



## How lucky has Class 3 been at Gwinear School recently? Answer...very!



We were chosen to be the first class to have the lovely Daya visit us and share her wealth of knowledge about a wide variety of religions. Our major focus was Sikhism, a religion founded in the 16th century in the Punjab district of what is now India and Pakistan. Daya shared the story of how Sikhism was founded by Guru Nanak and is based on his teachings, and those of the 9 Sikh gurus who followed him.

There are approximately 20 million followers worldwide, most of whom live in the Punjab province of India. The 2001 census recorded that there were more than 336,000 Sikhs living in the UK, so it was fascinating to find out about another British religion, with their beliefs and traditions.

In Class 3 we tried on some traditional clothes, role-played entering the Gurdwara, met Daya's mum on the screen, we ate sweet treats and potato curry...phew, what a brilliant morning! We also found out more about Sikh beliefs. That they feel that there is only one God, who guides and protects them. They believe that everyone is equal before God and Sikhism stresses the importance of doing good actions rather than merely carrying out rituals.

We must say a huge thank you to Daya, we thoroughly enjoyed her workshop. She has managed to really bring to life a religion which we will be studying in detail in the summer. What a great start.

**Lucky?  
Oh yes we are!**



A bell rings from the tower in the mosque and everyone would stop what they were doing and pray with their feet facing Mecca.

### Class 4



Islam people are men and women who sit separately from each other in the mosque and if ladies are married they would traditionally have an orangey – red dot on their forehead. Daya put a red dot on our forehead and we sat and role played praying. She used a special silver tray. On the tray was a bell, the orangey – red powder, a model of a God to pray to and some incense, it smelt like a relaxed smell.

When you go into a mosque you would have to take off your shoes before you go into the mosque to pray and to eat. All the food was provided by the Islam people themselves. They normally serve chapattis and different curries. We ate a special potato curry with chapattis that we made in class. By Jonny, Vinnie and Curtis

### Class 1



Dressing up in the clothes of the Indian culture, learning Indian dance and performing rituals in an Indian temple were just some of the things that Daya introduced to the children in Class One during their workshops linked to Hinduism. The children found out how we are all the same, and about respecting others who have different beliefs and routines in their lives. The children cooked very tasty chapattis to eat with potato curry. Our sessions with Daya culminated with the children re-enacting a Hindu wedding ceremony.

Overall the children had a very informative and fun experience and their recall of facts was amazing.



### Gwinear Equality and Diversity Scheme 2013

'Gwinear School is firmly committed to Equality and Diversity. We want our school to be an inclusive and accepting environment where difference of all kinds is recognised and valued. We want our pupils to become independent learners, take responsibility for their actions and to become good citizens. We wish to promote the integration and valuing of all groups of people. We shall actively respond to incidents of discrimination and prejudice wherever they may appear. We recognise the unique position of schools to promote acceptance and understanding within the wider community.'



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How to put on a turban

### Charles Causley Poetry Competition

We have received a letter from the Charles Causley Trust announcing the winners of the poetry competition. Isabella has been highly commended for her poem *What is White?* Congratulations Isabella.

### Children in Need & Tiffany's Tombola

The School Council are organizing a Non Uniform Day and a Cake Sale on Friday 15 November. Donations of cakes on the day please to the resources room. Go Spotty for Pudsey!! Tiffany is holding a Tombola on Friday 15 November to raise money for Children in Need. Donations of packets, tins and bottles greatly appreciated.

### Xmas Fayre

The PTFA Xmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 28 November, 5.00pm to 7.00pm, Santa's Grotto, Bouncy Castle, Cakes, Brass Band, plus lots lots more.

### Verandah Painting Posse

Fancy helping with our very own 60 Minute Makeover?? Is it time for Changing Rooms? A DIY SOS shout out! Speak to Kate Snook if you can help in any way.

### Staff Training

We want teaching and learning to be the very best that it can for your child, so professional development is important for helping us to continually develop. Some of the staff training this term has included:

- Moving lessons on from good to outstanding, all teachers and HLTA
- Early years advice and training, Emily Lewis and Helen Scholes
- Early Years conference, Emily Lewis and Becci Barber
- Observation of gymnastics lessons, some teachers and TAs
- Optimistic Leadership, Helen Scholes, Emily Lewis, Rose Ockwell
- Raising Aspiration and Achievement in Cornwall, Helen Scholes
- Art conference, Kate Snook and Arts Award training, all teachers
- Outdoor Learning, Emily Lewis
- Learning with ipads, most teachers
- Global Schools, all teachers
- Sims and finance training, Helen Bodé

### GWINEAR SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Wed 13 Nov—Parent teacher consultations
- Wed 13 Nov—Bikeability (1 of 3 sessions Years 5 & 6 only)
- Thur 14 Nov—Community Links Working Party
- Fri 15 Nov—School Council—Go Spotty—non uniform & Cake Sale—Children In Need
- Fri 15 Nov—Tiffanys Tombola—Children in Need
- Fri 15 Nov—Class 3 Assembly—Class 3 parents are invited to join us 2.55pm**
- Mon 18 Nov—Football Match against Penpol
- Wed 20 Nov—Bikeability (2 of 3 sessions Years 5 & 6 only))
- Thur 21 Nov—Class 1 Assembly—Class 1 parents are invited to join us 2.55pm**
- Fri 22 Nov—NO SWIMMING TODAY—Performance of Snow Queen**
- Fri 22 Nov—Non uniform for Box Dip for PTFA Xmas Fayre (Year 5 bring uniform in bag)**
- Fri 22 Nov—Y5 to CSIA—Science Workshop pm
- Thur 28 Nov - PTFA Xmas Fayre
- Thur 28 Nov—Non uniform day for PTFA bottle tombola
- Mon 9 Dec—Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10am—This is the performance to bring younger siblings too
- Tue 10 Dec—Nativity— 1.30pm—information on tickets for all performances available soon
- Wed 11 Dec—Nativity —please bring children at 5.30pm for performance at 6pm
- Wed 11 Dec—**NO CLUBS TODAY**
- Fri 13 Dec—Last swimming session
- Fri 13 Dec—Parent Club
- Wed 18 Dec—Xmas lunch
- Fri 20 Dec – Last day of term