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Newsletter

DECEMBER 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum

The autumn term is coming to an end this month. All the children and staff are looking forward to the holiday. Parents are requested to remind their children to continue reading at home for at least 15-20 minutes every day. Children should spend around an hour every day studying. Parents should encourage their children to write, read with an adult, test their understanding, and support them in making notes in their reading journals. Together, we can help our children take responsibility for their learning.

Coffee morning

During the coffee morning, which took place on 1 December 2023, many parents attended. We always listen to our parents, and together we try to resolve any issues that arises. Alhamdulillah, it was a very productive meeting. Almost everyone present praised the school and were very positive and happy with the school's performances. Regarding any payment issues, parents may see Mufti Hamza, our finance manager, in the office.

Attendance

During the autumn term, our attendance has increased to 96.20%. We would like to remind parents that children must come to school at 8am and be collected at 3.40pm. According to our attendance policy, if a child is persistently absent without authorisation (2 days in a 4-week period), parents will be fined £30 per child and must meet with the head teacher. The local authority may be involved, and this could result in dismissal from the school.

Punctuality

Children who arrive late twice or more within a two-week period will be considered persistently **late**. If the persistent lateness continues, the attendance officer will arrange a meeting with the head teacher and the parent. The school may fine £20 per child for persistent lateness. This may also result in disciplinary action by the head teacher.

Bake sale

We would like to thank our parents/carers for their contribution towards our bake sale. Alhamdulillah, we raised £640 which will be used towards purchasing resources.

Palestine

Alhamdulillah our children raised over **£2,433** for Palestine which was collected by Ummah Welfare Trust. Jazaakumullah to all the children and their parents for their tremendous effort. Our children and staff have also completed the recitation of the Qur'an and we have been supplicating for our brothers and sisters in Palestine. We also participated in Palestine Awareness Week during the last week of November 2023. Please keep the ummah especially the people of Palestine in your duas.

Abu Hussain (Head teacher)

The last day of school will be Friday 22nd December 2023.

Winter holidays will start on Monday 25th December 2023, and teachers INSET will be on Monday 8th January 2024.

The school will reopen for children on Tuesday 9th January 2024.



Head teacher's merit awards



Y1	<u>Pencil (15 merits)</u> : Aisha, Ayub, Haifa, Sumaya, Mira, Mustafa, Suldan, Ilyas, Safiyyah and Ahmed
Y2	<u>Pencil (15 merits)</u> : Harun, Haania and Abdirahman A
Y3	<u>Pencil (15 merits)</u> : Mohammad A, Zubayr, Zaman, Musa, Humeyra and Jaidah <u>Bronze badge (40 merits)</u> : Amira
Y4	<u>Pencil (15 merits)</u> : Salma, Elaf, Mohammad, Zakaria, Yahya, Zubeyr, Fatima, Rayan, Hafid and Ibrahim
Y5	<u>Pencil (15 merits)</u> : Sabrin, Ruqayyah, Anwar, Zakaria, Yahya, Fahad, Daniyah and Faatimah <u>Bronze badge (40 merits)</u> : Suweydah, Eiliyah, Ibraheem Kolia, Irfan, Faatimah, Khadijah, Sarah, Mohammed, Anwar, Danyal and Ruqayyah
Y6	<u>Pencil (15 merits)</u> : Ibrahim A, Ibrahim Y, Safiyyah, Abdishakur, Jarhad, Aymn and Abdul Aziz <u>Bronze badge (40 merits)</u> : Mutasim and Marwan.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



<u>Year</u>	<u>National & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Safiyyah Shah	Suldan Ahmed
2	Rumaysah Alam	Sumayyah Tahera
3	Abdirahman Abokar	Dawood Uddin
4	Fatima Mohamed	Zakaria Yusuf
5	Khadijah Shah	Sarah Omar
6	Juwayriya Potts	Aisha Hussein
Hifz	Yahya Ahmad	



Class Attendance

Well done to YEAR 5 & YEAR 2 for achieving the highest attendance in the school for the months of October & November 2023

The class with the highest attendance at the end of the month will be rewarded for their commitment and efforts. Treats include extra break, golden time, hot chocolate and biscuits and many more! Please support your children and encourage them to arrive to school on time and regularly so their class may partake in this.
JazakAllah!

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina & Ms Dina

We enjoyed reading the book Knuffle Bunny by Jo Welliman in Literacy. Children explored the characters, especially the problem encountered by Trixie when she loses Knuffle Bunny. We created our own story board and re-wrote the story.

In Maths children learnt to share objects into groups of 2, 3, 4 and 5. We also explored half turns and quarter turns clockwise using chalk and objects in the playground.

Well done to all the children for bringing in empty boxes as part of Art to make sculptures.



They were all

eager to produce an abstract class sculpture based on Barbara Hepworth's work. Great work on friendly monsters using scraps of materials, pipe cleaners & toilet rolls!

Thank you to all the parents for the continuous support & for assisting their children with their spellings, reading with them every day & bringing in a healthy snack regularly.

Reminder - please ensure your **child brings their FULL P.E kit to school on Wednesday's to get changed** into for their lesson. This includes: a white top, black bottoms, socks, and trainers. Have a great break Year One! See you soon.

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have worked extremely hard on their instruction writing skills this term through our theme of 'construction'. They have utilised their creative ability to make Rockets, Snowflakes and Fabric Faces. They also

did great work in their character building work during PSHE

lessons this term where they looked at thinking positive and attaining good characteristics. Children were very excited to carry out an experiment in Science to test how water and sunlight affects plant growth. We also visited Clapton Pond as part of our



Science and Art curriculum.



All children must practice times tables and reading for 10 minutes each, every day. Please encourage children to complete their homework neatly.

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

This term has been full of excitement for year 3. We carried out experiments in Science and learnt about landforms in our Geography lessons. Children enjoyed PE with their new PE teacher. The class showed great enthusiasm discussing the importance of skills and attributes needed for specific jobs, within PSHE. For Art and DT, the class completed their chocolate factory project! We also made a great cross curricular link with our Writing Gallery within literacy writing which was based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory too! Overall, it has been a great term for all!

Enjoy the well-deserved break Year 3! Don't forget to complete your holiday homework! 😊



Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

We have come to the end of autumn term, and what an exciting term it has been for the children. We have enjoyed multiple science experiments and learnt the importance of being able to work as part of a team in our HRE curriculum. The children have also explored the significance of and why time is different around the world.

We must also congratulate our ten new multiplications masters this term, **Khalid, Yahya, Muhammad, Maryam, Fatima, Faris, Elaf, Ibrahim, Rayaan, Hafid, Is'haaq, Yacqub, Mustafa and Naiema.** Well done guys!!

Enjoy the well-deserved break Year 4; I look forward to seeing you all in the new year! Don't forget to complete your holiday homework! 😊

Year 5 - Sir Alam

On Monday 16th November 2023, children from year 5 visited the Houses of Parliament. During our tour we visited the House of Commons and House of Lords where we learnt about the role of the MPs and the Lords, how the Parliament works and the differences between the two houses. We really enjoyed our trip which was educational and inspiring.



As part of DT 'Global Food' we made nachos which were invented by Mexicans. We really enjoyed this dish and learning about different types of food from around the world.

All children have been working hard and with this continued effort and parental support, inshaAllah they will achieve good results.

Year 6 - Ms Nabila and Ms Sumaiyah

This half term, Year 6 have shown some great progress in maths and English.

Children went on a trip and took part in the Junior Citizenship Scheme where they learnt life skills regarding transport, fire safety, mental health etc.

As you are all aware, SATs are getting closer and as of January we will be carrying out some extra revision sessions. To help at home, please continue to ensure children are reading at home daily and are practising spellings and times tables weekly.



Have a fantastic holiday! I appreciate all the continued support from parents and carers.

Islamic Studies

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

Alhamdulillah with the end of this long busy term I write to thank all our staff and students for their hard work and efforts. Students have made very good progress in their Quran and Islamic studies maa-shaa-Allah.

We have also discussed the life of Prophet Isa (a) in our school assembly. As you are aware it's the time of the year when the birth of Prophet Isa (a) is celebrated throughout the Christian world.

Over 2000 years ago, a baby was born in Jerusalem into the noble family of Imran. This baby was very special, his name was 'Isa (a) and he was born miraculously to Maryam(a), without a father. Allah allowed him to perform miracles and heal those that were sick. Allah allowed him to heal those who were born blind so that they could see again. Allah saved him and lifted him into the heavens when the people tried to kill him. Allah sent him revelations and made him into a mighty messenger & a prophet. Allah will bring him back to Earth when things get bad & through him Allah will restore peace.

And finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish all a happy new year and pray that you are able to have a well-deserved break and come back in January energized and ready for an exciting spring term inshaa-Allah.

JazaakAllah (Muhammad K Hussain)

Term and Holiday dates 2023-24

Spring Term 2024	
Teacher training day	Monday 8 th January 2024
Spring 1 st term	Tuesday 9 th January to Friday 9 th February 2024
Spring half term holidays	Monday 12 th February to Monday 19 th February 2024
Teacher training day	Monday 19 th February 2024
Spring 2 nd term	Tuesday 20 th February to Thursday 28 th March 2024 (During Ramadan school starts at 9am & finishes at 2.30pm)
Spring & Ramadan holidays	Friday 29 th March to Friday 12 th April 2024
Summer Term 2024	
Summer 1 st term	Monday 15 th April to Friday 24 th May 2024
Bank holiday in May	Monday 6 th May 2024
Summer half term holidays	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2024
Summer 2 nd term	Monday 3 rd June to Friday 19 th July 2024
Summer holidays	Monday 22 nd July to Friday 30 th August 2024
Teacher training day	Monday 2 nd September 2024
1 st day of academic year 2024-2025 for pupils	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024

Key: Black: Term dates

Red: Holidays

This information is correct at the time of printing but is subject to change. You will be notified of any changes to relevant arrangements.

Newsletter



OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parents/Carers
Assalamu 'Alaikum

The children, teachers and parents have settled into a busy start to the new academic year. Let's pray for our children and the school, and hope we can build a strong foundation for learning, create a positive environment, a bright future for both here in this world and the hereafter. We trust that this has been a good first few weeks for all pupils. Around the school it has been a pleasure to see so many beaming faces as the children renew friendships, discover and enjoy learning with their new teachers. I would like to thank all the parents for participating in parents' day to meet the teachers and learn about their child's/children's attainment.

Attendance and punctuality

Please remember that children have to be at school at **8am** for morning assembly every day. The gate closes at **8:15am**, any children arriving after this time will be marked in as **LATE (L)**, and this will be reflected on their school report at the end of the year. It is crucial for children to come to school every day and on time. Parents are responsible for bringing them on time as this will help children maintain time management and discipline through their life. Persistent late or poor attendance may raise concerns, and repeated warnings result in a disciplinary meeting with the head teacher.

Holidays during term time

Never book a holiday during the term time. It disrupts children's learning and is hugely detrimental to their attainment.

The government is very serious about students being absent from school. It has introduced a fine of £60 for each child absent from the school during the term, which rises to £120 if they do not pay within 21 days. If you do not pay the fine after 28 days, you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school. Al-Falah started this fine from January 2023.

Parking

DO NOT park your car at the bus stop or in front of the school gate. *Some parents unfortunately are not taking this seriously and are causing harm to the school, tarnishing our reputation as Muslims in the community.*

Labelling clothes

Please label your child's school jumpers and cardigans as we have many jumpers and cardigans in our lost property which have not been collected.

Coffee morning

Parents coffee morning will take place on Friday 1 December 2023 at 8.30am in the head teacher's room. All parents/carers are invited to join us to share their thoughts and ideas on how to improve the school or just join us to enjoy a hot drink.

School uniform

A small number of children arrive at school without the full correct uniform. Please be advised, any children arriving to school without the full school uniform may be sent home. A reminder of the uniform is below:



Boys

Royal/light blue jumper
Thobe/jubba of any colour, *preferably white*
Plain black shoes & black socks
Plain white hat

Girls

Royal/light blue jumper or cardigan
Black abaya
Plain black shoes & black socks
Plain white scarf

Students' interactive diaries

Parents are reminded to check their children's interactive diary regularly. In these diaries the teachers write notes for your information about your child's progress or any difficulties. Please ensure you read these and make any necessary comments.

Library Books

Our Library has been running smoothly for two years now since it was set up. Alhamdulillah since then we have expanded our collections especially our most recent one - Islamic books. We have been constantly updating the library and it now houses over 900 books! Alhamdulillah we are able to offer a wide, diverse range of authors.

Students need to make sure they read and return their books on-time. Please see the rules below.

Rules refresher:

Please make sure your child reads their book and returns on time.

Fines are as follows:

Damaged book/jacket: **£1**

Lost/missing jacket: **£1**

Lost/missing book: **original RRP of book**
(alternatively you may replace the book with a brand new copy)

Late return: **20p** for every day late



Healthy eating

Al-Falah is always trying to promote healthy eating in school and this is part of our Islamic values and a great sunnah. Therefore, please provide children with healthy lunches and snacks. The following items will be completely banned after the half term holiday.

Food not allowed:

Sweets
Crisps
Fizzy drink
Chocolates
Biscuits
Cakes & sugary doughnuts

Baby pepper sticks
Bread sticks and hummus
Radish
Tangerine peeled
Banana pieces
Halved grapes
Cheese cubes or sticks
Avocado cut into cubes
Rice crackers
Plain crackers
Pitted dates
Dried apricots, prunes, figs, raisins
Kiwi
Pineapple chunks
Mango chunks
Smoothies

Healthy snack ideas:

Yoghurts
Apples chips (apple cored and cut into thin slices)
Carrot sticks
Cucumber sticks
Baby tomatoes, olives and cheese
Celery sticks

Kids4kids charity

Ummah Welfare Trust Charity are raising funds for the needy children around the world including Palestine. Your child has been given a fundraising box and they are encouraged to raise funds and return the box after the holidays.

Parents day

It was great to see almost all parents attend our Parents' Day. Parents are the backbone of the children and the family. Parents have received clear ideas from their teachers about their child's progress and any area that needs to be focused on. A number of parents also met with the head teacher and shared their opinions and suggestions. We appreciate this and will try to implement as many things as possible.

Reading records

Reading is vital children's education and there is greater emphasis from the Department of Education. Therefore, our policy at Al-Falah is that children should be reading at home for a minimum of 10-15 minutes every single day. Parents are also reminded to check with their children and ensure they complete the **yellow reading record**.



School councillors

Last month we held **school councillor's election** at Al-Falah. Children voted for their school councillor who will represent them at meetings with the head teacher and look into ways of improving the school.y

<u>NEW STUDENT COUNCILLORS</u>		
Year 1	Maariyah	Ayub
Year 2	Saarah	Mazin
Year 3	Hiba	Dawud
Year 4	Is'haaq	Fatima
Year 5	Yahya	Khadijah
Year 6	Abdishakur	Aymn

Class Attendance and Punctuality:

Well done to YEAR 1 for achieving the highest attendance in the school.

The whole class with the highest attendance/punctuality at the end of the month will be rewarded for their commitment and efforts. Treats may include extra break, golden time, hot chocolate and biscuits and many more! Please support your children and encourage them to arrive to school on time and regularly so their class may partake in this.

JazakAllah!





The following children have received Head Teacher's Merit Award for achieving 15 merits.



Year	<u>Names</u>
Year 1	Reham, Zackariyya, Usman, Tasneem, Safiyyah & Maariyah
Year 2	Yaman, Mawaddah, Sumayyah, Rumaysah, Saarah, Zain & Mazin
Year 3	Salwa, Dawud, Maalik, Safwan, Bashaar, Iyaad, Ilyas & Asma
Year 4	Hawa, Is'haaq, Khalid, Yahya, Muhammed bin Fahad, Zakariya, Mustafa & Maryam
Year 5	Suweydah, Irfan, Mohammed Limrani, Danyal, Khadijah, Elliyah, Sarah, Ibraheem Kolia & Ibrahim Uddin
Year 6	Aymn, Marwan & Mutasim



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Reham Yusuf	Maariyah Rawat
2	Yaman Madali	Saarah Adam
3	Hiba Benatallah	Hanan Shah
4	Mustafa Yusuf	Maryam Adam
5	Faatimah Patel	Eiliyah Maalin
6	Aymn Saqr	Safiyyah Alam
Hifz	Ibraheem Kolia	

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 – Ms Thamina & Ms Fahmida

Year One has had a great start to Al-Falah and all children have settled in well. Children have been focusing on letter and number formation as well as constructing sentences. Children have also immersed themselves into reading a variety of books from different genres. Reading remains a critical part of the children's learning. **Please continue to read 5-10 minutes every day.**

In DT, children focused on healthy eating. Children looked at a variety of fruits they could use to make a fruit salad. Children understand what equipment and techniques should be used to prepare a fruit salad and a potato salad. 🍎🍇🍓🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌

In Maths we had a fun workshop with Explore Learning based on making different fruit combinations to 5. In Science we have been busy experimenting with different materials and learning about their properties. We enjoyed a trip to our local area of Hackney and learning about different landmarks and buildings. The children behaved very well walking safely and looking out for the names on their sheet.

Thank you to all the parents for their continuous support and for assisting their children in completing their homework on time and bringing in a healthy snack every day.

Have a great half Term, Year One!



Year 2 – Ms Nosheen



Year Two have made a brilliant start to the year by producing lots of work including some imaginative story writing using similes and adjectives. Year Two produced a beautiful writing wall display with a piece on an imaginary character. They have shown an excellent improvement in their reading, writing and mathematics skills over this term which is evident in their improvement during independent work as well as assessments. They have been improving in their confidence by carrying out poetry performances as well as reading to the class. They also had a brilliant Maths Workshop with Explore Learning to enhance their addition skills in Mathematics!

Keep up the good work and a huge thank you to all the parents for their continuous support. Please encourage your children to do lots of reading at home and complete the reading log as you go along. Enjoy your holidays!

Year 3 – Ms Abedah

Year 3 have shown a good improvement in their handwriting and the overall presentation of their work over the last six weeks. They have managed to memorise their timetables up to 6. A big thank you to parents for your continuous support.

Reading is a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen to their child read as well as to write a short comment in their child's reading diary, every few days.

