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# NEWSLETTER

St John's Highbury Vale C. of E. Primary School

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The class with the best attendance  
at 98 % was

## Year 1



### Attendance

Please ensure that your child is logging on to Google Classroom every day

## A Big THANK YOU to Mrs Shaw!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Mrs Shaw for her commitment and support during her time at St. John's. We wish her all the best for the future and the safe arrival of baby Shaw.

As we say goodbye to Mrs Shaw, we welcome back Ms Hodgson from her maternity leave after February half term.



## Parents' Evening 1st- 4th February

Parents' consultations will be running next week. Unless specified in the comments box, all parents will be receiving their 10-minute consultation via the phone. If you would like to request a Zoom consultation and have not already done so, please contact your child's class teacher directly on Class DoJo.



## Lateral Flow Testing for Staff

All primary schools in Islington have now been issued with lateral flow tests for staff to take at home. Staff members, who are working onsite and who have not tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days, will be able to test themselves two times a week before they come into work.



Testing is not mandatory, but the school has strongly encouraged all eligible staff members to take this opportunity and enrol in the testing programme. The uptake from our staff has been brilliant!

## Collective Worship

Here is this week's Open the book video titled 'Deborah the judge'

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## Celebration assembly

Please see below the Zoom Meeting ID and Password in order to access the assembly. As with Google Classroom, children must have their camera's on when joining the meeting.

Meeting ID: 939 3119 6106

Passcode: 181763

<https://zoom.us/j/93931196106?pwd=VOZKL2RFYTZ6RGJSZ2ROanplU2IZQT09>



## Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 4

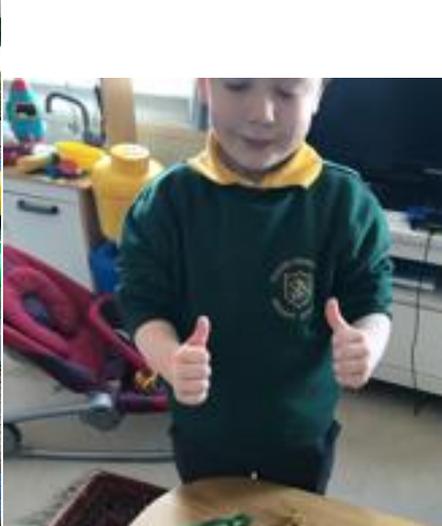
who got best scores at Virtual Sportshall Athletics from last term in Islington.



# SCHOOL GAMES

## Reception

Reception Class went on a dinosaur hunt! They hopped in their time machines and went looking for dinosaurs! They went through snow storms, forests, caves, swamps and rivers! After their hunt some children made dinosaur skeletons out of pasta! Something must have snuck back through with us because on Monday we had a visitor who left us a surprise...



## Year 1

Year 1 have learnt a lot so far about the religion of Islam and many interesting facts about Muslims. This week, they focused on Muslim prayer and what it means to them. They drew something that happens during their prayer time and wrote some notes about what they had learnt.

some families have their own prayer rooms.  
You can pray everywhere where ever soon as it is clean.  
They use special carpets  
they pray together as a family



I have drawn a mosque with people on their mats praying to Allah, they have kneeling down on their mats.  
Muslims pray to Allah to feel close to their God.

