



Al-Hijrah Primary School Newsletter

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WELCOME

Dear Parents, Brothers
and Sisters,

As-salaamu alaikum wa
rahmatullahi wa bara-
katuhu.

Welcome to the
sixth and final newsletter
for the 2010-2011 aca-
demic year! Closing a very
active and productive year,
this edition brings you the
newest information on Al-
Hijrah Primary School's
Student Council and Pupil
Voice, the immense suc-
cess of this year's KS1 and
KS2 SATs results, Sports
Day, Awards and certifi-
cates, as well as about trips
and after school clubs!

We hope you en-
joy this edition of the Pri-
mary Newsletter!



Reminder!

School will close
Don't Miss on **Thursday 21st**
of **July, 2011** at **3.30pm**
and will reopen on **Mon-**
day 5th of September,
2011 at **8.30 am.**

We wish all par-
ents, children and staff a
well-deserved rest and a
fun, enjoyable summer!

Al-Hijrah achieves highest ever SATS results!



Masha'Allah, the results for
both the **KS1** and **KS2 SATs**,
achieved this year by Year 2
and Year 6 pupils have been the highest
ever scored within the school!

In KS1 100% of pupils achieved
level 2b or higher in Reading and Maths,
while 97% achieved this level in Writing.

In KS2 the results were also su-
perb: 100% of pupils achieved Level 4 or
higher in English and 97% achieved this
level or higher in Maths!

Masha'Allah may Allah (SWT) re-
ward our pupils and their teachers for their
hard work!

Year 6 Mini-Business a record success!

Subhan'Allah this year's **Mini-Business**
has raised over **£1,000**, the most amount
ever raised by the Mini-Business project!
The money will be used to purchase much
needed resources for the school!

Following the successful comple-
tion of their SATs, Year 6 pupils were set
the task of planning, designing and setting
up their own mini-businesses.

The event was enjoyed immensely
by the Year 6 pupils, enabling them to ap-
ply their Numeracy and Literacy skills in a
business context, while also practising real
life business skills such as planning, costing
and forecasting profits. We hope that the
event strengthens our pupils as **successful,**
independent learners and effective con-
tributors.



Launch of Al-Hijrah's Student Council

This term has seen a flurry of
activity to launch the new Stu-
dent Council! Masha'Allah, in-
terest to take part in the Stu-
dent Council was high, with nearly a quarter
of the pupils in Primary applying to repre-
sent their class as Class Representatives in
the Student Council!

Year 6 pupils took a leading role in
the process of selecting Class Representa-
tive for each class. After familiarising them-
selves with the qualities required for a
strong Class Representative, the pupils re-
viewed the applications received and pre-
pared a short-list of 30 pupils. Literacy skills
were also sharpened, as they were set the
task of drafting the acceptance and refusal
letter for pupils following the short-listing!

Year 6 pupils were then asked to
come up with suitable interview questions
and role-played the art and etiquette in-
volved in interviewing. Thursday 30th June,

2011 saw the big day, when the short-listed
candidates were interviewed by panels of
Year 6 pupils. After scrutiny by senior man-
agement, to ensure that the results of the
interviews produced a representative and
balanced Student Council, the Student
Council results were announced to pupils
and staff at assembly the following day,
Friday 1st of July.

The following pupils were selected
to represent their classes as next years'
Class(*) and Deputy Class Representa-
tives(^):

- 1a: Sanaa Pasha*
- 1b: Lamees Khan*
- 2a: Yonis Askar (*)/Ismail Abdullah(^)
- 2b: Nabeel Qureshi (*)/Abdullah Akmal (^)
- 3a: Samirah Ahmed (*)/ Ibrahim Din (^)
- 3b: Yusuf Anjum (*)/Safa Hussain (^)
- BY4: Junaid Hussain(*)/Saeef Rahman (^)
- GY4: Sara Kamran(*)/Sumayyah Amin(^)
- BY5: Ismail Ahmed(*)/Bilal Hussain(^)

Trips

This half-term has seen numerous **trips** by year groups, as well as an exciting end of year trip!

Reception went on a trip to *Hatton Country World* in support of their studies of animals and their families. Masha'Allah the children immensely enjoyed the day out, where they saw many common farm animals and their young, including goats, chickens and sheep. A particular highlight was the feeding of the goats.

Year 1 discovered *Ragley Hall*, supporting their learning of the differences between plants. Children undertook activities of pairing up matching leaves, pond dipping and an investigation of the creatures found in ponds, as well as going through a maze.

Year 2 visited the *Nature Centre* in Birmingham, where they learned about plants, animals and habitats. Pupils investigated a fishing pond, took part in planting and gardening activities and even fed goats!

Year 3 undertook a trip to *Conkers*, to strengthen their studies in science the subject of plants, rocks and soils. Pupils studied seed dispersal and immensely enjoyed a barefoot walk, which enabled them to feel the difference between different types of soils and rocks.