For Art this term, year 3 explored autumn leaves. They thoroughly enjoyed printing using paint and sketching from life using leaves we found outdoors. Our reading sessions have been successful in engaging the children as well as aiding them to relax after break. Children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the adventures of Charlie from Roald Dahls' Charlie and the chocolate factory. We have made cross curricular links in literacy with recounts and comprehension based tasks. Overall, it has been a busy term and children have settled in well.

Year 4 – Ms Waheedah

We have come to the end of our first half term in Year 4 and what a term it has been. Children have worked exceedingly hard this term, and have been busy learning and applying all newly acquired skills. They took a keen interest in learning about the WW2 and were excited about the results of their science investigation.

I hope children use the coming week to relax & enjoy themselves before we return for another busy term.

Year 5 – Sir Alam

Alhamdulillah we've had a great start in year 5 and all the children have been working hard this term across all subject areas. Particularly, in literacy, children have been studying significant authors and have written their own version of survival story in the style of Michael Morpurgo. The stories have been put up on display on the classroom wall so children can be proud of their work.

I wanted to say jazakumullah to all the parents who attended the year workshop on 29 September 2023. I hope the session was beneficial and we can all work together to help our children reach their full potential.

Last month, 16 children from year 5 entered the **Young Writers poetry competition**, and I am extremely proud to say that all 16 children's work has been chosen to be published in the book which will be released by February 2023 and a copy will be kept in the British Library. It's a moment to make any parent proud, having a story their child wrote selected for publication. Well done year 5. Have a well-deserved break!



Year 6 - Ms Nabila & Ms Sumaiyah

The whole class have done exceptionally well settling in and working hard in all areas. A big well done and an excellent start to the year!

This year may be quite challenging at times for the children due to their SATs but I really hope that everyone will have an exciting and rewarding experience along the way.

Reading is a very important aspect of learning and has been proven to strengthen brain activity amongst many other benefits. Parents are advised to listen and encourage their child to read daily. Children must also make sure they are also writing in their reading record. Have a lovely holiday year 6! :)

Islamic Studies (Muhammad K Hussain)

Dear parents, a very warm welcome back to you all, especially our new children. Alhamdulillah students have settled in very well and started to enjoy learning the Quran and Islamic studies. Maashaa-Allah children have returned with great enthusiasm and excitement and we hope this continues throughout the year with the support of our lovely parents. Inshaa-Allah!

This term we have focused on 'Patience, Gratitude and Diversity' in our Islamic curriculum assemblies and through our 'Hadith a week program'. We want to reinforce children's understanding about diversity and how to be a strong member of a cohesive community.

During the month of Rabi'ul Awwal we had a 'Seerah' week where we explored some aspects of Prophet (s)'s life. We also had a practical 'Wudhu and Salah' week in our Islamic study lessons and went on to visit our local masjid where the children were taught in detail on how to do 'Wudhu', and pray 'Salah'. Maashaa-Allah children have enjoyed it a lot and we intend to do this more in the future.

With this I would like to thank all the parents on behalf of Al Falah primary school for choosing our school and trusting us with your children's education. May Allah reward you all for your support and enjoy the half term holiday.

AUTUMN TERM EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Half term Holiday	23- 27/10/2023	Whole week	Al Falah school
INSET day	30/10/2023	8.30 - 1.00pm	Year 5 class
First day of school for children	31/10/2023		Al Falah School
INSET day weekend	11/11/2023	10.30 - 1.30pm	London East Academy
Parliament trip year 5	16/11/2023	8am - 2pm	Westminster
Anti-bullying week	13 - 17/11/2023	Whole week	Al Falah school
World kindness day	13/11/2023	All day	Al Falah school
Road safety week	19- 25/11/2023	Whole week	Al Falah school
Year 6 SATs workshop	17/11/2023	11.00am - 11.30am	Year 6 class
World children's day	20/11/2023	All day	Al Falah school
Hackney Museum trip Year 6	29/11/2023	9am - 1pm	Hackney Museum
Parents coffee morning	01/12/2023	8.30am - 9.30am	Head teacher's room
Books scrutiny	11/12/2023	All day	Al Falah School
Bake sale	07/12/2023	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Years 3 & 6 classroom
Arabic language day	18/12/2023	All day	Al Falah school
Last day of term	22/12/2023		Al Falah school

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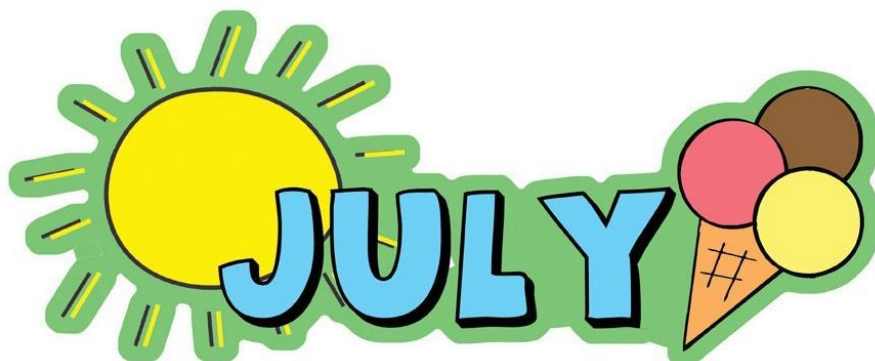
School academic (term & holiday dates) **calendar** has been sent as a separate attachment to parent's/carers email.

Printed copies are available to collect from the school office.

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Newsletter

Next academic year
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2023-24



Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum

There has been a lot going on as we near the end of the summer term. We are proud of how well our students have represented the school once again. Alhamdulillah, I am pleased to report that in their Key Stage 2 SATs this year, Al-Falah students achieved exceptional results.

Al-Falah's Achieved Standard	National Average (NA)
Maths 100%	Maths 73%
English SPaG 87%	English SPaG 72%
English Reading 94%	English Reading 73%
Writing 88%	Writing 73%
Al-Falah Average for all subjects: 93%	National Average for all subjects: 72%
Al-Falah greater depth in all areas: 45%	

It is really sad that every year, we have to say goodbye to our year 6 students as they leave Al-Falah for their secondary school. Well done to all of you and we wish you all success in your future studies. I would like to thank all of our year 6 students for their outstanding performance over the years in Al-Falah. Enjoy your holidays and new beginnings.

I would like to thank all our parents on behalf of the teachers and governors at Al-Falah for your ongoing encouragement of our school's events and activities, particularly the individualised help you provide with your child's homework and reading at home. This support is crucial because it does not only help all our students to feel more confident about their academic progress but also it fosters a close relationship between home and school.

Regards, Abu Hussain

Cycle training: Year 5 & 6 children took part in cycle training sessions at the beginning of June for a whole week. These sessions were really beneficial for the children and they have now become confident riders. Those who didn't know how to ride a bike can now ride independently.



Community fun day: The community fun day was a great success and it was lovely to see many old faces! We raised over £5,500. It was the result of hard work by our children, parents, and above all, our teachers and volunteers, who dedicated their time and effort. On behalf of the management committee of Al-Falah, I would like to thank everyone for their support.

Sports Day: This was another tremendous day for the children, who were very excited to participate in different activities at Hackney Downs Park, such as skipping race, egg and spoon race, and lots of other fun-filled sports. All the children entered with a competitive spirit, supported each other, and really enjoyed themselves.



It was also wonderful to see our parents participate in the egg and spoon race and join in with the fun. Hopefully we will continue with parents' participation in the coming years.

Parents' Day: This took place on Thursday 22nd June 2023. It was an opportunity for the parents to know about the progress the children made over the year. Parents have received good feedback from the teachers and a clearer understanding to support their next learning targets.

Attendance and punctuality: All children are required to attend assembly at 8am. The gate will be closed at 8:15am and any children that arrive after this time will be marked late and **they must report to the reception with their parents.** Persistent latecomers may be excluded from school. We appreciate most of our parents for bringing their children on-time avoiding London traffic.

Holidays during term time: All children must be in school on the first day back on Tuesday 5th September 2023. The rules for attendance and punctuality in England have become strict and the school has a duty to inform the Local Authority. Any children missing from school without prior authorisation may also lose their place at Al-Falah. Leave of absence during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Fees: Just a polite reminder that from September 2023, children's yearly fees will increase from £2600 to £2800. Al-Falah is still the lowest fee-charging school in London. If you are paying by standing order, please make the necessary arrangements with your bank.

End of year ceremony: What a tremendous and enjoyable day it was! From nasheed performances to heart-warming speeches. We even run out of chairs for our parents due to the huge turnout. It was surely a day to celebrate all our children and staff members' hard work. Thanks to all those who made it and celebrated with us and we hope everyone will continue with the efforts for the following year.



Parents reading morning: It was wonderful to observe the parents enjoying the reading session with their kids. We received great feedback from parents and hope to continue with this initiative.

Parents are requested to sit down with their kids at least once a day for 10 to 20 minutes at home to encourage reading. I want to express my gratitude to Ms Thamina for starting this campaign to inspire parents to read with their children.

Football tournament with Olive School: We held a match between Al-Falah School and Olive School in Hackney Down Park on 5th July. It was a really tough match for both teams. After a sportsmanship competition, the match ended in a draw 2:2. Ibrahim Traore from year 5 scored both goals for Al-Falah. We congratulate our players for their excellent performances and our supporters for their encouragement.

Pupil leaving: If any parents decide to withdraw their children from Al-Falah, they must inform the school at least one term before they leave, so we can make the necessary arrangements for pupils who are on the waiting list. Otherwise a fine will be imposed to those parents.

End of year to Kidzania: All children thoroughly enjoyed our end of year trip and our children once again were praised for their good behaviour. Children had the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of activities and many earned kidzos (Kidzania currency) through doing various jobs. Some children had the chance to purchase toys from the Kidzania shop using the kidzos.



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Head Teacher's Merit Award: July 23

Bronze: 40 merits

Silver: 80 merits

Gold: 160 merits

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Silver: Iman, Sidra, Harun, Tasniim, Essraa, Abdi Rahman, Bushra & Zubayr Gold: Saarah, Zoya, Mawwaddah, Rumaysah, Yaman, Sumayyah & Zain
2	Silver: Asma, Bashaar, Hiba, Iyaadh, Ilyas, Mohamed Abdullahi & Safwan Gold: Zubayr & Humeyra
3	Silver: Amarah, Fatima, Hafid, Hawasagal, Is'haaq, Khalid Patel, Maryam, Mustafa, Naiema, Yhaya, Salma, Zubeyr Bronze: Ibrahim Ali
4	Bronze: Khadijah Shah, Ruqayya, Yahya, Zaynab Pencil: Muhammed, Fahad
5	Silver: Aisha, Elmi, Ibrahim T, Juwayriya, Mutasim, Nusayba, Shah Jarhad & Yasin Gold: Abdishakur, Bushra & Safiyyah
6	Silver: Safa Sayed & Maryam Ali Gold: Ismaeel, Aleesha & Sahar



<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Sumayyah Tahera	Yaman Madali
2	Hiba Benatallah	Safwan Azom
3	Maryam Adam	Khalid Farah
4	Yahya Ukurow	Ibraheem Kolia
5	Bushra Hassan	Juwayriya Potts
6	Ismaeel Kolia	Salma Nur

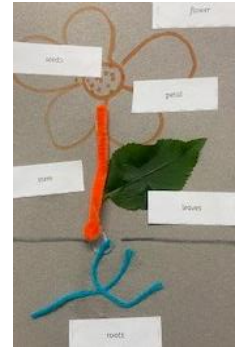
Messages from class teachers

Year 1 (Ms Thamina and Ms Fahmida)

Year 1 has worked very hard this term and is almost ready for Year 2! Children have had an opportunity to reflect on nature and the environment. We discussed the characteristics of a good Muslim who is responsible for Allah's beautiful creation.



The focus of the second half of the term was on children's reading and writing skills. All children in Year 1 have made fantastic progress in their reading this year. This is evident from the results of the phonics assessments. JazakAllah to all the parents for your continuous support. Your help has made a huge difference and is highly appreciated. It was a great pleasure teaching all the children in Year 1 and we wish them all the best for Year 2.



Remember to do the following during the holidays: Exercise, lots of reading, playing outdoors, drawing, colouring, practise telling the time, counting money and some writing.

Year 2

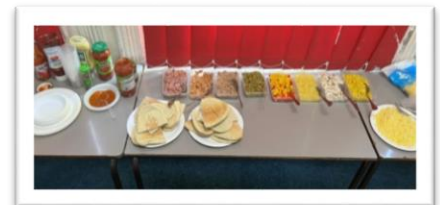
It has been a great year of progression within Year Two with all children showing excellent improvement across all areas of the curriculum. They have done extremely well in their end of year assessments showing greater independence in both their learning and working. All children have shown an improvement in their attitude to learning by being proactive in reaching their targets.

It has been beautiful to see every child develop in not just their learning but also their character. I am very glad to have been part of their learning journey and pray that they continue to excel in all areas. A huge thank you to all the parents for all your efforts and collaboration throughout the year. Have a great holiday Year 2, you will truly be missed!

Year 3



As the year comes to an end, we would like to thank all parents for their continuous support throughout this year! It has been a pleasure working with such a lovely class.



The class have really enjoyed themselves, especially as we made pizzas last Friday and as the weather has been amazing. Parents are advised to continue with timetables and reading/comprehension during the holidays as this will benefit their child next year!

Finally, we will really miss each and every child from this year 3 class, as they have been extremely well behaved and a real joy to teach! I pray everyone enjoys this well-deserved break. Take care Year 3!

Year 4

Alhamdulillah! We have reached the end of another beautiful year full of hard work and progress! Well done Year 4, you have been a pleasure to know and to teach and I will miss each and every one of you. Enjoy your summer holidays and I hope to see you all in our new class in September. Have fun and stay safe.

Year 5

Children in Year 5 had a fantastic and extremely busy half term. They participated in many events like sports day, celebration day and end of year trip. I am very impressed with how everyone worked hard to improve their writing skills; they have particularly enjoyed exploring persuasive language in advertising and letter writing.

I would like to remind parents to please make sure that the children are consistently reading at home, and revising what they have learnt during the holidays. I cannot stress how important this is for their continued progress. Well done everyone! Have a blessed summer break!

Year 6 (Ms Nabila and Ms Sumaiyah)

It is with great sadness that we have to say goodbye to all the Year 6 children. They have all done amazing well and have made me incredibly proud given their fantastic results. I would like to also thank all the parents for all their hard work, dedication and continued support throughout the year.

It was a very proud moment when we were able to present them with their graduation certificates. I wish everyone all the best in their new school and pray for success in whatever path they choose. It was a pleasure working with a thoughtful and dedicated group of children. You will all be missed.

Islamic Studies (Muhammad K Hussain)

Alhamdulillah, another year draws to a close. This year has lived up to the 'rollercoaster' ride that describes life at school, full of fun and adventure; no two days are ever the same, yet always fun!

I am incredibly proud of all we have achieved this year. We've learned much and shared experiences that will long remain with us in the years to come.

Special thanks to our parents and staff the heart and soul of Al Falah who have contributed in ways small, large, and unimaginable! Thanks for being part of Al Falah's journey toward success.

The end of an academic year is always emotional, as we say farewell to the children and especially year 6, we are proud of you all and wish you all well for the future.

We sincerely pray to Allah to make them successful in whatever they pursue in life and hope one day they return to celebrate with us their achievements. Stay safe and remember us in your duas and have a great summer holiday.

School calendar 2023/24

Red: School closed / Public holiday

Orange: Staff training (School closed for pupils)

Green: First and last day of school for pupils

September 2023							
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October 2023							
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44	30	31					

November 2023							
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48	27	28	29	30			

December 2023							
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January 2024							
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February 2024							
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June 2024							
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July 2024							
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*Ramadan timing starts 12 March 2024 (9am – 2.30pm)

*Eid possibility

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Have a look at the summer
calendar at the back & take
note of the important dates!

May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum

On behalf of everyone at Al-Falah, we wanted to say congratulations to all the year 6 children who worked incredibly hard during their SATs tests. They have shown such positivity and determination throughout the SATs week and we couldn't be prouder of them. The progress they have made since September is absolutely phenomenal!

The Summer Term is always busy with lots of exciting opportunities to enrich the curriculum with visits and visitors to the school. It is also a significant milestone for our Year 6 pupils as they enter their final term of primary school. Although it will be sad to say goodbye to pupils who have been with us for six years, we are excited for them as they embark on the next stage of their education and life journey. I would like to thank them, their parents and their teachers for all their hard work. We hope Al-Falah will sustain its excellent record of success. The results will be published on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

Abu Hussain
Head teacher

End of year whole school trip

On Thursday 6th July 2023, we will be going on our annual trip to **Kidzania** in Shepherds Bush. This trip will provide a tremendous amount of enjoyment for both children and adults for working hard during the year. Parents and children must arrive at school at the normal time. We will be leaving at 9am and hope to return by 3.30pm. You will be provided with more details nearer to the trip.

Cycle training for years 5 & 6

Year 5 & 6 children have been provided with an excellent cycle training opportunity run by Bikeability, from Hackney, for free. The session will run every day for 2+ hours from Monday 12th June until Friday 16th June 2023.

Community fun day

This year's community fun day will take place on **Saturday, June 17, 2023**, at Alfalah School. Firstly, we require volunteers to help out on the day, and we would appreciate your support. There are lots of different stalls that will be open for buying and selling. Parents are welcome to participate and offer any ideas to make the day successful. We would like to thank parents for their continued support towards all aspects of our school, and we hope you will continue your support in making this day successful. We hope to see you all, along with family and friends, on this day.

If anyone would like to donate food, ornaments, art crafts, or any other things that are new but not in use, they can do so on the day or before. Please see Sir Alam in the office.

Term time absence:

Students are not permitted to go on holiday during the term time. If any student is missing from school for more than five days, it could result in them losing their seat in Al-Falah and a **£60 fine must be paid** regardless, before returning back.

Eid holiday & party: The school will be closed from Wednesday 28th June to Friday 30th June for Eid ul Adha.

A whole school Eid party will take place on **Monday 3rd July 2023**. Children are allowed to wear their Eid clothes on that day. Parents are requested to send some snacks for their child's party to share with their classmates.

Al-Falah Reading mornings!

We would like to welcome parents/carers to come and read and share a book with their child from **8.20am - 8.40am** at the times below. You will have an opportunity to sit with your child outside in the playground and read and discuss a book of their choice. We would like to encourage all parents/carers to attend on the allocated morning and enjoy this great opportunity with their child. We look forward to seeing you!