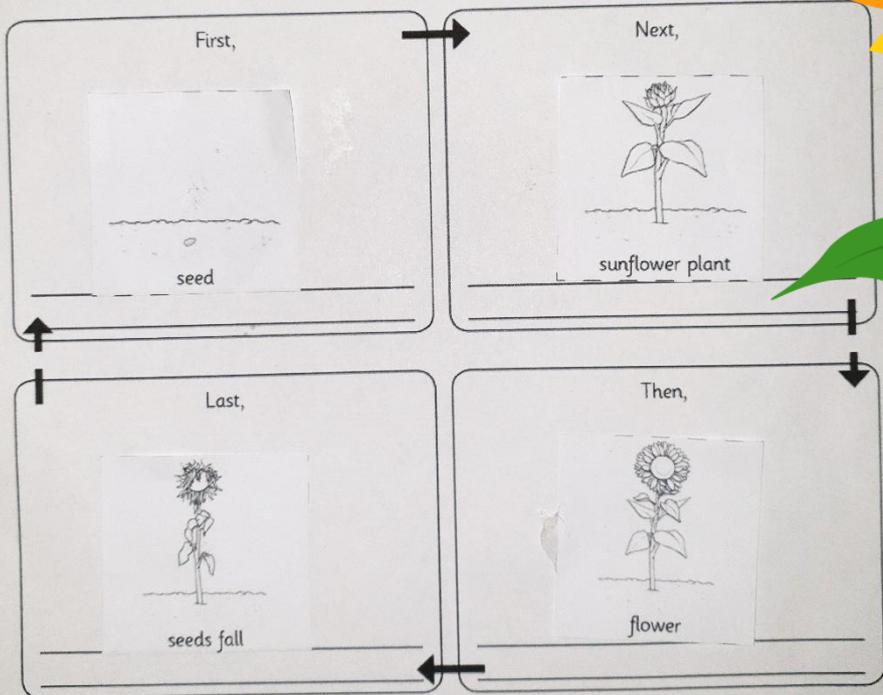


## Year 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about plants. We sequenced pictures to show the life cycle of a plant.

