

# Newsletter

## October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Assalamu alaikum.

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 remember to label these with your child's name). Our pupils have settled into the new academic year and the Year 1 pupils are also fully immersed in all aspects of the school day - now spending playtimes, lunchtimes, and assemblies with the rest of the school.

I would like to say a big thanks to our parents who participated in the coffee morning and Ofsted review meeting, as your contribution regarding Ofsted was very important for the school. Alhamdulillah the parents had many positive comments about the school. They remain confident about the outcome of the school and have mentioned that they are not worried about the recent Ofsted report as they have witnessed children are progressing and behaviour of the children is good. However, rest assured that any shortfalls regarding welfare of the children are currently being rectified and we will be following rigorous procedures to maintain every standard.

I would like to welcome Ms Zakia Rahman, a newly qualified teacher joined our team to cover the maternity leave of Ms Nabila. Ms Zakia will be taking the Y5 class and our Y5 teacher Sir Alam has taken Y6 this year. We will miss Nabila dearly and wish her all the best with the new baby. InshaAllah she will return with good health next year!

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,

*M A Hussain*

Head teacher

**The school will be closed for half term holiday from Monday 23rd October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. We will be returning to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

**Parents' day:** It was a successful day where parents had a chance to meet their children's class teacher and Islamic teacher to discuss the progress and build-up an understanding to further develop their support for the children and school.

**Book fair:** From Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November there will be a big Book Fair at our school. It will run from 2:30pm to 3:45pm every day. Parents are requested to buy books for their children. Scholastic Books will have a display of books covering all ages. The book fair will be open at school and a percentage of all sales will go towards purchasing new books for school.

**Parking Outside School Gate:** Parents are fully aware that they are not allowed to drop their children or park their cars outside the school gate and adjacent bus stop. Unfortunately, some parents are nevertheless knowingly doing this and thus causing us problems with the local council and transport department. I urge you to please refrain from parking and dropping your children outside the school gate and the bus stop.

**Calligraphy:** Year-6 class will be starting Calligraphy sessions as an extracurricular activity after half term holiday. A specialised instructor will be hired to teach children to gain new writing styles and skills. Hopefully, this will benefit children to develop their writing skills.

**Morning Assembly:** Every day in morning assembly time (at 8 a.m.) the children recite from the Quran and we have also started to focus on learning the meaning of small Surahs, so please ensure your child/children come on time.

**Weekly Assembly:** Every Friday we hold a weekly assembly where we choose different topics to cover over the year. Apart from that the children reflect on their learning over the week, participating in delivering khutbas (talk) in order to build up their confidence to talk front of the audience. We would like to ask parents to encourage their child/children to talk at home in different issues that will be helping them to learn and build up their confidence. After the half term we will be focusing on the four 'C's': **Caring, Courtesy, Consideration and Community**. Please try focusing on these words with them, to reinforce the basis of our Deen and our daily life.

**Autumn Fair:** On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** the school will be arranging an autumn fair. Parents are requested to make and donate their cakes to raise extra money for various resources. This will be a fun way for the children and parents to get together. It will start at 10am and finish at 11:30am.

### Students of the month September and October:

September	September	October	October
Y1: Sumayyah Arefin	Y1: Alesha Ermis	Y1: Hanif	Y1: Ismaeel
Y2: Eesa Azeem	Y2: Aisha H	Y2: Aisha Alinur	Y2: Khadija H
Y3: Shah Muawiya	Y3: Tasniim	Y3: Maryam Abdisalam	Y3: Abdullah
Y4: Huda Benatallah	Y4: Adam Djeraba	Y4: Rayan Faths	Y4: Rayan A
Y5: Haroon	Y5: Meryam Bouhanna	Y5: Ishaq Bailey	Y5: Ayyub Bashe
Y6: Aisha Abdulkadir	Y6: Abdur Rahman	Y6: Maaria Hussain	Y6: Hamdi Farah

### Head teacher's award:

Y1:	Alesha Ermis, and Sumayyah Arefin
Y2:	Eesa Azeem, Muhammad Kisitu, Maryam Hassan, Ismail Shah, Ayhem Belbali
Y3:	Faahim Abukar, Zarah Vally Mamode, Dawud Arefin, Abdullah Ahmed Abdillahi , Yahya A, Shah Muaawiya, Muaad Hassan, Aliya Harare, Maryam Abdisalam and Tasniim Osman
Y4:	Abas Abdulkadir, Faysal Ghebbacche, Asiyah Isarai and Ryan Islam Boudjeltia
Y5:	Meryam Bouhanna and Abdur Rahman Isarai
Y6:	-----

### School councillors:

Y1:	Sumayya Arefin	Alesha Ermis
Y2:	Aisha Ali	Ayham Belbali
Y3:	Aliya Harare	Yahya Abdullahi
Y4:	Huda Benatallah	Adar Osman
Y5:	Maryam Bouhanna	Abdurahman Isarai
Y6:	Fahad Abukar	Shah Jawdan Ahmed

### Message from teachers:

#### Year 1 - Ms Noreen

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 making 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!

