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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

**School will re-open on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.**

**Please note that the school will be closed for teacher training day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 &amp; 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!

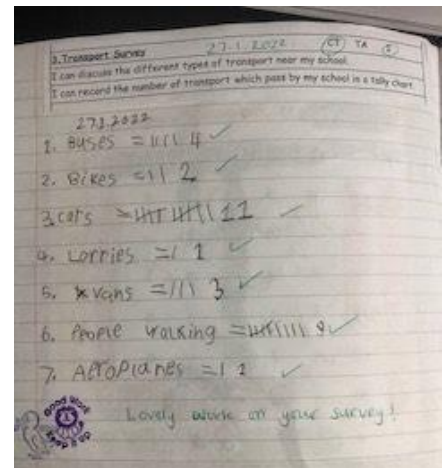
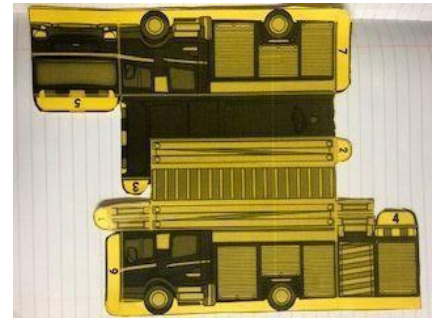
Everybody came back to school with such a positive attitude towards learning, which has been demonstrated by children coming in with the correct uniform, bringing a healthy snack every day and remembering to read every night. Keep it up!

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 <sup>th</sup> February – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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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# 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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:**

<b>ROBLOX</b>	8yrs + (Only Year 4, 5, 6 should have access)
<b>AMONG US &amp; BRAWL STARS</b>	9yrs +
<b>TIKTOK &amp; FORTNITE</b>	12yrs + (No child in Al Falah should have access)
<b>SNAPCHAT, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK</b>	13yrs + (No child in Al Falah should have access)
<b>WHATSAPP</b>	16yrs +
<b>CALL OF DUTY</b>	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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.**

Al Falah will remain closed for children on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 &amp; 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

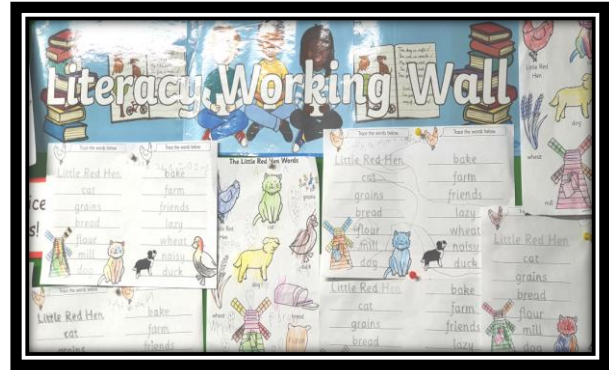
### *Messages from class teachers*

#### 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.

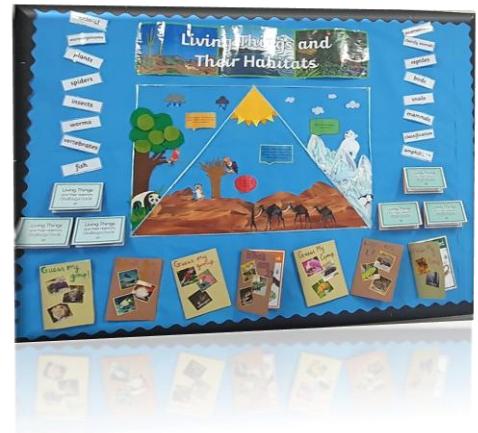
Have a great holiday everyone!

## 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

Name:

Date:

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## Useful website for SATs

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2)

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

[www.cgpbooks.co.uk](http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk)

[www.theschoolrun.com/ks2/key-stage-2-sats](http://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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## Term and Holiday dates 2021-22

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Teacher training day	Friday 3rd September 2021
Autumn 1 <sup>st</sup> term	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
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Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
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Summer holidays	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July to Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
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# Newsletter



Sports  
day



Trampoline Park



Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

The academic year of 2020-21 comes to an end on Friday 23rd July 2021. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic preventative measures are still in place and we have continued to follow government guidelines i.e. social distancing and hand sanitising etc. It was a very challenging time for the children and adults at the beginning; however, it has now become the norm of our daily life. The school has been working very hard to ensure the site is kept clean and provide children with frequent opportunities to regularly wash their hands. Due to the first and second lockdown children's learning was interrupted though we worked very hard to facilitate and ensure ongoing progress with remote lessons. Teachers tried their best to recover students' progression over the period of time once they returned to school and seeing the assessment record, I strongly believe that we managed to recover from the learning gaps.

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.

Yours sincerely  
Abu Hussain  
Head teacher

### **Bake sale**

Alhamdulillah, we had a bake sale on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021. We raised over £600 selling the delicious cakes and baked goodies this year. We would like to thank our parents who contributed so generously in baking and purchasing at our bake sale. Children were excited to buy and sell the food items which proved to also be a great mathematical learning opportunity for them.



In addition to that students have raised £3500 for their charity collection during the blessed month of Ramadan. JazakAllah to all our wonderful parents for their constant generosity and support. May Allah accept your donations and grant you reward in this world and the hereafter. Aameen!

### Sports Day and Whole School Trip

Our school's sport day and whole school trip day were very exciting and exhilarating days for all students. Lots of parents participated as a spectator on sports day to cheer on children with their competitive activities at Hackney Downs Park. It was really refreshing for children participating in a competition outside the school after a long lockdown.



### Graduation Day for Year 6

We had our Year 6 graduation day on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. Only Y6 parents were invited to join with their children due to bubble restrictions. It was an opportunity for children to say goodbye to their class-mates who they have worked alongside over the years in Al-Falah. MashaAllah, almost all of Y6 students have achieved the expected level in their English, (Reading / Writing) Maths and Science according to teacher assessment despite the Government's cancellation of SATs this year due to Covid-19.

### Goodbye to Sir Hussain and Ms Ruqaiyah

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Sir Hussain (Years 2 & 3 Islamic teacher) who has been with us for over 12 years and Sister Ruqaiyah (Year 6 TA), who has been with us from September 2020. We will miss them tremendously and pray to Allah to accept their service to Al-Falah and grant them success in the future.

