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WELCOME

Dear Parents, Brothers and Sisters,

Assalamualaikum.

Welcome to our first edition of this year's School Newsletter, which is bursting with information about: Al-Hijrah Primary and Secondary winning the GPU Education Awards, the success of the Pakistan Flood Victim Fundraiser, samples of our pupils' best work from National Poetry Day, SATs Coffee Mornings, Healthy Lunch Box Week, Trips, Sports, as well as a newspaper article on World War II written by Year 4 and much more!

We hope you enjoy the Newsletter!



Half-Term
Holidays

Don't Miss

Reminder: School will close for **Autumn Half-Term holidays** from **Friday 22nd October at 3.30pm**. It will reopen on **Monday, 1st of November** at 8.30 am.

We wish all parents, children and staff a restful and fun!



First 10 Days of Dhul Hijjah 1431

Although it seems that Ramadhan has just left us, we are already nearly halfway through the month of Dhul-Qaddah, with the month of Dhul-Hijjah just around the corner. Subhan Allah! Both Dhul-Qaddah and Dhul-Hijjah, are Holy Months, during which the good and bad deeds carry more weight. As such, these months of the Islamic Calendar, are a time to remind ourselves and our children to take extra care to avoid bad deeds and to focus even more strongly on doing good, Insha'Allah.

Soon the First Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah, marking the rites of Hajj, will arrive. These ten days are the most beloved days in the year. On these ten days, the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) told us: "There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these ten days." Among the deeds most recommended for those able to, is to perform Hajj. For those not going on Hajj, to fast on the **Day of Arafah** (9th Dhul-Hijjah) is highly recommended by our beloved Prophet (SAW) and expiates the sins of two years, the past and the coming year.



Primary Wins GPU Education Awards for Second Time!

For a *second time*, Al-Hijrah Primary School have won the prestigious **Global Peace and Unity Education Awards!** The awards, recognise innovation and excellence in schools, with Al-Hijrah Primary receiving the award for the **Most Outstanding Primary School in the Midlands**. For the first time, *Al-Hijrah Secondary* have also received the *Award for Most Outstanding Secondary School in the Midlands*, Masha Allah! Well done to all Staff, within Primary and Sec-

dary, for their hard work!

In the run up to the awards, **Islam Channel** have visited Al-Hijrah School this past Monday 18th October, filming lessons and activities, as well as speaking with children and staff about the success and achievements of the school. Parents can watch the GPU Awards, including the footage filmed at the school, on Islam Channel, this coming Saturday 23rd October, Insha Allah!

Fundraiser for Flood Victims Huge Success!

On Wednesday 13th October, Al-Hijrah Primary School Staff and Parents, held a Cake Sale to raise money to aid the suffering of the Flood Victims in Pakistan.

Masha'Allah the event was a huge success! A wide variety of food, cakes and sweets were on offer and, with Allah's help, the Fundraiser was able to raise a massive **£1200**, Masha'Allah! May Allah reward the generosity of parents who gave in money and children who brought in Eid money and pocket money, in support of the appeal!

The money will go *in full* to the aid



the Flood Victims in Pakistan, where it will be used by volunteers on the ground, to purchase medicines and food.

May Allah accept and reward the efforts of Staff, Parents and children in this fundraiser. We would particularly like to thank the following parent volunteers for their hard work to make the event a success: Sr Maryam Khawar, Sr Aliya Siddiqui, Sr Asma Plane, Sr Rukhsana Tahir, Sr Sobiya Sheikh and Sr Sara Sabir. Jazak Allahu khairan!



Trips

This Half-Term, the following classes have gone on **Trips** to enhance and stimulate learning within areas of the curriculum and to help our children become **independent learners**:

Reception visited *Hickory Dickory's Playhouse*. The Playhouse was the perfect surrounding to enable children to strengthen basic motor skills and coordination, and practice skills such as jumping, climbing, and sliding. Budding friendships were also nurtured and strengthened as the children had the opportunity to play and explore together. The children immensely enjoyed the trip and returned bubbling with enthusiasm!



Year 3 have visited *Black Country Living Museum* in Dudley, as part of their studies in History/Geography. The trips enhances the children's study of changes in their local environment. Children were able to see an underground mining tunnel and see how classrooms have changed since Victorian Times.