### **Year 2 - Ms Nosheen**

Year Two have made a brilliant start to the year by producing lots of work including some imaginative story writing and acrostic poem work based on the theme of 'stars'. 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.

All the children have shown an impressive attitude to their own learning by showing great determination to work towards and surpass their given targets. Children must continue to work hard to improve their handwriting over the holidays.

Keep up the good work and a huge thank you to all the parents for their continuous support and appreciation. Please encourage your children to do lots of reading at home as well as times table practice. Enjoy your holidays! ☺

### **Year 3 - Ms Abedah**

Year 3 have managed to memorise their times tables from 1 to 6. They must continue to practice regularly. Reading is a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen to children read every day. Most of the kids showed an improvement in their spellings, mathematics and reading test over the past seven weeks. Regular practice of spellings and times tables is advised. Majority of the class received merit awards from the headteacher and have started on their second merit chart!

We have been focusing on neat handwriting and some children have really shown an improvement in handwriting by regular practice. A few Year 3 children will be given their pen licences starting from next half term. Parents are advised to have regular practice sessions at home to support their child further. Overall, it has been a busy term and the children have settled in well. I hope you have a relaxing break year 3. Don't forget to do your holiday homework!!! ☺

### **Year 4 - Ms Waheedah**

Year 4 have enjoyed a good constructive first half term back and have shown great zeal and passion towards their learning. We have been working exceedingly hard in year 4 this term in improving our handwriting and writing using the cursive style. Well done to

Asiyah Isarai, Faysal Ghabbache and Ryan Boudjeltia who have already been awarded their pen licences, I hope the rest of the class will follow them very soon. Enjoy a well deserved and a well rested holiday Year 4 and I look forward to seeing you all back next term insha'Allah.

### **Year 5 - Ms Zakia and Ms Nabila**

This half term, Year 5 have focused on poetry in Literacy looking particularly at work by Benjamin Zephaniah. They have also looked at Michael Purgo's work and have written a short story using the same style of writing. Alongside these, they have worked exceptionally well at designing leaflets using persuasive language.

In Numeracy, Year 5 have worked very hard solving calculations mentally using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They have demonstrated eagerness and dedication when working on fractions and 3D shapes, which have also been covered this half term.

Year 5 have also produced excellent work in their foundation subjects; these include learning about Islamic art and designing and making biscuits.

A big well done and excellent start to the year!

### **Year 6 - Sir Alam**

Alhamdulillah we've had a great start to 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 the 29<sup>th</sup> of November we will be visiting the Houses of Parliament to explore the role, processes and history of Parliament and find out how we can engage more actively in our democracy as part of our curriculum.

I will be holding a **workshop** for parents on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** from **10:45am - 11:30am**. This session will provide parents with vital information about SATs, how to prepare the children and an opportunity to ask any questions. It is important that all parents try to attend this workshop.

### **Islamic Studies**

Alhamdulillah we have all had a great half term. Students have settled in very well and are starting to enjoy and learn the Quran and Islamic studies. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Islamic new year. We ask Allah to let this year pass

over us with peace and safety as we see strange weather phenomenons caused by Storm Ophelia like the bizarre "red sun".

It is reported by Uqbah bin 'Amir(r) that, "One day while travelling with Rasulallah (saw) a strong wind and intense darkness enveloped us. The Prophet (saw) began reciting Surah Falaq and Surah Naas. He then said: "Uqbah, seek refuge through these two Surahs for none can seek refuge (with anything better) than these two surahs". (Sunan Abi Dawud)

### Good Character

If there is any personality that has lived on the face of this earth who was complete in every regards and whose life can serve as a beacon of guidance for people of every walk of life, then that personality would undeniably be our Prophet Muhammad (saw). Muslims who follow him as a prophet of their religion as well as those who do not follow Islam hold him in high regard as an exemplar of best human characteristics.

The key factor that brings reverence and respect to Prophet Muhammad(s) in both the Islamic and non-Islamic circles is his character. He (s) stated: "Allah has sent me to perfect good manners and to do good deeds." (Narrated by Imam Bukhari)

This term we have focused on the value of 'Respect' through our 'Hadith A Week program'. We are especially encouraging children to focus on displaying respect towards one another, irrespective of our differences. We believe that this is truly pertinent at the current times. As always we would value your support in reinforcing the same.

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GLUE  
LUNCHBOX

NOTEBOOK  
PAPER  
PENCIL  
PLAYGROUND  
READING

RULER  
STUDENT  
TEACHER  
WRITING