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GUJARATI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Introduction

Jai Swaminarayan and Hello Readers! This term has been very busy and full of energy. It is already June 2015!

What has been happening?

Introduction of:

- A bullying memo – **page 10**
- School rules – **page 9**

Notice boards throughout the school for important news, key dates and student recognition and work. Please have a look at these when you visit us.

Competitions:

- Our younger students got involved with Easter Eggs Competition, Mother's Day Cards, Ramvami and Shivratri Articles - Well Done to everyone that took part and thank you for all your efforts – **Pages 3, 4, 5 and 6.**

Our teachers have been thinking of good classroom activities which will help students interact more in class and become competitive, confident, self-motivated and score well. Thank you teachers and please keep up the great work.

Staff:

- Teacher's training – It was very eventful and a lot of fun! I got great feedback from teachers and they agreed it was beneficial! To get an idea of our confident staff read **page 9-10**(teacher interview)
- Darsita and Shivani with the office admin team worked so hard to ensure all class were settled and comfortable after our shift back to our new and refurbished Ghanshyam Education building – A big thank you to them for all their efforts with GCSE preparations too!
- Welcome Hetalben and thank you effort and support in with our Ankodi

Thank you to Ashaben, Ratanben, Dineshbhai, Shivani, Darsita, Anjni, Harshil and Nareshbhai for their hard work with GCSE teaching and preparations

Suggestions:

- Some parents would like to see FAQ sections, more information and key updates being circulated via our website – I have definitely taking this on board and will be speaking to the relevant people to make some interesting changes for the next academic year.

Students and Parents have shown interest in our End of Year celebration! This is really encouraging for me! Thank you to all these students and parents

Forthcoming:

GCSE Exams in April to May 2015

Final Exams on 20th June 2015

End of Year Term on 18th July 2015

Mandir 's 50th Patotsav /Anniversary in December 2015

I would like to hear from you on how you liked this newsletter, if you have any suggestions or recommendations and/or if you want us to help our school in any form at all. **Please email school@sksst.org**

Thank you all and Happy Reading

Smita Varsani

Ramnavmi

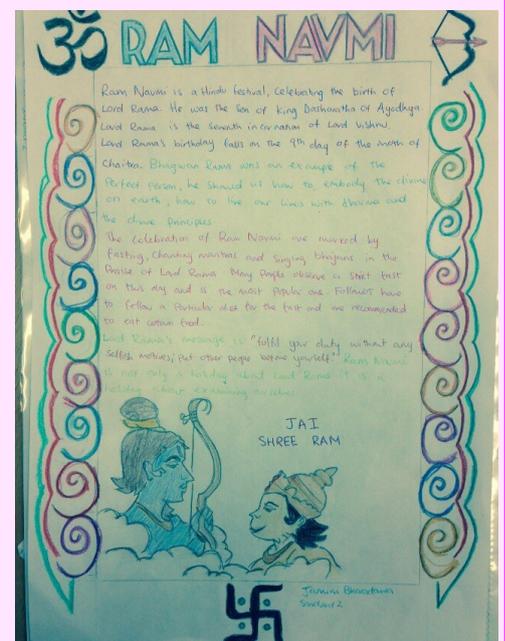
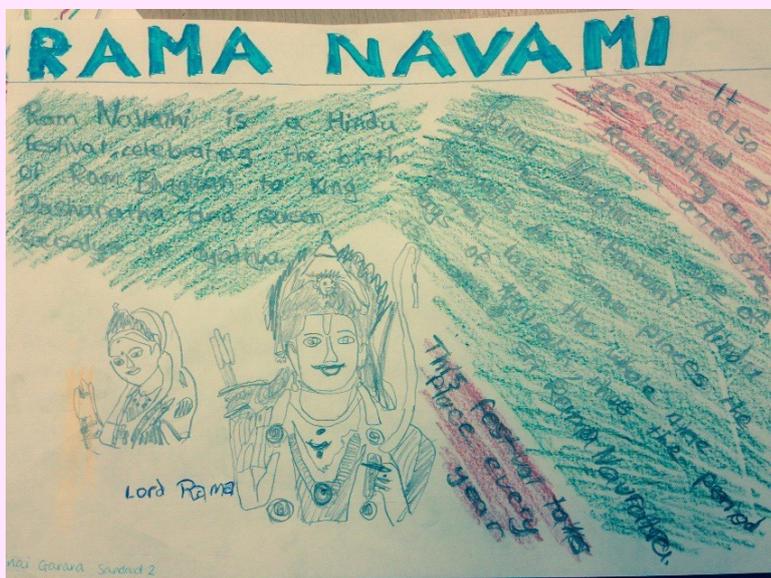
Ramnavmi was on Saturday 28th of March.

What is Ramnavmi?