### We welcome Ms Mehzabin and Ms Sumaiyah

Alhamdulillah, the school has managed to recruit Ms Mehzabin who has been in Al-Falah for many years previously and Ms Sumaiya who has been volunteering with the Y5 this year, as permanent TAs in our school. This will be of extra benefit for our students to get support from them in order to achieve higher and fill in learning gaps for the future.

### Returning school books

Children and parents are requested to return all **school library books, Collins Maths books, Islamic studies ICO books** and any other school books by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.

### Parent's Day

All the parents had an opportunity to meet their child/children's teacher on 8<sup>th</sup> July to discuss their child's progress and end of year report. The parents have received good feedback from the teachers and a clearer understanding to support in reaching their next learning targets.

### The Maths Factor Catch up Programme

To support children after a challenging year, The Maths Factor is releasing a free new summer course: **Summer Adventure**.

Led by Carol Vorderman, this **6-week course** is completely free and **matched to each child's learning stage**, ideal for boosting confidence and avoiding the summer dip!

- For ages 4 to 11 years old.
- 1 x 20-minute session per day, 5 days a week.
- Content tailored to their year group and confidence level.
- Virtual rewards can be earned as they progress.
- **Proven methodology** with tutorials, warm-up questions and lots of practice.

Parents will be emailed a link to the above catch up programme if you wish for your child to participate.



### School uniform

All children must come to school wearing the correct uniform as outlined below.

#### Boys

Royal/light blue jumper

Thobe/jubba of any colour, preferably white

Plain black shoes (no trainers) & **black socks**

Plain white hat

#### Girls

Royal/light blue jumper or cardigan

Black abaya

Plain black shoes (no trainers) & **black socks**

Plain white scarf

Please **label children's clothes** especially the cardigans and jumpers.

### End of-term holiday

The last day of this academic year is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**. School will re-open for Staff on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September (Inset Day).

Children will return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.



# Awards section



The following children received Head Teacher's merit award pencil, bronze badge, silver badge or gold badge:

Year	Names
1	Amarah, Naiema, Eesa, Faris, Iyaadh, Mahdya, Mohamed, Mustafa, Zahra and Salma ( <b>merit pencil</b> )
2	Nuha , Ibraheem, Mohammed, Maryam, Zaynab and Irfan ( <b>bronze badge</b> )
3	Aymn, Shah Jarhad, Ibrahim Y, Aisha and Abdishakur ( <b>bronze badge</b> )
4	Safiyah, Alesha, Ismaeel, Maryam, Safa Sayed and Sufyan ( <b>bronze badge</b> )
5	Uthmaan, Yusra ( <b>merit pencil</b> ), Bronze: Khadija, Maryam Hussain , Maryama Ali, Ayhem Belbali, Abdirahman Ali ( <b>bronze badge</b> ) and Zainab ( <b>gold badge</b> )
6	Kawthar, Abdallah M, Amina, Munira, Ilyas, Muawiya, Sumaya and Aliyah ( <b>silver badge</b> )

## STUDENTS OF THE YEAR



(FOR OUTSTANDING BEHAVIOUR, PROGRESS AND HELPFULNESS)

<u>Year</u>	<u>National &amp; Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Maryam Adam	Khalid Patel
2	Irfan Zaman	Khadijah Shah
3	Safiyyah Alam	Ibrahim Yusuf
4	Younis Yusuf	Sufyan Ahmad
5	Zainab Ahmad	Shahad Ali
6	Amina Mohamed	Aliyah Hassan

# Messages from class teachers

## Year 1 - Ms Thamina

Year one have worked very hard this term and are almost ready for Year 2. Children have had an opportunity to reflect on nature and the environment around them as part of Literacy and Science. We have discussed the characteristics of a good Muslim who is responsible for Allah's creation.

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. As well as working hard and getting ready for year 2, children also enjoyed the school food sale, making buntings, going to the trampoline park and participating in Sports Day. Have a lovely holiday. Well done Year One!

## 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 assessments showing greater independence in their learning and working. All children have shown exemplary behaviour throughout the year & shown insightful reflections during our Islamic 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

Children in year 3 had a busy but exceptionally fun last term! Children completed their end of year tests and most of the class did extremely well! Well done for this year 3! The kids enjoyed designing and making their own pizzas as part of our Food Tech lessons. They completed their work on lights & shadows & had a lesson on magnets & springs!

Children enjoyed learning about Henry VIII's wives & portrayed a great interest for this topic. They also wrote some good stories based on 'Fantastic Mr Fox' for their writing test.

A Huge Well Done to the following students for mostly presenting their work neatly:

Bushra, Safiyyah, Aisha, Juwayriya, Nusayba, Abdishakur, Marwan, Ibrahim Y.

## Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

Alhamdulillah we have come to the end of the school year and what a year it has been. Despite school closure due to Covid measures, children have continued to progress well throughout the year. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach such a beautiful group of children and I wish them nothing but health & success in this world & the hereafter. Ameen

## Year 5 - Sir Alam

Children in Year 5 had a fantastic and extremely busy half term. Children participated in most of the events similar to previous years like sports day and end of year trip. I am very impressed with how all the children have worked hard to improve their writing skills; they have particularly enjoyed exploring persuasive language in advertising and letter writing. Children produced their own persuasive brochures and carried out a number of debates. We also discussed the opening of a 'new supermarket' and how local residents can be persuaded.

I would again 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

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for all the support this year. I would also like to say goodbye with great sadness to all the children. They have all done so well and have made fantastic progress. It was a pleasure working with a thoughtful and dedicated group of children.

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. You will all be missed.

## Islamic Studies

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

As we come to the end of our academic year, it is a good time to reflect on what we have achieved, Alhamdulillah! Looking back on this year, I'm proud to note how far we have come as a family, celebrating our strong history and building an education fit for the future. We are committed to preparing Al Falah students for tomorrow's world, empowering our young learners to shape the world they want to live in. Mashaa-Allah I am delighted by the feedback we had from the parents that teaching and learning were seen as the things we do best.

It's the time of the year were sadly our school journey with our lovely year 6 students comes to an end and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the students and their families for being part of our school community, and I wish you all the brightest of futures. *Inshaa-Allah!*

I also want to thank all our staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to deliver the best possible future-focused education. Sadly, with the end of this school year we will be saying goodbye to our most wonderful year 2 and 3 Islamic studies teacher Sir Hussain who will be leaving us. I would like everyone to join me in thanking him for all his hard work over the last 11 years and wishing him the best for the future.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer.

