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GUJARATI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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EVERY SATURDAY

CLASS TIMINGS:
10AM - 12PM
1PM - 3PM

FOR AGES 6+

NEW STUDENT ENROLMENT: 17/06/2017

"To retain our language & culture and to enhance & broaden pupil's cultural knowledge"

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Introduction

Welcome to our 9th edition of the newsletter.

Here, we will recap and give you an insight of everything we have done since July 2016 to December 2016.

As you are aware, our term started in September 2016 and since then we have learnt new things and met a lot of new people.

Let's read about Navratri and Diwali, learn about the experience of teachers and students. There are fun activities for you to complete. Don't forget to tell us your thoughts on this newsletter at school@sksst.org

Read the other newsletter as all of them are interesting too!

@<http://sksst.org/gujarati/newsletter>

Thanks

Smita Varsani

Calendar

For 2016-2017:

Saturday 3rd September 2016 - Start New Term

Saturday 29th October 2016- Closed for Diwali

Saturday 24th December 2016 – Closed for Christmas

Saturday 31st December 2016 – Closed for New years

Saturday 7th January 2017 – Start of Classes

Saturday 15th April 2017 – Closed for Easter (one week)

Saturday 17th June 2017 – End of Year Exams & Enrolment of New Students

Saturday 8th July 2017 - Open Day/Awards and Last day of School before summer break

August 2017 - Closed for Summer Break

Saturday 2nd September 2017 - Start of New Term

Please note that the School's phone number is **020 8909 9389** (Ext.239) (during school hours - 10am to 3pm).

Navratri

Navratri is celebrated by Hindus with great devotion for 10 days. Idol of Goddess Durga is worshipped during Navratri. People stay awake the whole night during the nine days of Navratri and play Dandiya and Garba. This festival is celebrated by all Hindus and has special significance in Gujarati community.

The festival of Navratri is full of lights, joy and festivity. Hindus celebrate this festival with devotion and enthusiasm throughout India. The celebration is carried on for ten days and the last four days are very important. Navratri means nine nights and so the tenth day Goddess Durga, who is worshipped throughout the nine days, is immersed in holy water after pooja. Each and everyday has its importance and meaning. People worship Goddess in three forms and try to enhance their physical, mental and spiritual practice in these nine days.



Diwali Competition

Rangoli is an ancient art form practiced throughout India. Designs are drawn onto the ground, usually in chalk or coloured powder and embellished with sand, rice, candles or flower petals.

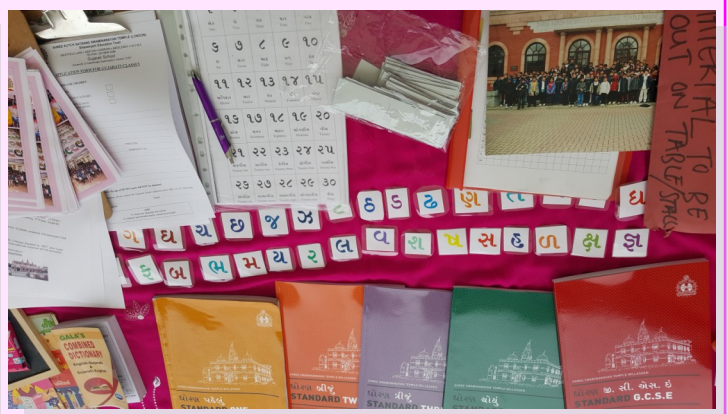
Rangoli is an expression of the creative self, often viewed as a form of self-portraiture. Designs are composed of geometric and curvilinear patterns, usually derived from nature. After the Rangoli is complete, the image is simply allowed to blow away with the wind.

We asked Ankodi and Balpothi students to create a unique rangoli design of their choice and here are the winners:

<p>Diwali Competition 2016</p> <p>Name: <u>KIDDMI HALAI</u></p> <p>Standard: <u>BALPOTHI</u></p> <p>Teacher: <u>Dimple Beal</u></p> <p>Am/Pm: <u>AM</u></p> <p>Create a unique RANGOLI pattern below. Prizes will be awarded so get your creative hats on! ☺ Please return your creation to the office or your teacher by Saturday 22nd October 2016</p> <p>Happy Diwali!!</p> 	<p>Diwali Competition 2016</p> <p>Name: <u>NITI HANJI</u></p> <p>Standard: <u>ANKODI</u></p> <p>Teacher: <u>BANSRI BEN</u></p> <p>Am/Pm: <u>PM</u></p> <p>Create a unique RANGOLI pattern below. Prizes will be awarded so get your creative hats on! ☺ Please return your creation to the office or your teacher by Saturday 22nd October 2016</p> <p>Happy Diwali!!</p> 	<p>Diwali Competition 2016</p> <p>Name: <u>PAL DEVANI</u></p> <p>Standard: <u>BALPOTHI</u></p> <p>Teacher: <u>Dimple Beal</u></p> <p>Am/Pm: <u>AM</u></p> <p>Create a unique RANGOLI pattern below. Prizes will be awarded so get your creative hats on! ☺ Please return your creation to the office or your teacher by Saturday 22nd October 2016</p> <p>Happy Diwali!!</p> 
<p>Diwali Competition 2016</p> <p>Name: <u>DISHANT RAJWANI</u></p> <p>Standard: <u>ANKODI</u></p> <p>Teacher: <u>Bansri Ben</u></p> <p>Am/Pm: <u>AM</u></p> <p>Create a unique RANGOLI pattern below. Prizes will be awarded so get your creative hats on! ☺ Please return your creation to the office or your teacher by Saturday 22nd October 2016</p> <p>Happy Diwali!!</p> 	<p>Diwali Competition 2016</p> <p>Name: <u>Pia</u></p> <p>Standard: <u>Rajodi</u></p> <p>Teacher: <u>Bansri Ben</u></p> <p>Am/Pm: <u>AM</u></p> <p>Create a unique RANGOLI pattern below. Prizes will be awarded so get your creative hats on! ☺ Please return your creation to the office or your teacher by Saturday 22nd October 2016</p> <p>Happy Diwali!!</p> 	<p>Diwali Competition 2016</p> <p>Name: <u>Sai Gadhvi</u></p> <p>Standard: <u>Rajodi</u></p> <p>Teacher: <u>Dimple Beal</u></p> <p>Am/Pm: <u>AM</u></p> <p>Create a unique RANGOLI pattern below. Prizes will be awarded so get your creative hats on! ☺ Please return your creation to the office or your teacher by Saturday 22nd October 2016</p> <p>Happy Diwali!!</p> 

