

Newsletter

February 2017

Dear parents/carers,

Assalamu alaikum

The Year of 2017 has already flown by and as Spring term is the shortest term of the educational year, with the grace of the Almighty we are already halfway through the term. As we are aware, time waits for none! We use our time wisely as possible and we will teach our children not to waste a moment because time is precious and it's another gift from the innumerable blessings we have been granted.

Abu Hussain

Head teacher

School holiday: The last day of school is FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2017 and school will reopen on TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2017. Please note that the school will be CLOSED for a teacher training day on Monday 20th February 2017.

Your Views Count!

I would like to take this opportunity to give you feedback on the outcomes of the parent surveys. Thank you to all 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 with regards to the various services provided in the school. Below is a list of strengths that numerous parents commented on:

Survey Categories	Excellent/Good
National Curriculum Education	92%
Islamic Curriculum Education	96%
Communication between School and Parents	89%
Discipline	87%
Provided with sufficient homework	88%
Making good progress at school	92%
As a parent are you happy with the current school progress?	88%

Parents gave many suggestions on improving all parts of the school and everything has been taken into account and considered. Unfortunately it is not possible to increase the sizes of the classrooms and playground, as the building is small itself which allows us to ensure small class numbers, focusing on the quality of care and education to our students.

Other Parent Suggestions:

- More extracurricular activities
- Child friendly and inviting school site
- A range of activities during P.E
- Develop the play ground
- Include riddles or word searches in Newsletter
- Play games during lessons that require thinking,
- Teachers explore and research creative activities and encourage good manners.

Parents' tea party: Thank you again to those who participated in the tea party. It was an excellent time for us to discuss different factors about the school and a way of getting to know one other.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Please remember to drop your child/children at 8am for assembly. Registration starts at 8:15 am and finishes at 8:20am. Any child comes after registration time will be marked as late. Those who are persistently late dropping their children off to school and picking them up late (after 4pm) will be fined £20 if this continues for five days in a month.

Consequences of Persistent Unauthorised Absences:

If a child is persistently absent without authorisation (3days in a month) parents must meet with the Head teacher and also will be fined £50. The Local Authority may be involved and this could result in dismissal from the school.

Health week:

We will be having a healthy week for the whole school, starting from Tuesday 21st February and continuing until Friday 24th February. The parents are requested to send **ONLY** healthy foods for their children's snacks and lunch. Thursday 23rd February will be an 'Al-Falah Health Awareness Day' where the children will be participating in different activities throughout the afternoon sessions. We anticipate that this will allow children to gain a good understanding of how to keep themselves healthy.

International Language day:

International Mother Language Day (IMLD) is a worldwide annual observance held on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. First

announced by UNESCO on 17 November 1999, it was formally recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 2008. If parents can help their children to write 3-5 sentences in their mother tongue i.e. My name is my mother tongue is I can speak Arabic/ Somali/Urdu/ Bengali and so on. They can bring their writing in school where we will have a special assembly to give them a chance to showcase and display their work.

Teacher Messages:

Ms. Noreen Y1: Year one have worked hard on recounts and story writing this term. Children re-enacted the story of the gingerbread man as well as identified the beginning, middle and the end part of the story. 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. In RE children explored the 'Festival of light. Year One made their own lanterns, Rangoli patterns and diyas. Children have displayed all these beautiful patterns around the classroom.

Have a restful break Year One!

Ms. Nosheen Y2: This term all children have worked much harder to become independent learners, producing excellent stories with great use of adjectives, similes, inverted commas and creativity. All children have overcome their difficulty with subtracting larger numbers showing excellent results in their Mathematics assessment. A huge well done to all the children who have completed their brilliant Rocket Projects. All the projects have great character and creativity. This term saw a lot of children channel their artistic flare across the curriculum.

Thank you to all Al-Falah Parents for their continuous support! 😊 Remember to keep practicing your 3, 4 and 6 times tables.

Ms. Abedah Y3: This term has been extremely short but very busy for the year 3 class. Children won prizes for our poster competition based on the British Values project. We also managed to memorise our 9 times tables and most of the class performed very well in the maths and GPS test. We started learning about the River Nile in History and managed to conclude Animals including Humans in Science. The children received lots of individual merits for early works and spelling and mental math tests. A few girls in the class also won a bronze badge due to a total of 40 merits. Fantastic effort to them! 😊 Parents are advised to continue reading and handwriting practice continuously, as these are weaknesses throughout the school. Holiday homework must be returned on the first day back, please ensure your child doesn't lose their homework. JazakaA.

Ms. Waheedah Y4: Year 4 have worked well this term and achieved well during the end of term assessments. This term we have enjoyed learning about the Roman Empire and children

have had a chance to create their own power-point slideshows during ICT and build Roman galleries during D.T.

We also have lots of fun planned for next term insha'Allah starting with our trip to the historic Tower of London on Wednesday 8th March. I hope you all enjoy a well deserved break, make sure to stay safe and I will see you all again in the new term insha'Allah

Ms Nabila Y6: This term Year 6 continued to work very hard while revising for their SATs. In literacy, they have been working on interpreting pieces of text and collating relevant information in order to answer comprehension based questions. They have also had a strong emphasis on grammar and punctuation terms needed for SATs. For numeracy, the class has increased their focus on accuracy with shapes, angles and lines of symmetry.