**Muhammad Kalam Hussain (Head of Islamic Curriculum)**

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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

After Ramadan, our school has continued following the Covid-19 guidelines. Under the amended guidelines, school are now allowed to take children for trips, though we must still maintain distance.

All our teachers and children have been working hard towards their end of year assessments. The children have made a commendable effort to fill in their learning gaps due to school closures and achieve their targets in order to achieve the best possible results. These results will be released on Parents' Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2021. Year Six students are not participating in S.A.T.s as the Government has decided to cancel it this year due to Covid-19. However, they will continue with teacher's assessment. Due to the disruptive situation, children have had missed lots of units in different subjects but the teachers are continuing to catch up as much as possible. We hope Al-Falah will sustain its excellent record.

In our Islamic Curriculum, children are working hard and making excellent progress. I am delighted to inform you that some of our children have memorized between **five and twenty-five** ajzaa of the Qur'an. I would especially like to congratulate the following pupils:



<u>Name of pupil</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Ajzaa memorised</u>
Khalid Imran Patel	Y1	5
Abdirahman Farah	Y5	5
Yusra Ali	Y5	5
Maryam Ali	Y4	6
Afnaan Ahmed	Y5	6
Ismaeel Kolia	Y4	7
Abdirahman Wadi Ali	Y5	7
Ilyas Mahamed	Y6	7
Ayhem Belbali	Y5	8
Maryam Hussein	Y5	8
Muaad Ahmed	Y6	25

Yours sincerely

**Abu Hussain**

Head teacher

### **Mental Health Awareness week: 10-16 May**

Due to Covid 19 children and family members have been staying at home most of the time. People may have found this stressful and it can affect our mental health. Sometimes we can't always explain how we are feeling. That's usually the time someone we know asks us if we're ok! If we feel unhappy and we can't explain why, sometimes things can get overwhelming. We often feel this way when we experience things that we are unable to control in our lives. Young and old may suffer for the same reasons. We may try to fix some of the issues by carrying out the following:

**Exercise** is very important for your mental health. Moderate exercise is recommended for at least 30 minutes a day. Have a go!

**Eat well feel well:** We have all been told about healthy eating, and usually it's to keep our bodies fit and healthy. However, a good diet helps our mental health too.

**Help other people:** There's nothing like the feeling you get when you are appreciated by other people. Helping them is a great way to do something useful but also feel good about yourself. Do you have a younger brother or sister who you could read to at bedtime? Drink at least 6 glasses of water a day. It's vital for our brain's wellbeing. Is there a neighbour you can pop to the shop for?

**Time out:** Things get really hectic at school these days and we can be just as busy at clubs and groups we go to after school. When do we make time for ourselves? Recharge your batteries - even if you just lie on your bed for 10 minutes in peace and quiet.

Write down how you're feeling. It's a good way to get things off your mind without upsetting anyone else.



Most importantly connect with the Qur'an and channel these feelings into making heartfelt dua. May Allah (swt) alleviate all the problems we are facing & grant us peace, health & tranquillity. *Ameen*

### Attendance & punctuality

School gates open at 8am (**lessons start at 8.15am**) and school finishes at **3.30pm** (except Friday at **11.45pm**) for **all** children. Please ensure your child arrives to school every day and by 8am or 8.15am latest. Children arriving after 8.15am will be marked late and pupils consistently coming late will need to meet with the head teacher as this distracts the lessons.

### End of-term holiday

**School will remain closed from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 due to half term holiday.**

**School will be reopening on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at our usual time.**

### School councillors

Last week was school councillor's election week at Al-Falah. Children voted for their school councillor who will represent them at meetings and look into ways of improving the school.

<u>Year</u>	<u>School Councillors</u>
1	Rayaan Ibrahim & Eesa Adde
2	Maryam Ali & Irfan Zaman
3	Muscab Abdideeq & Ibraheem Abdillahi
4	Sufyan Ahmad & Safa Sayed
5	Ayhem Belbali & Maryama Ali
6	Muaad Hassan & Kawtar Limrani

# Awards section



The following children received Head Teacher's merit award for achieving 15 merits (pencil), 40 merits (**bronze badge**) or 80 merits (**silver badge**):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	<b>Pencil:</b> Rayaan, Mustafa, Hafid and Mohamed Abdideeq
2	<b>Pencil:</b> Yusuf Ahmed
3	<b>Pencil:</b> Mustafa, Ibrahim Tarore, Bushra, Juwayriya, Khalid, Shah Jarhad, Elmi, Abulaziz and Muscab Abdideeq
4	<b>Bronze badge:</b> Sufyan, Amira and Safa Sayed <b>Pencil:</b> Younis, Ismaeel and Maryam
5	<b>Silver badge:</b> Zainab Ahmad <b>Bronze badge:</b> Shahad, Yusra, Ismail Shah, Maryama Abdullahi & Khadija <b>Pencil:</b> Ismail Ali & Zakaria Hassan
6	<b>Silver badge:</b> Aliya Harare <b>Bronze badge:</b> Sumaya



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National &amp; Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Rayaan Ibrahim	Hawasagal Gabobe
2	Irfan Zaman	Yasir Abubakar
3	Bushra Hassan	Aymn Saqr, Muscab Abdideeq
4	Sufyan Ahmad	Safa Nur
5	Ismail Shah	Maryama Mustafa Ali
6	Sumaya Omar	Abdallah M Ahmed



# Messages from class teachers

## Year 1 - Ms Thamina

Eid Mubarak!



It has been a fun packed term with lots of discussion about Ramadan and how year 1 has been celebrating with their families. We decorated our classroom and enjoyed colouring pictures about Ramadan and Eid.

Year 1 has been busy observing and recording the weather as part of science this has included the temperature and rainfall.

In literacy children have enjoyed non-fiction books/texts learning about nocturnal animals and thinking of their own questions.

A big thank you to all the parents for practicing spelling homework because there has been a huge improvement in spelling test scores. Well done!

Keep up your great reading efforts year 1!

## Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year 2 have had a great term with lots of learning about the virtues of Ramadan. They were very competitive to earn lots of good deeds and learn new ways to earn good deeds from our Box of Manners. We have worked really hard to catch up with our learning this term especially in core subjects. Children have shown excellent flare in their story writing skills where our focus was on using inverted commas and different words for 'said'. They have also been practicing exam style questions and learning about the different mathematical vocabulary which is used in word problems.