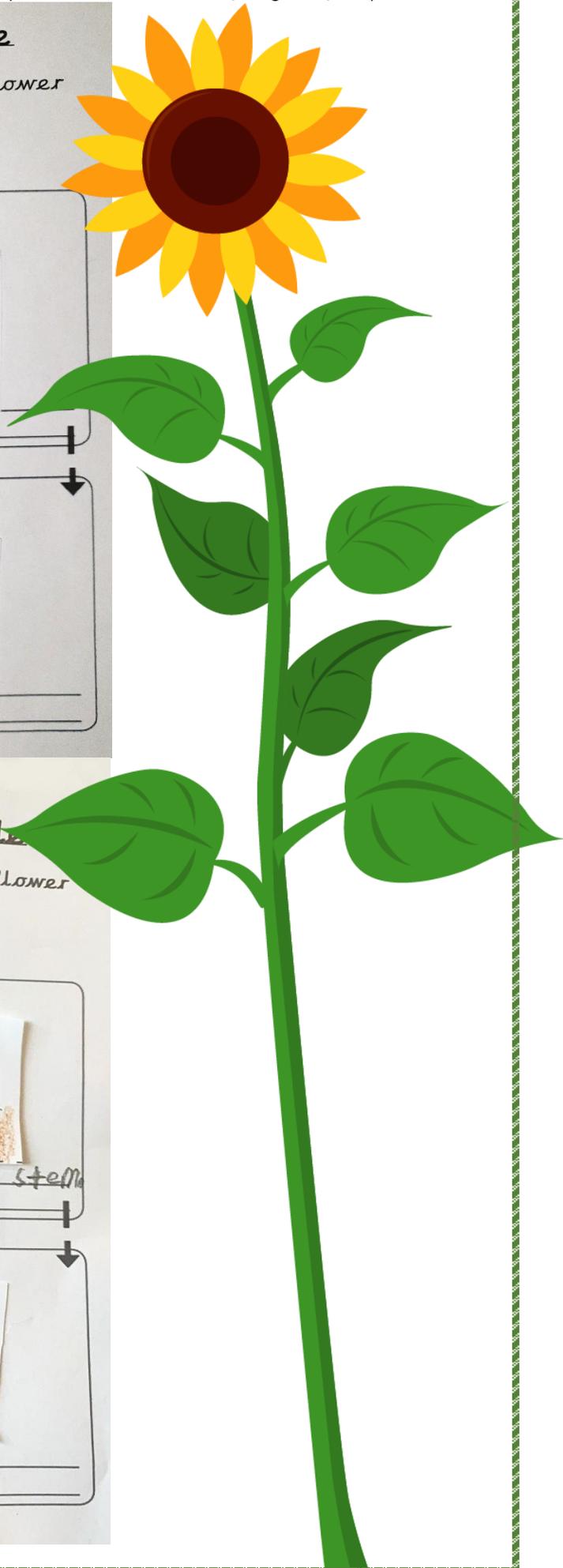
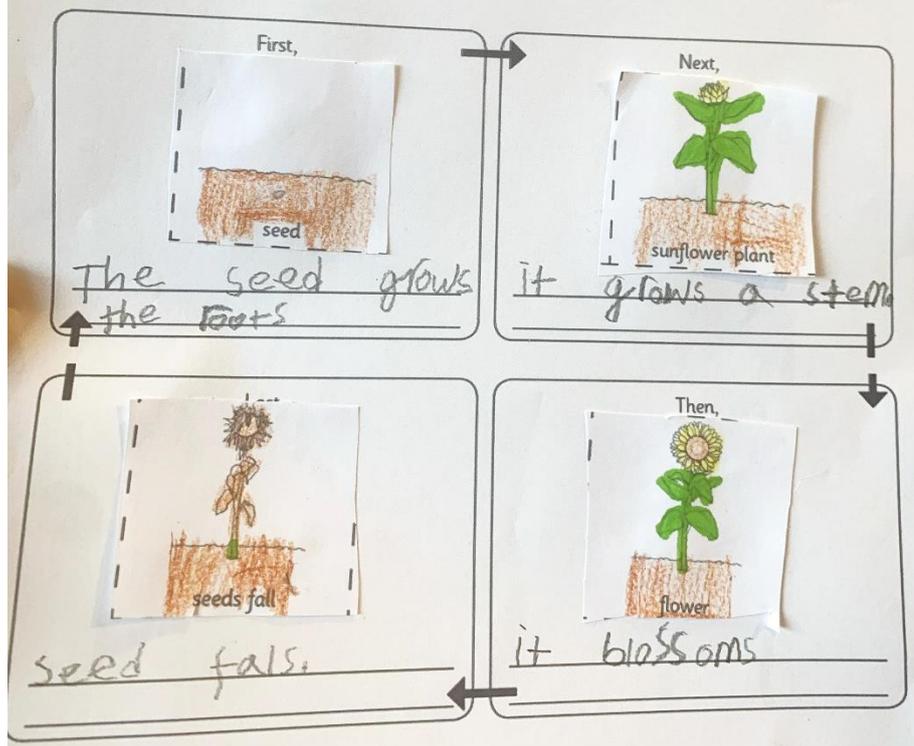
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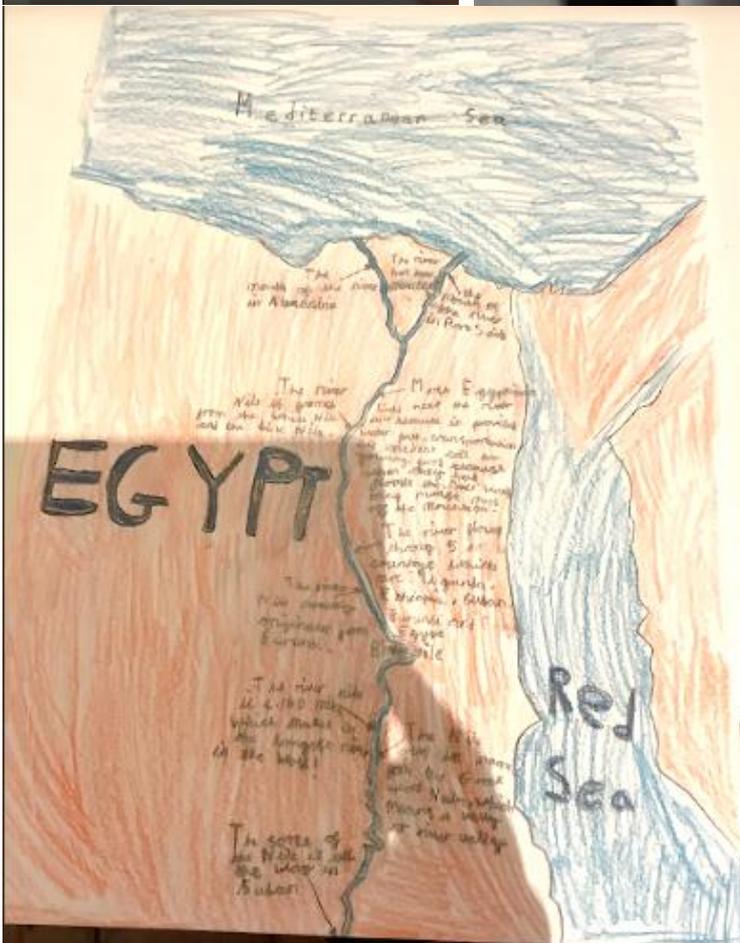
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## Year 3

This term in Year 3 we are learning about rivers. Our project for this week was to present information about a famous river in the world. We had some amazing presentations, ranging from videos, to drawings, to PowerPoints. Well done Year 3 for staying motivated and always trying your best!



