

Al-Ikhlaas Newsletter



TERM 1 {DECEMBER 2024}

Message from the Headteacher



Welcome to our first school newsletter! As we near the end of this busy term, I want to thank you all for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. It has been wonderful to see the students making great progress in their learning, sports, and creative activities - their enthusiasm is truly inspiring. Their hard work, combined with the dedication of our staff, is really paying off. We're excited to keep this positive momentum going as we move into the next part of the school year. We look forward to sharing more updates with you and celebrating the learning, achievements, and exciting events to come.

بارك الله فيكم

Mrs Begum

Hadith of the term

"Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every muslim" (Ibn Majah)



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Celebrations

Juz completions:

Allahumma Bariklahum to the children who completed a Juz this term!

- Maryam A (Y1)
- Fizza A (Y3)
- Shifa A (Y3)
- Yahya H (Y3)
- Sakeena I (Y3)
- Sareena I (Y4)
- Safiyyah (Y4)
- Seerath (Y4)
- Aisha H (Y4)
- Rahma H (Y5)
- Khansa R (Y5)
- Musa C (Y5)
- Aisha A (Y6)
- Hafsa H (Y6)
- Ashar M (Y6)
- Raed U (Y6)
- Rehan N (Y6)
- Musa R (Y6)
- Zayyan S (Y6)

Attendance:

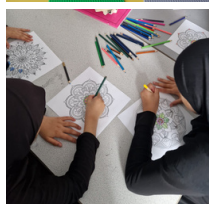
Well done to all Year 6 children for their punctuality and attendance this term. They had the highest attendance of 97.4%.



Enrichment Clubs

Lunchtime Clubs:

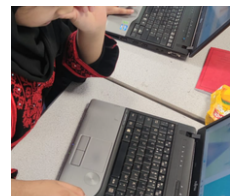
- Art/ Mindfulness
- Arabic Story Reading
- Board Games
- Coding
- Crochet
- Hifdh
- Homework
- Lego
- Spanish



- Surah Al-Baqarah
- Swimming (Mon, 9-10.30)
- Times Table

After School Clubs:

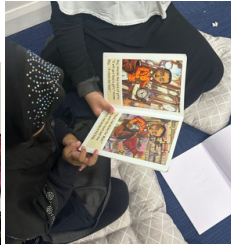
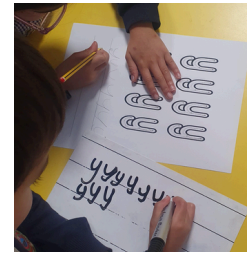
- English boosters (Mon, 3.45 - 4.45)
- Cricket (Tue, 3.30 - 4.30)
- Maths boosters (Wed, 3.45 - 4.45)
- Football (Thurs, 3.30 - 4.30)



EYFS & Key Stage 1:

Our Reception teachers are delighted with how well our new reception children have settled in. The teachers are proud how the children are adapting to their routines, building friendships and diving into their new learning. As a reward the teachers arranged a trip, full of fun and laughter to Giddy kippers.

They have also been busy with early phonics activities, starting to recognise letter sounds and form basic words.



Our Year 1 & 2 children have been busy engaging with their new topics and settling into their new classrooms. Year 1 have been exploring the exciting world of books, looking at the differences between fiction & non fiction text.

This term, we have introduced a new initiative to support year 1 & 5's reading development - 'Reading with your buddy'. All the children involved are enjoying weekly sessions reading together and building friendships.

Our artistic year 2 have produced fantastic pieces of art after being inspired by Wassily Kandinsky.

Key Stage 2:

Maths:

This academic year, we have been introduced to new maths workbooks. Our teachers have reported that students are finding them engaging and effective.

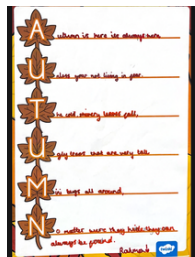


English:

This term our key stage 2 students have been busy exploring a wide range of exciting English topics – such as different types of texts – developing both their reading and writing skills.



To develop our love for reading, our teachers have started the 'Race to Read' Programme. Well done to Saffiya S in Y4 for reading 10 books allready!