All children have shown good progression in their core learning skills and are growing in confidence. Thank you to all the parents for their continuous support at home. Please continue to help your child with their reading, times-tables and word level work.

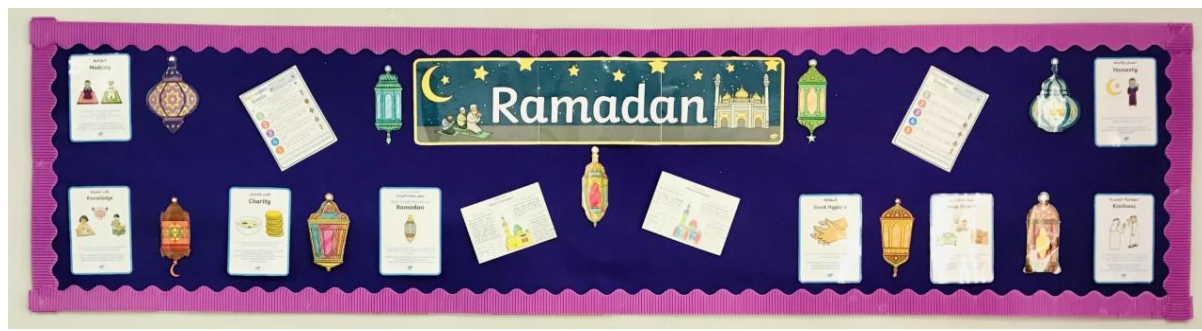
## Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Year 3 children have really enjoyed this half term as it started off with the most blessed of Months, Ramadan. The class did numerous activities based on Ramadan and shared their beautiful experiences with each other. We even made a vibrant display to showcase some of their work and what they have learnt. We started each morning with Zikr and Ramadan Duas for which the children showed a great deal of enthusiasm. In science the class learnt about the formation of the three main types of rocks and fossils alongside the different features of

rocks. Behaviour has improved by a great deal in year 3 and the majority of the class have demonstrated a mature and eager attitude towards their learning.

### Reminders for Year 3 parents

- Ensure your child is practicing their spellings and timetables on a weekly basis.
- Ensure your child reads for 10-20 minutes a day.
- P.E. lesson will now be on **THURSDAY**.
- Ensure your child's homework is complete and handed in by **TUESDAY**.



### Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

Year 4 have worked exceedingly hard this term in preparation for their first set of assessments post lockdown. Alongside this, we have also had an exciting time learning about electricity by experimenting with circuits and exploring how settlements have developed over the past centuries.

Well done to all the children who completed and retuned their World War 1 projects. The projects were to a very high standard and therefore as a reward we decided to treat all the candidates to a free lunch. The winners for the project are as followed:

- Safa Sayed
- Aleesha Ermis
- Sufyan Ahmad

*Mashallah*

### Year 5 - Sir Alam

Alhamdulillah, we have been trying to catch up on most of the curriculum that we missed due to lockdowns and children in year 5 have shown a very positive attitude towards their learning. They have been completing work to the best of their abilities and I am pleased to say that all children try their best and complete their homework and bring it in on time. This surely helps the teacher to understand if children have understood the lessons.

Well done everyone and keep up the effort.

### Year 6 - Ms Nabila

I would like to firstly say Eid Mubarak; the children had a lovely Eid party to celebrate the joyous occasion. I would like to say a big thank you to parents for the generous amount of food.

As you are aware, SATs this year have been cancelled, this has given us the opportunity to catch up on missed units.



We have and will continue to revise for teacher's assessments that will be in place of SATs. I appreciate all the continued support from parents and carers. Have a fantastic holiday!

## Islamic Studies

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

The months are now quickly rolling by and longer days and lighter nights are back again as we approach our final half term of the academic year. Alhamdulillah we have, once again, packed in an enormous amount to this short half term. MashaaAllah the children have worked very hard this term and have had to be flexible and adaptable as the lockdown guidelines have changed around us as things hopefully return to normal. Of course the children have not been fazed by this and I continue to be very proud of them all. I thank you and all our hardworking staff for their continued support.

### Introduction to Masjid Al Aqsa

Masjid Al Aqsa was the first Qibla (direction for prayers), the second house of Allah built soon after the Ka'bah in Makkah and the third holiest place in Islam. Masjid Al Aqsa is referred to in the Holy Quran in surah Al Israa (Bani Israil), Allah says that He has blessed the land and its surrounding: **"Glory be to the One who took His servant (Muhammad (s)) by night from Masjid al Haram to Masjid Al Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs, He is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing"** (Al Israa: 1). This beautiful Masjid is in Jerusalem (Al Quds), and was the place where Prophet Muhammad (s) came to for the miraculous night journey known as Al-Israa and Al-Miraj.

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ

There are many Hadith which tell us about the virtue and importance of Masjid Al-Aqsa. One hadith says that the reward for praying in the Masjid Al Aqsa is 500 times greater than in other Masajid, apart from the Masjid in Makkah and the Prophet's Masjid in Madinah.

Abu Hurayrah (r) relates that the Prophet (s) said, "You should not undertake a special journey to visit any place other than the following three Masjid (with the expectation of receiving

greater reward); the Sacred Masjid of Makkah (Ka'bah), this Masjid of mine (the Prophet's Masjid in Madinah), and Masjid Al Aqsa (of Jerusalem)." (Bukhari and Muslim)

Let us all InshaAllah reflect on what is taking place in Masjid Al Aqsa and Jerusalem and pray that Allah Most High protects Masjid Al Aqsa from destruction, we pray for the safety and security of all those who are oppressed wherever they may be, we pray that Allah gives us the opportunity to visit Masjid Al Aqsa one day. *Aameen.*

Muhammad Kalam Kussain (Head of Islamic Curriculum)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

Alhamdulillah, we have concluded four weeks of school after lockdown nationally. All our students have returned to school and have become even more enthusiastic about their learning than before. They come to school promptly in an orderly manner with a big smile on their faces. The teachers and staff in the school are upholding Government guide lines to carry out their professional responsibilities in order to keep everybody safe. Due to the lock down, school had to teach children remotely under the government preventing measure from spreading the disease. However, the children and teachers are striving hard to catch-up on their daily routine and including missing topics in different subjects. Although, the Department of Education has abandoned the SATS for children in Y6 this year, Al-Falah is doing their best to equip our students with the expected level for end of primary school.