Thomas

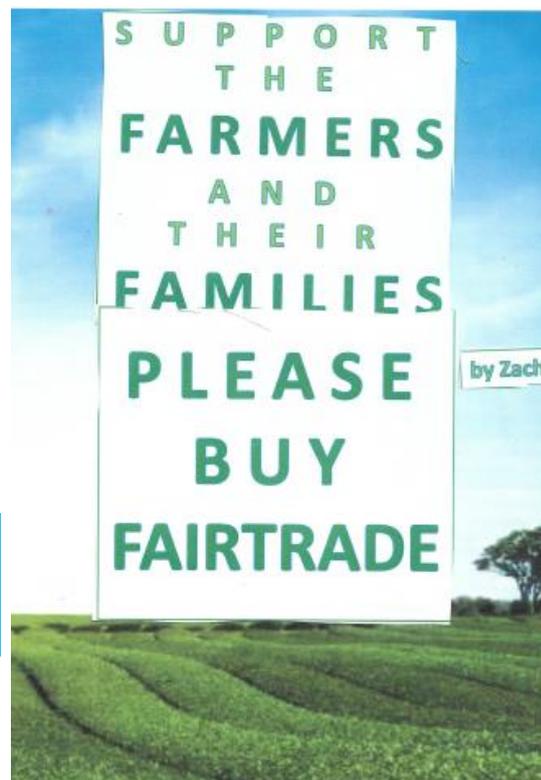
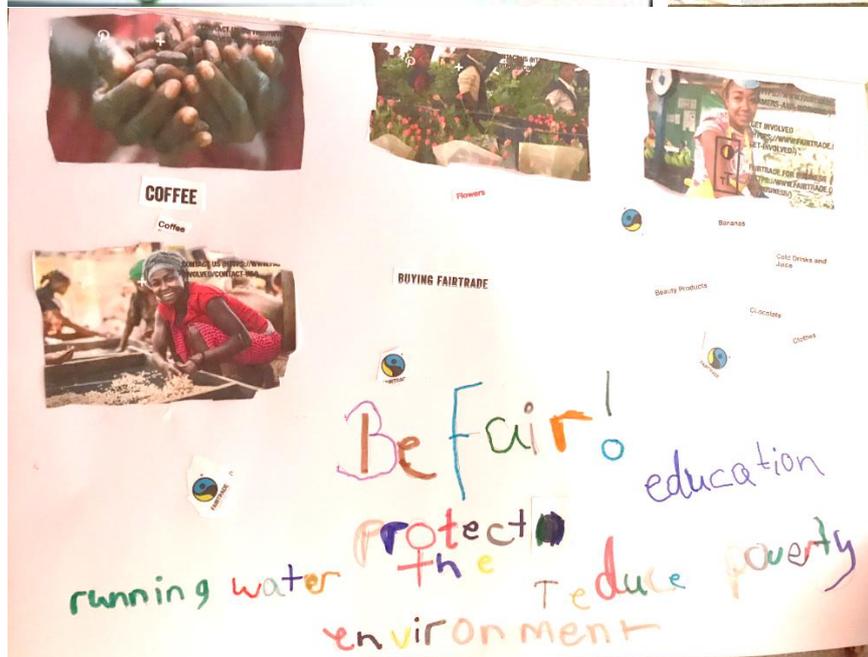
The River Nile  
 found in north east  
 Africa, the Nile was  
 long been recognised  
 as the longest river  
 in the world - stretching  
 6,695km!  
 The Nile flows through  
 11 countries: Tanzania  
 Uganda, the DR of the  
 Congo, Rwanda, Burundi,  
 Ethiopia, Kenya, Eritrea,  
 South Sudan, Sudan  
 and Egypt.

