



Al-Hijrah Primary School Newsletter

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WELCOME

Dear Parents, Brothers and Sisters,

As-salaamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu.

Welcome to the fourth edition of our Newsletter. This edition is bursting with exciting news about new computers for the ICT Suite, the winning by Al-Hijrah Primary of the AMS School of the Year Award, winning by Sr. Nagina Moghul of the AMS Award for Non-Teaching Staff of the Year Award, fantastic Muslims Writers Awards submissions, World Book Day, National Science and Engineering Week, After-School Sports Clubs, trips and much more!

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Newsletter!

Spring Full Term Holidays



Don't Miss

Reminder: School will close for Spring Full Term Holidays from **Friday 8th of April 2011 at 3.30 pm.** It will **reopen on Wednesday 27th of April 2011 at 8.30 am.**

We wish all parents and children a restful, fun and relaxing break!



Al-Hijrah Primary wins Best School of the Year and Non-Teaching Staff of the Year Award!

Al-Hijrah Primary has won the *Association of Muslim Schools (AMS) School of the Year Award*, subhan'Allah! Schools selected for this award have demonstrated outstanding and consistent standards, or significant improvements in standards and outcomes for learners. The school must also have made an outstanding contribution to or demonstrated innovation in de-

veloping spirituality in learners. Furthermore, Sr. Nagina Moghul was awarded the **Non-Teaching Staff of the Year Award!**

Both awards are a recognition of the Primary School's hard work and success in raising standards and "bringing out the best" in our pupils. May Allah (SWT) reward all staff for their hard work towards this!



New Computers in the ICT Suite!

Masha'Allah, Al-Hijrah Primary School will be receiving new computers for its ICT Suite! Twenty Hewlett Packard DC 7600 Computers, with Pentium IV and 17" TFT Monitors, will be replacing the current computers by the end of this term. New keyboards and mice have been purchased and the ICT Suite will also now include a networked printer, Insha'Allah!

Funding for this ambitious project began last year with two fundraisers at Parents Evening and Presentation Day. Further funds, for the necessary costs, have been raised by activities such as non-uniform day, as well as contributions made by anonymous donators. May Allah (SWT) reward all who strove for, contributed towards and helped to realise this objective! Jazak'Allahu khairan to all!

Superb Muslim Writers Awards Submissions!



Al-Hijrah Primary pupils have submitted some truly spectacular work for the *Muslim Writers Awards!* Of these submissions, two poems were absolutely outstanding, receiving merits for their quality:

My Future (Mariam Ahmad, GY6)

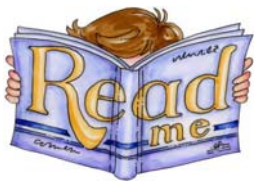
*I would like the future to be,
A better place for you and me,
I would like the world to be full of smiles,
On faces in different shapes and styles,
I would like black and white to shake hands,
Together we can share new lands,
I would like the world to care for each other,
To treat people like sister and brother,
I would like the people to treat the environment like their home,
I would like people not to moan and groan,
I would like all the tummies to be full,
I would like nobody to push or pull,*

*To achieve all this,
You'll need more than just a wish.*

The Glorious One (Hafsah Masood, GY6)

*Master of every nation,
Light of all illumination,
Indeed you possess the highest station,
Your beauty has no equation,
Your blessed smile is beyond imagination,
Your remembrance brings jubilation,
Your birth the greatest celebration,
Praising has no limitation,
Seeing you is elation
May your abode be my destination,
O Mercy to all creation,
I spread my honourable words through education,
My only cure my greatest medication,
You are my salvation,
On the day of desperation,
For I have been heedless in preparation,
Take my hand to prevent my deviation,
Upon you day and night that I send salutation.*

World Book Day and Islamic Book Fair



Thursday 3rd March marks **World Book Day**, a day designated by **UNESCO** as a world-wide celebration of books and reading. It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe annually.

The day was marked, at Al-Hijrah Primary School, by a number of events, designed to highlight and awaken interest in and the enjoyment of books and reading. Highlight of the day was the **Islamic Book Fair**, which this year, sold food in addition to books, Hijabs, brooches, DVDs and games.

In addition, fun games about books and reading were played in the classrooms and the whole school also took part in a "Reading time out", where children and staff alike stopped what they were doing and read their favourite book for 15 minutes. A World Book Day £1 Book token was also given out to each child, which could be redeemed at leading book stores for a World Book Day book.

Traditionally, World Book Day has also been a

time when parents and pupils donate any good quality, unwanted books to the library. Masha'Allah this year over **100 books** have been given. The vast majority of these books were in superb, new condition and supplement key areas of fiction and non-fiction books. JazakAllahu khairan to all families who contributed!

Masha'Allah, the Islamic Book Fair raised over **£500**, which has been used towards the purchase of new computers for the ICT Suite. May Allah (SWT) reward all parents for their support and we hope that the events of the day have increased our children's love of books and reading, helping them to become more **successful and independent learners**.



