



48 Kenninghall Road
Clapton
London, E5 8BY
T:020 8985 1059

Newsletter

MAY 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

By the grace of Allah SWT we are observing another month of Ramadan. Last year, **Moulana Shahan** was with us and this Ramadan everyone at Al Falah is missing him dearly. Everyone is requested to keep him in your prayers especially during this blessed month.

Alhamdulillah, the month of Ramadan is a great blessing for every Muslim. It's a month of reflection, sharing wealth with others, a month of mercy, spiritual development and above all, time to give up all wrongdoings and to secure a place in paradise. Our children take it as a nourishment of our spiritual development and make their resolution to be a good Muslim in their actions. We pray for our children to be a good human and always to praise our creator Allah SWT who has blessed us abundantly.

Children are always praised for telling the truth and for being kind to each other, in order to reinforce ethical behaviour. They know the three magic words: 'please', 'thank you' and 'sorry'. I would like to urge all parents to support Al Falah's ethos by continuing to encourage your child/child to apply these good practices outside of the school. Next term our assembly themes will be ambition, right and wrong, community, sharing and global peace. Finally, I would also like to take the opportunity to wish all our students and parents "***Eid Mubarak***".

Abu Hussain

Head teacher

Spaces available:

We have some places available from years 1 to year 5 from September 2019. Priority will be given to children who have siblings at Al-Falah. However, if you know anyone who is looking for a place, please ask them to download the application form from <http://www.alfalhschool.org.uk/downloads.html>, fill it in and return it to the school immediately as spaces are limited.

Securing the front gates:

The school is planning to put a partition fence with our neighbour so they wouldn't have access to our school's gate. It was a long due for safety of our children. Inshallah, we are planning to carry out these essential works during the summer holiday if everything goes well with our neighbour.

Adult boat race:

All male staff from Al Falah and a number of parents are participating at the Charity Boat Race on 22nd June 2019 based in Flairlop Waters in the London Borough of Redbridge organised by Al-Noor Foundation. It's a fun endeavour and at the same time teachers and the parents are trying to raise some funding for our school.

Boat race for children:

We have also organised a boat race for children on Monday 24th June 2019 for those children who are able to raise a minimum of £30 for the school. The deadline for this has been extended to Friday 14th July 2019. Those children who are willing to participate in the boat race should try to raise £30 and bring it to school by this date.

School Holidays:

From **Monday 27th May to Friday 7th June** school will be closed for half term and Eid holiday. Children will return to school on **Monday 10th June** at the usual time at **8am**.

Community fun day:

Our annual community fun day this year will take place on **Saturday 29th June 2019** from 12pm - 6pm at the school. The community day is a big fun day for our children, parents and people around the community where everyone comes together and enjoys a range of activities, food and bazaar. If anyone is interested in volunteering or supporting the school with our fun day, please contact Sir Alam in the office.

SATs 2019:

The year 6 SATs are now over and it's a great relief for the year 6 children who have worked extremely hard since the beginning of the year. I was proud of the way the children tackled their exams last week. They showed resilience in taking the exams and kept going until last Thursday. I wanted to say a huge well done to all the children and I hope them all the best. The results will be released on Tuesday 9th July and parents will be informed. I would like to thanks to our Y6 parents for their support to their children. Furthermore, a huge thanks to our Y6 teacher Sir Alam who has been dedicated his extra hours and hard work for achieving good grades.

Eid Party:

Eid party for children will be held on Tuesday 11th June in the playground. Children may wear their Eid clothes on this day and they can bring some food to share.

Summer Calendar:

A lot is happening during the next term, therefore please have a look at the summer calendar on page 6 and keep the important dates in your diary.

AWARDS PAGE

Students OF THE MONTH

	<u>NC curriculum</u>	<u>IC curriculum</u>
Year-1:	Abdurrahman Osman	Ayaat Ahmed
Year-2:	Hirsi Adde	Mohammed Mohamud
Year-3:	Maryama Hussein	Abdul Hakim Isarai
Year-4:	Abdullahi Yusuf	Abdullahi Ahmed
Year-5:	Asmaa Bouhanna	Asiyah Isarai
Year-6:	Saif Ullah Mughal	Meryam Bouhanna
Hifz class:	Muaadh Hassan	

HEAD TEACHER'S MERIT AWARDS

Y1: Abdul Aziz Isarai, Aisha Hussein, Ayaat Ahmed, Juwayriya Potts, Ibraheem and Abdullahi.

Y2: Abdul Rahman Hussein, Ayaan Ahmed, Mutasimbillah, Ismaeel Kolia and Safa Sayed.

Y3: Abdul Hakim Isarai

Y4: Dawud Arefin, Shah Muawiyah, Zarah Mamode and Tasnim Osman.

Y5: Abdull Mukit Mirza, Asiyah Isarai, Asmaa Bouhanna, Adar Osman, Fatimah Kolia, Houda Benatallah, Rayaan Ahmed and Saido Bashir.

Y6: Yaqub Said, Shakira Hassan and Meryam Bouhanna.



Summer Term 2019	
Ramadan and Eid holiday	Monday 27th May to Friday 7th June 2019
Children Eid party	Tuesday 11th June 2019
Summer 2nd term	Monday 10th June to Tuesday 23rd July 2019
Cycling week for Y5 and Y6	Monday 17th to Friday 21st June 2019
Adult boat race	Saturday 22nd June 2019
Children boat race	Monday 24th June 2019
Community fun day	Saturday 29th June 2019
Whole school trip	Thursday 4th July 2019
Sports day	Monday 8th July 2019
Parents day	Thursday 11th July 2019
Graduation day & End of year celebration	Tuesday 16th July 2019
Summer holiday	Wednesday 24th July to Wednesday 4th September 2019
Teacher training day	Wednesday 4th September 2019
1st day of academic year 2019-20 for pupils	Wednesday 4th September 2019



Sunnah acts to be performed on Eid day

Just the word 'Eid' brings a smile to the face of any Muslim during the long month of Ramadan. Many of us have already started ordering our Eid outfits and are already waiting for that message about the arrival of this special day. However, putting on our best clothes and celebrating are not the only things we should do on this special day.

Take bath before the Eid Salah - As Muslims, hygiene is a fundamental part of our religion and as Ibn Abbas narrated: 'The Messenger of Allah (saw) used to have a bath on the day of Fitr' [Ibn Majah]. We are encouraged to do the same and in doing so we make sure that gatherings and family festivities are an enjoyable affair.

Eating before prayer - For Eid ul-Fitr, it is a Sunnah to eat a meal so as not to extend the fast. Just as our Prophet (saw) did not set out on the day of Eid until he had eaten an odd number of dates, we can also follow his example and do the same.

Putting on Attar - Attar is essentially fragrance for men. Using Attar is Sunnah and is also recommended as it creates a pleasant aura and just as our Prophet Muhammad (saw) applied Attar on Eid occasions, men are also encouraged to do the same.

Takbeer - On route to the place of Eid prayer Takbeer ul-Eid should be recited softly on Eid ul-Fitr. The Eid Takbeer is:

'Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar. La Ilaaha Illallahu Wallahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar wa Lillahil Hamd'

Congratulating each other - On Eid we often congratulate each other with greetings such as 'Eid Mubarak'. However, a better way to do this is to take the examples of the Sahabah (ra). It was narrated by Sayyidina Jubayr (ra), that the Sahabahs (ra) used to greet each other on the day of Eid with the following greeting: '*Taqabbal Allaahu Minnaa Wa Minka*' meaning 'May Allah accept (the fast and worship) from us and from you.' (Fathul-Bari)

Routes to salah al-Eid - As narrated by Jabir bin Abdullah: 'On the Day of Eid the Prophet used to return after offering the Eid prayer through a way different from that by which he went' (Bukhari). The reasoning behind this is so that on The Day of Judgement the two paths will testify that you attended this salah.