Year 1 & Year 2	Monday 3 rd July
Year 3 & Year 4	Tuesday 4 th July
Year 5 & Year 6	Wednesday 5 th July

Class Attendance and Punctuality: After the half term, whole classes with the highest attendance/punctuality at the end of the month will be rewarded for their commitment and efforts. Treats may include extra break, golden time, hot chocolate and biscuits and many more! Please support your children and encourage them to arrive to school on time and regularly so their class may partake in this. JazakAllah!

The **WINNER** for **April 2023** is **Year 4** with **99.11%**



School will be closed for half term from Friday 26th May to Friday 2nd June 2023.

We will reopen on Monday 5th June 2023 at 8am.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Student Councillors - Summer Term</u>	
1	Yaman Madali	Rumaysah Alam
2	Bashaar Ibrahim	Salwa Ahmed
3	Yahya Ahmed	Naiema Omar
4	Zakaria Mohamoud	Zaynab Hassan
5	Mutasim Mohamed	Aymn Saqr
6	Angel Ermis	Hirsi Adde



<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Yaman Madali	Haania Shah
2	Safwan Azom	Amira Bracaj
3	Amarah Yussuf	Zahra Dulhante
4	Ruqayya Hussein	Danyal Ahmed
5	Marwan Ahmed	Ibrahim Yussuf
6	Sufyan Ahmad	Salma Nuur

Islamic Studies

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

The months are passing quickly and longer days and lighter nights are back again as we approach our final half term of the academic year. Alhamdulillah we had a very busy half term with so much learning and teaching taking place. MashaaAllah the children have worked very hard this term and we are very proud of them all. I thank all our lovely staff and parents for their continued support and making this journey of learning a success.

Alhamdulillah as we are in the sacred month of Dhul-Qa'dah, Ibn Abbas (r) said, 'In all (twelve) months, Allah then chose four out of these months and made them sacred, emphasising their sanctity, making sinning in them greater, in addition to multiplying the rewards of righteous deeds during them'. [Tafseer Ibn Katheer]

The four sacred months of Islam are Muharram, Rajab, Dhul-Qa'dah and Dhul-Hijjah. It is important to respect the month which Allah has chosen to be sacred. Allah commands us not to 'wrong ourselves' during Dhul-Qa'dah, which means we should be extra-careful about fulfilling our obligations and not falling into sin.

I pray to Allah that He enables us to make the most of these sacred months and I ask you all to have a well-deserved break and come back in June feeling re-energized and ready for what will be a very busy and exciting last term. Inshaa-Allah!

Muhammad K Hussain

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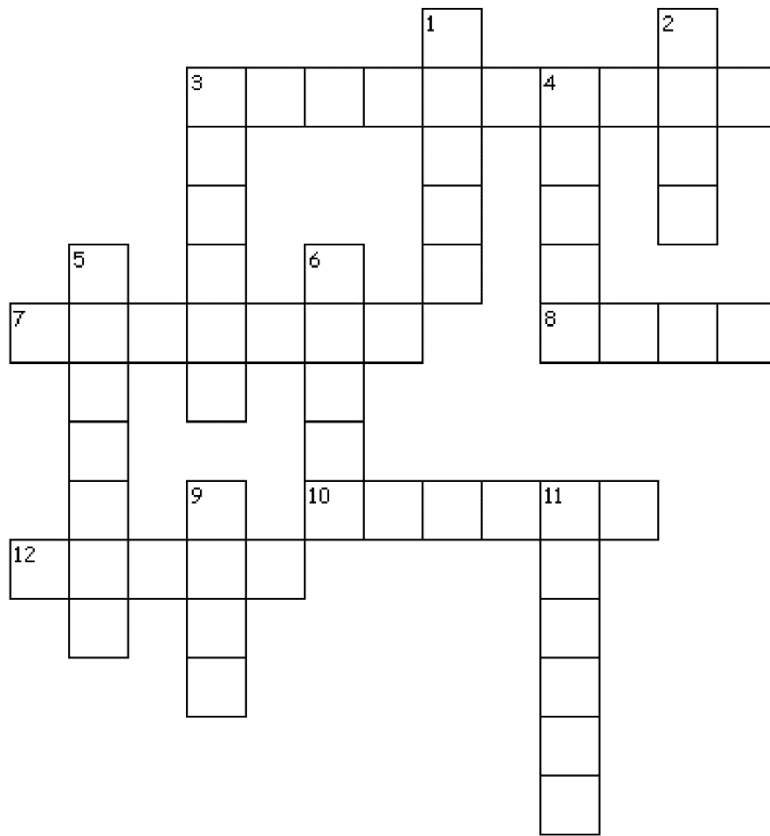
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Hajj Crossword



Across

- 3. Stone Collection
- 7. Pelting
- 8. Tents
- 10. Sacrificed on the 10th Dhul Hijjah
- 12. Cube

Down

- 1. Round the Kabah
- 2. Fifth Pillar
- 3. Sacred City
- 4. A state
- 5. Prophets City
- 6. Mountain
- 9. First Mountain
- 11. Standing in the hot sun, Fardh

SUMMER TERM CALENDAR 2023

Summer half term holidays	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2023
Summer 2 nd term	Monday 5 th June to Friday 21 st July 2023
End of year assessments	<u>NC</u> : Monday 22 nd to Thursday 25 th May 2023 <u>IC</u> : Tuesday 6 th to Thursday 8 th June 2023
Cycle training for years 5 & 6	Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th June 2023
Parents Day	Thursday 15 th June 2023
Community Fun day	Saturday 17 th June 2023
Eid al Adha holidays	Wednesday 28 th to Friday 30 th June 2023
Read with your child week	Monday 3 rd July to Wednesday 5 th July 2023
Eid party (class/whole school)	Monday 3 rd July 2023
Whole school trip	Thursday 6 th July 2023
Sports Day	Wednesday 12 th July 2023
Graduation day & End of year celebration	Monday 17 th July 2023
Last day of summer term	Friday 21 st July 2023
Summer holiday	Monday 24 th July to Monday 4 th September 2023
INSET day	Monday 4 th September 2023
1st day of academic year 2023-24 for pupils	Tuesday 5 th September 2023

Key: Black: Term dates & events

Red: Holidays

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Have a look at the
summer calendar at
the back & take note

April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum

Alhamdulillah, we are in the blessed month of Ramadan. All praise to Allah SWT; we praise Him and seek his help for forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allah SWT from the evil of our own selves and from evil deeds. Whomsoever Allah guides cannot be misled, and whomsoever He leaves astray cannot be guided. MashaAllah, everything in the school is going very smoothly, even with the different time for the month of Ramadan. All children are coming on time, and as a result, our attendance has reached the expected level.

Turkey Earthquake Appeal: We would like to thank our parents for being so kind as to donate to humanitarian aid for the Turkey earthquake. A series of devastating earthquakes had hit southern Turkey and north-western Syria, killing over 50,000 people and injuring many more. People have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions. During this devastating crisis, Al-Falah's parents extended their support for the victims. Alhamdulillah, we raised over **£1200** within very short notice.

World Maths Day: On March 8th, students of all ages put their maths skills to the test in our Live Mathematics arena, with more than 112,230 students from 2,427 schools competing across the UK alone! That's HUGE! Most of our Al-Falah students voluntarily participated not only on the day but continued practicing a fortnight before the event. It was an exciting opportunity for our students to compete with world-class geniuses. We hope this has sparked further enthusiasm for Mathematics and helped children with their Arithmetic!

We would like to congratulate 2 of our students who came within the top 20 amongst thousands of competitors from the UK, **Irfan Zaman (14th)** from Year 4 & **Zoya Sidat (15th)** from Year 1. Well Done!



World Food Day: It was another big occasion for the school's World Food Day! Thanks to the parents and carers for sending different types of food to school. The children really enjoyed the variety of delicious foods from around the world. Alhamdulillah, we managed to raise **£600** for the school.

Coffee morning: Our spring term coffee morning was held on March 10th. We really appreciate all the parents who attended and shared their views and issues. The suggestions will be taken on board and will help to strengthen the school.

Eid party: The school's **Eid celebration** is on **Thursday 27th April 2023**. The children are allowed to wear their Eid clothes on that day. Parents are requested to send some snacks for their child's party to share with their classmates.

World Book Day: The World Book Day celebration on March 2nd was a blast for the students. Children were dressed up as their favourite characters from a book. Children were encouraged to design and make a costume, and they loved it. We were amazed to see their creative skills at work! To foster their interest in reading, children were encouraged to bring in a book to swap and it was a huge success Alhamdulillah.

SATS: As you are aware, the Y6 SATs will be held the week of May 9th, right after the holiday. Ms. Nabila and Ms. Sumaiyah will run extra booster classes during the holiday. Parents are requested to support their children in finishing their homework and using the time properly to prepare for the test.

School Governors: We would like to introduce our **Parent Governors:** Sister Maryan Cabdi and Shah M Shuib and our **Community Governors** Brother Anwar Lohiya and sister Fatma Ghalib. The school is grateful to them for their volunteer work.

Summer Calendar: Please have a look and take note of the **school summer calendar** published at the back of this newsletter. It has a lot of important dates and events taking place.

The school will be closed for Ramadan and Eid from Friday 7th April to Monday 24th April 2023.

We will reopen on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 8am. Please note that the school will be closed for a teacher training day on Monday 24th April 2023.

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The **WINNERS** for **February 2023** are **Year 5** with **97.65%**

March 2023 are **Year 3** with **98.6% attendance.** Well done!





The following children have received
Head Teacher's Merit Award: April 23

- Pencil:** 15 merits
- Bronze:** 40 merits
- Silver:** 80 merits

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Bronze: Zain, Zoya, Haania, Harun, Mawwaddah, Rumaysah, Sumayyah and Tasniim Pencil: Bushra, Zubayr, Essra, Abdirahman
2	Bronze: Asma, Amira, Mohamed, Hiba, Zaynab, Safwan, and Iyaadh
3	Bronze: Salma Nur, Hawasagal, Yahya, Hafid, Khalid Patel, Is'haaq Khan, Fatima Muhammed and Naiema Pencil: Ibrahim
4	Bronze: Ibraheem and Danyal. Pencil: Irfan, Nuha, Eiliyah and Yahya Ukurow
5	Silver: Marwan, Abdulaziz and Ibraheem Ahmed. Bronze: Shah Jarhad, Yasin, Nusayba, Ibrahim Traore, Mustafa and Mutasim
6	Bronze: Salma Nur and Sufyan Pencil: Safa Nur, Hirsi, Safiya, Ibrahim, Sajeedah and Younis



<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Bushra Nur	Mawwaddah Yusuf
2	Mohamed Abdillahi	Safwan Azom
3	Yahya Ahmad	Maryam Adam
4	Yahya Ukurow	Suweydah Nur
5	Nusayba Halane	Shah Jarhad
6	Mohamed Mohamud	Ismaeel Kolia

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina & Ms Fahmida

Year One have worked very hard this term and have been extremely busy!

They explored abstract art and made their own paintings using ideas from Pete Mondrian and Jackson Pollock.



We had a fun packed English

workshop with Explore Learning where London based tutors Jenny and Ahsan helped children to think of adjectives to describe objects, to aliens who had landed on planet Earth!

Year 1 particularly enjoyed writing poems using alliteration, they sounded so funny!

Phonics sounds, real words and nonsense words to practise with your child:

<https://youtu.be/W3HRX2ywbog>

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JazakAallah to all the parents/carers for your continuous support in reading, spelling and homework!

Ramadan Kareem!

Wishing you all a blessed month.

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have improved in their 4 rules of number (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication). There has been a greater focus on times tables this term. The final term will focus on embedding this learning and helping children to memorise their required times tables and beyond.

Children have worked hard on their reading, spelling and punctuation during comprehension and descriptive writing.

They have had a wonderful time learning with our Trainee Teacher Miss Nazeerah this term. Year Two showed excellent knowledge during our fire safety workshop online with our local fire officer Joynal.



Thank you to all the parents for their amazing support and all the hard work they have been doing to ensure their child is on track with their spelling, reading and homework. May you all have a blessed Ramadan and please remember us all in your duas.

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

This term has been fantastic! The whole class achieved great results in their Grammar tests while most of the class reached their spring targets for maths and reading! Children have enjoyed Guided Reading sessions with Ms Fahmida as they got a chance to spend more time in

the school library. Year 3 wrote book reviews and learnt the difference between formal and informal writing styles. The class loved learning about William Morris and produced some beautiful free hand sketches.

In Geography this term, we learnt all about local areas, land uses and settlements. Children thoroughly enjoyed delving deep into our new topics in Computing and PSHE. We started using Scratch Junior in our computing lessons. Our new topic, 'Persistence in asking for help' was part of PSHE this term and children shared some fantastic views on why it is important to ask for help/support as well as ways in which this can be done. To add some colour to this term, year 3 children produced some beautiful book marks on World Book Day.

Great Work Year 3! The holiday homework consists of a history project based on Henry VIII's wives. There will be winners at the end of the project and parents are advised to really encourage children to do their best.

Enjoy the holidays! Don't forget to complete your holiday homework.

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

Year 4 have worked really hard this term; exploring different and newer concepts in all aspects of their learning. This term we have really enjoyed our many science experiments investigating solids, liquids and gases. The children were quite surprised to know gases have weight seeing as they are completely invisible! For our humanities, we enquired into the effects of the Roman invasion of Celtic Britain, whilst in Art we looked at and created our own still pictures.

I hope the children enjoy a well-rested holiday and can't wait to see them for another exciting term of learning!

A quick special mention to the following children:

- Rayyan Sheikh and Yasir Abubakar for working extremely hard to memorise their multiplication tables
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Year 5 - Sir Alam

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On Thursday 16th March, year 5 took part in a fire safety workshop with brother Joynul from the London Fire Brigade team. The session was very informative and we learnt how to stay safe at home and elsewhere, what are the main causes of fire breakouts and how to evacuate in an unfortunate event.

In January 2023, all children from year 5 entered the Young Writers competition, and I would like to say **every single child's work has been accepted** by the publishers. This is the second time we've had such a huge achievement by year 5.

The book will be published by May 2023 and a copy will be kept at the British Library.

Congratulations and well done year 5! Have a great Ramadan and Eid!



Year 6 - Ms Nabila & Ms Sumaiyah

Ramadan Mubarak everyone! It has been lovely to see so many children fasting and in the Ramadan spirit.

This half term, I have been extremely impressed with all the hard work and dedication that the class have shown in preparation for their SATs. They have all



made fantastic progress, keep it up! I would like to kindly remind parents that we will be holding extra booster sessions for SATs revision during the holidays and would like to strongly advise that all children



attend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Islamic Studies

Alhamdulillah! Infinite thanks and praises are due to the Almighty Allah, for the arrival of the blessed month of Ramadan, peace and blessings be upon the best man to ever observe the month of Ramadan, our beloved Prophet Muhammad (s), his household, his companions and all those who follow his guided path till the last day.

Abu Huraira (r) related that the Prophet (s) said: Allah the Majestic and Exalted said: "Every deed of man will receive ten to 700 times reward, except Sawm (fasting), for it is for Me and I shall reward it (as I like). (Muslim)

The end of the spring term is here and we are really proud of how well all the children have been in terms of their behaviour and learning at Al Falah, this is largely due to working in partnership with the parents, so a huge thanks to all our staff and parents.

Alhamdulillah we have given all our students Ramadan activity book which we hope is going to be a fun way of introducing the basics of Islam to our children.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday, stay safe and inshaaAllah see you all next term.

Muhammad Kalam Hussain (Head of Islamic Curriculum)

SUMMER TERM CALENDAR 2023

Last day of spring term	Thursday 6 th April 2023
Ramadan & Eid holidays	Friday 7 th April to Monday 24 th April 2023
Inset day	Monday 24 th April 2023
Summer 1 st term	Tuesday 25 th April to Friday 26 th May 2023
Eid Party (class/whole school)	Thursday 27 th April 2023
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SATs week	Tuesday 9 th to Friday 12 th May 2023
Summer half term holidays	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2023
Summer 2 nd term	Monday 5 th June to Friday 21 st July 2023
End of year assessments	<u>NC</u> : Monday 22 nd to Thursday 25 th May 2023 <u>IC</u> : Tuesday 6 th to Thursday 8 th June 2023
Parents Day	Thursday 15 th June 2023
Community Fun day	Saturday 24 th June 2023
Eid al Adha holidays	Wednesday 28 th to Friday 30 th June 2023
Eid party (class/whole school)	Monday 3 rd July 2023
Whole school trip	Thursday 6 th July 2023
Sports Day	Wednesday 12 th July 2023
Graduation day & End of year celebration	Monday 17 th July 2023
Last day of summer term	Friday 21 st July 2023
Summer holiday	Monday 24 th July to Monday 4 th September 2023
INSET day	Monday 4 th September 2023
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FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum

We have had another jam-packed term full of incredible learning experiences across the school. I cannot help but beam with pride at the fantastic learning I can see taking place every day. As in every newsletter, you will find lots of news and information about events below. Have a wonderful break!

Attendance and punctuality: Please remember that children have to be at school at **8am** for morning assembly every day. Once the gate closes at **8:15am**, any children arriving after this time are marked in as **LATE**. Their attendance and punctuality will be shown on their school report at the end of the year. Parents/guardians are responsible for making sure their children come to school every day and on time.

Holidays during term time

The government is very serious about students being absent from school. It has introduced a fine of £60 for each child absent from the school during the term, which rises to £120 if they do not pay within 21 days. If you do not pay the fine after 28 days, you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school. Al-Falah has started this fine from January.

Parking: We would like to express our appreciation and give huge thanks to one of our parents (Samira, mother of Mohammed Abdullahi, Y2) for volunteering in the morning and afternoon at the school gate. She places traffic cones and maintains the area so that parents no longer park their cars in front of the gate.

If driving to drop off or collect your children from school, all drivers must avoid parking at the school gate and bus stop. *There are still a few parents who are not taking this seriously and are causing harm to the school, tarnishing our representation as Muslims in the community.*

Coffee morning: Our spring term coffee morning will be held on **10th March 2023**. This will be arranged in the head teacher's office from **8:30am to 9:00am**. It will be an opportunity for parents to discuss any issues and suggestions whilst enjoying a hot beverage.