We covered different themes in assembly on Fridays and one of them was our core value of CARE and the importance of kindness. Children were encouraged to think of ways to show kindness throughout the day - to their peers, parents, siblings, etc. We have seen lots of examples of this - friends supporting friends in the playground, classmates helping learning, staff to pupil and pupil to staff. I hope parents continue to teach them at home to be kind to each other including animals. This week we focused on 'learning and reflection' something very important to all of us to reflect on our learning and implement in our daily life.

#### **Parents meeting**

Alhamdulillah, we have had very good feedback from the parents regarding telephone meeting. The parents had an opportunity to ask questions to the teachers about their child's progress and areas that children need to improve. A short report has been sent home and a full academic report will be given at the end of the academic year.

#### **Think before travel abroad**

It is best to travel within the UK to avoid isolation for 14 days once you travel outside the country. Remember to keep maintaining distance and follow the Government guidelines to keep you safe and others too.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely

**Abu Hussain** (Head teacher)

#### **World Book Day**

Al-Falah always celebrates 'World book day' with style. We've adapted to make sure that World Book Day sends a powerful and positive message about books and reading, even in lockdown. We asked children to make their own costume to be creative. It was really fun for children wearing different costumes for different characters of their choice.

## Enrol now for September 2021

Alhamdulillah, all classes in Al-Falah are full except for year 1. We have a few places to fill in year 1 for the academic year 2021-22. Parents who are interested in sending their children to Al-Falah are requested to call the office on 0208 985 1059 for admission or download the form from the school's website and return it to school as soon as possible. We will give the priority to those who have siblings in school.



## Donation for Islamic Studies books

Al-Falah used to charge parents to pay for the Islamic Studies books, however over the last few years we stopped charging our parents. The books cost us over £1500 (£15 per child) to purchase for all the children in school. May we ask parents to contribute any voluntary amount towards this rewarding cause from we will all benefit.

## Ramadan collection

We are requesting children and parents to collect some donation for the school during the month of Ramadan. Please follow the link and share it with friends and family members. May Allah accept everyone's efforts and kindness towards the school.

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/ramadan-21>

## ICT room refurbishment

Alhamdulillah, we have upgraded our ICT room computers with new ones. The new computers will provide a better learning experience for our pupils inshaAllah.



Al-Falah happily gave the old computers away to our children so that they may benefit.

## End of-term holiday

**School holiday:** The last day of school is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and school will reopen on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Please note that during the month of **Ramadan school will start at 9am and finish at 2.30pm for ALL children. (Gates will open at 8.45am)**

**Eid ul Fitr holidays:** School will be closed from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for Eid

**INSET day:** School will remain closed for children on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> may 2021 due to staff inset. Children will return to school from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Congratulations

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Is'haaq Khan, Fatima, Maryam, Mahdya, Hafid, Hawasagal, Khalid & Amara
2	<b>Mohammad Limrani (Bronze)</b> , Ruqayya, Yahya, Rayyan & Irfan
3	Aymn Saqqr, Juwayriya Potts & Nusaiyah Halane
4	Sufyan Ahmad, Ibrahim Ukurow, Amira Ahmed, Safa Sayed, Aleesha Ermis & Safiyah Bailey
5	<b>Maryam Hussein (bronze badge)</b> , <b>Uthmaan Ahmed (bronze badge)</b> , Abdirahman Farah & Yusra
6	<b>Kawthar Limarni (bronze badge)</b> , Shah Muawiyah, Aliyah, Dawud & Muaad



## **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

<u>Year</u>	<u>National &amp; Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	<b>Is'haaq Khan</b>	<b>Maryam Adam</b>
2	<b>Nuha Sayed</b>	<b>Zaynab Hassan</b>
3	<b>Abdishakur Hassan</b>	<b>Aymn Saqr</b>
4	<b>Ibrahim Ukurow</b>	<b>Aleesha Ermis</b>
5	<b>Maryama Hussein</b>	<b>Uthmaan Ahmed</b>
6	<b>Amina Mohamed</b>	<b>Munira Ahmed</b>



# 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 everyday and remembering to read every night. Please do keep it up!



These are testing times for everyone, in different ways but parents/carers you have been so amazing in helping your children with their learning and keeping them mentally stimulated.

This term, we have been developing our skills when using the words and, but and because to join clauses. We have enjoyed learning how to add tens to a 2-digit number and also estimating length and measuring objects using cubes and rulers. Year 1's were great scientists when they investigated what materials are absorbent and which are waterproof. Keep up the great attitude towards learning.

## Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have come back to school with great enthusiasm after a long period of remote learning. They showed excellent participation and attendance in their online zoom sessions. All children 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.

Thank you to all the parents for their amazing support during these remote sessions and all the hard work they have been doing to ensure their child is on track and happy during this difficult period.

## Year 3 - Ms Abedah

To start off with, I would like to thank all the parents who have worked exceptionally hard with their children during the lockdown period. It has been a difficult time for everyone and parents have shown great support and enthusiasm during home learning.

Moving on, the children in year 3 have worked super hard, not only during their online zoom lessons but also since returning back to school. It has been evident that they are struggling with early starts and longer school days compared to home learning, so a huge well done to all the kids for pushing themselves each and every day.

We have spent the last few weeks of the term catching up on timetables, reading and handwriting practice. Year 3 have enjoyed learning about Tudors in History and Muscles and skeletons in science. They've had fun listening to Fantastic Mr Fox during our story times after break which was reflected in the recounts written by them in literacy.



A polite reminder to parents to ensure their child is reading every night, practicing timetables and spellings on a weekly basis and having regular handwriting sessions at home.

Enjoy the break and get some well deserved rest Year 3

### Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

A big welcome back to Year 4 after an extended lockdown break. It has been absolutely heart-warming to see the children back in the class happy and in good health.

In the short time we have been back, the children have been working incredibly hard this half term developing our skills in solving word problems as part of reasoning for maths and writing our own poetry for literacy.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their continued support during the online classes during lockdown.

Enjoy a well deserved holiday, rest up well and stay safe!

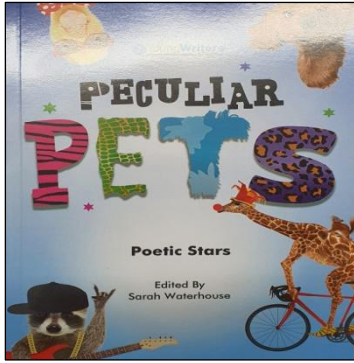
### Year 5 - Sir Alam

We praise Allah Al-mighty for allowing us to get back to school safely and in good health after another lengthy lockdown. It has surely been a difficult time for everyone and all the children have shown great work ethics whilst undertaking online classes. Although we were unable to cover all the subjects online, we hope to catch up on as much as possible throughout the next few months.