Perform salah al-Eid - Eid salah must not be missed, as it is a fundamental part of Eid festivities. As narrated by Abdullah bin Umar: 'Allah's Apostle used to offer the prayer of Eid-ul-Adha and Eid-ul-Fitr and then deliver the Khutbah after the prayer.' (Bukhari).

Zakatul Fitr - we all need to ensure that we have paid our Zakat al-Fitr before the start of Eid prayers. This is compulsory on all members of your household.

KIDS PAGE

How many questions can you answer about Islam?

1. What is the belief of a Muslim?
2. What does Islam teach?
3. What are the five pillars of Islam?
4. What are the hadiths?
5. Who created the world?
6. What are the names of the four powerful angels?
7. What are names of the angels who record everything we do?
8. What does Islam say about Satan?
9. How many prophets' names you can say?
10. Who is the last and final messenger?
11. Do you know the meaning of Sura Ikhlas?
12. What do Muslims believe about Jesus/ Isa (alaihi salam)?
13. What do you know about the Quran?
14. How many hadiths do you know?
15. What is the Ka'bah?
16. Who built the Ka'bah?
17. How do Muslims define modesty?
18. Why can't Muslims drink alcoholic beverages?
19. What is *halal*?
20. Why do Muslims celebrate Eid?



Newsletter



APRIL-2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

Another half term has gone by. The year is speeding ahead! During the spring term, we have covered manners, character, responsibility and cleanliness in our whole school assemblies on Fridays, alongside reflections on ongoing learning. KS2 children are recording their best learning in a 'treasure book' for life that will help them recollect their memories on the spot when they are needed. The children are always praised for telling the truth and being kind to each other, in order to reinforce ethical behaviour. They know the three magic words: 'please', 'thank you' and 'sorry'. I would like to urge all parents to support Al Falah's ethos by continuing to encourage your child to apply these good practices outside of the school. Next term our assembly themes will be right and wrong, community, sharing and global peace.

This time of the year provides us with significant opportunities for learning and you will see and hear of pupils embarking on a higher percentage of outdoor learning opportunities.

Every day is a learning day and even one day of absence can make a difference to a pupil's progress. To encourage attendance we will be reinstating our weekly class awards for attendance and a new trophy being purchased for the class with the best attendance. We are also looking at rewarding those pupils who reach 100% attendance throughout the year with a fantastic additional reward activity at the end of the year.

Please look at the school calendar and our school holiday dates. Please do not book holidays during term time. Children must attend school every day and on time. Parents are held responsible for any unauthorised absences.

Abu Hussain

Head teacher

Spaces available

We have some places available from year 1 to year 5 from September 2019. Priority will be given to children who have siblings at Al-Falah. However, if you know anyone who is looking for a place, please ask them to download the application form from <http://www.alfalahschool.org.uk/downloads.html>, fill it in and return it to the school immediately as spaces are limited.



Refurbishment of building and securing school gate

The school is planning to develop a new roof and dormer in the head teacher's office and as a result the year 6 classroom size will increase; there will be space for a new toilet for the ladies and more facilities for a bigger staffroom.

We are also planning to put a partition with our neighbour and secure our gate as part of safeguarding children. These works are long overdue; once we have made an agreement with our neighbour you will be notified.



Safeguarding

Dean Davis, a police officer from Hackney, carried a very informative online safeguarding session with the year 5 and 6 children about safeguarding children and how to keep safe.

Scholastic Book Fair

I would like to say a big thank you to all our parents for buying books at the book fair. We were able to sell £580 worth of books and as a result the school will receive £290 worth of books as selected by the teachers.

Enrichment day

On Wednesday 27th March 2019 all students from Alfalah participated in various hands-on extra-curricular activities devised by different teachers. Children rotated from one class to another and had the opportunity to learn new skills. All the activities were linked with the national curriculum subjects. Below are some activities that were carried out:

First Aid	Fruit Salad	Mental health awareness	Pizza making	Nutritional information
-----------	-------------	-------------------------	--------------	-------------------------

Al Falah at the New Zealand Embassy

Sir Ali Ahmed, year 4 teacher visited the New Zealand Embassy with gifts and cards on behalf of Al-Falah school signed by staff and students. The deputy high commissioner, David Evans, personally met Sir Ali and thanked the school for their love and condolences.



Parent governor vacancy

We have a parent governor vacancy at Al-Falah. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

School Uniform

A gentle reminder to parents to ensure your child comes to school with the **correct uniform**.

For Boys: Long Kameez/Jubbah/Thobe of a length to just above the ankles, **black shoes and white hat**.

For girls: Black Abaya of a length to the ankles, **white scarf** (not a mixture of any other colour) and **black shoes**.

Food from around the world

On Friday 22nd March 2019, we held a very successful food fair in our school. Children and parents enjoyed the different types of food and learnt many new names of food items from around the world as well as indulging in a taste from different cultures. A huge thank you to all our parents for your kind contribution towards the food fair and for purchasing what was on offer. Through your kind efforts we raised a total amount of **£500** for the school.



Clean Up Clapton winners

Speaker Cllr Clare Potter and Cllr Michael Desmond gave us a pleasant surprise visit on Friday 22nd March 2019. Al-Falah was presented with a trophy for 'Clean Up Clapton 2018 Best Picture Award'.

Shakira Hassan and A Abdullahi from year 6, and Hamza Hajinur from year 2 received gift vouchers for their excellent art work. The children who received the prizes felt a great sense of achievement and in turn it has acted as a great source of encouragement for the rest of the students. Regardless, well done to all those who participated!



Ramadan Time

Ramadan will start on Monday 6th May (upon sighting of the moon). **School will start at 9:00am and will finish at 2:30pm** during the three weeks of Ramadan. After Eid, from Monday 10th June, school will start at the usual time at 8am.

AWARDS PAGE



Year-1: Abdulaziz Isarai & Ayaat Ahmed

Year-2: Hirsi Adde & Ismaeel Kolia

Year-3: M Kashib Hoque & Uthmaan Abdullahi

Year-4: Zarah Mamode & Maryam Abdisalam

Year-5: Houda Benatallah & Abdullah Asif

Year-6: Haroon Mohamed

Head Teacher Merit Award Students

Year-1: Abdulaziz Isarai

Year-2: Mohamed Mahamud, Ismaeel, Zakariyya, Haroun, Hamza, Mutasimbillah, Amy, Aleesha, Safa, & AbdulRahman

Year-3: Zakariye Hussein, Aisha Alinur

Year-4: Yahya Balia

Year-5: Adar Osman, Saido Farah, Adam Djeraba, Dawoud Benmannana

Year-6: Ishaq Bailey, Fahemo Abukar, Abdurrahman Isarai



Year 1 - Ms Noureen

Year one have worked very hard this term. This is evident from the progress children have made in their assessments.

On March the 7th children celebrated World book day. This was a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and most importantly reading. Year One thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters.

On Wednesday 27th March children engaged in Enrichment day. Year 1, 2 and 3 swapped classes throughout the morning and enjoyed different activities. In the Year one class children made chocolate rice krispy cakes. Children thoroughly enjoyed making and eating the krispy cakes!

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

This term Year Two have utilised their knowledge and understanding in our new topic of Explanation Writing. They created a range of different flow diagrams. They have also been working on their speaking skills through verbal presentations of research Power Points. Children enjoyed this terms Enrichment Day where they focused on the concept of 'Growth Mindset' in order to promote mental health and optimistic attitude.



**Power Point
Presentation**



**Science
Experiment**

All children have progressed exceptionally well in this terms Assessments. A huge thank you to all the parents for their continuous support. Please encourage your child to do lots of reading over the holidays. Keep up the hard work and enjoy the holidays!

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Although short, this term has been a productive one for year 3. We visited the Childhood museum where the children got to explore puppet shows from around the world. It was a fun packed day for all. On enrichment day, year 3 learnt how to make pitta bread pizzas and Chocolate rice krispies. They also learnt about gratitude and how to have a positive outlook on life by being thankful every day.