Year 4 partook in a hands on, action packed trip to the *RAF Museum Cosford* to deepen their studies on World War II and Literacy. The children experienced a day in the life of a person in Britain during World War II. They grew their own food (as families needed to during this time to supplement food rationing) and cooked food, that was available under the rationing of World War II. The children also role played many typical daily situations, such as using ration books to get food. They were further set the task to design advertisements, along the lines of the many propaganda slogans and posters that were used to focus and lift moral in the war. Finally, the children investigated the many exhibits and displays the museum offers.



Inpire Workshop Dates



Al-Hijrah Primary School regularly holds **parent workshops** to strengthen the *parent-school partnership*. These workshops aim to increase parents' understanding of subject areas and their method of teaching, thereby enabling parents to effectively support their child's learning.

A few changes have been made to dates for the upcoming Inspire Workshops. Please refer carefully to the list below:

Year 1 - 10 January, 2010, 9.30 - 11.30 am

Year 2 - 17 January, 2010, 9.30 - 11.30 am

Year 3 - 11 January, 2010, 9.30 - 11.30 am

Year 4 - 24 January, 2010, 9.30 - 11.30 am

Year 5 - 18 January, 2010, 9.30 - 11.30 am

Year 6 - 26 January, 2010, 9.30 - 11.30 am

Year 2 and Year 6 SATs Coffee Mornings



In preparation for this year's **SATs** exams, Al-Hijrah Primary School held two **Coffee Mornings** for **Year 2** and **Year 6** parents. These aimed to familiarise parents with the objectives and structure of the SATs, while also addressing any queries or concerns that parents may have about the process.

During the morning, the structure and marking scheme of the tests was explained, and past papers were given out to enable parents to get a clearer idea of what the SATs entails. Mechanisms to support children's revision and preparation, both

within the school, and at home were outlined. Parents were also given the time to raise any queries or concerns they had.

Here is some of the feedback, given by parents, about the Coffee Mornings:

"Very informative and we understood the procedure and process better."

"Gave me knowledge about how to prepare the child for the SATs exam."

"Extremely useful."

"It put my mind at rest."



Box Tops for Books

We would like to thank all parents who have actively been collecting the **Box Tops Tokens**, available on *Nestle* cereal boxes. Masha'Allah, within the short time since school began, over **70 Tokens** have been given in! These have been sent in during the "bonus" time in October and will therefore be doubled, enabling be-

tween **4-14 books** to be obtained, from these tokens alone!

Please keep collecting, as there will be a second "bonus" time in **December**. Also, encourage family, neighbours and friends, who eat *Nestle* cereals, to join in collecting tokens for the school!



Qur'an

"Is one who is obedient to Allah, prostrating himself or standing (in prayer) during the hours of the night, fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the Mercy of his Lord (like one who disbelieves)? ...It is those who are endowed with understanding that receive admonition".

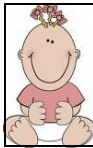
Az-Zumar (39): 9

Hadeeth

One of the "Hadith of the Week" studied this half term is relating to *intentions*:

"Allah does not look at your figures (body), nor at your possessions, but He looks at your hearts and deeds".

Staff



We would like to congratulate Sr Aaminah Mehrban, on her birth of a healthy baby boy, and Sr. Saemah Ishaq, on the birth of a healthy baby girl. Masha'Allah, may Allah bless, provide for and nurture their growth!

We would like to welcome Sr. Nuzhah Ali, to GY6 as Class Teacher and Sr. Humaira Hamid, to the Main Office as Primary Administrator/Receptionist. We pray that your time at Al-Hijrah Primary will be a fruitful one and ask Allah to accept and bless your efforts to strengthen our school, Insha Allah!

Sports

KS2 children have continued to benefit from our continuing partnership with Bordesley Green Girls' School, in the use of the Sports Specialist School's first class P.E. facilities.

Year 4 children took part in a series of games focusing on sequences, coordination and following instructions. They thoroughly enjoyed their sports session.

Year 6 boys and girls took part in a one day inter-school football tournament! Five local schools were involved in this mini-league, with girls and boys competing

in separate teams. Masha'Allah, the day was enjoyed immensely by all involved and saw some super football skills! Well done to all involved!



National Poetry Day

Friday 8th October marked **National Poetry Day**, an annual event to celebrate and promote poetry. This year's theme is about "Home" and children throughout Primary spent part of their day exploring differing aspects of this theme. Approaches to the theme varied widely, from Year 1, who investigated smells that they associate with home, to Year 4 who studied the impact of World War II on homes in Britain. Further examples of the interpretation of the theme were by Year 2, who wrote about homes in Bangladesh and GY5 and GY6 who described their homes and reflected on people who may not be fortunate enough to have such wonderful homes.

