what can be achieved through practice, perseverance, and a love of the game.

Well done Felicity, Ayla, Ruby, Chloe and Millie.

Special Cake Sale



A group of children from Year 6 are organising a special cake sale after school on Tuesday, 4 November to help raise funds for the PTA. Please come ready to support them!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are delighted to support the Annual Poppy Appeal.

A collecting tin and poppies will be available in the School Office after half-term if children

would like to bring in a suitable donation.

(Please note, for safety reasons we will not be supplying pins with the poppies, but they can easily be tucked into the buttons on the children's pique tops instead.)



Road Safety: “Wait” and “Safe to cross”

In assemblies this week, children were reminded about the importance of listening carefully to our crossing patrol officer.

They were told to “**WAIT**” until the officer is safely in the middle of the road and confirms that it is “**SAFE TO CROSS.**”



Thank you to all parents and carers for helping to reinforce this important safety message.

Half-term Reminders

Please could we ask everyone to use the half-term break to check that they have the **school uniform that belongs to your child**, and that everything is named. We have a lot of children who are missing named items, but they are not turning up in lost property, despite the mounting pile being checked by adults.

Please also can parents/carers ensure that all children have a **coat in school EVERY day** as they will go out to play unless it is extremely windy/there is a thunderstorm.

Please can parents/carers also make sure that **PE kit** is in school on the appropriate days for your child's class.

Diary Dates

Friday, 24 October

Monday, 27 –Friday, 31 October

Monday, 3 November

Tuesday, 13 November

Week begin 17 November

Tuesday, 25 November

Wednesday, 26 November

Friday, 28 November

Friday, 19 December

Monday, 22 Dec— Friday, 2 January

Monday, 5 January

INSET Day

Half term

INSET Day

Y5 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Y6 Bikeability

Y3 visit to Brighton Museum

School Photographer (individual & family groups)

Y6 Life in Ancient Egypt Day

INSET Day

Christmas Holiday

INSET Day

Payment reminders:

Year 5 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace—now **overdue**

Y3 visit to Brighton and Y6 Life in Ancient Egypt Day **both due by 3 November**



SAVE THE DATE FOR HARLANDS WINTER FAIR - FRI 5 DECEMBER

We're so pleased to share that volunteers have come forward to run a Winter Fair and the first ever Harlands Light Trail this festive season!

Please put **Friday 5 Dec 5 pm - 7.30 pm** in your diary for a fun-filled evening!

Stalls include games, tombola, Elfridges children's gifts, Flower Pots, Xmas jumpers, hot dogs, bar, mulled wine, mince pies, sweets and hot chocolate. As well as a beautiful candlelit winter light trail!

******Lots of volunteers will be needed to set up, clear up and run stalls. Volunteer sign ups will be shared soon - please help out to make this a lovely evening for all the children and Harlands families.******

Donation requests: will be shared soon, but, some of the items needed are:

- Glass jam jars
- Outdoor fairy lights (lots of these will be required!)
- Tombola prizes (good condition second hand toys, wine, gifts)
- Elfridges gifts (books, creams, small items of clothing, wrapping paper, ribbon)
- Filled pots and pre-loved Xmas jumpers

Calling All Elves!

[Sign up here](#) to be a Harlands elf and spread some festive magic on Wednesday 17 Dec. Elves will dress up, decorate the hall, help wiping tables and even telling a few jokes to the kids while Go Catering serve a lovely festive lunch.

Thank you to year 6 for hosting the sale last Friday, and to all who supported it- you helped raise a fabulous £380.18 for the PTA!

A 'Theme Day' costume sale also took place on Friday afternoon alongside the cake sale. Thank you to Jo Horne for managing the donated costumes and hosting the sale, which raised £81! All profits from PTA fundraisers go directly to the school to fund equipment and experiences. Thank you for your ongoing support.