After School Boys Football Club

To the excitement of **BY5** and **BY6** boys, the **Football After School Club**, has begun again!

Practising together once or twice a week to sharpen their skills and team work, the boys prepare for the start of

the *Greet Mini League*. The Mini League is a competition between approximately 10 local primary school teams, which will begin on 7th April. Games will be held on Thursday afternoons after school at *Greet Primary School*.



Reception Eye Tests



On 1st March Reception children had the opportunity to have their vision assessed by a NHS optometrist.

The visit also gave children an opportunity to see an optometrist in action, as part of their current topic, "People Who Help Us". In this topic they studied people in the community who provide important services for us, eg firemen, policemen, doctors, etc.

National Science and Engineering Week

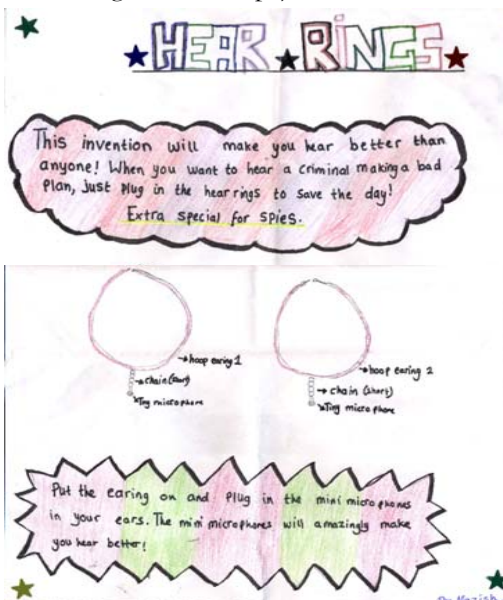


National Science and Engineering Week, Britain's largest grassroots celebration of science and engineering, was marked during 11th - 20th March.

Under the title "How would you solve a problem like..." children took part in a competition, from the *British Science Association*, to apply science, technology and engineering skills towards solving a problem faced either globally, locally or individually. The inventions were presented as a poster explaining what problem the invention addresses, the name of the invention, as well as how the invention works.

Inventions developed by children varied widely from force shields, transporters, robots to do homework, to ways to bypass slow and late busses! During the week children also learned about inventions devel-

oped by other inventors, including those by Muslims in the Golden Ages (so called "Dark Ages" in Europe).



Qur'an



“By no means shall you attain Al-Birr (piety/righteousness) unless you spend of that which you love; and whatever of good you spend, Allah knows it well.”
(Al-Imran (3) : 92)

Hadith

One of the Hadith of the Week that the children have been learning about this term is backbiting:

“The Prophet Muhammad (sas) said, “Do you know what backbiting is?” They (the Sahaba) said, “God and His Messenger know best.” He then said, “It is to say something about your brother that he would dislike.”

Someone asked him, “But what if what we say is true?” The Messenger of Allah said, “If what you say about him is true, you are backbiting him, but if it is not true then you have slandered him.”

(Muslim)

Box Tops for Books



The collection for this year's scheme ended on **31st March**. In total over **220 tokens** have been collected, enabling the school to get many new high quality Dorling Kindersley books for free!

May Allah (SWT) reward all families who took part and gave in tokens! Tokens can continue to be given in for next year's collection.



Trips

Year 1 children went on a trip to *Worcestershire County Museum* on the 22nd March, to deepen their knowledge of historical toys and materials. Pupils looked at the many old-fashioned toys in the museum, before joining a workshop looking at historical toys and the materials they were made from. Highlight of the trip was the “thaumatrope” children made. A “thaumatrope” is a historical toy consisting of two separate images which merge when the toy is spun.

Year 6 enjoyed a visit to the *Coventry Transport Museum* on 8th March. The trip enabled the children to delve into Britain's historical past and included a literacy workshop. In the workshop, children were given an object from World War II, which they

attempted to identify. After this, each child was given the task of writing a historical story, based around or including their historical object.



The last week of term has seen a flurry of trips, including a Year 4 trip to *Sandwell Country Park*, to support their teaching of Science. The pupils studied a pond ecosystem, along with looking in detail at local foodchains. In this context they saw the food chain leading up to the production of halal meat, masha'Allah. Year 3 also went on a trip to *Lunt Roman Fort* to practically support their studies of Rome.

Year 5 Fundraiser for Water



Year 5 held a fundraiser on 6th April, to raise awareness for and show solidarity with the importance of water and sanitation projects world wide.

As part of their module on water, Year 5 have been learning about water supply in economically less developed countries. After watching a video highlighting the plight of Eritrean Refugees, their difficulty getting water and the consequences this can have for children and families, the

pupils in Year 5 decided to get active by organising a fundraiser!