It was a successful day and they really enjoyed themselves. World book day also brought about lots of excitement, especially for the book worms in year 3! Most of the class dressed up as their favourite book characters. We explored some interesting stories from our 5 minute treasury and learnt more about book reviews. The majority of the class has learnt up to 11/12 time tables. Parents are encouraged to carry out regular practice of the following:

Handwriting, Spellings, Time tables and Reading.

Enjoy the break year 3 and well done for your continuous hard work!!

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

Alhamdulillah for another fun packed term! This term has been absolutely jam packed with poetry; science investigations and mind boggling information about the world (ask your child about their geography lessons). Well done to all the children for being dedicated and working hard.

A special mention to the following children who have given 110% this term in all areas of their learning:

Yahya Balia, Dawud Arefin, Zarah Vally Mamode, Maryam Abdisalam and Abdullah Ahmed Abdullahi

Have a well rested break guys, enjoy your holiday and stay safe!!!

Year 5 - Ms Thamira

Year 5 class have been busy writing mystery poems using rhyme, repetition and alliteration. We enjoyed reading and sharing poems and learning about metaphors.

In PSHE, we have learnt about the Declaration of Human Rights and the importance of its application across the whole world. We remembered and made dua for all those who sadly lost their lives in Christchurch, New Zealand in the mosque shooting at the beginning of March. Everyone's life is important no matter what faith, no- faith, culture, country or race you belong to.

Year 5 have been budding scientists and investigated ways of 'sound proofing' by investigating which materials are best at absorbing sounds. They learnt how sound waves are better absorbed by materials such as a winter jacket, thick jumper, bubble wrap and a thick leather bag. Have a great end of term break! Don't forget to do the following:

- Get lots of fresh air outdoors & help your parents/carers with the chores.
- Read every day and look up new vocabulary using a dictionary.
- Cook something new (with adult supervision!)

Year 6 - Sir Alam

Dear Year 6 Parents and Pupils

There are only 14 school days left for the year 6 SATs tests. We know how hard everyone has worked, but there is something very important that children must know:

The SATs test does not assess all of what makes each child special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each child the way we do and certainly not in the way their families do.

They do not know that some children speak two or more languages or that they love to draw or recite beautifully. They have not seen the natural talent and they do not know that many participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help their little brother or sister after school.

The levels children get from this test will tell something, but they will not tell everything. There are many ways of being smart. So while children are preparing for the test and in the midst of it all, remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU! Enjoy the holidays, believe in yourself and reach for the stars!



Islamic studies

This term has been a very short one but our children at Al Falah have achieved many things and most of all are enjoying their Quran and Islamic studies Alhamdu-Lillah. I would like to remind all even though we are almost at the end of the month of Rajab that Rasulullah (s) used to make this Dua at the beginning of the month of rajab, "Allaahumma baarik lanaa Fee Rajaba wa Sha'baan, wa ballighnaa Ramadaan". O Allah Make the months of Rajab and Sha'baan a blessing for us and let us reach the holy month of Ramadaan safely. *(The above hadith has been mentioned on the authority of Anas bin Malik (r)).*

As Islamophobia is on the rise and hate crime incidents have increased, we thought it would be appropriate this term to focus on 'Patience' and 'Safety'. We are working with the children in raising their awareness of the current climate and how to be patience and stay safe at these difficult times, we all have times when we have to face challenges and be patience. It would be great if you could share stories of patience of The Holy Prophet(s) with your child.

Like all, we are so saddened when we heard about the terrorist attacks on the Masjids in New Zealand. Our heartfelt Prayers go out to all the families who have lost loved ones and pray that Allah gives them patience to bear this loss. I would like to conclude with the verse 42 of surah Ibrahim. Allah Says: "AND DO NOT think that Allah is unaware of what the evildoers are doing: He but grants them respite until the Day when their eyes will stare in horror. (Holy Quran)

Hifz Class - Mashaa-Allah, some have been working hard this term. I would like to remind all the parents of the hifz students, please make sure your child **revises at home each day during the holiday.**

Year One - In year one, students continued to work very hard recognising letter, perfecting their pronunciations and reading words fluently. In particular, the following students have excelled in their studies: Abdulaziz Isarai, Ibrahim Abdullahi, Ayaat Ahmed and Aymn Saqr. Keep up the excellent work everyone!

Year Two - Mashaa-Allah Year Two have made good progress during this term by working hard and learning their du'as. They have also made good progress in their Quranic studies especially Amy Richardson and Mohamed Abdul Kadir. Well done year two! Keep up the good work and enjoy the holiday.

Year Three - This term students continued to work very hard learning their Quran. Many of the students have completed their targets and are able to read the Quran independently, MashaAllah! I would like to thank all the parents for your support and kindly request that you continue to work with your child during the holidays.

Year Four

Alhamdulillah, this term year 4 Students have done very well in their studies, especially in memorisation of Grade 4 duas with translation. They have also memorised more than three quarters of Juz Amma.

Following Students have been excellent in their Quran reading and made very good progress in their Islamic studies too. Maryam Abdisalam has completed 7 Juz, Tasniim Osman and Aliyah Hassan have almost completed their 7th Juz, Dawud Arefin has memorised 27 surahs, Abdullahi Yusuf and Zarah Mamode have memorised 26 surahs.

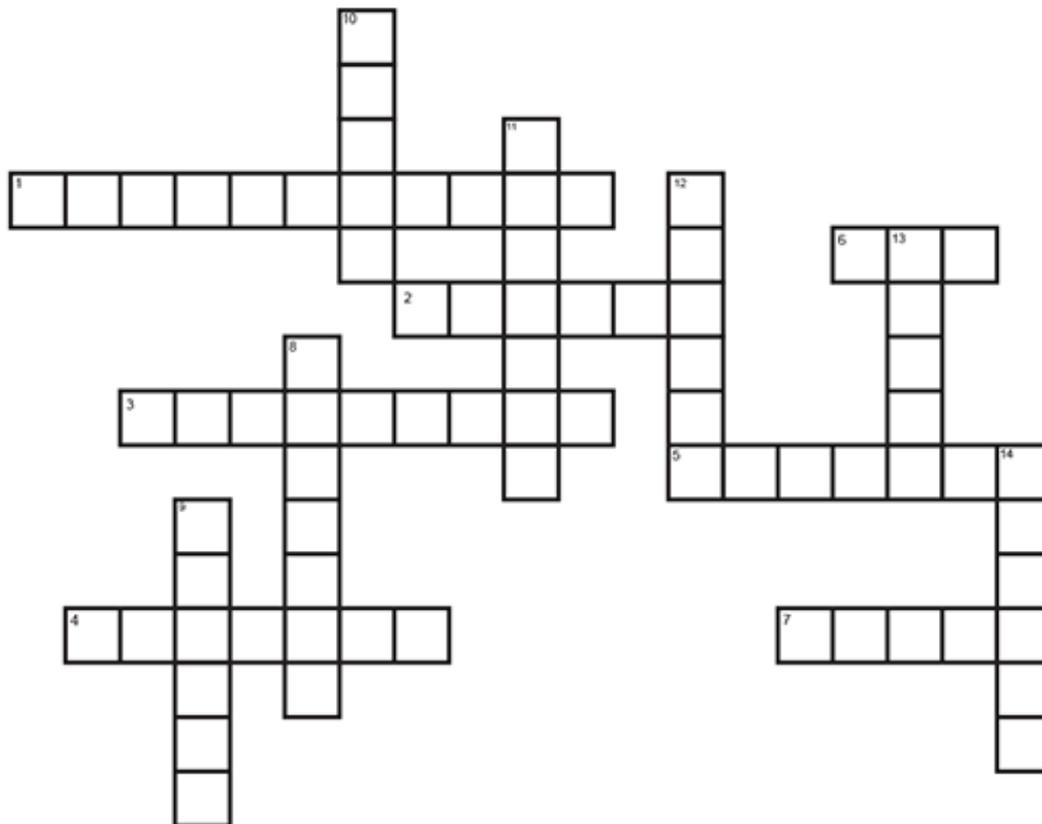
Maasha Allaah, well done and keep up the effort.