Year 5 went to *Plantasia* to deepen their understanding of plant lifecycles. Pupils were asked to dissect and identify the parts of flowers and reviewed their knowledge on the subject of pollination.

Generating a lot of excitement, was the end of

year trip to *Drayton Manor*! The theme park offers something for every age group, with *Thomas Land* for the very young, a 15 acre zoo with over 100 animals and of course plenty of roller coasters and rides for the older children. The day out was immensely enjoyed by all pupils!



Presentation Day a Huge Success!

Masha'Allah, Primary dazzled parents with a breath-taking **Presentation Day**, celebrating and highlighting the year's successes!

This year featured a new audio visual display accompanying events, which supplemented and deepened the events discussed and presented on stage.

Masha'Allah many superb acts were featured, including some of the year's best performances and nasheeds. The year's achievements were remembered, including the updating of the ICT Room. The amazing academic achievements of this year's SATs were also awarded through awards and plaques.

The evening ended with a superb nasheed by Year 6 and a graduation ceremony for the class!

Strong Response to Pupil Voice Initiative

student
"...don't make decisions about us, without us."
VOICES

P u p i l voice, or helping pupils' views and opinions to be heard on all issues that affect them, has begun to bear fruit!

Earlier this term suggestion boxes were put into each of the classrooms, inviting pupils to make suggestions for the improvement of their class and school. Masha'Allah, the response from pupils has been overwhelming, with hundreds of suggestions made by pupils by the end of the Summer 1st Half-Term! These suggestions were collected and have fed into the school's long-term planning. One suggestion

made by pupils, which the school is currently working towards realising, is acquiring more playground equipment.

In addition several pupils have also made absolute gems of suggestions, which the school has decided to act upon immediately! Among these has been the suggestion by Hafsah Maryam (3a) to have larger bins in each of classrooms, helping to keep the classrooms cleaner and tidier. A further suggestion made by a number of pupils, has been towards the acquirement of more toys to be used in class at Wet Play. Both the new bins and "wet play boxes" have recently been distributed to each class!

We look forward to receiving further suggestions from our pupils, which will help to strengthen the pupil-school partnership and will help our pupils become **effective contributors**, Insha'Allah.

Qur'an

"Be conscious of Allah; For it is Allah that teaches you. And Allah is All-Knower of each and everything."

Surah Al-Baqara (2): 286

Hadeeth

In relation to being conscious of Allah, one of the Hadith pupils studied this term, as a Hadith of the week is:

"Fear Allah wherever you are and follow up a bad deed with a good one and it will be wiped out and behave well towards people."

Staff News

It is with sadness that we share with you the news of several staff who will be moving on next year.

Br Mohammed Zamir will be leaving after 9 years at Al-Hijrah to join *Oldknow Junior School*, where he will become Assistant Head, Masha'Allah.

Sr. Abbia Batul will also be leaving us, to spend more time with her young family.

We will miss them both and would like to thank them for their years of hard work, contributions and striving for the school.

Year 3 perform at Read Foundation Dinner

Masha'Allah our Year 3a pupils were invited on Saturday the 11th of June, to perform at a charity dinner organised to support the work of the *Read Foundation*.

The pupils charmed the audience with their rendition of Zam-bilooni by Zain Bhikha.



Sports Day

Tuesday 19th of July was a memorable day, as pupils enjoyed the annual **A1 - Hijrah Sports Day!**

Separate events took place for KS1 and KS2. Key Stage 1 took part in an egg

and spoon race, obstacle race, tug of war, and a bucket and spade activity. Key Stage 2 took part in a burst the balloon activity, a sack race, shot put, a relay and a tug of war.

Masha'Allah, competition between the four groups Ash-Shams, An-Najm, Al-Qamr and As-Samaa was fierce but friendly, with all pupils working hard in all of the events.

Boys After School Sports Club

This half-term has seen a myriad of activity with the **Boys After School Club**. Year 5 and 6 boys have been playing weekly games at the Greet Street Mini League, while also refining their skills through a Monday practise session.

Masha'Allah the boys performances have been steadily improving, with the team remaining unbeaten the last two weeks of the tournament! In addition to the strong performances by BY6, a number of BY5 boys have been showing very promising skills, particularly Ismail Ahmed and Adam Alam - we look forward to their

performances next year, Insha'Allah!. The player of the season for Al-Hijrah Primary School, has been the team's captain, Adam Iqbal from BY6.

The League has helped to strengthen the boys confidence, communication and team skills. It has also enabled them to meet boys from other local primary schools.



Girls After School Club and Netball Competitions

The **Girls Year 6 After School Sports Club** has also been very active this half-term, exploring and practising many different sports. Although primarily focusing on netball, on poor weather days where it has not been practicable to play netball outside, the girls have also been introduced to some of the basics of taekwondo, including sim-

ple kick techniques.