Gujarati Rangeelu & SKLPC Mela

We held a stall at the annual SKLPC Kutch Utsav Mela and at the Gujarati Rangeelu to promote our school and encourage more children to join and learn Gujarati



End of Year Celebration

Our end of year celebration was great fun with enjoyable activities such as face painting, raffles, painting and decorating. Here are a few pictures of our end of year celebration:



Teacher's Celebration

We are one family and we love sharing and celebrating birthdays and happy occasions with each other.

We respect each other and support each other just as an Indian family would at home.

Our teachers and assistants work very hard to support our students and parents so it is our job to make them feel appreciated and reward them for their efforts.

Thank you teachers and assistants for being you and supporting Gujarati school.



GCSE

We would like to congratulate our GCSE Gujarati students of 2014—2015 on the fantastic set of results which they produced this summer.

Congratulations to :

- ◆ Neha Chhabhadiya
- ◆ Dev Chotai
- ◆ Pavani Chotai
- ◆ Sachin Chotai
- ◆ Vivek Davda
- ◆ Urvi Halai
- ◆ Bhavini Hirani
- ◆ Nia Hirani
- ◆ Hannah Kerai
- ◆ Marisa Kerai
- ◆ Devesh Patel
- ◆ Dhanish Patel
- ◆ Parthiv Patel
- ◆ Pranay Patel
- ◆ Riya Patel
- ◆ Shrey Patel
- ◆ Shruti Patel
- ◆ Milan Pindoria
- ◆ Vishali Poojara
- ◆ Naina Poonja
- ◆ Drishti Rabadia
- ◆ Payal Rabadia
- ◆ Nandni Ruda
- ◆ Paarthivi Savalia
- ◆ Krita Shah
- ◆ Mayer Varsani
- ◆ Karisha Vekaria
- ◆ Vishal Vekaria

Our school GCSE results are:

5 A*

10 A

12 B

1 C

Student's Interview

1. Your Full Name?

Chandan Rabadia

1. Age ?

15

3. How many people in your house and who?

Three; Mum, Dad and Me.

4. Who is your favourite - mum or dad? And why?

My favourite is my mum and dad as they are both loving and caring.

5. When did you join Gujarati School? And why?

I joined in 2011 as I wanted to be able to speak to my grandfather and family in India in Gujarati.

6. Five words to describe you are:

Funny, Entertaining, Musical, Friendly, Approachable

7. 3 items of food you love:

1) Pizza

2) Ice Cream

3) Smoothies

8. 3 items of food you dislike...yuk:

1) Any green saak

2) Aubergines

3) Tomatoes

Student's Interview

9. Few words of wisdom?

Make sure you always revise for tests and lessons but make sure you also relax.

10. Who has been your inspiration? Why?

Martin Luther King as he did his best to achieve equality for people. Also my mum and dad and all my teachers as they have kept me motivated.

11. What are your plans now?

- 1) Concentrate on studies
- 2) Study hard in school
- 3) Get some exercise
- 4) Get good results in my Gujarati GCSE

12. Will you come back to Gujarati School to teach or help?

I will hopefully come back occasionally to help Ankodi and Balpothi

13. Who have been your friends at Gujarati School?

Everyone in my class

14. What have been your best/favourite memories at Gujarati School?

When I got a gold certificate

15. Do you like wearing Indian clothes? Why?

Yes, as it keeps me in touch with my ancestors

16. Do you like speaking Gujarati? Why?

Yes, as everyone in my family can understand me so I can associate with them

Teacher's Interview

1. Your Full Name?

Harshida Arun Dalal

1.1 Age

63

2. Any Pet Names?

Nanki

3. How many people in your house and who?

Three— Son, Daughter –in -law and Me

4. Who is your favourite mum or dad? And why?

Mum because my mum is very loveable

5. When did you join Gujarati School? And why?

I started this year because I like to teach children

7. What standards do you usually teach? Why?

I normally teach standard 2

8. Five words to describe you are:

Kind, Helpful, Humble, Loveable and always ready to work

9. 3 items of food you love:

1) Pani Puri

2) Dosa

3) Pizza

Teacher's Interview

10. 3 items of food you dislike...yuk:

- 1) Pasta
- 2) Noodles
- 3) Paneer

11. Few words of wisdom for the kids?

Sharing, caring and respect elders

12. Who has been your inspiration? Why?

My husband, as he inspired me to teach

13. What are your plans now?

To teach at as many schools as possible

14. Will you come back to Gujarati School to teach or help?

Yes, why not

15. Who have been your friends at Gujarati School?

Hansaben

16. What have been your best/favourite memories at Gujarati School?

When I joined and met Smitaben

17. Do you like wearing Indian clothes? Why?

Yes as it comfortable for me

18. Do you like speaking Gujarati? Why?

Yes because it is our mother tongue

Wordsearch

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Sudoku

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