

NEWSLETTER

**Key dates:**

02 - 03.04.22 Ramadhan begins*

04.04.22 - 18.04.22 Spring holiday

19.04.22 School reopens for all pupils

02.05.22 Bank Holiday

03 - 04.05.22 Eid-ul-Fitr holidays

06.05.22 Eid parties!

09.05.22 KS1 SATs period starts

09-12.05.22 KS2 SATs

13.05.22 Additional Friday lessons start (invited pupils only)

13.05.22 Y6 swimming lessons start

27.05.22 School closes for half term at 12:20pm

06.06.22 School reopens for all pupils

Dear Parents and Carers,

Asalaamalaykum / Peace be upon you!

Like the previous term, the Spring term has been a busy one with a heavy emphasis on ensuring pupils catch up and keep up - especially in light of COVID-19. Although the government lifted the restrictions a few weeks ago, we remain vigilant to ensure we are collectively taking steps to minimise the risk of infection wherever possible.

On a more positive note, as the blessed month of Ramadhan approaches we are pleased to once again launch our food bank charity appeal and our Good Deeds competition - details of which are provided on the next page.

When we return after the break, we will continue to ensure a concerted effort towards ensuring our pupils are making strong progress with their learning. In order to support us with this, please ensure you are not booking holidays during term time, as your children's regular attendance is vital to ensuring their academic success.

We wish you 'Ramadhan Mubarak' in advance of the sighting of the moon and pray The Almighty accepts all of our fasting, worship and good deeds. Ameen.

Kind regards,
Mr . H. Asghar
Principal



End of Spring term reports:

End of term reports for all children were sent out on Tuesday 29th March. Please do take a moment to share these with your children and to praise them for their hard work. For any pupils that require further support to reach the expected standard in English and maths, we will send out invites to our additional Friday afternoon lessons when we return after the holidays. Should you have any questions about your child(ren)'s learning at any stage, please do let your child's class teacher know via Class Dojo.

**Fasting during Ramadhan:**

A letter has been sent to all parents regarding arrangements for fasting during Ramadhan. Please note: whilst we believe it is for parents / carers to decide whether or not their child(ren) will fast, **only children in KS2 – years 3 to 6, will be permitted to fast while at school.** If your child usually has a school meal and chooses to fast, their meal pattern will be changed to a packed lunch for the days that fall in the month of Ramadhan. Please ensure you have completed and returned the slip that was attached to the letter (KS2 pupils only).

Ramadhan foodbank appeal:

Once again, our Junior Leadership Team (made up of pupils from across school) would like your help in supporting the local food bank charity - Homeless Aid UK. This was a highly successful charity appeal last year whereby we managed to fill over 5 vehicles with your generous food donations! The main food items needed are:

- Jam
- Children's breakfast cereal
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Tins of sardines
- Tins of rice pudding
- Tins of fruit cocktail
- Coffee
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned lentils
- Bottles of juice cordial
- Tinned HALAL meat
- Long life milk
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned macaroni cheese
- Tinned vegetable / tomato soup
- Packets of instant potato mash (lots of!)

Please note:

- We are **only** able to accept the items on the list.
- We are **unable** to accept contributions of fresh items such as fresh food / fruit / vegetables.
- All donations **must** be within the 'best before' date.

Should you wish to make a donation, please send in your contributions from Tuesday 19th April - Friday 29th April.

Ramadhan Good Deeds competition:

Following the success of last year's Ramadhan Good Deeds competition, we have issued all pupils with a grid to complete as many good deeds as they can during this special month. Winners will be chosen after Eid and we have purchased beautiful prizes for the winners!

British Science Week (BSW 2022):

During the period 11th - 20th March, we celebrated British Science Week across school and this began with a visit from the Mad Science team who shared a range of exciting experiments with our pupils in order to develop their enthusiasm for the subject. This was then followed up with further scientific investigations and experiments and it was great to see our pupils putting their enthusiasm in to practice! Wherever possible, we do try to use British Science Week to remind our pupils of their Muslim heritage - particular through reference to Muslim scientists and inventors from the past. Although the 1001 inventions website is currently under construction, it provides an excellent starting point for parents who may wish to explore this further - particular with pupils in KS2 and above. A big thanks to Mrs. Abolarin for organising BSW 2022 and to all our staff and pupils for their enthusiasm and efforts in making the week a success!

World Book Day (WBD 2022):

To mark WBD 2022, we held a range of activities across school which were aimed at promoting reading for pleasure. The importance of bedtime reading was also emphasised through our wearing of pyjamas - both staff and pupils! Children were also provided with a WBD book token to contribute towards the purchase of a book of their choice. Reading plays a big part in children's learning and we hope you will continue to support your child(ren)'s development in this area by encouraging them to read at home regularly. Ordinarily pupils have a book from our school reading scheme and an additional book so they should always have a book to hand! A big thanks to Mrs Khan and Mrs Kovariwala for organising WBD and for all our staff, pupils and parents for supporting this important annual initiative.

World Poetry Day:

World Poetry Day took place on 21st March and pupils were encouraged to learn and recite poems which they then shared with their classes and across school. Learning to recite poetry is a key part of our English curriculum so please do encourage your child(ren) to share with you the poems they are learning. You'll be amazed at how well they can recite some very challenging yet beautiful lines of poetry! Again a big thanks to all involved but especially to Mrs Khan and Mrs Kovariwala for organising World Poetry Day.

Attendance and punctuality:

As always, we would like to remind you of the importance of ensuring your child(ren) attend school daily and on time unless they are unwell. To celebrate regular punctuality and attendance we hold an awards ceremony at the start of each term and children are awarded prizes and certificates for recognising their punctuality and attendance above the school's target of 96% (without any unauthorised absences). Please ensure you are providing your child with every opportunity to be considered for an award by ensuring they attend school on time, every day. Although school officially starts at 8:40am, we always open the gates from 8:30am onwards and have a breakfast club (free for pupils who are eligible for income-related free school meals).