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TOGETHER WE SHINE!

Its official! Khalsa Primary School is a Good school with outstanding aspects. There have been significant improvements since the previous inspection in teaching and pupils outcomes. Leaders have been carrying out regular checks on quality of teaching and learning. Pupils feel safe in the school, their excellent behavior and enthusiasm help ensure a positive working environment where staff and pupils demonstrate and high level of mutual respect. Pupils spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is excellent and contributes significantly to pupils enjoyment of school. SGSSS is grateful to the staff, parents and Governors who contributed to this success. The headteacher was given a Siropa at Havelock Road on Sunday 22nd of July.

KIRTAN COMPETITION AT SGSSS

SGSSS held its own first ever Kirtan, Speech & Poetry competition, organised by sevadars Mrs Jaswant Kaur Bola & Mrs Guneet Kaur Matta. The event attracted over 150 children aged from 7 to 21 years old. The participants attend from as far as Cardiff and Gravesend. The competition was split into 3 categories, with: Kirtan assessed by Judges, Gurbux Singh, Baldev Singh Naar, and Professor Gurmeet Singh. Poetry judged by; Sathi Ludhianvi, Gurnam Singh Grewal, and Birinder Singh Kharbanda. Speeches judges by Gurvinder Singh and Surinder Singh Purewal. The competition was very successful, and Sri Guru Singh Sabha Southall will be organising the Kirtan Competition on a yearly basis. The event would not be possible without the help and cooperation of par-

ents, organisers, teachers and the Gurdwara Committee. Sardar Sital Singh Ji Sitara was awarded a life time achievement award for his selfless Seva in kirtan.



COINS OF THE SIKH RAJ EXHIBITION

NSYF Sevadars held a second talk on the Sikh Raj at Havelock Road library. The exhibition houses several coins minted in the time of Maharaj Ranjit Singh, and is displayed on the balcony of Havelock Road Gurdwara.



There was a special talk from Bhai Bachittar Singh of the NSYF which covered the establishment and governance of the Sovereign Khalsa territory.

REMEMBRANCE OF SHAHEEDS SINGHS

SRI AKHAND PAATH SAHIB BARSII SHAHEEDS OF THE KHALSA PANTH



On the 29th of July and Akhand Path Sahib was held in memory of the Shaheeds of the 80s and 90s. The great souls of General Labh Singh, Jatehdar Avtar Singh Brahma, Jathedar Sukhdev Singh Babbar, Mohinder Singh Toronto and Bhai Gurjant Singh Budhsingwala laid down their lives in the fight for justice and against tyranny.

ANAND KARAJ COURSE

The second Anand Karaj course was held at Havelock Road by Giani Sukhjeevan Singh from Sikh 2 Inspire. The course held in English is an opportunity for those getting married or already married to understand the Gurmat perspective of marriage. Another course will be held later on in the year.



BASICS OF SIKHI SIMRAN JAAP



In memory of Bhai Jagraj Singh, who started Basics of Sikhi, a week long Simran Jaap took place every evening at Park Avenue Gurdwara. Sangat from far and wide attended throughout the week. Every Sunday evening Basics of Sikhi Sevadars hold Katha in English at Park Avenue.

SGSSS FINANCE MEETING



In the interest of increasing transparency and openness the Treasurer and General Secretary held 2018's first finance session. It was an opportunity for the Sangat to look through the financial accounts, check any receipts and invoices. Sangat attended and gave useful views, ideas and suggestions. These sessions will be held more frequently going forward, keep an eye out on the notice boards and facebook page for details. The Sangat it always welcome to email or meet the Treasurer/General Secretary to discuss any questions of concerns they may have.

CRIMINALISING SIKH DECENT TALK

The Sevadars of NSYF released the report titled Criminalizing Sikh Dissent, which gives a detailed and researched insight into the 65 Sikh detained in the last 14 months. The event held at Norwood Hall was attended by over 20 visitors on the 28th of July.

HOME OFFICE SECURITY EVENT



SGSSS hosted an event by the Home Office attended by various Gurdwaras and Mandirs from around West London. The Home Office is providing funding to religious buildings to increase security measures.

SACA CHARITY BIKE RIDE



Sri Guru Singh Sabha Southall are proud to be supporting the SACA Birmingham to London Charity Bike Ride in aid of Birmingham Children's hospitals critical journeys appeal. SGSSS has been supporting the ride since 1984.

ATAM PARGAS LECTURE



Dr Varinderpal Singh from Department of Soil Science, Punjab Agricultural University and who has now moved to Cambridge University gave an educational lecture today on the Atam Pargas project. The project is aimed at promoting the learning of the Gurmukhi script. Punjabi school teaches from across West London attended the insightful event.

FOOD WASTE AT PARK AVENUE

In an aim to cut costs and waste being sent to landfill, Park Avenue Gurdwara now has dedicated food waste bins. The weekly collection ensures the food is disposed of at a local Anaerobic Digestion facility. It gets converted into renewable energy.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- SGSSS Sikhi Camp 30th July – 3rd August
- Gurburab Sri Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji Maharaaj 6th August
- Barsi Bhagat Puran Singh at Park Avenue from 03/08 to 05/08



- Sampoornta Diwas Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Maharaaj 7th August
- Morcha Guru Kaa Baagh (Sri Amritsar) 8th August
- Shaheedi Bhai Dilawar Singh 31st August
- Pehla Parkaash Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Maharaaj 10th September
- Nagar Kirtan (Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaaj Gurburab) - Sunday 18th November 2018

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