The Blue Nile and  
 the white Nile merge  
 together in the city  
 of Khartoum in Sudan.  
 From there the river  
 continues to flow north  
 through Egypt and  
 finally into the  
 Mediterranean Sea.

How did the Nile allow the Ancient Egyptians  
 to farm in dry desert land?  
 The answer is that the river flooded  
 every August when it did all the  
 wetland rich soil carried in the  
 water spread across the river banks,  
 leaving a thick moist mud, perfect  
 for growing crops!

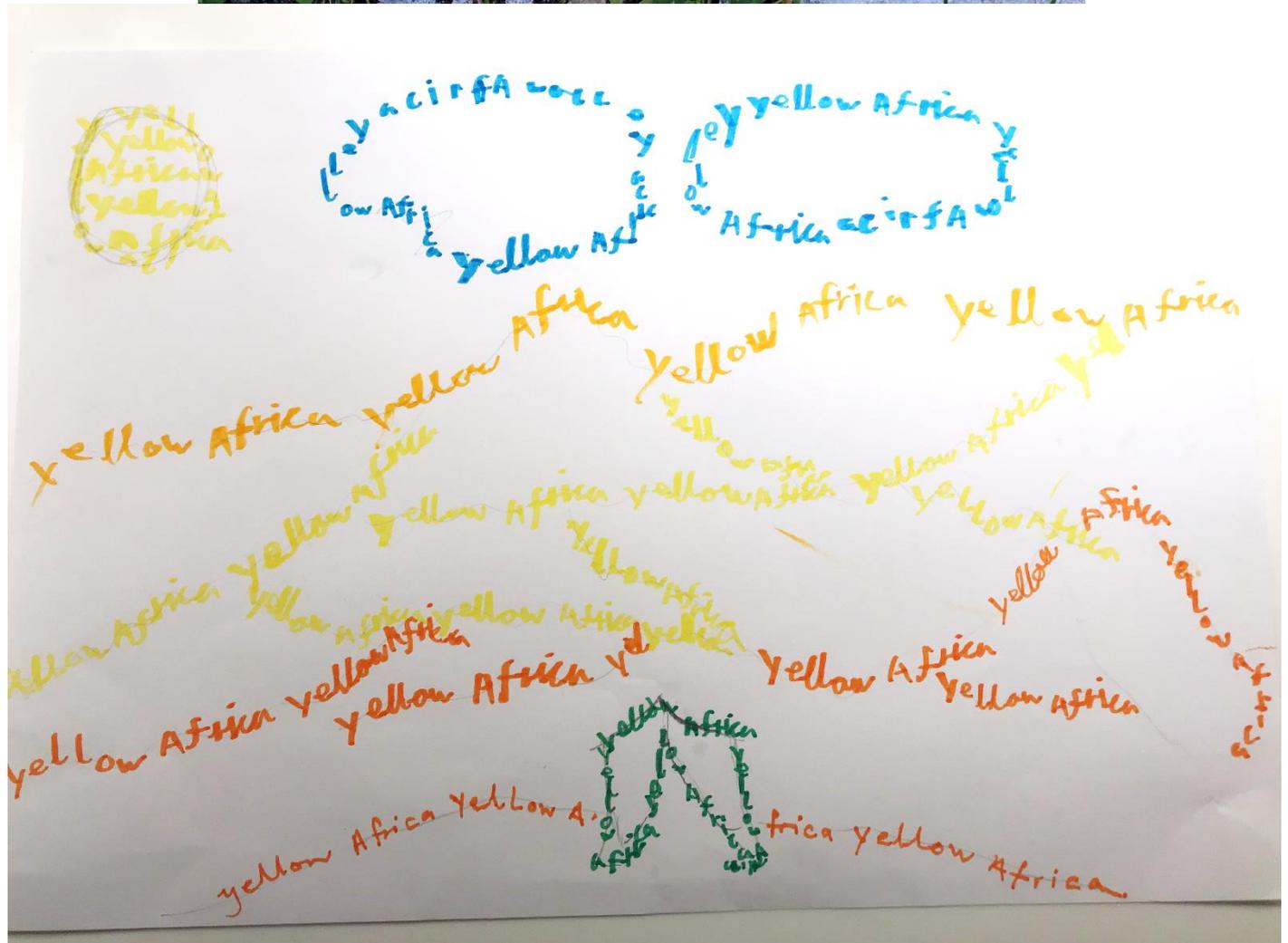
## Year 4

Last week, Year 4 discussed and researched the importance of fairtrade around the world for individuals, families and communities. The children created their own posters to promote the importance of buying fairtrade.