Year Five - Alhamdulillah this term we have learnt about the life of Sayidina Umar (r), the second Khaleefah. We have explored how Islam spread during his khilaafah and how he introduced many new ideas to the system of governance to improve the quality of life for all the citizens.

Year Six - were focusing on 'the life of Ali bin Abi Taalib (r) and his many contributions to this ummah as the fourth khaleefah'. We have been exploring some of the efforts that he made to restore unity among the Muslims. Year six has also enjoyed learning many of the wise sayings of Sayidina Ali (r), e.g. "Good manners is the essence of man, wisdom is his helper, and **etiquette** his legacy".



RAMADAN CROSSWORD



CLUES:

ACROSS:

1. The messenger of Allah
2. Worship
3. The first surah of Quran
4. We do this from Dawn until sunrise during Ramadan
5. Those who do good deeds will get this from Allah
6. This celebration comes at the end of Ramadan
7. Our holy book

DOWN:

8. Sunset time
9. Where is best to pray?
10. We do this 5 times a day
11. The 9th month of the Islamic calendar
12. Eat this before you start fasting
13. This happens at maghrib time
14. the way of the Prophet

Summer Term Calendar 2019

Teacher training day	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Summer 1st term	Wednesday 24th April to Friday 24th May 2019
Bank holiday in May	Monday 6th May 2019
Ramadan starts	Monday 6th May (During Ramadan school starts at 9am and finishes at 2.30pm)
SATs week	Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May 2019
Ramadan and Eid Holiday	Monday 27th May to Friday 7th June 2019
Summer 2nd term	Monday 10th June to Tuesday 23rd July 2019
Cycling week for Y5 and Y6	Monday 17th to Friday 21st June 2019
Boat race	Saturday 22nd June 2019
Community Fun Day	Saturday 29th June 2019
Whole school trip	Thursday 4th July 2019
Sports Day	Monday 8th July 2019
Parents Day	Thursday 11th July 2019
Graduation Day & End of year celebration	Tuesday 16th July 2019
Summer holiday	Wednesday 24th July to Wednesday 3rd Sep 2019
Teacher training day	Tuesday 3rd September 2019
1st day of academic year 2019-20 for pupils	Wednesday 4th September 2019

Newsletter



FEBRUARY-2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

It's hard to believe that we are almost half way through the school year already - this week will be the final week before the half term break and as usual we are very busy at Al-Falah.

We have been through a painful time as our beloved brother **Moulana Shahan** departed from this world. It has been heart-breaking for me and my colleagues as he was very close to many of us and he was surely a very loving, caring and jolly person. I would like to say thank you to our parents for showing their condolences and attending the funeral prayer. We are hoping to hold an event for Moulana Shahan in the near future and you will be notified as soon as details are finalised.

New School Manager:

On behalf of management, I would like to welcome Moulana Sharif Uddin as our new school manager. Moulana Sharif has been a part of the management since 2005 and therefore he is well experienced with the day to day running of the school.

Alhamdulillah as an Islamic scholar, he is also well equipped to support our Islamic curriculum and ethos. We look forward to working alongside with him and we are sure that his experience will prove very valuable within our team.

Healthy Eating/ Fizz Free February

One of our aims at Al-Falah this year is to help children understand how to make healthy food and drink choices. This term we will be looking at how to stay healthy, eat and drink healthy food and find out how much sugar is in the food we eat by looking at the contents and nutrition label. In one can of Pepsi, there is more sugar than is recommended for a 5 to 7 year-old for the whole day! We are trying to help our children make healthy choices about what they drink so are taking part in fizz free February. **Children should fill in the record sheet and tick every day to see how many days they can go without a fizzy drink.**



Attendance and punctuality

All children are required to attend assembly at 8am. The school will not accept any latecomer (after 8:15) and the gate will be closed at 8:15am. **Arrivals after that time must report to the reception with their parents.** Learning starts

straightway in the class and even few minutes late makes a big difference. Further action will be taken for persistent latecomers.

We appreciate our parents for bringing their children on-time avoiding London traffic. Our target for whole school attendance is 96%. Please keep up your spirit for arriving on time every day.

Volunteers in school

We are looking for volunteers after the half term holiday. If you are interested and can volunteer for a few hours every week, then please contact the office and make an appointment to see the head teacher.

Safer Internet Week

This year, 'Safer Internet Week' took place from 5th-9th February, where the importance of staying safe online is highlighted throughout the country. As part of your child's national curriculum related to computing and ICT, the school hosted a 'Safer Internet Day' with a focus on teaching children how to stay safe online.

Safer Internet Day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents and teachers to join together and play their part for a better internet. Ultimately, a better internet is up to us!



Collecting children

Have you arranged for someone else to collect your child?

Please let your child's teacher or the school office know in writing about the new arrangements or a one off for a particular day. Give us the name of the person collecting your child as well as their relationship to your child. If we are not sure of the person collecting your child, we will have to spend time trying to contact you to check and this takes up a lot of time.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Abu Hussain (Head teacher)

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Date</u>
International mother language day	Wednesday 21 st February
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
World Poetry Day	Thursday 21 st March
World Water Day	Friday 22 nd March

Head teachers merit award students



<u>Year-1:</u> Aisha Hussein
<u>Year-2:</u> Safa Sayed, Mutasimbillah Issa, Ismael Koila, Hamza Ahmed and Alesha Ermis
<u>Year-3:</u> Yusra Ali, Aisha Alinur, Ayham and Abdirahman Ali
<u>Year-4:</u> Maryam Abdisalam
<u>Year-5:</u> Huda Benatallah
<u>Year-6:</u> Saif Ullah Mughal, Ghalib and Ayyub Bashe

Students of the month



<u>Year-1:</u> Ibrahim Abdillahi, Juwayriya Potts
<u>Year-2:</u> Haroon Benmannana and Safa Sayed
<u>Year-3:</u> Aisha Alinur and Uthmaan Abdillahi
<u>Year-4:</u> Yahya Balia and Maryam Abdisalam
<u>Year-5:</u> Asiyah Isarai and Ayman Halane
<u>Year-6:</u> Maryam Bouhanna



Year 1 - Ms Noureen

Year one have made great progress this term. Children have been enjoying exploring a plethora of books. Since, children have been taking books home; I have seen a huge improvement in their reading.

In PSHE children explored the local community and identified all the people who help us. Children designed their own police badge and they became familiar with the job role of a fire-fighter.

Have a restful break Year One!

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Our class has done brilliantly in their writing skills this term with every single child showing improvement in their grade. They have learnt how to enhance their stories with the use of ambitious adjectives, similes and inverted commas. They have also shown excellent improvement in their Maths and critical thinking with word problems.

This term our class also learnt about democracy during our termly school council elections. Candidates prepared for a speech and were then voted for by their fellow class mates. Congratulations to the winners: Zakariyya Hussain and Aleesha Ermis.

Thank you to all the parents for their continued support during this short term!



Year 3 - Ms Abedah

The first half of spring term has come to an end very quickly. Year 3 managed to memorise up to their 9 times tables and became familiar with working out word problems including change. They learnt how to work out quantities of fractions and continue to use these methods successfully. They made beautiful shapes in maths using cutting and sticking as part of their 2D shapes lesson. Most of the children have been very enthusiastic to improve the presentation of their work with the exception of a few.



We explored instruction writing in literacy and most of the class wrote some brilliant instructions on their favourite recipes and games. We will be making a cross curricular link by allowing children to actually follow the instructions and make themselves a snack next term. Parents are advised to continue doing handwriting practice with their child at home, especially during the holiday. The behaviour in year 3 has been excellent and many teachers have constantly praised our class.

Keep it up year 3! Don't forget to practice your spellings and time tables in the holidays and enjoy the break! 😊

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

Year 4 have worked incredibly hard this term with children making fantastic progress, particularly in maths solving 2 step word problems. The class have also enjoyed poetry writing this term, learning how to use stanzas in poetry appropriately and exploring how the Romans contributed towards the many luxuries we enjoy today in Britain.