I am pleased to say every single child in year 5 have been working hard since we returned to school and it has been a pleasure to see all the children and to restart class teaching again.

Please do not worry about what has happened as we're all in this together and with the help of Allah we will get through this. Let's look forward to a fruitful Ramadan and please feel free to contact me or any other staff in the school if you want to speak to us about anything.

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Al Falah Primary School, Clapton	Kings Meem (10)
Afnaan Ahmed (10)	1
Maryama Ali (9)	2
Ismail Fawwaz Shah (9)	4
Zainab Ahmad (9)	6
Ayhem Belbali (9)	7
Aisha Alinur (9)	8
Maryama Abdullahi (9)	9
Shahad Dayah Ali (9)	10
Maryam Hussein (9)	11
Yusra Ali (10)	12
Ismail Ali	13
Muhammad Safak Kisitu (9)	14
Zakaria Hassan (9)	15
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Abdirahman Farah (9)	20
Dillon St Mary's Primary School, Daltonglass	King's Meem (10)
Osama Zvevy (7)	1
Rahman (7)	2
Sami Wood (7)	3
Maria Wharton (7)	4
Hannah Buck (7)	5
Isaiah (7)	6
Liam (7)	7
Thomas Hamilton (7)	8
Geo Johnston (7)	9



In October, year 5 children entered the Young Writers poetry competition, and for the first time every child's work from this year's year 5 class was chosen to be published in the book. Alhamdulillah the book has been published and we have received our copies of the book. Those parents who ordered copies should have received their copies via post. I am very proud of the children's work and ask Allah to bless them to with beneficial knowledge.

Have a great holiday everyone, you deserve it!

### Year 6 - Ms Nabila

I would like to say a huge well done to all pupils who have returned after months of home learning with an improved sense of maturity and responsibility.

Everybody came back to school with a calm and sensible manner, which has resulted in a wonderful start to the spring 2.

This has been a difficult time for all and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents, carers and of course the children for attending every online lesson and participating with enthusiasm.

This term, we have been developing our skills when retrieving and interpreting information from a text. We have also covered angles in maths, which they all did exceptionally well in!

## Islamic Studies

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

Alhamdulillah it's the time of the year when we all anticipate for the arrival of the blessed month of Ramadan, let us inshaa-Allah learn the true purpose behind this blessed month.

As we all know at the onset of Ramadan Muslims all over the world start fasting from dawn to dusk daily for 29/30 days as ordained in the Quran:

*"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you so that you can learn Taqwa." (Quran 2:183)*

### What is Taqwa (Piety) in Islam and how can I attain Taqwa?

The word 'Taqwa' is often translated as "Fear of Allah", and while fearing Allah is part of Taqwa, its meaning is deeper than this. The linguistic meaning of 'Taqwa' is a 'shield' or protective barrier. It is to protect oneself from what angers Allah.

An incredible example that demonstrates this is when Umar Ibn Al-Khattab (r) asked Ubay Ibn Ka'ab (r) about Taqwa.

Ubay (r) said "Have you ever taken a thorny path?" Umar (r) replied, "Yes I have." Ubay (r) then asked, "So how did you travel along this thorny path?" Umar (r) replied, "I rolled up my garment and was cautious as to where I would tread to avoid being pricked by the thorns." So Ubay (r) responded and said, "This is Taqwa."

This example explains the meaning of Taqwa. It illustrates how a person of Taqwa is cautious and careful with every action and step they take.

### The virtues and benefits of having Taqwa

Taqwa is one of the most virtuous characteristics a Muslim can have. Allah says:

**"Indeed, the most honourable of you with Allah is the one who has Taqwa."** (Quran 49:13)

**"Indeed, Allah loves the Muttaqeen."** (Quran 3:76)



We understand from the above ayah that if we want to please Allah, we should strive to have Taqwa. *Inshaa-Allah* let us all pray to Allah this Ramadan to help us develop taqwa.

The Holy Prophet (s) said, "No father has given a greater gift to his children than good moral training" (Tirmidhi).

Here are some training tips and techniques for our parents to transform your children's minds and memories this Ramadan *inshaa-Allah*:

- 1. let them get their hands dirty**, children learn by "doing". On average, students retain 75 percent of a lesson when they learn through hands-on activities. (Jerome Bruner, "The Process of Education").
- 2. Involve their emotions**, when children get emotionally involved in an activity, they rarely want to leave it. Video games and TV shows target children's emotions. As parents and educators, we can use the same technique for training.
- 3. Reveal the purpose**, if children don't see the purpose or importance of an action, they won't have the motivation to complete it.
- 4. Let them lead!** Give children leadership over important tasks. Assign one child to wake up all the siblings for Suhur. Let someone else be in charge of updating the Iftar time every evening.
- 5. Get excited!** Kids catch on to your enthusiasm. Show some excitement and passion about the topic you're teaching. Show your kids that you "can't wait" for Ramadan to begin. Be cheerful at prayer times. Decorate the house in anticipation of Eid. Be the example you want your kids to be. Make a genuine effort to love the activities you want your kids to love.

## THE HADITH ON FASTING

Abu Huraira (r) related that the Prophet (s) said: Whoever fasts during Ramadan with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven. Whoever prays during the nights in Ramadan with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven. (Bukhari, Muslim)

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)

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. As always jazaak-Allah to all our parents and staff for your support, we pray that you all stay safe and have a wonderful holiday. Aameen

### **Muhammad Kalam Kussain (Head of Islamic Curriculum)**

#### **Year 1**

MashaAllah year 1 have done incredibly well this term in all their studies, we hope this continues through the remainder of the year InshaAllah. I would like to thank all the parents for their hard work and dedication particularly during the online sessions.



A special well done to *Hawasagal* and *Ish'aaq* who have worked really hard and completed the whole Qaidah this term.

Alhamdulillah, year 1 really enjoyed their practical wudhu lessons this week and InshaAllah this will continue next term.

I would like to ask all the parents to kindly remind the children to engage in their Ramadan activity books which have been given to them.