Uniquely, in conjunction with National Poetry Day, the *Children's Poetry Bookshelf* were holding a **Poetry Competition** on the same theme. Masha'Allah, we were able to submit approximately 40 of our children's poems to this competition!

The following are a sample of some of the exciting work by pupils:

My Home

My home is the best.
Yellow walls I have in my bedroom.

Lavender is swaying away in the beautiful garden.

One top of the brick ground in the front garden stands my mum and dad's cars.

Violets are in my small back garden.

Emerald plants are in a row in the brown soil.

Light rays of sunlight blare through the clean windows.

Yasmins lovely smell spreads around inside my peaceful home.

Hazel is the colour of the cement that holds up heavy bricks.

Objects lye around my tiny bedroom.

Many precious things are made for decorations in the living room.

Extremely nice toys are inside my house to play with.

Zainab Khan (3a)

Healthy Lunch Box Week



Monday 4th of October to Friday 8th of October, saw **Healthy Lunch Box Week**. This week

highlights the importance of eating a healthy diet with balance of fruits, vegetables, carbohydrates and proteins - and re-

ducing the amount of unhealthy foods such as sweets, chocolates and sugars. Children were encouraged to bring in a lunch box of healthy foods, with those who did receiving the "Healthy Lunch Box Award". Masha'Allah, well done to all children and families who work hard to ensure that their children have a healthy, tasty lunchbox!



Salah Awards

Well done to all children who have been receiving **Salah tickets** for performing excellent Salah! Keep it up!

The winners of the **Salah Award**, with the most tickets this term are:

Year 2:

Nabeel Qaisar 2a

Summaya Zahid

Year 3:

Ibrahim Ahmad

Samirah Ahmed

Iman Hussain

Safa Abid Hussain

Year 4:

2a

3a

3a

3b

3b

Muhammad Junaid Hussain

Hamza Din

Saarah Rashid

Year 5:

Arooj Kanwal

Year 6:

Luqman Abu El Foul

4a

4b

4b

GY5

BY6

Ramadan Programme–Qur'an competition

Masha'Allah, this year the response to the **Ramadan Qur'an Competition** was immense, with pupils from all year groups taking part and learning the Surah allocated to them! Masha'Allah, well done to all children who took part! Keep up the good work!

Year 1 - Ayat al Kursi

Zakariya Majid 1a
Tharbia Imran 1a
Eshaal Wasim Ahmed 1a
Raabia bint Mohammed 1a
Lamees Emaan Khan 1b
Abdunnur Tarique 1b
Bilal Ahmed Chowdhury 1b

Year 2 - At- Takathur (The Piling Up)

Ibraheem Ibni Shuaib 2a
Ismail Abdullah 2a
Yonis Said Askar 2a
Ishaq Abdullah 2a
Aisha Isra Mustafa 2a
Umar Farooq Ahmed 2b
Hamza Mohammed Waheed 2b

Year 3 - At-Teen (The Fig)

Rumlah Yaqub 3a
Samirah Ahmed 3a
Imaan Ghalib 3a
Hammaad Arif 3a
Ibrahim Zaffar Din 3a
Eesah Rashid 3a
Zainab Khan 3a
Ibrahim Ahmad 3a
Uthman Abu El Foul 3a
Safia Plane 3a
Hafsa Kouser 3a

Hafsah Maryam 3a
Muhammad Yusuf Jawed 3b
Ibraheem Bin Fiaz 3b
Mohammed Ali Chaudri 3b
Adam Waheed 3b
Sara Tahir 3b
Safa Abid Hussain 3b
Muhammed Nurgat 3b
Yahya Chaudri 3b

Year 4 - Al-Balad (The City)

Maryam Butt 4a
Muminah Zafar 4a
Sara Gill 4a
Sara Kamran 4a
Zakariya Chaudri 4a

Year 5 - Al-Inshiqaq (The Splitting Asunder)

Ubaydah Sulaiman Iqbal BY5
Ghulam Fareed Khan BY5
Abdur-Rehman Bin Ahmed BY5
Owais Tahhan BY5

Year 6 - Abasa (He Frowned)

Abdul Ahad Zafar BY6
Adeeb Arif BY6
Luqman Abu El Foul BY6
Yousef Towfeg Eljreiby BY6
Abdul Rehman Butt BY6
Yousuf Ridhwan Ali BY6
Talhah Mazhar Chaudri BY6
Ayesha Khan GY6
Zara Nida Aysha Tahir GY6
Kinza Jhangeer GY6
Samira Abdikarim Hussein GY6