Next term will be equally exciting as we have a few trips to look forward to and lots of creative work in Art. For now, Year 4, enjoy a well-deserved holiday and remember to keep safe!

Year 5 - Ms Thamina

Year 5 class have been very creative and hands on, using newspaper to design and make their very own containers. MashaAllah every child produced a unique container taking inspiration from various objects seen and discussed. It was tricky at times trying to make the container strong enough so that it could stand but working

together and helping each other, most of the children completed the container successfully. Year 5 went on to paint their designs applying several layers of PVA in order to make the container sturdy.



Year 6 - Sir Alam

On Wednesday 16th January 2019, year 6 pupils visited the Hackney Museum to participate in the Junior Citizenship Scheme.

JCS is a fast-paced, multiple-agency event run for year 6 students and designed to help pupils prepare for the challenges they may face as they become adults.



Pupils enjoyed a carousel of activities with up to ten different agencies delivering short sessions on topics relating to good citizenship with scenarios including: Travelling by Underground, London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Police Service, St John Ambulance and others. We really enjoyed our trip which was educational and helpful. Have a great half term year 6!

10 Growth Mindset Statements

What can I say to myself?

FIXED MINDSET

GROWTH MINDSET

INSTEAD OF:	TRY THINKING:
<p>I'm not good at this.</p> <p>I'm awesome at this.</p> <p>I give up.</p> <p>This is too hard.</p> <p>I can't make this any better.</p> <p>I just can't do Math.</p> <p>I made a mistake.</p> <p>She's so smart. I will never be that smart.</p> <p>It's good enough.</p> <p>Plan "A" didn't work.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 What am I missing? 2 I'm on the right track. 3 I'll use some of the strategies we've learned. 4 This may take some time and effort. 5 I can always improve so I'll keep trying. 6 I'm going to train my brain in Math. 7 Mistakes help me to learn better. 8 I'm going to figure out how she does it. 9 Is it really my best work? 10 Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!

Useful websites for parents and children



Literacy

http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/literacy/lit_site/html/teachers/text_ease/index.htm

http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/literacy/lit_site/html/spelling/phonics/index.htm

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/>

<http://www.firstschoolyears.com/literacy/index.htm>

Numeracy

<https://nrich.maths.org/thismonth/all/2004/01/>

<http://www.superkids.com/aweb/tools/math/>

<http://www.primarygames.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/dynamo/den/den.htm>

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/numeracy.htm>

<http://www.aamath.com/>

Science:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/dynamo/lab/>

<http://www.teachingandlearningresources.co.uk/millionscience.html>

<https://science.howstuffworks.com/>



48 Kenninghall Road
Clapton
London, E5 8BY
T:020 8985 1059

Newsletter



DECEMBER-2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

Autumn term has come an end. November began with an Ofsted inspection and December has been rather cold. Many children suffered from flu yet several came to school if they possibly could, due to the positive attitude of our students. So, well done everyone!

I would like thank our parents who met the inspectors during the inspection, completed the online survey and expressed their positive opinions of the school.

During the coffee morning, lots of parents took part in a discussion regarding Ofsted and other issues. We always listen to our parents and together we resolve any issue that arises. As you can see, our Ofsted report emphasised that reading, Islamic studies and the behaviour of the children were good. However, the school has now adopted an even more robust system to improve children's writing as highlighted by the inspectors. Hence, I request parents to encourage children to read and write at home and even read together, test their understanding and support them in making notes in their reading journals. Together we can help our children to take responsibility for their learning, InshaAllah!

Students' diaries

Parents are reminded to check their children's interactive diaries every day. In these diaries the teachers write notes for your information about your child's progress or any difficulties. You have to read these and sign them and if necessary make a comment.

Bake a cake

Our annual school cake sale held on Friday 14th December 2018. The parents really excelled themselves both in their efforts to provide delicious home baked cakes, sweets and biscuits and in turning up on the day to purchase a good amount



of what was on offer! The children really enjoyed the day as buyers and sellers.

Alhamdulillah! We managed to raise **£300** by selling the cakes. This year the proceeds will go directly towards purchasing new books for our school library. Thank you very much to our parents and children for making the day successful.

Reading logs

All pupils in Al Falah have been given reading logs last month. Children are encouraged to read for a minimum of 10 minutes on a daily basis and write in their logs what they have read. Children who have read the most books will be awarded certificates.

Neighbourhood cleaning

Every year Al-Falah School takes part in a clean street campaign along with the council and Bsix College. This took place on Thursday 22nd October 2018 from 11am -12.15pm when children went out to clean the local neighbourhood. This is a community led neighbourhood cleaning initiative, enabling community groups and organisations to build ties and combine skills and resources for the betterment of the neighbourhood. The objective of this initiative is not just to clean, but also to create a platform for people of various faiths and backgrounds to meet each other, work together, and benefit the wider community, supporting common values in Britain. This promotes community cohesion, integration and the sense of belonging, which is almost lost in this modern age of technology and social media.

Big Sing Up

The Big Sing Up (Voice of Peace) took place at a venue in Chadwell Heath on 16th December 2018. Eighteen students took part from Al-Falah and it was a huge successful event. Our students participated by singing Nasheeds that were highly praised and appreciated by the audience. The whole programme was



recorded and will be broadcasted on more than one Islamic channel on sky. We will inform you of the broadcast date once we have the details.

Jazaakumullahu Khair to Moulana Sharif (trustee governor) and Moulana Abdul Awwal for their support for making this trip successful.

School lunch

School lunch trial has been very successful and we have received positive feedback from parents and children, therefore we will be continuing with the school lunch from the 2nd week of the new term (**Mon 14th January 2019**) inshaAllah.

Orders and payments must be made for a minimum of 1 week as we are unable to take orders on the day and for specific days. Further information regarding school lunch will be sent separately and parents are requested to return the completed form by Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Regards

Abu Hussain
Head Teacher

News from the school councillors

School councillors discussed different issues during their meeting. The school has a zero tolerance towards bullying. No one is allowed to bully anyone else. If anyone witnesses bullying, it must be reported to the teachers who will record it in the school's bullying book. It was also noted that sometimes students play football inappropriately, therefore children are reminded not to kick the ball too hard, as this could be harmful to others. In such circumstances, the responsible pupil will lose two days of play time. Finally, we discussed that the school toilets must be used in a respectful manner.

Students of the Month December-2018

Y1	Faatima Patel	Y3	Maryam Abdisalam
Y2	Khadeejah Patel	Y4	Abdirahim Mowlid
Y3	Eesa Azeem	Y5	Shakira Hassan



Head teacher Merit Award

Y1 - Abdulaziz Isarai and Faatimah Patel.

Y2- Ismaeel Kolia, Khadeejah Patel, Hamza Hajinur, Zakariyya

Hussain, M Ayaan Ahmed, Asma Abdullahi, Mohamed Mahmud,

Safa Sayed, Alesha Ermis, Haroon Benmennana, Amy Richardson, Abdulrahman Hussein.

Y3 - Aisha Alinur, Eesa Azeem, Abdulhakim Isarai and Maryama Hussein.

Y4 - Sumaya Omar, Zarah Mamode, Maryam Abdisalam, Dawud Arefin and Muawiyah Shah.

Y5 - Adam Djeraba, Asma Bouhanna, Fatimah Kolia and Saido Bashir.

Y6 - Abdurrahman Isarai, Meryam Bouhanna, Ghalib Abdallah and Shakira Hassan.



A HUGE WELL DONE TO ALL THE ABOVE STUDENTS!

Messages from National Curriculum teachers

Year 1 - Ms Noreen

Year one have worked hard on instruction writing and story writing this term. Through



following instructions children made chocolate krispy cakes. Children have also been immersing themselves in reading a plethora of books. This has helped children further develop on their reading skills.

In Geography we have been focusing on the Local Area. Children walked around the local area and have become familiar with the different shops and mode of transport. In History we have been

exploring toys from the past. Children enjoyed a trip to the V&A Museum of childhood.