Have a lovely holiday Year 6 and don't forget to revise!

Islamic Studies:

All praises to the We all had a wonderful half term despite the cold winter weather. Imam Ahmad relates from the narration of Abu Sa'id al-Khudri (r), that the Prophet (pbuh) said, **"Winter is the springtime of the believer."** This is because it is a time he grazes in the orchids of obedience, frolics in the fields of worship and frees his heart in the gardens of righteous deeds that are made easy at that time. This Hadith is recorded by Imam al-Bayhaqi and others. Imam Bayhaqi has another version that states, **"Its nights are long so he spends them in worship, and its days are short so he fasts them."**

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. I believe that this is truly pertinent at the current times. As always we would value your support in reinforcing the same.

Year Six: This term were focusing on 'the constitution of Madeenah'. We've learnt that one of the greatest lessons that can be learnt is the tolerance that Islam has for other religion, Prophet(s) established a set of rules which allowed Muslims and Non-Muslims to live together a secure peaceful life without any fear of being attacked. We have also been exploring the life of Uthman bin Affan(r) and his many contributions to this ummah as the third Khaleefah'. The efforts he made to preserve the Holy Qur'an in its true form and his attempts to improve the economic position of the Muslims worldwide, are to name but a few.

Year Five: During this term, the class have been exploring different forms of ibaadah, especially the five daily Salah during which all Muslims, irrespective of race, colour, culture, stand shoulder to shoulder with respect for one another facing in the same direction. We have also been learning about 'the Hijrah of the Holy Prophet(s) from Makkah to Madeenah' and the great sacrifices the prophet(s) and his companions(r) made in spreading the truth, even in the face of danger. We have learned that success is achieved through constant effort.

Hifz Class: This term the Hifz class have been working hard especially Ahmed (Yr 5) who has memorised the whole of Surah Baqarah and Arwa (Yr 5) who has memorised five Juz so far mashaaAllah! Keep up with the good work and remember to revise during the holidays. Finally a piece of advice to all the parents of the hifz students: **When your child comes home, ask them what they have learnt and listen to them, this will allow them to solidify their Quran.**

Upcoming Events & Diary Dates 2017

Year 6 SATs Meeting	Friday 10th February 2017
Last Day of Term	Friday 10th February 2017
Half Term Holiday	Mon 13st Feb - Fri 17th Feb 17
INSET Day	Monday 20th February 2017
Health awareness week	Tuesday 21st February - Friday 24 th February
International Mother Language day	Tuesday 21 st February 2017
Y6 Visiting Local Church	Wednesday 1 st March 2017
Y5 Trip to City Hall	Wednesday 1 st March
Y4 tower of London trip	Wednesday 08 th March

The Al-Falah School Councillors of Spring 2017 are:

Well done, children! Keep it up!

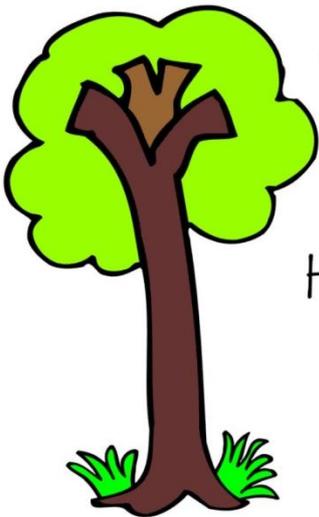
- Y1) Sumayyah Arefin and Ayeham Belbali Y2) Zarah Valley-Mamode and Muaadh Hassan
 Y3) Saido Bashir and Yaqub Ibrahim Y4) Shakira Hassan and Ghalib Abdullah Ghalib
 Y5) Abdur Rahman Saleem and Maaria Hussain Y6) Ahmed Asif and Samiya Jama

Congratulations to the students who received the Head Teacher's Merit/Bronze Award:

- Y1) Sumayyah Arefin, Ismail Shah, Aisha Hassan and Ayeham Belbali
 Y2) Aisha Ali, Aliya Hassan, Dawud Arefin, Maryam Abdisalam, Muaadh Hassan, Yahya Abdullahi, Yahya Balia, Zarah Valley Mamode
 Y3) Saido Bashir, Houda Benatallah, Aliyah Sayid, Khadija Ali, Maryam Fauzi, Ayman Halane, Maryam Hussein, AbdiRahman Mowlid and Asma Bouhanna
 Y4) Maryam Bouhanna and Fahima Abuker
 Y5) Mohammed Yassin, Zakariyah Islam, Yasir Ahmed, Shah Jawdan, Sumaya Noor, Hamdi Farah and Maaria Hussain
 Y6) Anwar Halane, Ismahan Bashir Moalim, Abdiqadir Mustafa Abdirahman, Isra Mohamud, Samiya Jama, Mustafa Ayub Said and Ababakar Omar

Healthy Wordsearch Activity

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

SLEEP

HELMET

SAFETY

NUTRITION

BATH

FRUIT

EXERCISE

VEGETABLE