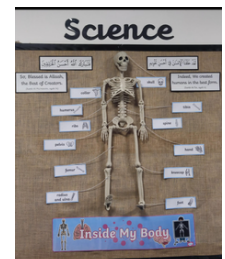
Art:

Our key stage 2 children have been exploring a range of techniques, artistic styles and creative projects. They've had the opportunity to express themselves through art, developing their skills in drawing, painting and sculpture.



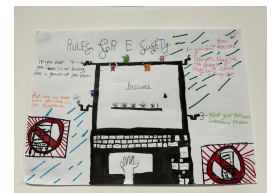
Science:

This term, our Key stage 2 students have been engaging in exciting science lessons, from exploring the natural world to conducting experiments.

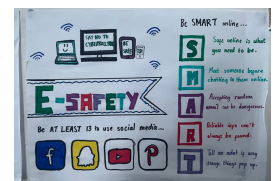


PSHE:

Over the last few weeks children have had important lessons focused on their safety and wellbeing. Below is a brief overview of areas we have looked at.



Internet safety: Children have been exploring how to stay safe online and understanding how to recognise and report risks.



Anti-bullying awareness: Part of our school ongoing commitment to providing a safe and supportive environment, we have discussed strategies to identify and prevent bullying.



School Activities

Mental health day:

All children and teachers were surprised with a fun activity and gifts with inspiring words.



Library trip:

Year 1 & 6 were offered the opportunity to attend an entertaining & educational morning hosted by Nelson Library.



Autumn walk:

Year 2, 3, 4 & 5 enjoyed a lovely walk to Victoria Park appreciating the beauty of nature and reflecting on the verse of the Quran: 'not even a leaf falls without His knowledge' (6:59)



Police & Fire safety visit

In preparation for bonfire night, we had local police officers and fire men visit our school. They discussed key safety tips, including how to behave responsibly around fireworks.



Notes and Reminders

- Please ensure during these cold months, children bring a warm coat to school and all clothing is labelled properly.
- **Upcoming Play Factor trip (Fri, 6th Dec)**
- **Upcoming Exam week (Mon, 9th Dec)**
- **Enterprise Day (Tues, 17th Dec)**
- **Last day of term (Fri, 20th Dec)**
- **Back to school (Tues, 7th Jan)**
- Girls cricket match (Al-Ikhlaas vs. Barrowford Primary) date TBA
- Ensure all set homework is completed and handed in on Mondays.

Girls' cricket team

With the help of Dynamos Cricket, we have successfully formed Al-Ikhlaas girls' cricket team. Aisha A, Hafsa T, Maryam K, Rumaysah A, Saalihah W, Sara N and Talia S have become talented players thanks to the ongoing commitment and guidance from Mrs Faiza. Well done to our team for winning their first match playing against Reed cricket team.



Our Active Parents

Coffee morning:

The generous cake donations made the event truly special & your contributions made it a success. The generosity of our parents makes our school community so strong.



The parents' Community Cohesion Club:

A trip to Hebden Bridge was arranged by our Parents CCC for our hardworking mothers. More activities will be arranged soon.



Parent storytime:

All the children are enjoying our parent storytime. Thank you to all parents taking their time out to support this and we look forward to see more parents after the winter break!



Literacy and numeracy workshop:

We hope the parents that were able to attend, benefitted from the workshops as our teachers shared some insightful tips on how to aid your child's learning in Numeracy & Literacy.

Our Student Councillors

Church visit:

Part of our interfaith learning, selected children had the opportunity to visit the local church. They had a tour and were able to ask questions to learn about their practises.



Councillor Q&A:

Why did you want to become school councillors?

"We wanted to upgrade the school, and make it a happier and safer learning environment. We also wanted to experience a new role." - Ayaan A, Hamza A & Abu Huraira A

What do you enjoy doing as a school councillor?

"We enjoy being role models, helping everyone in need of help and improving the school." - Rumaysah A & Maryam K

What do you want to improve in the school?

"I request the climbing wall be bigger, and the school dinners be tastier." - Sara A



A heartfelt thank you to Aisha Medina Ahmad and Nusaybah Naman Yasin from year 6 for their contributions and hard work putting this newsletter together. As school councillors they are both great role models for their peers.



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