Year One have settled into Al Falah and have shown great progress throughout this term. I am very proud of the progress children have made.

JazakAllah to all the parents who attended the phonics workshop. Your continuous support is highly appreciated. Please ensure your child completes their Holiday Homework.

Have a restful break Year One!

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have worked extremely hard on their instructional writing skills this term through our theme of 'construction'. They have utilised their creative ability to make snowflakes, origami cats, and enjoyed the cross curricular links with design technology by learning how to sew bags!

It's been a great term with much improvement in their skills across the whole curriculum. All children have shown improvement in their handwriting, phonics and spellings. Thank you to all parents for continuing to ensure children are completing their homework, spellings and practicing their reading. Make sure you continue to practice your 3, 4 and 6 times tables!

Well done Year 2, have a lovely holiday and make sure you wrap up warm! Ms Nosheen ☺



Year 3 - Ms Abeda

Parents are requested to ensure children are continuously memorising their timetables and spellings. Year 3 have worked very hard to improve the presentation of their work this term. They also tried to tackle unfamiliar topics within the new curriculum, mainly maths, literacy and science. The children managed to learn their times tables up to 8. They enjoyed learning about healthy eating and balanced diets alongside the circulatory system of humans and animals. In PSHE we explored the differences between vandalism and theft and children really showed an interest in learning to empathise with victims as well as understanding the consequences of such crimes. We managed to assemble our chocolate factories in art where children got a chance to express themselves using different materials. We also visited the Science Museum at the start of the second half term which was a fun filled day for all! Overall, a busy but productive term!

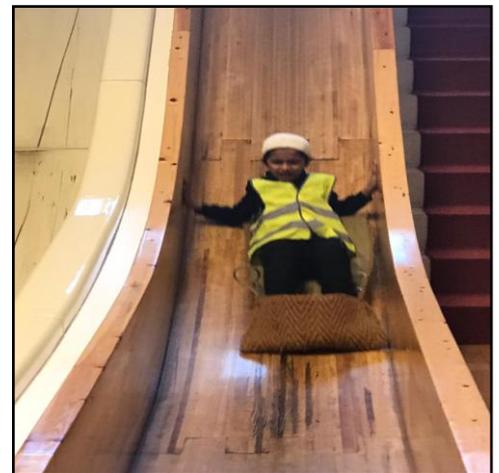
Please continue to practice handwriting with your child during the holiday. JazakAllah for your continuous support.

Enjoy the break year 3 😊

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

Year 4 have enjoyed a very busy second half term. We had a fantastic time exploring the lab watching the 'Flash, Bang Wallop' show at the Science Museum. Children were brilliantly behaved and praised by staff at the museum for their behaviour. We have also been working incredibly hard this half term developing our skills in solving word problems as part of reasoning for maths and writing our own poetry. Next term will be just as exciting as we move on to explore the Romans.

Enjoy a well deserved holiday, rest up well and stay safe!!!



World War 1 Project winners:

1st prize: Zarah Mamode & Yahya Balia

Runners up: Dawud Arefin, Aliya Hassan, Maryam Abdisalam & Sumaya Omar

Year 5 - Ms Tahmina

Asalaamu alaikum!

It has been a great pleasure taking over the Year 5 class. MashaAllah Year 5 must be praised for their positive and inquisitive attitude towards learning.

This term we have been exploring Greek myths through reading and role play which helped children really understand the characters they were writing about. Children went on to plan and develop their own Greek myth based on, 'Theseus and Minotaur'.

In Maths, year 5 have been trying their best to practise long division which has proved somewhat tricky! As part of the holiday homework please encourage your child to revise his/her times tables up to twelve.

Year 5 have stepped into the past as we compared and contrasted rich and poor Tudor lives and how the Tudor reign impacted exploration and trade. Finally, the children have thoroughly enjoyed Design and Technology unit on, 'Biscuits'. We tasted, evaluated and designed a range of biscuits and even made our very own vanilla flavoured biscuits!

Have a lovely break!

Year 6 - Sir Alam

We have had a very busy half term: we visited the Science Museum and watched a live demonstration about how rockets go up to space, enriched our learning by visiting the



Wonder Lab and participating in experiments about Forces, Electricity, Light, Sound, Matter and Space. Calligraphy lessons have started in year 6 every Wednesday, and children have been enjoying the activities and we hope this will improve our writing. We've had two

workshops with the police, the first one was about knife crime and how to stay safe and the second was about being safe online.

In the next term, we will be visiting the Hackney Museum to participate in the Junior Citizenship Scheme where pupils will participate in a range of activities delivered by different agencies like the London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Police, St John Ambulance, the Road safety teams and many others. We will also have a workshop with the Eco Active team from Hackney who will run a session about recycling and children will be making paper from recycled materials.

I would also like to thank all parents for attending the SATs workshop which I hope everybody found beneficial.

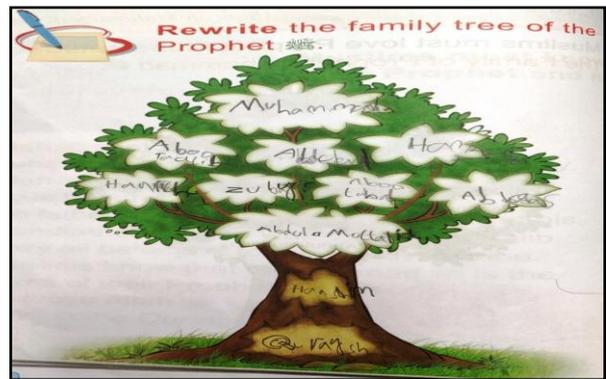
Islamic Curriculum Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

I pray you are all well and busy in the remembrance of Allah Almighty. We have just entered the last few weeks of 2018 and it reminds me of one of the signs of Qiyamah according to the narration of Imam Ahmad (r) that Abu Hurayrah (r) said: The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "The Hour will not begin until time passes quickly, so a year will be like a month, and a month will be like a week, and a week will be like a day...." Imam An-Nawawi says that there will be no barakah in time, and that the benefit that a person gets from one day, for example, will be the equivalent of the benefit that they used to get in a single hour.

We are very proud of all the hard work the children have been doing during this term. Islamic studies has always been a strength especially Quran lesson. This term children have been working on developing their recitation skills which have helped many of them to be able to read Quran at a much higher level. Alhamdulillah. We are also delighted to be able to share with you that Ofsted Judged Alfalah's Islamic curriculum to be 'strong' which is what we as a school judge ourselves to be. They have said: "*The teaching of Islamic studies is particularly strong. Here, teachers know precisely what they want pupils to learn and check pupils' progress carefully. Pupils are motivated and keen to meet their teachers' high expectations.*"



They also said: "*The school's religious studies curriculum underpins pupils' strong spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Pupils are highly respectful and considerate of others... They spoke knowledgeably and with maturity about their own faith*". I hope that you will join us in being pleased with the outcome and that you will continue to support the school and work with us to make Alfalah the best it can be.

Here at Alfalah the children are taught their prayers and all the religious obligations incumbent upon practicing Muslims and through a consistent nurturing approach to the teacher-pupil interactions we develop the behaviour that moulds a beautiful Islamic Character and nurtures faith. In this way we address all three of the classical Islamic approaches to Education:

1-T'aleem - the teaching of knowledge.

2-Tarbiyah - nurturing the whole person.

3-Ta'dīb - the development of good character and strong faith through Adab and Akhlaaq.

In addition we ensure that all of our children identify positively with their British Muslim identity, upholding the values of tolerance and inclusivity so that they develop into upstanding citizens that will be respected in both the Muslim Community and the wider Multicultural, Multi-faith society and be able to make an active contribution to both the community and world at large.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents, pupils, volunteers and staff for working together and making it possible for Alfalah to work toward achieving excellence. Happy holidays!