Moreover, the girls were also able to take part in a Rounders Tournament organised by the *Bordesley Green Girls School*. Subhan'Allah the girls have played superbly and went on to win the tournament by 1/2 of a rounder!

The girls have shown good team work and the club has helped to strengthen the girls health and fitness.



Library Expansion

One of the things pupils have consistently asked for in the Library Questionnaires, over the last few years, and in the pupil suggestion boxes this past term, is for there to be more books in the library.

Subhan'Allah, Allah (SWT) has heard the children's request and helped the Primary Library expand in leaps and bounds this year, taking in a total of over **1,300**

books, Masha'Allah!

The books were both fiction and non-fiction - strengthening resources available for key areas of the Curriculum, address many of the interests of the pupils and help to broaden and widen the scope of the Primary Library.

A very big jazak'Allahu khairan for all parents and children who have supported this by donating books (and book tokens) to the library!

Head Teacher's Awards

Pupils have worked extremely hard this half-term to earn their **Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Awards.**

Bronze

The following pupils received Bronze Awards:

- Adam El-Modir R
- Liya Khan R
- Zayn Mahmood R
- Sobaan Mughal R
- Rida Nadeem R
- Kesar Yunus R
- Iman Abdulkadir 1a
- Eshaal Ahmed 1a
- Ryan Deen Ibrar 1b
- Mateen Mohammed 1b
- Hassaan Mughal 1b
- Ismail Yunus 1b
- Sumaya Hafeez 3a
- Awais Qayyum 3b
- Hafsa Saleem 3b
- Abdullah Arif BY5
- Mohammed Sheikh BY5

Silver

Masha'Allah, the following pupils received Silver Awards:

- Fatima Abbas R
- Inaaya Akhtar R
- Saffanah Amin R
- Sara Bint Amin R
- Ismael Aslam R
- Khadija Bari R
- Moh. Usman Basharat R
- Mustafa Hanif R
- Aishah Hussain R
- Shayma Ishaq R
- Minnah Issa R
- Faisal Khan R
- Sarah Khan R
- Hannah Majid R
- Maryam Malik R
- Zaynab Shuaib R

- Musa Waheed R
- Abdullah Zafar R
- Idrees Ahmed 1a
- Zain Gill 1a
- Muhammed Hasnain 1a
- Sarah Janjua 1a
- Malaika Noor 1b
- Al Bara Shazlee 1b
- Abdunnur Tarique 1b
- Ishaq Abdullah 2a
- Malaika Hussain 2a
- Ibraheem Ibni-Shuaib 2a
- Aleena Jabbar 2a
- Maryam Khan 2a
- Aisha Mustafa 2a
- Hassnain Najib 2a
- Abu Bakr Siddique 2a
- Umar Ahmad 2b
- Amman Khan 2b
- Maryam Sarwar 2b
- Danyaal Mostafa 2b
- Rumaysah Zubair 2b
- Kayenat Afzal 3a
- Ammaar Mahmood 3a
- Eesah Rashid 3a
- Safa Hussain 3b
- Muhammed Nurgat 3b
- Aadam Waheed 3b

- Sara Gill 4a
- Khadijah Ali 4b
- Mohammed Ahmed BY5
- Kamrul Alam BY5
- Ubaydah Iqbal BY5
- Muhammad Sheikh BY5
- Owais Tahhan BY5
- Idris Yehia BY5
- Iman Alim GY5
- Khayriyyah Iqbal GY5
- Yousaf Ali BY6
- Hamza Anjum BY6
- Adam Iqbal BY6
- Mariam Ahmad GY6
- Zoyah Amer GY6
- Taahirah Khan GY6
- Hafsa Masood GY6
- Amal Qaisar GY6

Gold

Well done to the following pupils who received Gold Awards:

- Maryam Zubair 1b
- Alina Iqbal 2a
- Yooshaq Yaqub 2a
- Hamza Waheed 2b
- Ibrahim Ahmed 3a
- Imaan Ghalib 3a
- Muminah Zafar 4a
- Maryam Noor 4b
- Abdullah Arif BY5
- Husamuddin Hanif BY5
- Mohammed Sheikh BY5
- Hafsa Mahmood GY5
- Alisha Siddiqui GY5
- Abdul Ahad Zafar BY6
- Nazish Bibi GY6
- Faathima Karim GY6
- Maryam Sani GY6
- Zara Tahir GY6
- Haleema Zahid GY6

Platinum

A superb job to the following pupils, who received Platinum Awards:

- Yonis Askar 2a
- Safia Plane 3a
- Rumlah Yaqub 3a
- Maryam Butt 4a
- Sumayyah Bint Amin 4b
- Emaan Pasha 4b
- Ghulam Fareed BY5
- Ammarah Zahid GY5
- Luqman Abu El Foul BY6
- Hanit Adam BY6
- Abu Yousuf Thahsin BY6
- Hannah Ghanti GY6
- Kinza Jhangeer GY6
- Ayesha Khan GY6