Masha'Allah over **£500** were raised, money raised will go to *Islamic Relief* to support water and sanitation projects within the global community. We hope that activities such as these will help our pupils to become more **effective contributors** and **responsible citizens**, Insha'Allah

GY5 participate in Aerobics Festival at BGS



GY5 participated in an **Aerobics Festival** at *Bordeseley Green Girls School* on 1st April. The girls taught basic aerobics moves and given a limited time to compose a group performance. The performances were then assessed by the Head of PE at *BGS*.

Masha'Allah, two girls from GY5, Khayriyyah Iqbal and Arooj Kanwal, received awards for their composed performance! Well done! It was a great afternoon, raising awareness about the fun of aerobics!



Staff News



Sr. Saima Zulfiqar has had a healthy baby boy, this March, Masha'Allah! We wish both mother and son good health and pray that he will be a source of joy and blessings for all!

Sadly, Sr. Kulsum and Sr. Shamina will both be leaving us at the end of this term. Sr. Kulsum will be going on maternity leave, while Sr. Shamina is getting mar-

ried, Masha'Allah! We wish Sr. Kulsum strength and ease in the upcoming times, while Sr. Shamina we wish a blessed beginning to a new segment of life! Both will be greatly missed! We would like to thank Sr. Shamina for her contributions to the school, both within Early Years, SENCO and as Librarian! May Allah reward you both for your efforts for the school!



Salah Awards

Well done to all children who have been receiving **Salah Tickets** in recognition of performing excellent Salah! Keep it up! The winners for the **Salah**

Award, with the most tickets for this half-term, are:

• Samirah Ahmed	3a	• Saeef Rahman	4b
• Momina Amanatullah	3b	• Muhammad Taha Sheikh	BY5
• Muminah Zafar	4a	• Hafsa Mahmood	GY5
		• Yousaf Ali	BY6
		• Hafsa Masood	GY6



Arabic Pen Licenses

Arabic Pen licenses, recognising neat handwriting in Arabic are awarded to:

• Yonis Said Askar	2a	• Umar Ahmad	2b	• Haleema Zaheer	3b
• Malaika Khan	2a	• Amman Khan	2b	• Sara Kamran	4a
		• Muhammad Karim	2b	• Aishah Sakhi	4a
		• Maryam Sarwar	2b	• Sumayyah Amin	4b
		• Momina Amanatullah	3b	• Saarah Rashid	4b
		• Ibraheem Fiaz	3b	• Emaan Pasha	4b
		• Safa Hussain	3b		

Head Teacher's Awards

Pupils have worked extremely hard this Half-Term to earn their **Bronze**, **Silver**, and **Gold Awards**. Well done to all pupils and keep it up!!

The following pupils have received Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this Half-Term:

Bronze

• Hammad Arif	3a
• Ruqayyah Ishaq	3a
• Ammaar Mahmood	3a
• Hafsa Maryam	3a
• Hafsa Kouser	3a
• Isaac Sidiqqe	3a
• Haleema Zaheer	3b
• Maryam Ibrar	4a
• Haroun Kabir	4a
• Zakariya Chaudri	4a
• Amal Alim	4a
• Shamaila Sajid	4b
• Saeef Rahman	4b
• Hamza Din	4b
• Aisha Khan	4b
• Idris Yehia	BY5
• Uzma Kouser	GY5
• Anfal Saeed	GY5

• Yousef Eljreiby	BY6
• Saad Khawar	BY6
• Aisha Samiullah	GY6
• Taahirah Khan	GY6
• Hafsa Masood	GY6
• Ammarah Siddique	GY6

Silver

• Imaan Ghalib	3a
• Rumla Yaqub	3a
• Sara Kamran	4a
• Tayyib Thouqeer	4a
• Muminah Zafar	4a
• Junaid Hussain	4a
• Maryam Noor	4b
• Sulaiman Khan	4b
• Ghulam Fareed Khan	BY5
• Amirah Khattab	GY5
• Sahar Afzal	GY5
• Ayesha Younis	GY5
• Hafsa Mahmood	GY5
• Alisha Siddiqui	GY5
• Amatullah Khan	GY5
• Ammarah Zahid	GY5

• Ahmar Ali Saghir	BY6
• Abu Yousuf Thahsin	BY6
• Nazish Bibi	GY6
• Haleema Zahid	GY6

• Namrah Qayyum	GY6
• Maryam Sani	GY6

Gold

• Samirah Ahmed	3a
• Uthman Abu El Foul	3a
• Safia Plane	3a
• Zainab Khan	3a
• Junaid Hussain	4a
• Aishah Sakhi	4a
• Sumayyah Amin	4b
• Ammarah Zahid	GY5
• Luqman Abu El Foul	BY6
• Abu Yousuf Thahsin	BY6
• Hanit Cabdi	BY6
• Kinza Jhangeer	GY6
• Ayesha Khan	GY6
• Hannah Ghanti	GY6
• Namrah Qayyum	GY6

Platinum

Masha'Allah a superb job for our first pupils this year to receive platinum!

• Zainab Khan	3a
• Umar Butt	BY6