Muhammad K Hussain (Islamic Curriculum Coordinator)

Year 1 Islamic Studies

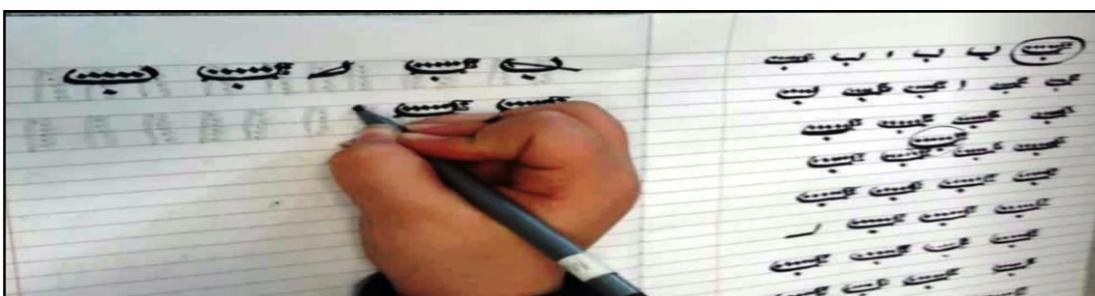
Alhamdulillah Year 1 students have settled in really well. This term in Qaidah we have been focusing on the Arabic alphabets, different shapes and forms of the alphabets and the correct pronunciations of all the letters. Alhamdulillah majority of the students have also finished 'fatha', 'kasrah' and 'dammah' lessons.



A special well done to **Faatimah Patel** for starting the Quran and reading very fluently MashaAllah. She has also been a great help in and around the classroom.

In Islamic studies we have been learning about our beliefs, the five pillars of Islam, respecting the Qur'an and brief introduction to the life of the prophet ﷺ, which the children enjoyed very much.

I highly recommend all the parents to carry on supporting your child at home with their Qaidah and homework during the holidays. Have a great holiday.



Term and Holiday dates 2018-2019

School will reopen on Tuesday 8th January 2019 for the children	
Winter holidays	Monday 24th December to Monday 7th January 2019
Spring Term	
Teacher training day	Monday 7th January 2019
Spring 1st term	Tuesday 8th January to Friday 15th February 2019
Year 6 Citizenship trip	Wednesday 16th January 2019
Spring half term holidays	Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019
Teacher training day	Monday 25th February 2019
Spring 2nd term	Tuesday 26th February to Friday 5th April 2019
April holidays	Monday 8th April to Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Summer Term	
Teacher training day	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Summer 1st term	Wednesday 24th April to Friday 24th May 2019
Bank holiday in May	Monday 6th May 2019
Ramadhan and Eid Holiday	Monday 27th May to Friday 7th June 2019
Summer 2nd term	<u>Monday 10th June</u> to Tuesday 23rd July 2019
Summer holiday	Wednesday 24th July to Wednesday 4th September 2019
Teacher training day	Wednesday 4th September 2019
1st day of academic year 2019-20 for pupils	Thursday 5th September 2019

Everyone has responsibilities make sure you fulfil yours .

Muhammad (pbuh) is our role-model so always follow his example.

KIDS ONLY

THE BIRTH OF ISA (AS)

Ishaq and Yaqub were great prophets who had many prophets amongst their descendants. As time went on, the people went astray and Allah sent many prophets to bring them back to the straight path. These prophets included Musa, Dawud, Yahya and Isa (peace be upon them).

Maryam was also a descendant of Ishaq (as). She was a very kind and pious women. She would spend many hours praying in the temple and would give generously to the poor people.

One day, Allah sent the Angel Jibrael with a message for Maryam. When she saw the angel, she was shocked. When Jibrael told her that she was soon going to have a baby boy she was even more shocked.

She asked the angel how was it possible to have a child without a father? The Angel replied that his birth would be miraculous. Just like Adam (as) was created without a mother and father he will be born without a father.

When it was time for the child to be born, she went to a far away place. She gave birth to a lovely baby boy called Isa. When the people saw her with the baby they were very surprised. She pointed to the baby Isa (as) who told them that he was a servant and messenger of Allah.

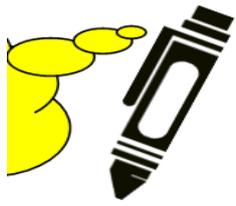
Even though most people loved Isa (as) there were some who wanted to kill him. Allah saved him and lifted him away into the sky. Many people did not know about this and thought he had been killed. Some people began to say Isa (as) was the son of god and began to pray to him. Soon the people began to go astray again.

Finally, Allah sent another messenger to guide them back to the truth. Muhammad (pbuh) was this last and final messenger.

Assalamu-alaykum, life can be confusing, especially when you are a kid. When we get confused we have to turn to people who know the truth such as Muhammad (pbuh). He was the last and final of these greatest teachers. His teachings are for all people. PP

Question time

1. What was the name of Prophet Isa's (alaihis salam) mother?
2. What did Prophet Isa say when he was a baby?
3. What was the name of the angel who came to Maryam?
4. Name 8 other Prophets.
5. Who were the first and last Prophets to come to this world?
6. What does Islam teach us about Prophet Isa (as)



PUZZLE PAGE

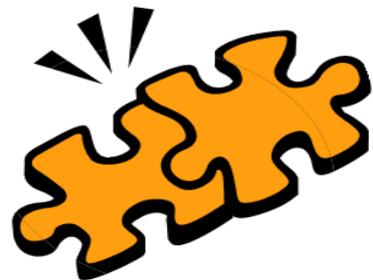
WORDSEARCH

T	B	S	L	N	H	E	L	P	F	U	L	P	F	T
R	Z	H	F	F	C	L	R	D	G	T	C	L	P	H
U	Q	O	M	Z	R	E	S	P	E	C	T	F	U	L
T	R	N	G	E	N	E	R	O	U	S	O	J	N	R
H	M	E	J	U	S	T	E	L	H	M	B	M	C	H
F	O	S	N	D	S	Z	L	I	B	G	E	X	T	F
U	D	T	K	G	N	K	I	T	N	T	D	P	U	H
L	E	P	I	O	U	S	A	E	S	K	I	R	A	D
J	S	T	N	H	L	H	B	C	M	D	E	P	L	T
L	T	Y	D	K	Q	J	L	C	Y	T	N	S	V	B
S	V	H	U	M	B	L	E	G	A	V	T	R	T	J

truthful
respectful
punctual
generous
just
helpful

honest
humble
reliable
pious
kind
modest

obedient
polite



Newsletter



OCTOBER 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

Autumn has arrived with changing colours all around us, as well as dropping temperatures! Coats, hats, gloves and scarves are beginning to appear, reflecting these changes; please try to label these with your child's name.

Our pupils have settled into the new academic year and the new Year 1 pupils are fully immersed in all aspects of the school day - now spending playtimes, lunchtimes and assemblies with the rest of the school.

I really appreciate that our children have started to come to school on-time (at 8 a.m.) every day; please keep it up all the year long.

As usual, below you will find some information about key events and features of school life for the remainder of this half term. If you have any questions or queries about any of these, as always please pop into school and I would be happy to discuss them further.

Yours sincerely
Abu Hussain
Head teacher

Attendance News

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>September attendance %</u>
Y1	95.89%
Y2	95.27%
Y3	96.00%
Y4	99.07%
Y5	99.86%
Y6	98.60%

AL FALAH OVERALL ATTENDANCE RECORD 2018-19			
Month	Present %	Authorised Absence %	Unauthorised Absence %
SEPTEMBER	97.45%	2.47%	0.08%

Parents' day:

Parents' day took place on Thursday 18th October. It provided parents the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss important issues of academic progression in both National and Islamic Curriculum subjects. Parents were also provided with first half term reports for their children. May we say thank you very much for taking out the time to visit Al Falah.

Parent's Survey:

Your views count! Alhamdulillah! I would like to take this opportunity to feedback to you the outcomes of the parent surveys. Thank you to the parents for taking the time to complete the parent survey, your continued support is really appreciated. Our aim is to constantly strive to improve our partnership with parents so that all our children are well supported and parents feel confident in knowing what their child needs to do to move on in their learning and confident in supporting them in this process. We have received lots of positive feedback about the things we need to improve as a school. Below is a list of strengths that numerous parents commented on.