SATs: The Year 6 SATs exams are fast approaching and will be held the week of May 9th, 2023. School will be closed for the Easter and Ramadan holiday (**Monday 10th April to Monday 24th April 2023**) just 2 weeks before their SATs. Therefore, the school will be running booster classes for Year 6 students starting from Thursday 23rd February during the school day but will also aim to run five days of boosters during the Easter holidays (this will be at a small cost).

Any issues or suggestions! Please remember to make an appointment to see the head teacher about any issues, concerns or suggestions. Your suggestions will help us run the school smoothly and efficiently.

Regards

Abu Hussain
Head Teacher

Class Attendance and Punctuality: After the half term, whole classes with the highest attendance/punctuality at the end of the month will be rewarded for their commitment and efforts. Treats may include extra break, golden time, hot chocolate and biscuits and many more! Please support your children and encourage them to arrive to school on time and regularly so their class may partake in this. JazakAllah!

The **WINNERS** for January 2023 are Year 1 class with 95% attendance. Well done!



The following children have received Head Teacher's Merit Award



Pencil: 15 merits

Bronze: 40 merits

Silver: 80 merits

	<u>Names</u>
Year 1	Bronze: Sumayyah, Zain, Harun, Haania, Rumaysah, Mawwaddah, Zoya Yaman Madali and Fatemah Elsebai
Year 2	Pencil: Abdirahman, Ilyas and Zubayr
Year 3	Pencil: Rayaan and Elaf
Year 4	Pencil: Zaynab Hassan, Khadija Shah and Ibraheem Kolia
Year 5	Silver: AymnSaqr, Safiyah, Bushra, Abdishakur and Ibrahim Yussuf Bronze: Aisha, Maryam, Juwayriya, Elmi Adde, Marwan Ahmed, Ibraheem Ahmed Pencil: Yasin Rahman, Mustafa, Nusayba
Year 6	Silver: Angel Ali Bronze: Ismaeel Kolia Pencil: Said Khalid and Sufyan



<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Fatemah Elsebai	Rumaysah Alam
2	Hiba Benatallah	Asma Osman
3	Is'haaq Khan	Mustafa Yussuf
4	Yasir Abubakar	Rayyan Sheikh
5	Aisha Hussein	Aymn Saqr
6	Safiyah Bailey	Hirsi Adde

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina & Ms Fahmida

Everybody came back to school with such a positive attitude towards learning, which has been demonstrated by children coming in with the correct uniform, bringing a healthy snack every day and remembering to read every night.

We have had a very busy term and would like to share some pictures with you. We have been studying transport around us and how it has changed over the years. We visited Pizza Express and learnt how to make our very own pizza and spoke about all the ingredients. We have been budding artists this term learning about primary and secondary colours and creating different tints. Year 1's were great scientists when they investigated what materials are absorbent and which are waterproof.



Gentle reminders:

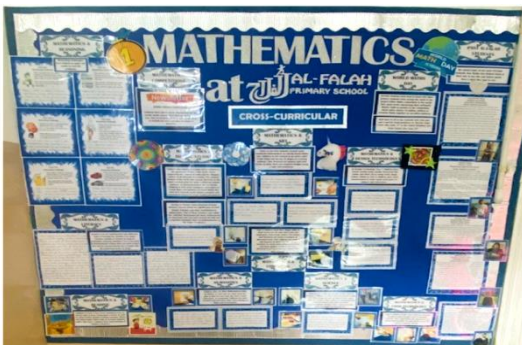
- Bring in homework on Tuesday.
- Practise spellings daily for spelling test on Friday.
- Read every day for 10 minutes.
- Wear black shoes for school uniform.
- Please ensure your child wears **clean clothes** every day.
- Try and **wash your child's coat**.



Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

This term Year Two have worked brilliantly and improved upon writing imaginative stories including the use of adjectives, inverted commas and similes. We have been trying to use more sophisticated and ambitious vocabulary by learning a new wow word each week to be implemented in their writing. Their hard work and enthusiasm is clearly reflected in the progress they have all made this term.

They have been recreating nature sculptures using clay during their Art and Design as well as doing some cross curricular learning with Mathematics. The Mathematics assessment this term showed excellent improvement and children have also been enjoying their learning over the last couple of weeks with our trainee teacher Ms Nazeerah.



Keep up the hard work and continue practicing spellings, reading and times tables at home.

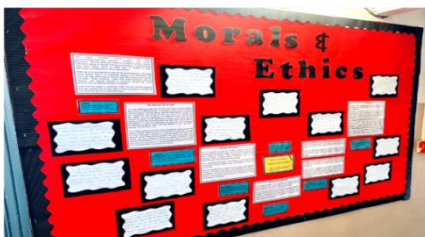
Enjoy your holiday! 🖥️

Ms Nosheen



Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Well done to all the Year 3 children for working really hard this term. Most of the children have managed to learn up to their 10 times tables. Parents are reminded to keep up with the practise of reading, spelling, and timetables during the half term. Children enjoyed learning about different scientists and their inventions as well as how the railways in Britain began. It has been a short but busy term. Year 3 also learned about the importance of saving money in PSHE, where children had the opportunity to share ideas and stories about themselves. Finally, we covered a special lesson on morals where the class shared their views on how they had shown good morals within their own lives. Year 3 produced some great work, which we turned into a display for the whole school to see!



Overall, it has been a productive and fun term! We hope children and parents are able to enjoy this well-deserved break!

Don't forget to do your homework year 3!

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

Year 4 have worked really hard this term; exploring different and newer concepts in all aspects of their learning. This term we have really enjoyed our many science experiments investigating solids, liquids and gases. The children were quite surprised to know gases have weight seeing as they are completely invisible! For our humanities, we enquired into the effects of the Roman invasion of Celtic Britain, whilst in Art we looked at and created our own still pictures.

I hope the children enjoy a well rested holiday and can't wait to see them for another exciting term of learning!

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Year 5 - Sir Alam

We have already reached the middle of the academic year and before we know it, the year will be over. I am pleased to say that year 5 children have been working hard and catching up on a lot of missed work from the pandemic period.

In December, most year 5 children entered the **Young Writers competition**, and I am pleased to announce that children's work has finally been published and we have received our complimentary copy of the book. Children were given a sample of their published work to share with their household.

I hope everyone will continue with the effort and achieve excellent results by the end of the year.

Have a great holiday everyone!

Year 6 - Ms Nabila & Ms Sumaiyah

I would like to start by saying a huge well done to the whole Year 6 class for making excellent progress this term. Everyone has been working very hard in preparation for their SATs this year. I would like to remind all children and parents about the SATs booster sessions that will begin after the half term holiday inshaAllah, starting from Thursday 23rd February, during school hours.

Children are reminded to keep up with the practise of reading, spellings and arithmetic daily to help support their learning.

I would also like to thank all parents for their continued support.

Have a lovely holiday and don't forget to revise everyone!

Islamic Studies

Alhamdulillah We had a wonderful half term despite the cold winter weather. And once again the sacred month of Rajab is upon us. Our deeds weigh heavier on the scales during the sacred months. Allah commands us: 'Do not wrong yourselves during them' [The Noble Qur'an, 9:36], because it is graver to commit a sin during a sacred month. Equally, it becomes more rewarding to perform a good deed! Thus, we need to be extra-vigilant in everything we do and say this Rajab, and extra-keen in seeking Allah's pleasure.

This term everyone enjoyed learning and was busy making progress mashaAllah. We have focused on 'Respect and Positive Thinking' through our 'Hadith a week program'. We are especially encouraging children to focus on displaying respect towards one another through positive thinking, irrespective of our differences. As always we would value your support in reinforcing the same.

We also had a series of assemblies this term, during which children were encouraged to appreciate the cultural diversity of Britain and live in peace and harmony respecting each other's differences. Parents are kindly requested to help us promote good manners by making sure children practise good behaviour throughout their day to day life.

In Islamic studies this term we looked at 'the fundamentals of tawheed and its importance in 'Ibaadah', and have been exploring different forms of 'Ibaadah', especially the five daily Salah during which all Muslims, irrespective of race, colour, culture, stand shoulder to shoulder with respect for one another facing in the same direction.

Finally I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday, stay safe and inshaaAllah see you all next term.

Muhammad Hussain

Term and Holiday dates 2022-23

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DECEMBER
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Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum

Now that the long freight of autumn is disappearing under the dark, cold, and breezy weather, children should be wrapping up warm with coats, scarves, and hats, and ensuring they are keeping healthy and safe this winter. They are also looking forward to their winter break and the start of the new year. You will receive an outline of the curriculum overview at the beginning of the Spring term which shows what the teacher is planning to teach your child over the term.

Coffee morning: We were very pleased to see a great turnout on the parent's coffee morning. Parents were given the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas on how to improve the school. We, as a school, value your opinions and all feedback will be taken on-board.

Waiting/parking outside the school

We are tired of telling some parents/carers **not to park or wait outside the school gates** on the zigzag lines and bus stop. These same parents/carers are giving a bad name to the school and Islam. They are being sinful for causing inconvenience to others and putting our children's lives at risk.

We will start taking pictures of such cars and this will have consequences, and in some cases, this may even result in removal of their children. We will NOT tolerate any abuse towards school staff or any volunteers who may ask you to move your vehicle.

A parent kindly volunteered to be stationed at the gates to ensure those 'naughty' parents do not to park their cars or wait on the yellow zigzag lines and bus stand.

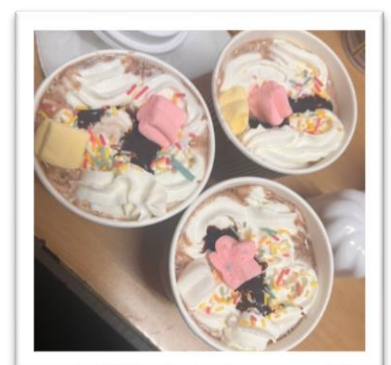
Taking holidays during term time: Please do not plan on going abroad during the school term. It disrupts children's learning and is hugely detrimental to their attainment.

News from the school councillors: School councillors discussed different issues during their meeting with the head teacher. Their feedback has been noted and will be taken on-board.

Class Attendance and Punctuality: Well done to Year 6 for being this month's **Amazing Attendance Achievers!** Year 6 will receive their treat for the excellent achievement.

Please continue to support your children and encourage them to arrive to school on time and regularly so their class may partake in this. **School starts at 8am every day.**

Bake Sale: Alhamdulillah, thanks to the hard work of the staff and all the efforts and donations from parents, we were able to raise £575



to use on extra-curricular resources and treats for the children. We appreciate your continued support!

Scarlet Fever guidelines for schools:

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called group A streptococci. It is usually a mild illness, but is highly infectious. The increase is likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing.

Be extra vigilant of the signs and symptoms of scarlet fever which include sore throat, high temperature, headache and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

Schools and early years settings should ensure that all children with confirmed or suspected group A strep infections (mainly scarlet fever and also tonsillitis) are kept away from school until they've been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever. Early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection.

There is no vaccine against group A strep. The main preventive measures are good hand and respiratory hygiene. Children should wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keep away from others when feeling unwell.

End of term class party

We will be holding small end of term class parties on Thursday 15th December 2023. Please provide children with any snacks/treats for them to share with their classmates.

Farewell, Ms Mehz! Sadly, we have to say goodbye to our senior TA, Ms. Mehz as she embarks onto her new journey of motherhood inshaAllah. Ms Mehz gave many years of commitment at Al-Falah and has had a tremendously positive impact on the school. We are grateful for her contributions and will miss her. May Allah make her life flourish with success!

A big thank you to all the parents and carers for your continued support. Have a lovely and well-deserved break.

The last day of school will be **Friday 16th December 2022.**

Winter holidays will start on Monday 19th December 2022, and teachers INSET will be on Tuesday 3rd January 2022.

The school will reopen for children on **Wednesday 4th January 2023.**



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Zain Zakaria Ali	Abdirahman Yussuf
2	Zubayr Hirsi	Iyaadh Hersi
3	Khalid Patel	Zubayr Nuur
4	Eiliyah Maalin	Ibrahim Uddin
5	Bushra Hassan	Ibrahim Yussuf
6	Ismaeel Kolia	Salma Nuur



HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	<u>Pencil (15 merits):</u> Abdirahman Yussuf, Bushra Nur, Essra Armaan, Fatemah Elsebai, Haania Shah, Saarah Adam, Sidra Sheikh, Tasniim Nuur, Zain Ali, Zubayr Hussein
2	<u>Pencil (15 merits):</u> Maalik Farah, Safwan Azom, Salwa Ahmed, Mohamed Abdillahi, Jaidah Gairn, Amira Bracaj, Khadijah Shah, Zaynab Ghari
3	<u>Pencil (15 merits):</u> Mustafa Yussuf, Naeima Omar, Zubeyr Nuur, Faris Jeylani
4	<u>Pencil (15 merits):</u> Maryam Ali, Zaynab Hassan, Khadijah Shah, Ibraheem Kolia
5	<u>Pencil (15 merits):</u> Juwayriya Potts, Marwan, Ibrahim T, Elmi Adde, Jarhad Ahmed, Mutasim Mohamed <u>Bronze badge (40 merits):</u> Aymn Saqr, Bushra Hassan, Ibrahim Yussuf, Abdishakur Hassan, Safiyyah Alam, Abdulaziz Isarai, Ibraheem Ahmed, Mohamed Yasin
6	<u>Pencil (15 merits):</u> Ismaeel Kolia, Sufyan Ahmad, Safa Sayed, Salma Nuur, Maryam Ali (pencil), <u>Bronze badge (40 merits):</u> Sahar Ali, Alesha Angel Ermis

Messages from teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina and Ms Fahmida

We enjoyed reading the book Knuffle Bunny by Jo Welliman in Literacy. Children explored the characters, especially the problem encountered by Trixie when she loses Knuffle Bunny. We created our own story board and re-wrote the story.

In Maths we enjoyed our full week of division when children learnt to share objects into groups of 2,3, 4 and 5. Wow MashaAllah!



Well done to all the children for bringing in empty boxes as part of Art to make sculptures. They were all eager to produce an abstract class sculpture based on Barbara Hepworth.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our computing sessions in the ICT suite where they have been learning to type using Word and use the following keys and symbols: shift, caps lock, undo, redo, space bar, delete and save.

Thank you to all the parents for the continuous support and for assisting their children in completing their homework on time, reading with them every day and bringing in a healthy snack regularly. Have a great break Year One! See you soon.



Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have worked extremely hard on their instruction writing skills this term through our theme of 'construction'. They have utilised their creative ability to make flowers, origami cats, snowflakes and fabric faces. They also did great work in their character building work during PSHE lessons this term where they looked at thinking positive and attaining good characteristics. Children were very excited to plant their own tomato plants in their Science Units.



It's been a great term with much improvement in their skills across the whole curriculum.

Thank you to all parents for continuing to ensure children are completing their homework, spellings and practicing their reading. Well done Year 2!

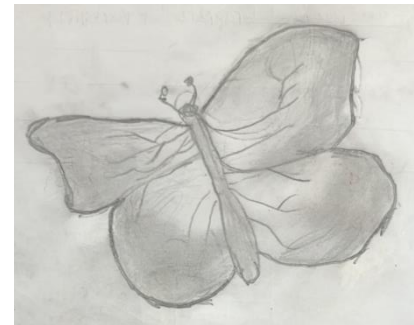


Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Year 3 have worked very hard to improve the presentation of their work this term. They tried to



tackle unfamiliar topics within the new curriculum. Majority of the class have managed to learn up to their 9 time tables.



Year 3 also produced some beautiful observational sketches of butterflies for ART. They enjoyed learning about healthy eating and balanced diets alongside bones and muscular systems of animals and humans. Most of the children have met their targets for this term & we are very happy with their progress so far.



Parents are requested to ensure children are continuously memorising timetables, spellings and practicing handwriting at home.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break this holiday!

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

Year 4 have worked exceeding hard this term; working well to complete all learning objectives set out for the second half of autumn term. The children have incorporated their artistic ideas well to create some beautiful silhouettes and have produced some wonderful poems for display.

On behalf of the children in Year 4, I would like to say a big thank you to both Ms Mehz and Ms Sumaiyah for covering much of this term whilst I was away on placement. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the parents for their continued support.

Have a well deserved, relaxing holiday Year 4!

Year 5 - Sir Alam

On Monday 14th November 2022, children from year 5 visited the Houses of Parliament. During our tour we visited the House of Commons and House of Lords where we learnt about the role of the MPs and the Lords, how the Parliament works and the differences between the two houses. We really enjoyed our trip which was educational and inspiring.



In October, children entered the Young Writers poetry competition, and I am extremely proud to say that 14 children's work has been chosen to be published in the book which will be released by February 2023. It's a moment to make any parent proud, having a story their child wrote selected for publication. Well done!

As part of DT 'Global Food' we made nachos which were invented by Mexicans. We really enjoyed this dish and learning about different types of food from around the world.

All children have been working hard and with this continued effort and parental support, inshaAllah they will achieve good results.

Year 6 - Ms Nabila and Ms Sumaiyah

I would like to start by thanking all the parents who attended the SATs workshop, I hope it has helped to gain a better understanding of what to expect in the 2023 SATs. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any further questions. This half term, Year 6 have shown some great progress in Maths and English. As you are all aware, SATs are getting closer and as of January we will be carrying out some extra revision sessions.

Year 6 were invited to attend the Hackney Junior Citizenship Scheme in partnership with TFL. It was incredibly informative and the children thoroughly enjoyed the important practical advice given to make them more responsible for their own safety, going into the future as young adults.



To help at home, please continue to ensure children are reading at home daily and are practising spellings and times tables weekly. Have a fantastic holiday!

I appreciate all the continued support from parents and carers.

Islamic Studies

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

Alhamdulillah with the end of this long busy term I write to thank all our staff and students for their hard work and efforts. Students have made very good progress in their Quran and Islamic studies maa-shaa-Allah.

This term we have focused on 'Helping Others' through our 'Hadith program', raising children's awareness to be helpful and kind to others irrespective of all differences, please ensure you discuss the importance of helping others and help us to support the learning that is taking place in the school. We have also discussed the life of Prophet Isa (a) in our school assembly. As you are aware it's the time of the year when the birth of Prophet Isa (a) is celebrated throughout the Christian world.