Ramnavami celebrates the birth of Lord Rama, son of King Dasharatha of Ayodhya. Ramnavami celebrates the birth of Lord Rama, an incarnation of Vishnu and the hero of the Ramayan, the Sanskrit epic of 24,000 stanzas.



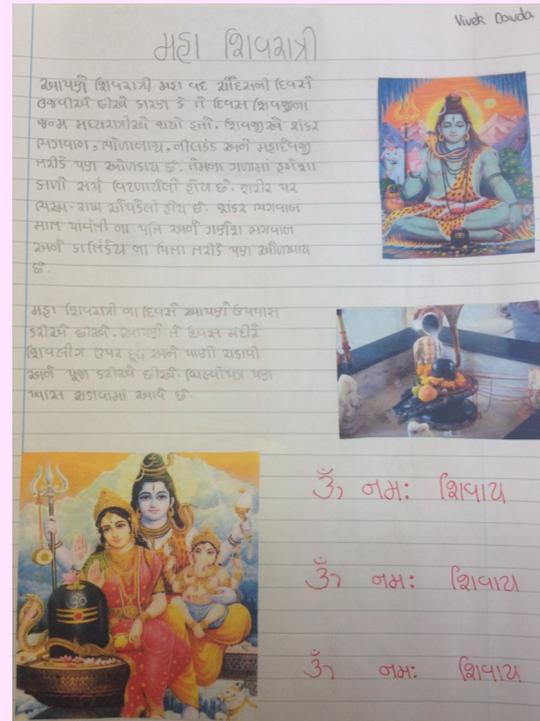
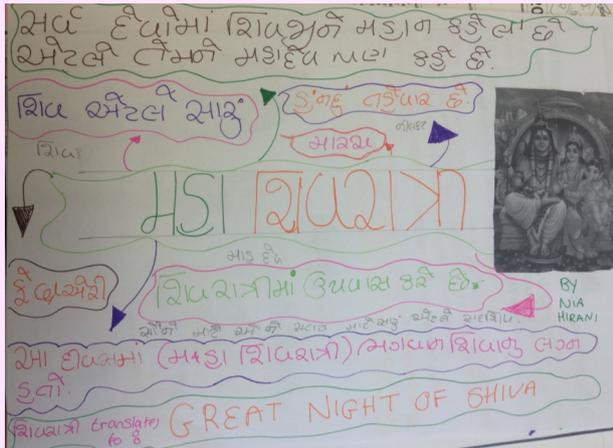
Two of our students from standard 2, **Vinai Garara** and **Jamini Bharadawa** created Ramnavmi posters.



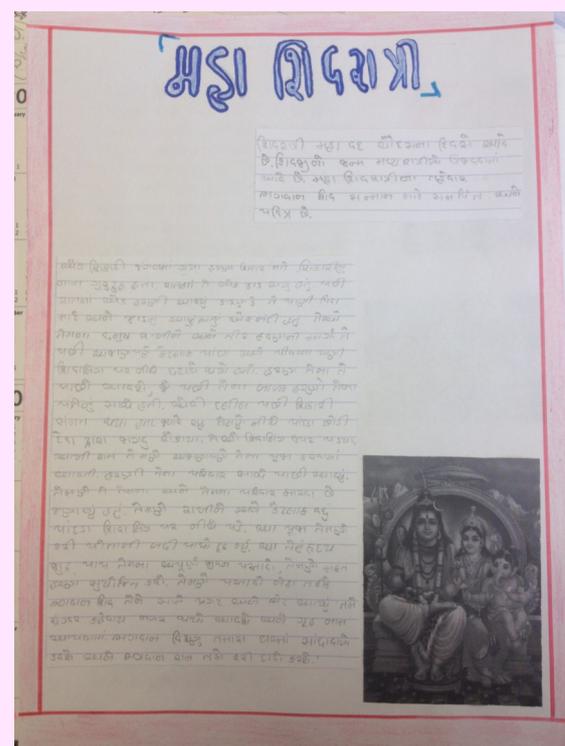
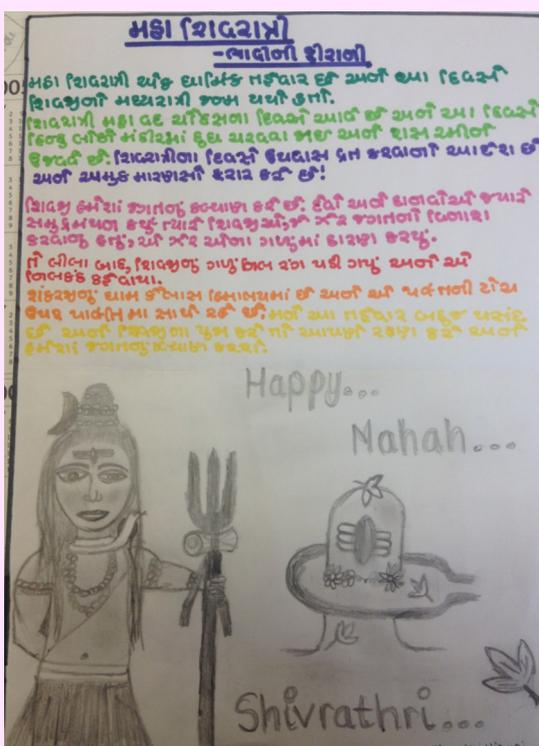
Shivratri

What is Shivratri?