<u>Survey results categories</u>	<u>Excellent / Good</u>
National Curriculum Education	97%
Islamic Curriculum Education	99%
Communication between School and Parents	97%
Discipline	97%
Provided with sufficient homework	97%
Making good progress at school	96%
As a parent are you happy with the current school progress?	89%
Check your child's homework	96 %

In your opinion, what is the most important improvement Al-Falah School could make?

Provide school lunch, more play equipment in the playground, better communication between school and parents.

Keeping children safe in education:

All parents and carers and requested to read the 'Keeping children safe in education-2018' booklet, which can be found on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>.

Clapton clean up:

Thursday 18th October Al Falah children are going to participate in Clapton cleanup activities around our local area with Bsix College, Hackney council other local schools in our area. Our children always participate in cleaning up programme and its make them pride of being part of wider community and learn how to keep cleaning local area.

Parents' workshop:

We would like to invite all our parents and carers to a short workshop/information session to help you understand the best ways you can help your child with their reading and writing at home. We realised

that it is essential to involve parents in improving their children's reading and writing and supporting their learning process. Teaching staff will be available to answer any further questions and give more specific advice tailored to your child's year group.

Y1 Parents phonics workshop on Friday 16th November from 11 - 11.30am

You will receive letters informing you of the workshop dates and times for other year groups closer to the time.

Year 6 SATs workshop

There will be a workshop for parents on Friday 9th November 2018 from 10.45am - 11.30am. This session will provide parents with vital information about SATs, how to prepare your child and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. It is important that all parents try to attend this important workshop.

Students of the month September and October:

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Y1: Abdul Aziz Isarai	Y1: Fatima Patel
Y2: Hamza Ahmed	Y2: Aleesha Ermis
Y3: Abdul Hakim Isarai	Y3: Maryama Hussain
Y4: Yahya Balia	Y4: Aliyah Harare
Y5: Fatima Kolia & Haythm Saqr	Y5: Asiyah Isarai
Y6: Meryam Bouhanna	Y6: Rahma Mohamed



Messages from teachers

Year 1

Alhamdulillah, Year one have had a great start to Al falah and all children have settled in well. This term we have been focusing on letter orientation and number formation. Most children are able to write all the letters of the alphabet and numbers from 1-20 correctly.

In history, we have been exploring the difference between toys from the past and toys that are available today. In DT children designed and made their own fruit salad. Children enjoyed eating a variety of different fruits. Children have also been doing artwork to display around the classroom.

Please can I request all parents to continue to check your child's interactive diary on a daily basis. Please also continue to support your child's learning by making sure homework is completed on time. Have a great holiday!

Ms Noureen

Year 2

Year Two have made a brilliant start to the year by producing lots of work including some imaginative story writing with the use of similes. They have shown an excellent improvement in their reading,

writing and mathematics skills over this term which is evident in their improvement during independent work as well as assessments.

Keep up the good work and a huge thank you to all the parents for their continuous support. Please encourage your children to do lots of reading at home and continue practicing Handwriting. Enjoy your holidays!

Ms Nosheen

Year 3

Year 3 have managed to memorise their times tables from 1 to 6. They must continue to practice them regularly. Reading is also a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen to their child read every day.

The children enjoyed relay racing during P.E. lessons this term and actively took part in the sessions. The majority of the kids showed an improvement in their spellings over the past seven weeks but regular practice is advised. Eesa and Yusra have been nominated as school councillors and we hope they are able fulfil this role successfully. Overall, it has been a busy term and the children have settled in well.

Ms Abedah

Year 4

Well done to year 4 for trying exceedingly hard this term. The first term back after summer is always a difficult one and the class have shown perseverance and zeal.

Enjoy the holiday, and I look forward to our next term which will be exciting with lots of new learning and a fantastic trip to look forward to.

Ms waheedah

Year 6

Alhamdulillah we've had a great start in year 6 and all the children have been working hard this term across all subject areas. This year will be quite challenging for the children due to their SATs but I really hope, at the same time, everyone will have an exciting and rewarding experience Insha'Allah.

On Monday 19th of November we will be visiting the Science Museum where we will visit the *Wonderlab: The Equinox Gallery* which enriches learning across the curriculum themes of Forces, Electricity, Light, Sound, Matter, Space and Maths.

Sir Alam



Islamic Studies

Dear parents, a very warm welcome back to you all, especially our new children. Alhamdulillah we all had a great half term, Students have settled in very well and started to enjoy learning the Quran and Islamic studies. Maashaa-Allah children have returned with great enthusiasm and excitement and we hope this continues throughout the year with the support of our lovely parents. Inshaa-Allah!

This term we have focused on 'Contribution to our community' in assemblies and through our 'Hadith a week program'. We want to reinforce children's understanding about diversity and how to be a strong member of a cohesive community.

Year six Islamic Studies

This term we focused on some of the pillars of Imaan, namely the belief in the messengers of Allah and in the divine books of Allah. We have also read from surah bani Israil to surah Hajj in our Quran lesson with brief explanation and mashaa-Allah the students love it. Enjoy the half term break and remember to pray your Salah.

Year five Islamic Studies

Alhamdulillah this term we have learnt a lot about all the pillars of faith. We have explored the belief in Allah, His angels, His books, messengers, last day and in Qadr and mashaa-Allah students showed a lot of interest and really enjoyed the units.

Year four Islamic Studies

It has been a positive start for Year 4 this year. They have shown tremendous interest in their education and can achieve targets within a set time. So far we have covered five Ad'iyaa (Duaa) with its meanings. We have learnt about salaah and the incident of Al-Miraj, we have learnt about Zakah and the benefit of paying Zakah. We have also learnt about Sawm and why we have to fast. Likewise, we have learnt the objectives of hajj.

In Quranic recitation, each student has demonstrated their ability to learn and reach their goal. A number of exceptional students have established their outstanding talent in excellent recitation. They are; Aliyah, Tasneem, Maryam, Zarah, Dawud and Sumaya.

Well done to Year 4 for a good start.

Hifz Class

Mashaa-Allah, have settled in well and most of the students have been working hard. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that your support and interest in your child's memorisation of the Quran is of paramount importance when it comes to making progress. Remember to revise during the holidays and have a great time!

School will be closed for half term holidays from Monday 22nd October to Monday 29th October 2018. We are reopening on Tuesday 30th October 2018.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUTUMN TERM 2018-19				
Events (2018)	Date (2018)	Time	Location	Comments
Autumn 1st term		Tues 4 Sep - Fri 19 Oct 2018		
Black History Month	01-Oct-18	Whole month	Al Falah school	All
Police workshop with year 6	10-Oct-18	11am - 12pm	Al Falah school	Year 6
Parents day	11-Oct-18	9am - 1pm	Al Falah school	All
Art competition deadline	18-Oct-18	12pm	Al Falah school	KS2
Clean up Clapton day	18-Oct-18	11am-12pm	Bsix College	Years 5 & 6
Half term holiday		Monday 22 Oct – Monday 29 Oct 2018		
Autumn 2nd term		Tues 30 Oct - Fri 21 Dec 2018		
INSET DAY		29-Oct-18		All Day
Science Museum trip (Years 3 & 4)	07-Nov-18	9am - 1.30pm	South Kensington	Years 3 & 4
Year 6 SATs workshop	09-Nov-18	10.45-11.30am	Al Falah school	Year 6 parents
Anti-Bullying week	12 - 16 Nov 18	Whole week	Al Falah school	All
Universal children's' day	20-Nov-18	All day	Al Falah school	All
Science Museum trip (Year 6)	19-Nov-18	9am - 1.30pm	South Kensington	Year 6
Arabic Language day	18-Dec-18	All day	Al Falah school	All
End of term holiday		Monday 24 Dec 2018 – Monday 7 Jan 2019		
Red = Holidays				
Green = Term dates				
Orange = INSET days				