Prophet 'Isa(a)

Over 2000 years ago, a baby was born in Jerusalem into the noble family of Imran. This baby was very special, his name was 'Isa (a) and he was born miraculously to Maryam(a), without a father. Allah allowed him to perform miracles and heal those that were sick. Allah allowed him to heal those who were born blind so that they could see again. Allah saved him and lifted him into the heavens when the people tried to kill him. Allah sent him revelations and made him into a mighty messenger & a prophet. Allah will bring him back to Earth when things get bad & through him Allah will restore peace.

And finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish all a happy new year and pray that you are able to have a well-deserved break and come back in January energized and ready for an exciting spring term inshaa-Allah.

JazaakAllah (Muhammad K Hussain)

Term & holiday dates

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Maths Competition

Put your Maths Brain in gear and try to answer a competition question from the Key Stage you belong to for a chance to win a **PRIZE!** You can answer the question on any piece of paper with your name and class and submit it to Ms Nosheen by Wednesday 4th January! There will be a winner from each Key Stage which will be announced on Friday 6th January during assembly time. All correct entries will be placed into a random selection draw so don't worry if you are not selected. Watch out for the next competition! 😊

Key Stage One

Jay finds a strangely-shaped shell. She says that it has 6 sides. Stan thinks that it could be either a circle or a pentagon.

Is Stan correct? How do you know?

Lower Key Stage Two

In a traffic survey, Class B count 6 cars and 16 white cars. There were half as many blue cars as white. There were three times more black cars than blue. How many black cars went past?

Upper Key Stage Two

Over the weekend, Nikita spends 85 minutes on her project and 45 minutes on her maths homework. On Monday, she spends 65 minutes on her spelling and grammar homework.

Explain how you would work out how much longer she spends on her homework over the weekend. Can you find more than one method?

A graphic featuring the word "Newsletter" in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a cluster of overlapping, colorful speech bubbles. The bubbles are in shades of yellow, orange, red, and magenta, with a slight 3D effect and shadows.

Newsletter

OCTOBER
2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum

The children, teachers and parents have settled into a busy start of the new academic year. Let's hope and pray for our children and school that we can build a strong foundation of learning, create a positive environment, a bright future and a good preparation for both here in this world and the hereafter. We trust that this has been a good first few weeks for all pupils. Around school it has been a pleasure to see so many beaming faces as the children renew friendships, discover and enjoy learning with their new teachers. I would like to thank all the parents for participating in parents' day to meet the teachers and learn about their child's/children's attainment.

Attendance and punctuality: Please remember that children have to be at school at **8am** for morning assembly every day. Once the gate closes at **8:15am**, any children arriving after this time are marked in as **LATE (L)**. Their attendance and punctuality will be shown on their school report at the end of the year. It is crucial for children to come to school every day and on time. Parents are responsible for bringing them on time as this will help children maintain time management and discipline through their life. Persistent late or poor attendance may raise concerns and repeat warnings result in a disciplinary meeting with the headteacher.

Remember! Never book a holiday during the term time. It disrupts children's learning and is hugely detrimental to their attainment.

Lunch box: Please remember to send your child's lunch box with them. Arrange to drop off lunch for your child if it is forgotten as the school is not responsible for providing any lunch for the children.

Behaviour: In Al Falah we aim to provide a calm, safe and supportive environments where children and young people want to attend and where they can learn and thrive. We promote positive behaviours by proactively supporting pupils to behave appropriately. Pupils need to know that they have a duty to follow the school behaviour policy and uphold the school rules, and should contribute to the school culture.

To support the school, parents should be encouraged to get to know the school's behaviour policy (school's website) and, where possible, take part in the life of the school and its culture. All the children follow three vital roles in school 'Please', 'Sorry' and 'Thank you'. They need to utilise these words when they are not in school too.

Parking: **DO NOT park your car at the bus stop or in front of the school gate.** Some parents unfortunately are not taking this seriously and are causing harm to the school, tarnishing our representation as Muslims in the community. For your children's safety they should be accompanied by parents/carers into the school. If you think your child/children can go by themselves, please provide the school with a 'written permission' to allow them to go. The school will not take any responsibility in the event of any incident outside the school.

Half-term holiday will start from **Monday 24th October** until **Monday 31st October 2022**. School will reopen for children on **Tuesday 1st November 2022**.

Cyber safety

Online safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe whilst accessing the internet. At school children work under teachers' supervision so there is no chance to enter any undesirable websites. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please follow the link <https://www.nspcc.org.uk> to access lots of useful information.

Age Limits for Popular Games/Apps:

ROBLOX	8yrs + (Only Y4, 5, 6 should have access)
AMONG US & BRAWL STARS	9yrs + (Only Y5 and 6 should have access)
TIKTOK & FORTNITE	12yrs + (No child in Al Falah should have access)
SNAPCHAT, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK	13yrs + (No child in Al Falah should have access)
WHATSAPP	16yrs +

Class Attendance and Punctuality: After the half term, whole classes with the highest attendance/punctuality at the end of the month will be rewarded for their commitment and efforts. Treats may include extra break, golden time, hot chocolate and biscuits and many more! Please support your children and encourage them to arrive to school on time and regularly so their class may partake in this. JazakAllah!



Labelling clothes: Please label your child's school jumpers and cardigans as we have many jumpers and cardigans in our lost property which have not been collected.

Any issues or suggestions! Please remember to make an appointment to see the head teacher about any issues, concerns or suggestions. Your suggestions will help us to run the school smoothly and efficiently.

Students' diaries: Parents are reminded to check their children's interactive diary regularly. In these diaries the teachers write notes for your information about your child's progress or any difficulties. Please ensure you read these and make any comments.

Regards

Abu Hussain
Head Teacher



The following children have received Head Teacher's Merit Award for achieving 15 merits.



Year	<u>Names</u>
Year 1	Saarah Adam, Rumaysah Alam, Yaman Madali, Sumayyah Tahera, Mawaddah Yusuf
Year 2	Hiba Benatallah, Iyaad Hersi, Bashaar Ibrahim, Asma Osman
Year 3	Yahya Ahmad, Hafid Adde, Khalid Patel
Year 4	Zaynab Hassan, Maryam Ali, Khadijah Shah
Year 5	Abdishakur Hassan, Aisha Hussein, Aymn Saqr, Bushra Hassan, Ibrahim Yussuf, Safiyyah Alam
Year 6	Sahar Zakaria Ahmed, Angel Ermis, Amira Ali Ahmed



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Sumayyah Tahera	Saarah Adam
2	Amira Bracaj	Abdirahman Ali
3	Maryam Adam	Fatima Muhammed
4	Khadijah Shah	Nuha Sayed
5	Abdulaziz Isarai	Safiyyah Alam
6	Angel Ermis	Amira Ahmed

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina & Ms Fahmida

Year One has had a great start to Al-Falah and all children have settled in well. Children have been focusing on letter and number formation as well as constructing sentences. Children have also immersed themselves into reading a variety of books from different genres. Reading remains a critical part of the children's learning. **Please continue to read 5-10 minutes every day.**



salad and a potato salad.

In Literacy, we have enjoyed reading stories with a pattern- Little Red Hen, Handa's Surprise and Billy's Bucket. In Maths we have been playing some fun number games counting in 2s, 5s and 10s!

In DT, children focused on healthy eating. Children looked at a variety of fruits they could use to make a fruit salad. Children understand what equipment, ingredients and techniques should be used to prepare a fruit

We enjoyed a trip to our local area of Hackney and learning about different landmarks and buildings. The children behaved very well walking safely and looking out for the different names on their sheet.

Thank you to all the parents for the continuous support and for assisting their children in completing their homework on time and bringing in a healthy snack every day. Have a great Half Term, Year One!

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

We have made a brilliant start to the year with some amazing improvement in children's story writing skills. They have all shown a fantastic improvement as they learnt how to utilise similes and adjectives to describe. They have also worked very hard on their column



addition and subtraction skills which they have been applying to weekly reasoning problems. Year 2 have looked at the benefits of exercise and tested the effect of age (year 6 students) on speed. They have also enjoyed learning about the history of The Great Fire of London and linked this to our PHSE unit about Safety.



We were fortunate enough to visit the Museum of London before it closes down to visit the galleries and explore what London looked like in the past as children were very curious whilst learning about the Great Fire of London. Overall I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and look forward to watching them excel further.

Thank you to all the parents for your co-operation and help with children's learning at home. Please remind your child to practice their weekly spellings as well as getting their reading log signed by an adult at home.

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Year 3 have shown a good improvement in handwriting and the overall presentation of their work over the last six weeks. They have managed to memorise their timetables up to 6. A big thank you to parents for your continuous support. Reading is a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen to their child read as well as to write a short



comment in their child's reading diary, every few days. Most of the children in year 3 have shown improvement in their spellings over the past six weeks but regular practice is advised to keep up with this.



For Art this term, year 3 explored autumn leaves. They thoroughly enjoyed printing using paint and sketching from life using leaves we found outdoors. Our reading sessions have been successful in engaging the children as well as aiding them to relax after break. Children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the adventures of Charlie from Roald Dahls' Charlie and the Chocolate factory. We have made cross curricular links in literacy with recounts and comprehension based tasks. Overall, it has been a busy term and children have settled in well. Enjoy the holiday year 3!

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

And just like that we have completed the first half term of Year 4 and subhanAllah what a term it has been. Year 4 have demonstrated fantastic behaviour both in the classroom and around the school, and worked exceedingly hard taking on all the new learned concepts of Year 4. Children have been working hard tackling 2 step word problems in maths and learning all about World War 2. We have also managed to complete two fantastic displays; one on a model of a poem by Enid Blyton, whilst the second, non-fictional writing on Ruby Bridges as part of Black History Month.

I hope the children enjoy a well-earned break. Stay safe, enjoy and I look forward to seeing you all after the holiday.

Year 5 - Sir Alam

Alhamdulillah we've had a great start in year 5 and all the children have been working hard this term across all subject areas. Particularly, in literacy, children have been studying significant authors and have written their own version of survival story in the style of Michael Morpurgo. The stories have been put up on display on the classroom wall so children can be proud of their work.

I would like to thank all parents for ensuring your child comes to school on-time as we start lessons at 8.15am, any children coming late will lose vital lesson time. Please keep up this effort.

Have a great holiday everyone!

Year 6 - Ms Nabila & Ms Sumaiyah

The whole class have done exceptionally well settling in and working hard in all areas. A big well done and an excellent start to the year! This year may be quite challenging at times for the children due to their SATs but I really hope, at the same time, everyone will have an exciting and rewarding experience.

Reading is a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen and encourage their child to read daily. Most of the children in year 6 have shown an improvement in their spellings over the past six weeks but regular practice is advised to keep up with this.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support.

Have a lovely holiday year 6!

Islamic Studies

Welcome back to you all! It has been a really lovely start to the academic year especially for our year 1 children having adjusted really well to their new school settings Alhamdulillah! And as always it is absolutely great to see all our children back.

Our autumn term started very busy for all of our staff, training, planning and preparing to deliver the very best for our children. The month of Rabi al-Awwal is a good time to remind ourselves of the place of the Prophet (s) in our lives. He is the best of creation, and should be dearer to us than any person, including ourselves. If we do not feel this closeness, the solution is simple: learn more about his blessed character and life, and naturally our love for him will grow.

Black History Month 2022: The Holy Prophet (s) said in his last sermon: "All humans have descended from Adam (a) and Hawa (Eve), There is no superiority of an Arab over a non-Arab, or of a non-Arab over an Arab, and no superiority of a white person over a black person or of a black person over a white person, except on the basis of piety and righteousness."

All of us at Al Falah continue to stand in solidarity with the Black community. We have a duty to be loud and proud allies of our Black sisters and brothers across the world.

Visit to the local Masjid: As part of our practical Wudhu and Salaah lessons, we have visited our local masjid and used their facility to enhance our knowledge on how to perform Wudhu and Salaah correctly in accordance with the sunnah of our beloved prophet(s). To reinforce practical learning, I kindly request all parents to emphasize on salaah during the holidays inshaa-Allah.

Lastly, we would like to ask all pupils and parents/carers to enjoy the holidays and inshaa-Allah see you all back for another fun filled term!

Mathematics Competition

Put your Maths Brain in gear and try to answer a competition question from the Key Stage you belong to for a chance to win a **PRIZE!** You can answer the question on any piece of paper with your name and class and submit it to Ms Nosheen by Wednesday 2nd of November! There will be a winner from each Key Stage which will be announced on Friday 4th November during assembly time. All correct entries will be placed into a random selection draw so don't worry if you are not selected. Watch out for the next competition! 😊

KEY STAGE ONE

I am thinking of a number.

- The number has two digits.
- The ones digit is double 4.
- The tens digit is an even number more than 5 and less than 7.

This number is an even number.

What is this number?

KEY STAGE TWO

I am thinking of a number.

- The number has four digits.
- It is smaller than 6000 but bigger than 5000.
- The hundreds digit is smaller than 6 but bigger than 4.
- The tens digit is an odd number smaller than 7 but bigger than 3.
- The ones digit is in the 3 times table and is bigger than 6 but smaller than 10.

What is this number?

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JULY
2022

Dear parents/carers

Assalamu 'Alaikum and Eid Mubarak.

From September 2021 to July 2022, one more academic year has come to an end with lots of achievements and exciting opportunities to unlock our children's potential. It is also a significant milestone for our Year 6 pupils who have achieved excellent results in their SATs. Although it will be sad to say goodbye to pupils who have been with us for six years or less, we are excited for them as they embark on the next stage of their education and life journey.

I am proud to announce Al-Falah students have achieved their customary outstanding SATs result in 2022. Congratulations Year 6 for achieving fantastic results!

Al-Falah's Achieved Standard	National Average (NA)
Maths 100%	Maths 71%
English SPaG 100%	English SPaG 72%
English Reading 100%	English Reading 74%
Writing 100%	Writing 69%
Al-Falah Average for all subjects: <u>100%</u>	National Average for all subjects: 59%

I wish all our year 6 students the best in the future. Huge thanks to the teachers, parents and carers for their ongoing support. It is extremely sad that they have to leave Al-Falah for their secondary school but well done children, keep it up in your new school and we wish you all the success in your future studies. We sincerely pray to Allah to make them successful of acquiring the knowledge of Deen.

Community Fun Day

We were overwhelmed by the innovation, teamwork and sense of community that we saw on display. It was fantastic to see



teams interacting, trading notes, and generally enjoying themselves. Thanks to the hard work of our staff and volunteers, we raised **£5,700** for the school. Alhamdulillah!



Parents' Day

This took place on Thursday 30th June 2022. It was an opportunity for the parents to know about the progress the children made over the year. Parents have received good feedback from the teachers and a clearer understanding to support their next learning targets.



Legoland

On Wednesday 6th July the whole school went to Legoland for the annual trip. It was a wonderful day out for the whole school including

teachers, to reward them on all their achievements throughout the year.



Sports Day

Thursday 14th July - this was another wonderful day for the children, who were very excited to participate in six different activities in Hackney Downs Park, such as skipping races, egg and spoon races and running relay. All the children entered into the competitive spirit, supported each other



and really enjoyed themselves. Again I would like to thank all staff for their hard work, which made the day so fun for the children.

Annual Presentation Day

On Monday 18th July we had our annual ceremony. On this occasion we had whole class nasheeds, certificates for students of the year and farewell speeches from Year 6 pupils, who also received graduation medals. We had a great turnout from the parents despite the stifling heat. It was great to see you all and I thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of all the teachers and management body of Al-Falah, we would like to thank you for your on-going support and encouragement of our school events and activities and most importantly the individual support you provide your children at home with the up keeping of their schoolwork.

We are sad to see the pupils of Year 6 leave Al-Falah for Secondary School. We are very proud of you all for your hard work and dedication you have put in throughout your journey in Al-Falah, keep it up, we wish you all the success in your future studies and lives.

School closed: Friday 22nd July will be the last day and from **Monday 25th July** the school will be closed for the summer holidays.
Children will return to school on Tuesday 6th September 2022.



The following children received
Head Teacher's merit award



	<u>Names</u>
Year 3	Ibraheem Kolia (Bronze) & Zaynab Hassan (Bronze)
Year 5	Maryam Ali (Silver), Salma Nuur (Bronze), Sakinah Bailey (Bronze), Safiyah Bailey (Bronze) & Muhammed Omar (Bronze)
Year 6	Uthmaan Ahmed (Silver) & Yusra Ali (Silver) Adnan Mohamed (Bronze) & Ismail Shah (Bronze) Zakaria Hassan (pencil) & Ismail Ali (pencil)

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR



<u>Year</u>	<u>National & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Abdirahman Ali	Zaynab Ghari
2	Is'haaq Khan	Mustafa Ali
3	Maryam Ali	Yasir Abubakar
4	Marwan Ahmed	Safiyah Alam
5	Amira Ahmed	Safa Sayed
6	Zainab Ahmad	Abdulhakim Isarai

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina & Ms Fahmida

Year one have worked very hard this term and are almost ready for Year 2. Well done Year One!



Children have had an opportunity to reflect on nature and the environment. We discussed the characteristics of a good Muslim who is responsible for Allah's beautiful creation. Children also enjoyed making bunting, going to William Morris Gallery and having fun in LegoLand!

The focus of the second half of the term was on children's reading and writing skills. All children in Year one have made fantastic progress in their reading this year. This is evident from the results of the phonics assessments. JazakAllah to all the parents for your continuous support. Your help has made a huge difference and is highly appreciated. It was a great pleasure teaching all the children in Year One and I wish them all the best for Year two.

Remember to do the following during the holidays: Exercise, lots of reading, playing outdoors, drawing, colouring, practise telling the time, counting money and some writing! Have a lovely holiday!

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

It has been a great year of progression within Year Two with all children showing excellent improvement across all areas of the curriculum. They have done extremely well in their end of year assessments showing greater independence in both their learning and working. All children have shown exemplary behaviour and manners throughout the year and shown insightful reflections during our discussions.

It has been beautiful to see every child develop in not just their learning but also their character. I am very glad to have been part of their learning journey and pray that they continue to excel in all areas. A huge thank you to all the Parents for all your efforts and collaboration throughout the year. Have a great holiday Year 2, you will truly be missed! 😊

Year 3 - Ms Abedah & Ms Sumaiyah

As the year comes to an end, we would like to thank all parents for their continuous support throughout this year! It has been a pleasure working with such a lovely class.