#### **Years 2 & 3**

Alhamdulillah year 2 & year 3 have made good progress this term in their duas despite the difficulty of remote learning. Mashaa-Allah, *Zaynab*, *Abraar*, *Maryam*, *Nuha* and *Irfan* have also memorised the last 10 surahs. So a very big well done to you all and remember to use your Ramadan activity book during the holidays. Jazaak-Allah to all the parents for your support. Have a wonderful holiday and a blessed Ramadan.

#### **Year 4**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for the continuous encouragement and understanding during these difficult times.

Undoubtedly, the current climate had been the most extraordinary, difficult and demanding occasion for each and every one of us. We pray that Allah (swt) gives us the strength and guides us all out of this difficult phase with goodness, Ameen.

Though this term has been very challenging, AlHamdulillah by the Grace of Allah, 3 children from year 4 have made outstanding effort, not just in Quran recitation but also in Du'aas and Surahs.

**Sufyan** is currently reading Juz 9 and has completed all of Juz Amma by memorisation. He has also memorised Du'aas from year 1 to year 4.



**Amira** has moved onto Quran and has memorised 28 surahs along with Year 1 to year 4 Du'aas.

**Alesha** also has completed year 1 to year 4 Du'aas.

May Allah make learning easy for all of our children and may He accept all of our efforts. Ameen.

### **Year 5**

Alhamdulillah this term has been very good despite trying to catch up on what we missed due to the lockdown, year 5 children have come out strong. We thank Allah for all the goodness whilst we accept and be patient on all the bad we have been through.

This term year 5 have covered the practical aspects of performing wudhu and Salah which is much needed in their life.

Children have been reading Quran with tajweed and some have memorised surah's like surah Mulk and Surah Rahman. Over 70% of the class have completed memorisation of Juz Amma. 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 and start preparing yourself for Ramadhan spiritually. \_May Allah SWT give us the strength to continue his deen and keep us on the straight path. Aameen

### **Year 6**

Year 6 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 the Aqeedah (Creed) more in-depth. Within Islamic studies, we have been learning about the life of Uthman (r) and Ali (r). As part of our practical week, we have been learning about salah this week. To reinforce practical learning, I kindly request all parents to emphasize on salah during the holidays, inshaa-Allah.

# KIDS PAGE

## RAMADAN WORD SEARCH

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Salah  
Ibadah  
Quran

Sunnah  
Rewards  
RasoolAllah  
Eid  
AlFatihah

## Summer Term Calendar 2021

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# Newsletter



FEBRUARY

Dear parents / carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

With the Covid-19 pandemic, we are living through a world crisis, the likes of which hasn't been seen in 100 years. The enormous scale of the crisis and the impact it is having are naturally causing a lot of fear, uncertainty and anxiety across the globe. Add social isolation, disrupted work and family routines, economic instability and it is understandable that our mental health is suffering. The covid-19 situation is particularly stressful because it's hard to predict how things will develop and our circumstances are changing rapidly. This can leave us feeling powerless, like we are no longer in control of our own lives. Lots of our friends, colleagues, relatives and family members are suffering indescribable circumstances. Although, these things might leave us feeling helpless, it is no doubt strengthening our Imaan and encouraging us to remember our creator Allah (SWT) even more.

We do send regular reminders about procedures to help keep everyone in our school family safe. We also share updated information as it is released. Please continue to share your feedback as we strive to find the balance between maintaining the highest standards in the provision of academic education in addition to supporting our pupil's all-round well-being and ensuring the environment is as safe as possible for everyone.

**Abu Hussain**  
**Head Teacher**

### **Remote teaching**

Due to Covid-19 outbreaks worldwide, the academic institutions have been enforced to entirely cancel face to face teaching including class room, library and other learning experiences as a mitigation step against the risk posed by the Coronavirus. From the beginning of the second lockdown Al-falah has continued with teaching remotely. MashaAllah, our children are fully settled with remote teaching and they are now enjoying sessions. We have been fully equipped (resources) with our contingency plan in terms of further isolation or lockdown. Almost all the children can now manage their own devices and follow the teacher's guidance. However, very few young students do find it a bit difficult to handle due to technical and internet issues so we definitely cannot compare with the benefit of normal face to face teaching but we must follow the Government guidelines and shouldn't deprive our students from learning.

After the half term, from 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, teachers will arrange further sets of work for children to complete **via Zoom**. Children will NOT be given any further printed work or CGP books after the holidays. They will be given activities on Zoom during the lesson to complete in their exercise books. Therefore, parents will not be required to come into school to collect any printed work until further notice.

### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

Last week we have been through 'Mental Health Awareness week', a national campaign aiming to raise awareness of good mental health practice and inspire action to promote it. There's no doubt that the current coronavirus crisis is having a negative impact on the mental health of almost everyone in some way, even more so for young people already facing challenges. All the teachers highlighted Mental Health Awareness during online classes as well as a whole school assembly

carried out by the Head teacher. Parents can play a vital role by actively listening to your child, supporting them through difficulties, paying attention to their emotions and encouraging their interest. We must praise our child when they do well and wherever possible stick to commitments and routines.

### **Parents Workshops with Sir Alam**

MashaAllah, Sir Alam volunteered to run two workshops for our parents about 'Positive parenting' and 'Mental health'. Alhamdulillah we have had excellent feedback from our parents about the workshops which have been very beneficial for all of us. May he be rewarded immensely in both worlds. Aameen!

As promised, the **40 hadith** which Sir Alam mentioned during the last workshop have been uploaded onto the Al-Falah website under the 'Curriculum' tab. Please have a look and download these beautiful hadith and share with your children on a daily basis.

### **International Mother Language day**

This day is observed every year on the *21<sup>st</sup> of February* to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. It was created by UNESCO (the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organisation) in order to promote the dissemination of mother tongues and a fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. Please, encourage your child/ children to speak their mother tongue to acquire at least two or more languages to communicate others which benefit their cognitive development.

### **International safer day**

The aim of **Safer Internet Day** is to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The 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, teachers, law enforcement, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

You can get involved by visiting [www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)

### **Half-term holiday**

**Spring half-term holiday will be commencing from**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**There will be no online lessons during the half term holidays**

**Al-Falah will re-start online teaching at the usual time from *Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021***



# Children's Page



## Internet Safety



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**Challenge:** Design a poster about how to stay safe on the internet

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Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

We would all like to say a huge thank you for the support that we have received from parents. Working together has become a real strength of our school family but in times like these, it really amazes us all. As you all know, re-opening to our full school family has certainly had its challenges and we have had to adapt so many of our school routines and procedures. A huge amount of work went into this at the preparation stage over the summer holidays and half term holidays.