## Year 5

We've enjoyed the remaining snow earlier this week by making snowmen at break-time! The inventiveness impressed every member of staff - well done! We've also been carrying on with our class text in our English lessons and generating some fabulous word art creating settings from the book.



## Year 6

Year 6 are enjoying their class text Keeping Corner by Kashmira Sheth. This week they have worked hard at writing persuasive letters in role as one of the characters. I am very impressed with the quality of their writing and response to feedback. Here are a two examples.

Mrs Sarla Desai  
Jamlee village  
Gujarat  
394375  
India

Mrs Jasu Mishra  
Ranipura Village  
Gujarat  
384421  
India

Dear my beloved sister,

I am sorry about the argument we had but I really feel that you shouldn't let this Saviben woman tutor your daughter. As well as caring for your daughter's education, I know you feel strongly about this matter but my reasons will convince you like biting into a mango that makes you forget your worries.

As well as annoying Leela, Saviben is a bad influence on her. She could encourage Leela to break the rules of widowhood. Have you seen her draping her sari over Leela's chidri?! Surely you want your lovely daughter to be back to normal? My darling niece is a lovely human but that doesn't mean she should have the right to break the ancient Gujarati rules.

Saviben is too modern; I don't approve. She is a rule-breaker. Surely someone like you knows better!? She is not teaching Leela in a suitable way. Writing down sounds!? Pointless and if she breaks the laws of widowhood, she will be cursed and will bring devastation upon the brahmin caste.

It is disgraceful. Surely you cannot allow this! As everyone knows, the authority of the brahman cast cannot be broken. The family are law-abiders and it will stay that way. It is as suspicious as the peacocks that wonder the chauk

I hope you take my reasons into consideration. Saviben must go.

Masi

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India

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India

To my darling sister,

I am writing to tell you that I am sorry about my anger this morning and I shouldn't have made you experience that. I disagree about the fact that Saviben is tutoring Leela. I have many reasons as to why Leela should not be tutored by her. Hopefully this letter will persuade you to take my side why she should not be.

I only want the best for Leela and I know you do too. It is clear that this Saviben is a bad influence on Leela and will encourage her to be disobedient. Is that what you want? Leela is a widow and she needs to learn that she can not just indulge herself in new clothes and jewelry and get what she wants anymore, she can't be spoiled. She has to follow the rules of widowhood whether she likes it or not, she has no choice but to obey the rules. She could bring disgrace upon the whole family and ruin our reputation. I want you to understand what you are doing to Leela. What you're doing has a cause and effect you need to think about that.

Did you see when Saviben was letting Leela put her Sari on her Chidri? Why is she letting Leela do that? I think she's too modern, who knows what kind of disastrous ideas she could be putting into her head. She lets Leela do whatever she wants with no limits! You need to change what is happening right before your eyes! If I was Leela's Ba, I wouldn't have considered Saviben in the first place. I'm your sister! Wouldn't you listen to your own sister? Please take in my ideas it could help you so much! I want what is best for my dear sister and her family. I only want to help you!

I know that Saviben is convincing Leela to break the rules of widowhood. I saw her trying to put on her wedding sari and she was putting on some of her old jewellery in a box. She simply can not be trusted. You need to cancel this now! Learning won't help her in the future. She will be staying here with no husband, she'll be staying with her family. She won't have anybody to look after there's no point! There's no point even learning how to cook!

I hope you have considered what I have said. I know that you love Leela and you want what is best for her, you know that this is the right decision to choose. As I said you will need to discipline Leela she can not just do anything she wants. Make her work for it; you can't just hand everything to her on a silver platter. She has to obey and listen to rules and what is being said around her. Keep this in mind and follow my advice.

From your loving sister