This last term has been full of fun for the children filled with days at the park, sports day, community fun day, the whole school trip to Legoland, Pizza day and much more. The class have really enjoyed themselves, especially as the weather has been amazing.

Parents are advised to continue with timetables and reading/comprehension during the holidays as this will benefit their child next year! Finally, we will really miss each and every child from this year 3 class, as they have been extremely well behaved and a real joy to teach! I pray everyone enjoys this well deserved break.

Take Care Year 3 parents and children. Please keep us in your duas.

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

And just like that we have reached the end of another school year, and what a fantastic year it has been! The children have enjoyed a wonderful final term to the school year with an awesome trip to Legoland and working in teams during Sports Day.



A big well done to each and every child in Year 4 for their hard work and effort throughout the year, it has not been easy coming back after many Covid lockdowns but the children have persevered and progressed brilliantly. It has been an absolute getting to know each child and I am honoured to have been their teacher this year. I wish them all the very best for the future and pray for their success in both this world and the hereafter.

Year 5 - Sir Alam

Children in Year 5 had a fantastic and extremely busy half term. They participated in many events like sports day, celebration day and end of year trip. I am very impressed with how everyone worked hard to improve their writing skills; they have particularly enjoyed exploring persuasive language in advertising and letter writing.

On 14th June we visited Pizza Express in Hoxton. We had the opportunity to bake our own pizzas from scratch, choose our own toppings and really enjoyed eating the freshly baked pizzas. We also learnt about hygiene, food safety, origin of the Margarita pizza and where all the different pizza ingredients originate from.

I would like to remind parents to please make sure that the children are consistently reading at home, and revising what they have learnt in year 5, during the holidays. I cannot stress how important this is for their continued progress.

Well done everyone! Have a blessed summer break!

Year 6 - Ms Nabila & Ms Mehz

It is with great sadness that we have to say goodbye to all the year 6 children. They have all done amazingly well and have made me incredibly proud given their fantastic results. I would like to also thank all the parents for all their hard work, dedication and continued support throughout the year.

It was a very proud moment when we were able to present them with their graduation certificates. I wish everyone all the best in their new school and pray for success in whatever path they choose. It was a pleasure working with a thoughtful and dedicated group of children.



You will all be missed.

Islamic Studies

Dear Parents and Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

Alhamdulillah! As we come to the end of another academic year, I am delighted by what we have achieved as a school and proud to note how far we have come as a family, celebrating our strong commitment to prepare Al Falah students for tomorrow's world, empowering our young learners to take on challenges and shape the world they want to live in.

Sadly it's the time of the year again where we wish farewell to our superb Year six pupils, with whom our journey here at Al Falah comes to an end. I would like to thank the students and their families for being part of our school community, and wish you all the brightest of futures. *Inshaa-Allah!*

I would also like to thank all our staffs who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to deliver the best possible learning experience. Sadly we will be saying goodbye to our year 4 Islamic studies teacher sir Muaz Ahmed who will be leaving us this year. We will really miss you and your wonderful teaching skills. As you leave the school, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours and hope you will keep in touch with us from time to time.

We pray to Allah to bring peace and prosperity to all in this ever-changing world and wishing you all a wonderful summer, *Inshaa-Allah!*

Muhammad Kalam Hussain

(Head of Islamic Curriculum)

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Spring & Ramadan holidays	Monday 10 th April to Monday 24 th April 2023
Summer Term 2023	
Teacher training day	Monday 24 th April 2023
Summer 1 st term	Tuesday 25 th April to Friday 26 th May 2023
Bank holiday in May	Monday 1 st May 2023
Summer half term holidays	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2023
Summer 2 nd term	Monday 5 th June to Friday 21 st July 2023
Summer holidays	Monday 24 th July to Monday 4 th September 2023
Teacher training day	Monday 4 th September 2023
1 st day of academic year 2023-2024 for pupils	Tuesday 5 th September 2023

Key: Black: Term dates

Red: Holidays

This information is correct at the time of printing but is subject to change. You will be notified of any changes to relevant arrangements.

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MARCH 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

The shortest half term of the year comes to an end on Friday 1st April 2022. The children are busy sitting assessments this week to inform and update their assessment progress. As Ramadan is approaching at the beginning of the April, school will be closed for first two weeks of Easter holiday. **After the holidays school will start at 9am (gates open at 8.45am) and finish at 2:30 pm during Ramadan only.**

Reminder:

Leave of absence for pupils during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. These include attending a funeral, graduation ceremony and illness. Requests to withdraw a child for a holiday will not be authorised unless a parent can prove through an employer's letter that they have been allocated holidays in term time and could not have taken these during the school holidays. Unauthorised absences may result in the Local Authority being informed.

World Book Day: World Book Day took place on Thursday 3rd March 2022. It was great to see pupils coming in to school dressed as their favourite book character. It is clear to see the passion children have with regards to reading. We always encourage our children to read as many books as they can, as it empowers and boosts their knowledge. I request all parents to keep this momentum going with your children, take them to the local library and read with your children.



World Maths Competition: As part of World Maths Day, almost seven million primary students took part in the virtual Mathletics competition on 23rd March 2022. There were twenty students who participated from Al Falah and it was a really exciting opportunity for our students to compete with world genius students. We hope this has sparked a further enthusiasm for maths lessons and real life problem solving!



We would like to congratulate 2 of our students who came within the top 40 amongst thousands of competitors from the UK, **Aleesha Angel Ali (17th) from Year 5 & Irfan Zaman (37th) from Year 3.** Well Done!



World Food Day: It was another fantastic day for Al Falah to celebrate different cultural food from around the world on Thursday 24th March 2022. We would like to thank our fantastic parents for contributing towards this day and making it a huge success. Alhamdulillah we have raised £645 for Alfalah which will be used towards resources.



SATs: Year 6 will be sitting their SATS examinations from Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May. Parents are requested to take extra care to make sure they are focusing on their revision. Please avoid taking them on holiday or anything that will divert and distract them from their studies at this crucial time. There is possibility of some disruption due to Ramadan that is why I like to request to all Y6 parents to maintain a time table for them to continue practicing at home.

<u>Year</u>	<u>New School Councillors</u>	
1	Salwa	Muhammad
2	Hafid	Rayaan
3	Nuha	Muhammad
4	Juwayriya	Ibrahim Yussuf
5	Salma	Amira
6	Maryama Ali	Adnan

School holiday: The last day of school is Friday 1st April 2022.

School will re-open on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Awards section

The following children received Head Teacher's merit award for achieving 15 merits (pencil), 40 merits (bronze badge) or 60 merits (silver badge):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Hiba, Abdirahman Ali, Amira, Maalik, Safwan, Salwa and Zaynab (all bronze badge)
2	Khalid (silver badge), Rayaan, Hafid, Hawa Sagal, Zahra, Faris, Maryam, Mustafa Y, Naiema and Salma Nur (pencil)
3	Irfan (bronze badge), Khadijah (bronze badge), Nuha (bronze badge) and Maryam (bronze badge)
4	Bushra (bronze badge), Nusaybah and Zakariya (pencil)
5	Aleesha (silver badge), Safa Sayed (bronze badge), Sakinah Bailey (bronze badge) and Said (pencil)
6	Afnaan (bronze badge), Adam and Abdirahman Ali (pencil)



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Zaynab Ghari	Hiba Benatallah
2	Khalid Imran Patel	Elaf Uddin
3	Suweydah Nuur	Danyal Ahmad
4	Bushra Hassan	Aisha Hussein
5	Maryam Ali	Safa Sayed
6	Maryama Abullahi	Zainab Ahmad

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina

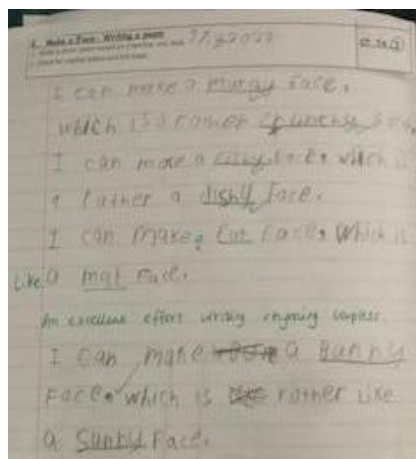
A big thank you to all parents who attended the phonics workshop. It was lovely seeing you all. Please continue to practise the High Frequency Words at home with your child. It has been a very busy time in class especially with end of term assessments, the math's challenge and food fair!

We wrote some funny poems trying our best to use adjectives. Year 1 also practiced telling the time using: o'clock, half past and quarter past. We rescued some cubes from ice in science investigating different ways of melting the ice or even breaking it!

We have been busy looking at various artists and their abstract work and enjoyed working with paints to create our own artistic versions of their works!

Gentle reminders:

- Bring in homework on Tuesday.
- Practise spelling daily for test on Friday.
- Read every day for 10 minutes.
- P.E every Wednesday.
- Wear black shoes for school uniform.
- Please ensure your child wears **clean clothes** every day.
- Try and **wash your child's coat**.



Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have improved in their 4 rules of number (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication). There has been a greater focus on times tables this term. The final term will focus on embedding this learning and helping children to memorise their required times tables and beyond. Children have worked hard on their reading, spelling and punctuation during comprehension and descriptive writing.

They have had a wonderful time learning with our Trainee Teacher Miss Anisa this term. Year Two showed excellent knowledge during our fire safety workshop online with our local fire officer Joynal. We finished our Science Topic with an investigation of how different materials sink and float.



Thank you to all the parents for their amazing support and all the hard work they have been doing to ensure their child is on track with their spelling, reading and homework. May you all have a blessed Ramadan and please remember us all in your duas.

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

This term has been fantastic! The whole class achieved great results in their Grammar tests while most of the class reached their spring targets for maths and reading! Children have enjoyed Guided Reading sessions with Ms Sumaiyah as they had a chance to spend more time in the school library. Year 3 wrote book reviews and learnt the difference between formal and informal writing styles. The class loved learning about William Morris and produced some beautiful free hand sketches.

In Geography this term, we learnt all about local areas, land uses and settlements. Children thoroughly enjoyed delving deep into our new topics in Computing and PSHE. We started using Scratch Junior to create interactive books and logos in our computing lessons. Our new topic, 'Persistence in asking for help' was part of PSHE this term and children shared some fantastic views on why it is important to ask for help/support as well as ways in which this can be done. To add some colour to this term, year 3 children produced some beautiful bookmarks on World Book Day.



Great Work Year 3! The holiday homework consists of a history project based on Henry VIII's wives. There will be winners at the end of the project and parents are advised to really encourage children to do their best.

Enjoy the holidays! Don't forget to complete your holiday homework.



Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

We have come to the end of yet another school term. We have slowly watched as the sun has crept back into the sky and the beautiful daffodils bloom welcoming in both spring and Ramadan.

Year 4 have worked very hard to achieve fantastic assessment results this term and meet set targets. We have shadowed the artistic styles of Julian Opie in our art lessons and have explored how the British railway system has developed over history.

A few special mentions this term;

Well done to Abdishakur for improving his handwriting.

Well done Nusayba for fantastic work in Literacy.

Well done Marwan for working hard in all lessons everyday.

Well done Safiyyah and Bushra for working faster to complete all set work.

Year 5 - Sir Alam

On Monday 21st March, Year 5 participated in two live online workshops. The first workshop was with the Houses of Parliament where we were given a tour of the Parliament, we learnt about the role of the MPs, how the Parliament works and the differences between the two houses.

The second workshop was the fire brigade where we learnt how to stay safe at home and elsewhere, what are the main causes of fire breakouts and how to evacuate in an unfortunate event.

We all enjoyed the workshops and we are now eagerly awaiting our next trip to Pizza Express on Tuesday 14th June where we will be making our own pizzas inshaAllah.

On Wednesday 30th March we made nachos as part of our D&T Global Food lessons where we were looking at where food comes from.

Have a great Ramadan everyone and remember Al-Falah in your prayers.

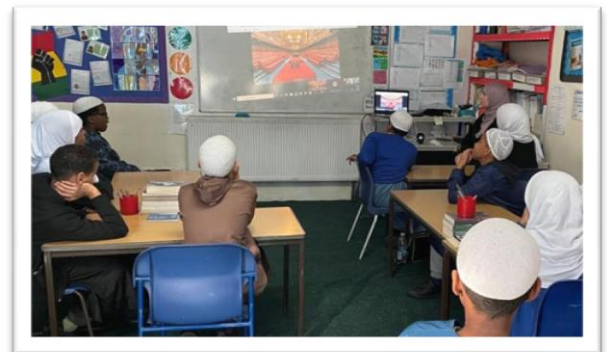


Year 6 - Ms Nabila

This half term, I have been extremely impressed with all the hard work and dedication that the class have shown in preparation for their SATs. They have all made fantastic progress, keep it up! I would like to kindly remind parents that we will be holding extra booster sessions for SATs revision during the holidays and would like to strongly advise that all children attend.

Children also took part in an interactive virtual Houses of Parliament tour, whereby the children were able to see inside the houses of parliament and ask questions. Enjoy the holidays!

I appreciate all the continued support from parents and carers.



Islamic Studies

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamualaikumwarahmatullahiwabarakatuh

Alhamdulillah! Infinite thanks and praises are due to the Almighty Allah, for the arrival of the blessed month of Ramadan, peace and blessings be upon the best man to ever observe the month of Ramadan, our beloved Prophet Muhammad (s), his household, his companions and all those who follow his guided path till the last day.

The end of the spring term is here and we are really proud of how well all the children have been in terms of their behaviour and learning at Al Falah, this is largely due to working in partnership with the parents, so a huge thanks to all our staff and parents.

Year 1: Well done to everyone in year 1 we are so pleased to see how each child has made a substantial amount of progress! Mashaa-Allah, We are so proud of how motivated they were and all the effort they put into their Islamic studies. Year 1 Seerah quiz competition winners are: Hiba, Abdullah and Safwan. Mashaa-Allah!

Year 2: The children have completed all their Islamic Studies unit for spring term and have worked hard throughout the whole process. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and have seen amazing progress. Well done to Elaf Uddin, Maryam Adam and Ishaq Khan for making wonderful progress in their essential memorisation. Year 2 Seerah quiz competition winners are: Khalid, Hawasagal and Maryam Adam. Masha-Allah!



Year 3: This term in year 3 we have continued to learn and explore units on Salah and its features which has been super fun. Year 3 seerah quiz competition winners are: Suweyda, Zakaria, Maryam Ali and Zaynab. Mashaa-Allah!

Year 4: Year 4 children have continued to work hard in their Essential memorisation and Quran lessons, Mashaa-Allah the following students have completed their Quran targets for this term: Aisha Hussein, Bushra Hassan and Safiyyah Alam. Year 4 seerah quiz competition winners are: Mutasim, Juwayriya and Abdishakur. Mashaa-Allah!

Year 5: Year 5 completed all their Islamic studies units for this term, mashaa-Allah! They have also made good progress in their Quran lessons. Well done to Safa Sayed, Sakina Bailey, Safiyah Bailey, Aleesha Angel and Amira Ahmed for completing year 5 Dua targets. Year 5 seerah quiz competition winners are: Aleesha, Amira, Sufyan and Ibrahim. Mashaa-Allah!

Year 6: In Year 6 this term we have been working really hard in our Essential Memorisation lesson. In Quran lessons we have been refining our tajweed skills for more improved Quran reading. In Islamic studies we have been learning about the life of the beloved companion Ali (r). Outside of these lessons, Year 6 have practised and prepared for a seerah quiz competition which they enjoyed thoroughly. Year 6 seerah quiz competition winners are: Adam, Ayhem, Abdul Hakim and Zainab. Masha-Allah!

Man who went to Paradise for purifying his heart

Anas ibn Malik (r) reported: The Messenger of Allah (s) was sitting with a group of sahabah (r) in the masjid and said "A man will now enter [who is] from the people of Paradise." A sahabi walked in. Later it happened again, and then a third time.

'Abdullah ibn 'Amr (r) wanted to find out what was so special about this man, so he asked the man if he could stay over his house for a few days. The man allowed him to stay. 'Abdullah noticed that the man didn't do anything out of the ordinary, just the normal daily acts of worship. So after 3 days, 'Abdullah told him the real reason why he requested to stay with him, and said I heard the Prophet (s) say three times that a man from the people of Paradise was coming to us and then you came. I thought I should stay with you to see what you are doing that I should follow, but I did not see you do anything special. Why did the Prophet speak highly of you?" The man said, "I am as you have seen." When Abdullah was about to leave, the man said, "I am as you have seen, except that every night, before I go to sleep, I forgive whoever has wronged me. I remove any bad feelings towards anyone from my heart." (Musnad Ahmad)

Let us inshaa-Allah use this blessed month to purify our hearts and pray to Allah to make us amongst the people of paradise. *Aameen.*

Summer Term Calendar 2022

Summer 1st term	Tuesday 19th April to Friday 20th May 2022
Ramadan in school	Tuesday 19th April to Friday 29th April 2022 <i>(During Ramadan school starts at 9am, gates open at 8.45 and finishes at 2.30pm)</i>
Bank holiday in May	Monday 2nd May 2022
Eid ul Fitr holiday	Tuesday 3rd to Wednesday 4th May 2022 <i>(School will be open for Year 6 students on Wed 4th May)</i>
SATs week	Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May 2022
Eid party (whole school)	Monday 16th May 2022
Summer half term holidays	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022
Summer 2nd term	Monday 7th June to Friday 22nd July 2022
End of year assessments	<u>NC</u>: Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th June 2022 <u>IC</u>: Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd June 2022
Community Fun day	Saturday 25th June 2022
Parents Day	Thursday 30th June 2022
Whole school trip	Wednesday 6th July 2022
*Eid al Adha holidays	TBC
*Eid party (class/whole school)	Wednesday 13th July 2022
Sports Day	Thursday 14th July 2022
Graduation day & End of year celebration	Monday 18th July 2022
Last day of summer term	Friday 22nd July 2022
Summer holiday	Monday 25th July to Monday 6th September 2022
INSET day	Monday 5th September 2022
1st day of academic year 2022-23 for pupils	Tuesday 6th September 2022

Key: Black: Term dates

Red: Holidays

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FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullah

It's hard to believe that we are almost half way through of the spring term. Spring is the shortest term of the educational year, the first half term sped by in the blink of an eye and even the second half term will go quickly. Ramadan will be starting in April, our Year 6 SATS are in May and before we know it, the summer term will be finished! We must plan ahead to utilise the time properly.