Shivratri is a Hindu festival dedicated to Shiva, who destroys the universe, one of the deities of the Hindu Trinity.



Shivratri was celebrated on the 17th of February 2015. On the auspicious day, devotees observe fast and keep vigil all night.



Holi

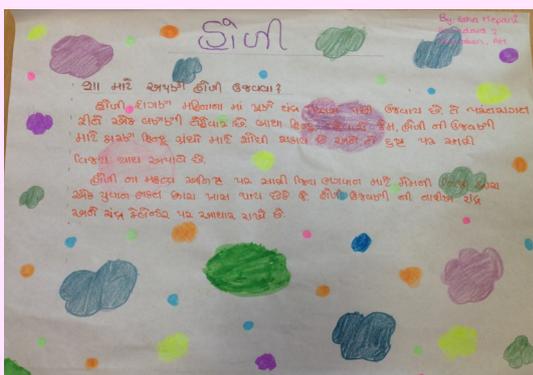
What is Holi?

Holi is a festival celebrated in India. It marks the coming of Spring, usually in March. It is celebrated by lovingly throwing coloured water and coloured powders.

Holi was on Friday 6th of March.

The story of Holi

A Hindu festival, Holi has various legends associated with it. The foremost is the legend of demon King Hiranyakashyap who demanded everybody in his kingdom to worship him but his pious son, Prahlad became a devotee of Lord Vishnu. Hiranyakashyap wanted his son to be killed. He asked his sister Holika to enter a blazing fire with Prahlad in her lap as Holika had a boon which made her immune to fire. Story goes that Prahlad was saved by lord himself for his extreme devotion.



Mother's Day

Mothers day was on Sunday 15th of March.

What is mother's day?

Mother's day is a day of the year on which mothers are particularly honoured by their children. In Britain it has become another term for Mothering Sunday.

Below are a few pictures of students who showed their love towards their mother on Mother's Day such as **Nehal and Jeevan**. They show their love by making hand made cards.



Interview

1. Your Full Name?

Akhil Patel

1.1 Age and Date of Birth?

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2. Any Pet Names?

Akhilicious

3. How many people in your house and who?

4—mother, father, sister and myself

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

My favourite is my dad because he takes my side more.

5. When did you join Gujarati School and why?

After I did my GCSE in my Gujarati, I missed coming to Gujarati school as I had done so far so long. Hence, I come back to teach.

7. What standards do you usually teach? Why?

I normally teach Ankodi, Balpothi, Standard 2

9. Five words to describe you are:

Smart, Suave, Smooth, Sexy, Strong

10. 3 items of food you love:

1. Apples

2. Chilli Paneer

3. Ploughman's sandwiches

Interview

11. 3 items of food you dislike...yuk:

1. Aubergines
2. Cheese and onion sandwiches
3. Junk food in general.

12. Few words of wisdom for the kids?

The only time success comes before work is in the dictionary.

13. Who has been your inspiration? Why?

Harvey Specter because he is the ultimate man.

14. What are your plans now?

To study A-Levels.

16. Who have been your friends at Gujarati School?

Everyone

18. We heard you were a student here before, you joined as a teacher.

What did you get in your GCSE's?

I got 10 A*s and 3As

19. Do you like wearing Indian clothes? Why?

No

20. Do you like speaking Gujarati? Why?

No

School Rules

This was launched in October 2014 after Bhavikaben Shah, one of our teachers, mentioned we should be more like mainstream school and should have school rules in place. This will make our school formal, disciplined and more structured.

1. Respect your teachers and others around you,
2. Morning students should be in school by 9.55am at the latest and afternoon students by 12.55pm at the latest (Wait for the class teacher),
3. Chewing gum and writing on tables is prohibited,
4. You must complete your homework on time,
5. If you are absent, you must bring in a note the following week or you should let your teacher know in advance if possible,
6. We do not tolerate bullying and misbehaviour in this school,
7. Try your best and have a positive attitude towards learning.



Bullying Rules

- 1) Do not push anyone.
- 2) Do not shout at anyone.
- 3) Do not laugh at anyone.
- 4) Do not harm anyone.
- 5) Do not swear at anyone.
- 6) Do not point your finger at anyone.
- 7) Do not spread rumours about anyone.
- 8) Do not raise your hand at anyone.
- 9) Do not raise your voice at anyone.
- 10) Do not be rude at anyone.

