



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Values for the School Year (2023/2024): Mutual Respect, Kindness and Belonging.

Important Religious Festivals of Easter (Christianity), Eid (Islam), Holi (Hinduism) and Vaisakhi (Sikhism).

It has been a busy and successful term, and we have thoroughly enjoyed our first term as Co-Principals. We hope that your child/children have shared with you some of the exciting things they have been learning about and experienced in school this term.

The children in Year 2 and Year 6 have enjoyed their visits to St John's Church recently, where they learnt more about Christians' beliefs and why Easter is an important time for Christians. They were also fascinated by the history of the building and the interesting stories of people who used the church in the past. We are looking forward to developing a programme of visits to other local places of worship in the coming year, as this is a fantastic way to learn more about other people's beliefs and faiths.

We know that on the 25th March, many of our families will have enjoyed celebrating Holi, and during the holidays, many of our families will soon be celebrating Easter, Eid, Holi or Vaisakhi.

As part of their Religious Education curriculum, our pupils have an opportunity to share their Beliefs and Values. It is very important to us that our children are able to share their own personal life experiences as it is an important part of their identity. The more we understand about each other the more we build understanding among a community and the more our children feel they belong at school. It is important to us that each child feels special for who they are, and that includes their chosen faith or their choice not to follow a faith.

If any pupil would like to talk about their Easter, Eid, Holi or Vaisakhi celebration then we would enjoy hearing them talk about their experiences and it would help us to learn about different faiths. In April, class teachers will devote time for the children to share their news: please see the table below for your child's sharing time. If your child would like to take part could you please talk with them about what they might say. For our younger pupils this may be a few sentences. For our older pupils they might choose to write something. We also welcome photographs of this special occasion. However, we are keen that this does not feel like an extra job for children (or parents!) to do after a wonderful celebration. Pupils are only encouraged to share if this is something they would like to do.



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Class - Teacher's Name	Sharing Time - Beliefs and Values
Nursery - Ms Sheldon	Monday morning and afternoon- 15th April 2024
Reception A	Friday afternoon - 19th April 2024
Reception H	Friday afternoon - 19th April 2024
Reception M	Friday afternoon - 19th April 2024
Class 1A	Friday afternoon - 19th April 2024
Class 1D	Friday afternoon - 19th April 2024
Class 1F	Friday afternoon - 19th April 2024
Class 2D	Monday morning- 15th April 2024
Class 2A	Monday morning 15th April 2024
Class 2L	Friday afternoon - 19th April 2024
Class 3H	Thursday afternoon - 18th April 2024
Class 3J	Thursday afternoon - 18th April 2024
Class 3P	Thursday afternoon - 18th April 2024
Class 4P	Friday afternoon- 19th April 2024
Class 4A	Friday afternoon- 19th April 2024
Class 4RB	Friday afternoon- 19th April 2024
Class 5J	Tuesday 16th April - afternoon
Class 5M	Tuesday 16th April - morning
Class 5S	Tuesday 16th April morning
Class 6B	Wednesday 17th April - Afternoon
Class 6C	Tuesday 16th April - Afternoon
Class 6J	Friday 19th April- Morning

From the data that parents/carers have chosen to share with us the major faiths in our school are: Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism. However, we also recognise that there are other families who practise a different faith and families who choose not to follow a faith. All our pupils are important to us and we would encourage pupils to speak to their teachers about sharing their Beliefs and Values about a day important to them.

We wish all our families a peaceful break during the holidays, and to those observing a religious event, we wish you a happy celebration. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Skelly".

Ms Sabrina Kelly
Co-Principal

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Saidiya".

Ms Samina Saidiya
Co-Principal