Attendance and punctuality

All children are required to attend assembly at 8am. The gate will be closed at 8:15am and any children that arrive after this time will be marked late so **they must report to the reception with their parents**. Learning starts straightway in the class and even a few minutes late makes a big difference. Persistent latecomers may be excluded from school. We appreciate our parents for bringing their children on-time avoiding London traffic. Our target for whole school attendance is 96%. Please help us work towards this.

Safer Internet week

This year, 'Safer Internet Day' took place on 8th February, where the importance of staying safe online was highlighted throughout the country. As part of your child's national curriculum related to computing and ICT, the school hosted a 'Safer Internet Day' with a focus on teaching children how to stay safe online. Celebrated globally every year, Safer Internet Day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers and teachers to join together and play their part for a better internet. Ultimately, a safer internet is up to us!

World Hijab Day

February 1st, 2013, marked the first annual **World Hijab Day** (WHD) in recognition of millions of Muslim women who choose to wear the hijab and live a life of modesty. The mission of the organisation is to fight discrimination against Muslim women through awareness and education. To celebrate and acknowledge World Hijab Day, all girls were encouraged to wear a colourful hijab on Friday 4th Feb.



Collecting children

Have you arranged for someone else to collect your child? Please let your child's teacher or school office know in writing about the new arrangements or a one-off for a particular day. Give us the name of the person collecting your child/children as well as their relationship to your child (i.e. uncle, neighbour, mum's cousin and so on). If we are not sure of the person collecting your child, we will have to spend time trying to contact you to check and this takes up a lot of time.

Your Views Count!

Thank you to our parents for taking the time to complete the parent survey, your continued support is really appreciated. Our aim is to constantly strive to improve our partnership with parents so that all our children are well supported and parents feel confident in knowing what their child needs to do to move on in their learning and are confident in supporting them in this process.

We have received very positive feedback from our parents. The table below shows the outcome of the survey:

<u>Survey categories</u>	<u>Good / Excellent</u>
National Curriculum Education	95%
Islamic Curriculum Education	100%
Communication between School and Parents	95%
Discipline	93%
Provided with sufficient homework	88%
Making good progress at school	100%
As a parent are you happy with the current school progress?	90%
Do you believe your child is happy at our school?	95%
Newsletter to be online or hard copy?	66% prefer hard copy

Thank you for your suggestions and comments on how to improve the school further, we will take these comments on board and aim to provide an even better learning environment for your children inshaAllah.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Abu Hussain (Head teacher)

School holiday: The last day of school is Friday 11th February 2022.

School will re-open on Tuesday 22nd February 2022.

Please note that the school will be closed for teacher training day on Monday 21st February 2022.

Awards section

The following children received Head Teacher's merit award for achieving 15 merits (pencil), 40 merits (bronze badge):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Jaidah Gairn, Khadijah Shah, Ilyas Abdallah and Safwan Azom
2	Faris Jeylani , Hawasagal Gabobe, Maryam Adam, Mustafa Yussuf, Mustafa Ali Ahmed, Salma Nur and Zahra Dulhante
3	Muhammed Limrani, Danyal Ahmed, Yahya Ukurow, Ruqayya Hussein, Zakaria Mohamoud, Yasir Abdihakim and Ibrahim Uddin
4	Safiyyah Alam (bronze), Juwayriya Potts, Elmi Adde and Nusaybah Halane
5	Angel Aleesha Ali (bronze), Ismaeel Kolia (bronze) , Ibrahim Ukurow, Amira Ahmed and Ahmed Jimale
6	Zainab Ahmad, Afnaan Ahmed, Maryama M Ali, Adnan Mohamed and Ayhem Belbali



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Abdirahman Ali	Ilyas Abdallah
2	Salma Abdisalan Nur	Mustafa Ali
3	Khadijah Shah	Ibrahim Uddin
4	Nusaybah Halane	Zakariye Omar
5	Salma Nuur	Ibrahim Ukurow
6	Adam Mohamed	Ayhem Belbali

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina

It has been lovely to welcome back our enthusiastic year ones!

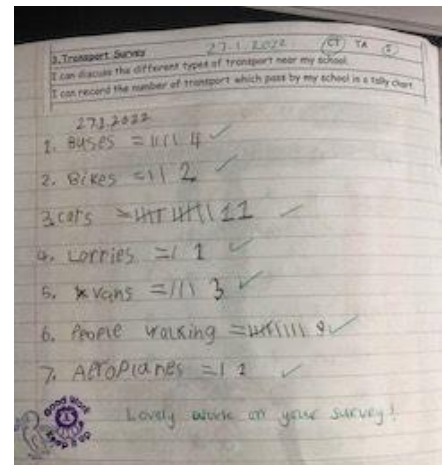
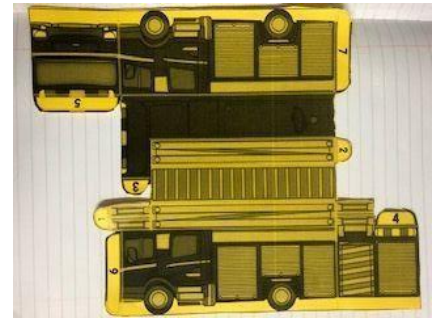
Everybody came back to school with such a positive attitude towards learning, which has been demonstrated by children coming in with the correct uniform, bringing a healthy snack every day and remembering to read every night. Keep it up!

We have been busy looking at transport around us and how it has changed over the years. We conducted a transport survey in Geography & made fantastic card models of a fire engine & ambulance in Design & Technology.

Year 1's were great scientists when they investigated what materials are absorbent and which are waterproof. Keep up the great attitude towards learning.

Gentle reminders:

- Bring in homework on Tuesday.
- Practise spelling daily for spelling test on Friday.
- Read every day for 10 minutes.
- P.E every Wednesday.
- Wear black shoes for school uniform.
- Please ensure your child wears **clean clothes** every day.
- Try and **wash your child's coat**.



Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

This term Year Two have worked brilliantly and improved upon writing imaginative stories including the use of adjectives, inverted commas and similes. We have been trying to use more sophisticated and ambitious vocabulary by learning different words for 'said' to be implemented in their writing. Their hard work and enthusiasm is clearly reflected in the progress they have all made this term.



They have been recreating nature landscapes using clay during their Art and Design as well as finishing off sewing and decorating their bags. Year Two have really excelled at doing some challenging multi step reasoning activities for Maths which showed good progress in their Mathematics Assessments this term.

We are enjoying having our trainee teacher Ms Anisa working with Year 2 this Spring Term. Children have already learnt lots in their short time with her. Keep up the hard work and continue practicing spellings, reading and times tables and handwriting at home. Enjoy your holiday!

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

I would like to thank all the parents who have been supporting their children this year, especially those who ensure homework is being handed in on time.

This term has been short but busy for us. Most of the children managed to memorise up to their 10 timetables. We also concluded the topic Animals including Humans in Science and children thoroughly enjoyed learning about bones, muscles and the circulatory system. In our history lessons we explored the lifestyle of the rich and poor Tudors. Year 3 enjoyed investigating patterns and designing and making their own wallpaper and collages as part of ART. We thank Ms Sumaiyah for a stunning writing wall display on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory outside the year 3 class!



Year 4 - Ms Waheedah



Alhamdulillah we have reached the end of yet again another half term. We started the term with a wonderful trip to The Tower of London where the children were whisked into history exploring the different towers and learning about their historical residents.



This term we have also been looking at myths and legends in literacy and how they have shaped culture and society through our cross curricular topic of Romans in humanities.

I hope the children enjoy a wonderful holiday as we slowly say goodbye to winter and look forward to welcoming spring.

Year 5 - Sir Alam

We have already reached the middle of the academic year and before we know it, the year will be finished. Although we've had two difficult years, I am pleased to say that year 5 children have been working hard and catching up on a lot of missed work from previous years. I hope everyone will continue with the effort and achieve excellent results by the end of the year.

In December, some year 5 children entered the Young Writers competition, and I would like to congratulate the following children whose work has been chosen to be published in the book which will be released by April 2022.

Well done to: Ibrahim Ukurow, Safa Nur, Safiyah Bailey, Sakinah Bailey, Ismaeel Kolia, Safa Sayed, Maryam Ali & Amira Ahmed. Have a great holiday everyone!

Year 6 - Ms Nabila

This half term, Year 6 have shown some fantastic progress in both Maths and English. We have even started our extra booster revision classes, which have been running smoothly with some great results already! A big thank you to the parents for attending the SATs workshop, I hope

it has answered any questions you may have had and helped provide a clearer insight on the support that you can provide your children with while at home.

Children also took part in a virtual 'Safety and Citizenship' session run by TFL STARS in preparation for safer independent travelling as they progress into young adults.

I appreciate all the continued support from parents and carers. Enjoy the holidays!

Islamic Studies

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

Alhamdulillah as this half term comes to an end, we would like to share and celebrate with you some of the achievements our students have made, Maa-shaa-Allah: Ayhem (Y6) and Maryam Ali (Y4) have memorised 11 juz, Zainab Ali (Y6) has memorised 8 juz of the Quran. Aleesha and Amira from year 5 have made very good progress in their surahs and duas. Ibrahim kolia, Nuha sayed, Yasir, Ibrahim Uddin and Danyal Ahmed from year 3 have made very good progress in their Quran lesson. Irfan zaman (Y3), Maryam Ali (Y3), Mustafa Ali (Y2) have all made excellent progress in surahs and duas. Well done to all and keep up the good work inshaa-Allah!

The Sacred Month of Rajab

Allah says in the Quran: "Indeed, the number of months with Allah is twelve in Allah's record since the day He created the heavens and the earth. Four of them are sacred." (9:36)

Our beloved Prophet (s) has informed us that Rajab, the month that we are currently in, is one of the four sacred months mentioned in the Quran. Being a sacred month, the reward for acts of worship in this month is greater than other months.

We must therefore use this month together with Sha'ban to prepare physically, mentally and spiritually for Ramadan and maximise its blessings by investing our time in acts of worship, increasing the recitation of the Quran, remembering Allah more and giving charity. Research suggests that acts of giving and kindness can also help improve our mental wellbeing.

When the Prophet (s) sighted the moon of Rajab, he frequently made the following dua':

Oh Allah! Grant us Barakah (Blessing) during (the months of) Rajab and Sha'ban, and allow us to reach Ramadan. (Tabrani and Ahmad)

We pray to Allah to give us the opportunity to use these sacred months to increase our good deeds, draw closer to Allah, His Messenger and stay steadfast on His deen. *Aameen.*

Muhammad Kalam Hussain
(Head of Islamic Curriculum)

Spring half term holiday	Monday 14 th February – Monday 21 st February 2022			
Events	Date	Time	Location	Comments
INSET day	21-Feb-22	Throughout the day	Al Falah Primary School	All staff
International mother language week	22-Feb 22	Throughout the day	Al Falah Primary School	All
World Book Day	03-Mar-22	Throughout the day	Al Falah Primary School	All
Book Swap	04-Mar-22	9:30-10:30am	HT's office	All
Brook Farm-Science trip	05-Mar-22	9:30-12pm	Brook Farm	Year-2
History Trip - Tudor House	05-Mar-22	9:30-10:30am	Tudor House	Year-3
Sirah Quiz day	09-Mar-22	Throughout the day	Al Falah Primary School	All
British Science week	11th to 20th March 2022	Throughout the week	Al Falah Primary School	All
Commonwealth day	14-Mar-22	Throughout the day	Al Falah Primary School	All
Parliament workshop	17-Mar-22	10-11am	Online lesson	Year-6
World poetry day	21-Mar-22	Throughout the day	Al Falah Primary School	All
Parliament workshop	21-Mar-22	10-11am	Online lesson	Year-5
World Maths day	23-Mar-22	Throughout the day	Al Falah Primary School	All
Al Falah Food Sale day	24-Mar-22	2pm - 3:30pm	Al Falah Primary School	All

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DECEMBER 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Assalamualaikum! The long autumn term is coming to end this month. The children are looking forward to having a break. I hope the parents and carers will agree with me that although the children will not come to school during the winter holiday, it doesn't mean that they will stop good practice about daily learning wherever they go. A big responsibility lies on parents during the holidays to keep them in the habit of learning even when they visit new places.

The children have acquired the good habit of reading books whenever they have time. Reading books is vital for their learning. I always tell my students that reading is knowledge and knowledge is power. The more you read, the more you learn. Learning is an ongoing practice. It stops when you lose your desire to learn. For us as Muslims, learning is obligatory.

So, please encourage your children to read and even read together, test their understanding and support them in making notes in their reading journals. Together we can help our children to take responsibility for their learning Inshallah!

On another note, please continue to stay safe and remain vigilant as Covid-19 is still around us. As we are all aware, the newest Omicron variant has emerged which looks worryingly different to the one the vaccines were designed to fight. Cases are rising and therefore we should all do our bit to keep ourselves and one another safe. Doctors say it is vital people get the recommended number of doses to gain maximum protection against existing and emerging variants. Even if Omicron is more infectious, there is no evidence as yet that it causes more serious illness.

Parents must take extra precautions during the holiday. Keep sanitising and washing hands, wear masks when going out and maintain distance as much as possible. We will keep you informed of any further updates from DFE if necessary.

Yours sincerely
Abu Hussain (Head teacher)

Covid-19 update

From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 - whether Omicron or not - should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Winter holiday

Winter holiday will start from **Monday 20th December 2021** to **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Teachers INSET day will take place on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

School will **reopen** on **Wednesday 5th January 2022** for children.

SATS: During the last two years the government abandoned the SATs for Year 6 children due to Covid-19. However, we are fully preparing our Year 6 students for SATS this year which will take place in the second week of May 2022. There will soon be a SATs parent's workshop that will take place in the New Year and the children will soon have booster classes as well. Ms Nabila and Ms Mehzabin have many years of SATs experience and will contact you from time to time with any further information. They are readily available for help if you have any enquiries.

Bake sale: This year the school organised a bake sale on Thursday 2nd December. Alhamdulillah our parents are always

generous; they bake the cakes, donate them to the school and buy them again! There were a delicious range of treats in store and children enjoyed the event throughout. With thanks to The Most High, we raised

£675 from our bake sale. I would like to thank all our parents and children for making the day a successful one.



Online Safety:

We all have a role to play in order to provide a safe online experience for our children. As parents/carers, it is your responsibility to make sure that children are accessing games, films and apps that are **appropriate for their age**.

Age Limits for Popular Games/Apps:

ROBLOX	8yrs + (Only Y4, 5, 6 may have access)
AMONG US & BRAWL STARS	9yrs +
TIKTOK & FORTNITE	12yrs + (No child in Al Falah should have access)
SNAPCHAT, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK (YouTube kids is fine)	13yrs + (No child in Al Falah should have access)
WHATSAPP	16yrs + (No child in Al Falah should have access)
CALL OF DUTY	18yrs + (No child in Al Falah should have access)

Parking at the gate:

Parents have been reminded multiple times **not to park outside the school on the yellow zigzag lines**. Unfortunately, some parents (the same ones) continue to ignore this rule and persistently put the children, staff, passersby and other drivers at risk. This not only is dangerous but it damages our reputation with the Transport for London and Hackney Council.

From January 2022, pictures will be taken of the cars that continue to park on the yellow zigzag and will be published on the newsletter as a warning. Any parent who still refuses to comply will then be reported to Hackney Parking Enforcement.

Opticians:

There are many children who may require a visit to the opticians as they are struggling to see the whiteboard and are straining their eyes. Please book an appointment for your children if you feel they may need an eye test.

Our refurbished library

With the money raised during bake sale, we have purchased over 400 new books. We would like to thank our dedicated staff members for working tirelessly to get our library up to date.



Awards

Awards section

The following children received Head Teacher's merit award for achieving 15 merits or more:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Amira B, Abdirahman Ali, Abdirahman Mohamed, Hafsa, Muhammed Adde, Musa Adde, Safwan, Salwa, Zubayr and Zaynab
2	Rayaan, Khalid, Is'haaq, Fatima and Hafid
3	Abraar, Ibraheem K, Zaynab, Khadijah, Eiliyah, Suweydah
4	Ibrahim Y, Bushra, Safiyyah, Abdishakur, Abdul Aziz, Aisha, Aymn, Marwan
5	Ismail K, Hirsi A, Safia B, Maryam A, Safa Sayed, Sufian A, Safa Nur, Mohammed O, Mohammed AK, Younis Yusuf, Salma Nuur, Angel A and Amira A
6	Abdulkhakim, Ismail S, Uthmaan, Maryama Abdullahi, Yusra, Zainab, Khadija, Abdirahman F and Maryama Ali



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Hafsa Abidideeq	Zaynab Ghari
2	Rayaan Abdirashid Ibrahim	Eesa Adde
3	Ibraheem Kolia	Yasir Abubakar
4	Aisha Hussain	Marwan Ahmed
5	Hirsi Adde	Sakinah Bailey
6	Zainab Ahmed	Maryama Abdullahi

Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina

In conjunction with our topic of 'toys' we read and enjoyed the book Knuffle Bunny by Jo Welliman in Literacy. Children explored the characters, especially the problem encountered by Trixie when she loses Knuffle Bunny. We created our own story board and re-wrote the story.

Well done to all the children for cutting out their stunning snowflakes, as part of Art. They were all eager to produce multiple snowflakes!

A big jazakAllah to all the parents who kindly let their children bring in their precious toys for History and Art. We have been studying how different toys were during the Victorian period and materials were used to make them like: wood, rope and china. The children thoroughly enjoyed our computing sessions in the ICT suite where they recreated their toys using the program, 'Paint'.

Thank you to all the parents for the continuous support and for assisting their children in completing their homework on time, reading with them on a daily basis and bringing in a healthy snack every day. Have a great break Year One! See you soon.

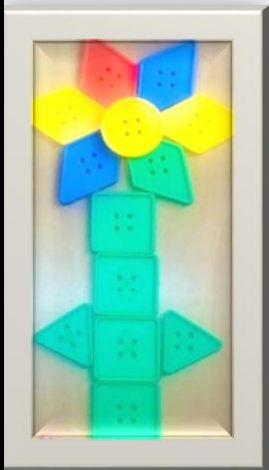
Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have worked extremely hard on their instruction writing skills this term through our theme of 'construction'. They have utilised their creative ability to make flowers, origami cats, butterflies, bookmarks and have even learnt how to sew bags! They showcased some of these great skills during their special origami workshop. No Pen's Wednesday allowed children to use their creative flare in cross curricular practical activities with our current Science topic of 'Plants'.

It's been a great term with much improvement in their skills across the whole curriculum. Children produced excellent work for their Writing Wall and have used their mathematical learning to work through Reasoning Challenges. Thank you to all parents for continuing to ensure children are completing their homework, spellings and practicing their reading. Well done Year 2!

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Parents are requested to ensure children are continuously memorising timetables, spellings and practicing handwriting at home. Year 3 have worked very hard to improve the presentation of their work this term. They tried to tackle unfamiliar topics within the new curriculum. The children managed to learn their timetables up to 7. They enjoyed learning about healthy eating



and balanced diets alongside the circulatory system of humans and animals. In PSHE we explored the differences between vandalism and theft and children really showed an interest in learning to empathise with victims as well as understanding the consequences of such crimes. Children were enthusiastic during Anti Bullying week as they learnt how to stand up to bullies and get support. They took part

in role play and produced some great display work as part of our anti-bullying lessons. Finally year 3 produced some excellent pieces of writing for our Charlie and the Chocolate factory Writing Wall!



Enjoy the break year 3!

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

In Year 4, children have created silhouettes for No Pens Day to enhance creativity and different ways of learning. Alhamdulillah Year 4s have achieved really well in their assessments this term and I would like to thank parents for their continued support and hard work. I am pleased to announce that we will have a couple of trips next term, with a visit to the Tower of London in January and a virtual Parliament tour coming soon!

Year 5 - Sir Alam

The longest term of the year has come to an end and everyone in year 5 worked hard across all subjects.

In October, some year 5 children entered the Young Writers poetry competition, and I would like to congratulate the following children whose work has been chosen to be published in the book which will be released by March 2022. Well done to: Aleesha Angel Ali, Safiyah Bailey, Sakinah Bailey, Ismaeel Kolia and Safa Sayed.

In DT we enjoyed baking biscuits as part of our DT project. Children also enjoyed tasting different types of biscuits and designing their own biscuits as well as learning about safety, food hygiene and how biscuits are made.

Have a great holiday everyone, you deserve it!



Year 6 - Ms Nabila

This half term, Year 6 have shown some great progress in Maths and Literacy. As you are all aware, SATs are getting closer and as of January will be carrying out extra revision sessions. To help at home, please continue to ensure children are reading at home daily and practicing spellings and times tables daily.

As part of anti-bullying week, Year 6s have also been looking at how using positive affirmations can help with our mental and general wellbeing. We have discussed how being kind to ourselves can be just as important as being kind to others.

Have a fantastic holiday! I appreciate all the continued support from parents and carers.



Islamic Studies

Dear Parents/Carers, Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh,

With the end of this long busy term upon us I write to thank all the Islamic curriculum staff and students for their hard work and efforts.

Alhamdulillah as we are able to strive to provide our learners with a high standard of education and personal development based upon firm adherence to the Quran and Sunnah, I can say with confidence that MashaaAllah students have started to make very good progress in their Quranic and Islamic studies and we pray that they continue to do so.

This term we have focused on 'Helping Others' through our 'Hadith a week program', raising children's awareness on being kind and helpful to others. Please ensure you discuss what this means to a young Muslim living in a multicultural society and help us to support the learning that is taking place in the school.

I would like to remind all the parents of the hifz students, please make sure your child revises at home **every day**.

Friendly reminders to all the parents that if you need to talk to any member of the staff please make sure it is quick and brief otherwise arrange a meeting in advance if required as this can seriously distract the teachers from handing over the children to their parents safely. Children have been instructed that they must **never leave school without informing their teachers**.

The following students have made excellent progress in their Quran recitation. **Well done to:**

Hawasagal & Is'haaq from year 2

Maryam & Irfan from year 3

Safiyyah, Aisha, Bushra & Ibrahim from year 4



Prophet 'Isa(a)

Over 2000 years ago, a baby was born in Jerusalem into the noble family of Imran. This baby was very special, his name was 'Isa (a) and he was born miraculously to Maryam(a), without a father. Allah allowed him to perform miracles and heal those that were sick.

Allah allowed him to heal those who were born blind so that they could see again. Allah saved him and lifted him into the heavens when the people tried to kill him. Allah sent him revelations and made him into a mighty messenger and a prophet. Allah will bring him back to Earth when things get bad and through him Allah will restore peace.

Finally I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday, stay safe and inshaaAllah see you all in 2022!

Muhammad Kalam Hussain (Head of Islamic Curriculum)

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Newsletter

OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

It has been great to see you all after a long summer holiday. Weather conditions are changing very fast as well as dropping temperatures! Coats, hats, gloves and scarves are beginning to appear, reflecting these changes (please try to label these with your child's name). UK time is going to change on Sunday 31st October. The nights will be longer and day will become shorter. Children will come to school in the dark and they will be returning home in the dark again. We all have to be very vigilant while arriving and going back home. Our pupils have settled into the new academic year and the New Year 1 pupils are fully immersed in all aspects of the school day - now spending playtimes, lunchtimes, and assemblies with the rest of the school. I would like to welcome our new parents.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our parents for dropping and picking up their children on time. As usual, below you will find some information about key events and features of school life for the remainder of this half term. If you have any questions or queries about any of these, as always please pop into school and I would be happy to discuss them further.

Yours sincerely
Abu Hussain
Head teacher

Online Safety:

We all have a role to play in order to provide a safe online experience for our children. As parents/carers, it is your responsibility to make sure that children are accessing games, films and apps that are **appropriate for their age**. Even if they are appropriate, we advise that online chats and activity are monitored.



Age Limits for Popular Games/Apps:

ROBLOX	8yrs + (Only Year 4, 5, 6 should have access)
AMONG US & BRAWL STARS	9yrs +
TIKTOK & FORTNITE	12yrs + (No child in Al Falah should have access)
SNAPCHAT, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK	13yrs + (No child in Al Falah should have access)
WHATSAPP	16yrs +
CALL OF DUTY	18yrs +

Library: Alhamdulillah, we have managed to buy lots of books for our library. Now our library looks stunning with a range of new books. Children will enjoy reading different types of books to develop their understanding, boost their knowledge and standard of English.

Parents' Day: All the parents have had an opportunity to meet their child/children's teacher on 14th October to discuss their child's progress. The parents have received good feedback from the teachers and a clearer understanding to support them in reaching their next learning targets.

Parking at the gate: Parents need to park their car away from the school at the time of dropping and pick up time. It is very disappointing that some parents still continue to park their cars at the front of the school gate and at the bus stop which is a cause for complaint from the Transport for London. We must avoid parking in this area and taking U - Turns in front of the school as this is dangerous and causes traffic on the road.

Autumn-2021 half-term holiday

Monday 25th October to Monday 1st November 2021.

Al Falah will remain closed for children on **Monday 1st November 2021** due to staff INSET.

Children will return to school on **Tuesday 02/11/2021** at 8: am.



Awards section



The following children received Head Teacher's merit award for achieving 15 merits or more:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Iyaad and Hiba Benatallah
2	Fatima and Is'haaq Khan
3	Abraar, Irfan Zaman and Suweyda
4	Ibraheem Abdillahi, Zakariye, Bushra and Safiyyah Alam
5	Alesha, Salma, Sakinah Bailey and Safa Sayed
6	Zainab Ahmad



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Safwan Azom	Iyaadh Hirsi
2	Is'haaq A M Khan	Fatima Muhammed
3	Nuha Sayed	Maryam Ali
4	Zakariye Omar	Safiyyah Alam
5	Alesha Angel Ermis	Amira Ali Ahmed
6	Ismail Fawwaz Shah	Abdulhakim Isarai

<u>Year</u>	<u>School Councillors</u>	
1	Safwan Azom	Zaynab Ghari
2	Is'haaq Khan	Maryam Adam
3	Abraar Abdallah	Zakaria Mohamoud
4	Marwan Ahmed	Safiyyah Alam
5	Ahmed Jimale	Alesha Ermis
6	Ayhem Belbali	Afnaan Ahmed

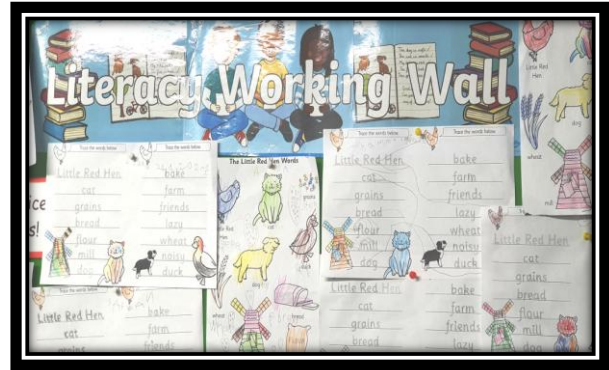
Messages from class teachers

Year 1 - Ms Thamina

Year One has had a great start to Al-Falah and all children have settled in well. Children have been focusing on letter and number formation as well as constructing sentences. Children have also immersed themselves into reading a variety of books from different genres. Reading remains a critical part of the children's learning. Please can all parents encourage their child to read for 15-20 mins on a daily basis.

In Literacy, we have enjoyed reading stories with a pattern- Little Red Hen, Handa's Surprise and Billy's Bucket.

In DT, children focused on healthy eating. Children looked at a variety of fruits they could use to make a fruit salad. Children understand what equipment and techniques should be used to prepare a fruit salad. We also enjoyed tasting some exotic fruits such as: guava, pineapple and avocado !



In Maths we have been playing some fun number games counting in 2s, 5s and 10s!

We enjoyed a trip to our local area of Hackney and learning about different landmarks and buildings. The children behaved very well walking safely and looking out for the different names on their sheet.

Thank you to all the parents for the continuous support and for assisting their children in completing their homework on time and bringing in a healthy snack everyday.

Have a great Half term Year One!

Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

We have made a brilliant start to the year with some amazing improvement in children's story writing skills. They have all shown a fantastic improvement as they learnt how to utilise similes and adjectives to describe. They have also worked very hard on their column addition and subtraction skills which they have been applying to weekly reasoning problems. Year 2 have looked at the benefits of exercise and tested the effect of age (year 6 students) on speed. They have also enjoyed learning about the history of The Great Fire of London and linked this to safety at home. Overall I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and look forward to watching them excel further.

Thank you to all the parents for your co-operation and help with children's learning and reading at home. ☺

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Year 3 have shown excellent improvement in their handwriting and overall presentation of their work over the last six weeks. They have managed to memorise their timetables up to 6. A big thank you to all parents for your continuous support.



Reading is a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen to their child read as well as to write a short comment in their child's reading diary, every few days. Most of the children in year 3 have shown improvement in their spellings over the past six weeks but regular practice is advised to keep up with this.

In History they explored Ancient Egypt and mainly the River Nile. Our reading sessions have been successful in engaging the children as well as aiding them to relax after break time. Children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the adventures of Charlie from Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate factory. We have made a cross curricular link by designing chocolate factories in D & T that will be assembled next term. Overall, it has been a busy term and children have settled in well.

Please ensure children return their homework every Tuesday and keep their interactive diary inside their bag at all times. Enjoy the holiday year 3! :)

Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

Alhamdulillah we have wrapped up the first half of autumn and what a term it has been. Children have worked extremely hard throughout the term learning and mastering new skills and methods in all areas of the curriculum. They have worked especially hard in learning to read and write Roman numerals, some children have mastered up to 1000s MashaAllah! This half term rest is truly well deserved for Year 4, and I hope they will use this coming week to enjoy, have fun and most importantly stay safe. Have a fantastic holiday Year 4, you have all earned it!



Year 5 - Sir Alam

Alhamdulillah we've had a great start in year 5 and all the children have been working hard this term across all subject areas. Particularly, in literacy, children have been studying significant authors and have written their own version of survival story in the style of Michael Morpurgo. The stories have been put up on display on the classroom wall so children can be proud of their work.

I would like to thank all parents for ensuring your child comes to school on-time as we start lessons at 8.15am, any children coming late will lose vital lesson time. Please keep up this effort.

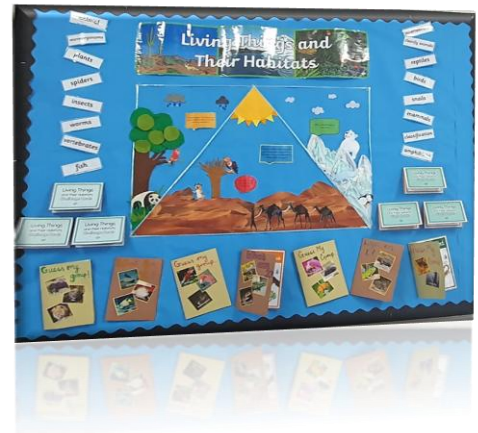
Have a great holiday everyone!

Year 6 - Ms Nabila

The whole class have done exceptionally well settling in and working hard in all areas. A big well done and an excellent start to the year!

This year may be quite challenging at times for the children due to their SATs but I really hope, at the same time, everyone will have an exciting and rewarding experience insha'Allah.

Reading is a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen and encourage their child to read daily. Most of the children in year 6 have shown an improvement in their spellings over the past six weeks but regular practice is advised to keep up with this.



In literacy, we have learnt how to accurately summarise and interpret information when thinking about comprehension based questions.

Have a lovely holiday year 6! :

Islamic Studies

Dear Parents / Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

Welcome back to you all! It has been a really lovely start to the academic year especially for our year 1 children having adjusted really well to their new school settings Alhamdulillah! And as always it is absolutely great to see all our children back.

Our autumn term started very busy for all of our staff, training, planning and preparing to deliver the very best for our children.

Qaidah Workshop

We recently had a Qaidah and Phonics workshop session for year 1 parents, which were conducted by Maulana Ali Ahmed and Mrs Thaminah. Alhamdulillah it was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for this. It is very important that we work in partnership so that we can provide our pupils with the knowledge and skills required to become successful learners.

*******Rabi al-Awwal, Seerah Quiz Competition*******

Rabi al-Awwal is one of the most significant months in Islamic history, because humanity was blessed by the birth of the Holy Prophet (s) during this month. He (s) would eventually lead the world, taking them out from the darkness of ignorance and oppression into the light of Tawhid, and true justice and peace. His birth was a mercy to the worlds. Allah chose Rabi al-Awwal to illuminate us with this mercy out of all the months, with that in mind in the coming weeks we are going to hold a

seerah quiz competition at Al Falah for our students with lots of prizes to be won inshaa-Allah!

The month of Rabi al-Awwal is a good time to remind ourselves of the place of the Prophet (s) in our lives. He is the best of creation, and should be dearer to us than any person, including ourselves. If we do not feel this closeness, the solution is simple: learn more about his blessed character and life, and naturally our love for him will grow.

World Mental Health Day

Last week at Al Falah we discussed mental health and spiritual wellbeing with our children from an Islamic perspective as part of The World Mental Health Awareness week. Those of us who may be facing mental health issues, or are coping with anxiety and negativity, one of the many ways that we may try to overcome these challenges, is to take a balanced approach of both spirituality and practicality.

From a spiritual perspective, we can refer and relate to the Quran and prophetic tradition, accepting our humanness and limitations, acknowledging Allah's might and never giving up on His Mercy. Those who are always in the remembrance of Allah will find happiness and relief.

A great scholar once said, "I have not seen anything that nourishes the mind and soul, preserves the body, and secures happiness more than continuous reading and contemplation of the book of Allah."

From a practical point of view, we are strongly encouraged to seek professional help and treatment. For those of us who know of individuals facing mental health issues, encourage and support them throughout their journey, instead of shunning them.

Black History Month 2021

The Holy Prophet (s) said in his last sermon: "All humans have descended from Adam (a) and Hawa (Eve), There is no superiority of an Arab over a non-Arab, or of a non-Arab over an Arab, and no superiority of a white person over a black person or of a black person over a white person, except on the basis of piety and righteousness."

All of us at Al Falah continue to stand in solidarity with the Black community. We have a duty to be loud and proud allies of our Black sisters and brothers across the world.

Visit To The Local Masjid

As part of our practical Wudhu and Salaah lessons, we have visited our local masjid and used their facility to enhance our knowledge on how to perform Wudhu and Salaah correctly in accordance with the sunnah of our beloved prophet(s). To reinforce practical learning, I kindly request all parents to emphasise on salaah during the holidays inshaa-Allah. We would also like to express our gratitude to all the masjid volunteers for their support. Jazakumullahu Khair!



Year 5 - Sir Yahya

Alhamdulillah this term has been very good despite trying to catch up on what we missed due to the lockdown in the past years. It has been a difficult 2 years however we have managed to pick up on a steady pace this term. year 5 children have come out strong. We thank Allah for all the good and we accept and be patient on all the bad we have been through.

This term year 5 have covered the Pillars of Imaan starting from Hadeeth Of Jibreel and in detail of each pillar Alhamdulillah.

Also year 5 children have been reading Quran with tajweed and some have memorised many surahs of Juz Amma and Surah Rahman, and many Duas starting from Grade 1 all the way till grade 5 alhamdulillah. Well done to all the students and parents for the hard work.

I hope everyone has a lovely holiday and ensure you carry on with your Islamic duties like Salah, respecting parents and reading Quran etc.

May Allah SWT give us the strength to continue his deen and keep us on the straight path. Aameen

Year 6 - Sir Kalam

Students have been working hard mashaa-Allah improving their recitation skills. We had many engaging and interesting class discussions in our Quranic studies that have developed our understanding of Surah Al-Kahf more in-depth. Within Islamic studies, we have been learning about the pillars of Faith. As part of our practical week, we have been learning about wudhu this week. Enjoy the holidays and inshaa-Allah see you all back for another fun filled term!



Five Pillars of Islam Wordsearch

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SHAHADA
SALAH

FASTING
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CHARITY

Useful website for SATs

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2

<https://www.yearsix.co.uk/sats-boot-camp/>

www.cgpbooks.co.uk

www.theschoolrun.com/ks2/key-stage-2-sats

<https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

YEAR 6 SATS

Suggested Websites for Parents E-safety Advice

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://thebestvpn.com/protect-kids-online/>

<http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents/digital-parenting.html>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<http://keepup.virginmedia.com/switchedonfamilies>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/parent-online-support-pack-teachers/>

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