Provision for 104 children to wash/sanitising their hands more frequently has certainly been a rationale challenge. However, with the help of all staff and children, we have squeezed and developed a complex timetable to improve this. We do send regular reminders about procedures to help to keep everyone in our school family safe.

We also share updated information as it is released. Please continue to support us as we strive to find the balance between maintaining the highest standards in their academic education and well-being of children.

The British Weather - we have certainly seen some changes in our weather in recent days. We are all feeling the chill! Please ensure that your child always comes to school with a cardigan or jumper. Please make sure that children bring a suitable coat to school - even if it is not raining on the morning. Rough weather frequently does not give us warning!

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely

**Abu Hussain** (Head teacher)

### **Think before travel abroad**

This is an area of work that requires addressing, not only with health professionals, but more importantly with parents/carers to ensure travel and health advice is sought prior to travel. With the school holidays approaching fast and families preparing to travel abroad it is important that parents and staff are advised to seek travel health advice, either from their GP or another suitable travel health advice clinic. Best to travel within the UK to avoid isolation for 14 days once you travel outside the country. Remember to keep maintaining distance and follow the Government Guide line to keep you safe and others too.

### **Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline**

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline and the PHE Advice Service (option 1) will be available over the holidays to answer any questions you have about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education settings and children's social care. These

helplines will, however, close on the bank holidays, and have shortened opening hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

### What to do if your child has symptoms

Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result.  
Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home.

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do. For children aged 5 or over - use the [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#).

### Place available in year 2 and year 4

We have a very few year 2 and year-4 spaces available for immediate start. If you have a child or you know someone who has a child looking for a place in year 2 and year 4, please contact the school office on 0208 985 1059 or email to [info@alfalahschool.org.uk](mailto:info@alfalahschool.org.uk).

### Message from the school management body

Dear parents and carers

As we approach the end of 2020, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the governing body, to thank you all for your ongoing support of Al-Falah Primary School. I am pleased to report that the school has made excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum. Our pupils have made us all proud.

The governing body is appreciative of the hard work of the senior leadership team that is helping to shape the future of our young people. We are delighted that our pupils feel proud to be members of the Al-Falah Primary family. We will ensure that every pupil is given the opportunity to reach their potential.

I would also like to thank each and every member of the team, teaching and support staff, for their hard work, boundless energy and enthusiasm. I am honoured and humbled to be part of such a wonderful team.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new parent governor, sister **Maryam Yassin Cabdi**, who has joined the team since December 2020.

**Moulana Shah Muhammad Anas** (Chair of Trust)

### End of-term holiday

School holiday: The last day of school is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and school will reopen on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please note that the school will be closed for a teacher training day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

# Awards section



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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Hafid Adde, Fatima, Hawasagal Gabobe, Khalid Patel and Maryam Adam
2	Maryam Ali , Khadijah Shah, Zainab Hassan, Zakaria Mohamoud, Yahya Ukurow and Ruqayya Hussein
3	Ibraheem Tarore, Ibrahim Ahmed, Nusaiybah Halane and Zakariye Omar
4	Amira Ali, Safa Sayed and Abdulrahman Hussein
5	<b>Zainab Ahmad (Bronze badge)</b> , Aisha Alinur, Shahad Ali, Yusra Ali, Abdirahman Wadi Ali and Maryama Ali
6	Aliyah Hassan, Abdullah Ahmed Abdillahi, Munira Ahmed and Kawthar Limrani



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National &amp; Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	<b>Hawasagal Gabobe</b>	<b>Khalid Patel</b>
2	<b>Yahya Ukurow</b>	<b>Maryam Ali</b>
3	<b>Aisha Hussein</b>	<b>Marwan Ahmed</b>
4	<b>Safa Sayed</b>	<b>Sufyan Ahmad</b>
5	<b>Shahad Dayah Ali</b>	<b>Maryama Abdullahi</b>
6	<b>Dawud Arefin</b>	<b>Aliyah Hassan</b>



# 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. We created our own story board and re-wrote the story.



In maths we enjoyed our full week of activities on 'money' and we set up our own fruit and vegetable tuck shop. Year one came and bought their goods and paid for them independently. Wow MashaAllah!

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

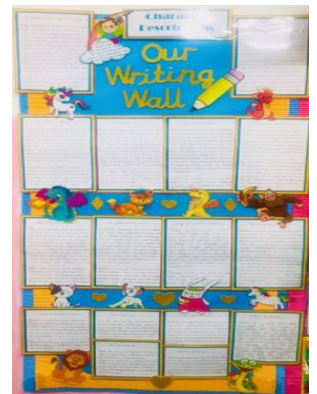
A big JazakAllah to all the parents who kindly let their children bring in their precious toys for History and Art. We have been studying how different toys were during the Victorian period and materials were used to make them like: wood, rope and china.

Thank you to all the parents 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 instructional writing skills this term through our theme of 'construction'. They have utilised their creative ability to make flowers, origami cats, and enjoyed the cross curricular links with design technology by beginning to sew bags!



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

handwriting, phonics and spellings. Year 2 worked tremendously well during their isolation period at home by showing excellent participation in our online zoom sessions.

Thank you to all parents for continuing to ensure children are completing their homework, spellings and practicing their reading. Make sure you continue to practice your 3, 4 and 6 times tables!

Well done Year 2, have a lovely holiday and make sure you wrap up warm! ☺

### 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, mainly maths, literacy and science. They managed to learn their times tables up to 8. 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. Year 3 have worked exceptionally well at home throughout the isolation period. A huge thanks to parents for your continuous support.



Enjoy the break everyone and get lots of rest!

### Year 4 - Ms Waheedah

We have come to the end of another fantastic productive term in which the children have continued to work their hardest. This term, we have enjoyed learning about the different parts of the world and creating our own silhouettes inspired by the ones painted during the Second World War.

Next term, we are looking forward to learning all about the Romans and creating our very own roman art gallery in the classroom. We will also be focusing on the importance of looking after our mental health and the significance of positive thinking.



Have a warm and restful holiday Year 4 and I hope to see you all back in the New Year.

### **Special Mentions**

Well done to Abdul Rahman Hussain, Amira Ahmed and Safa Nur on getting their pen licenses.

### Year 5 - Sir Alam

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

In October, year 5 children entered the Young Writers poetry competition, and I am extremely proud to say that every child's work from this year's class has been chosen to be published in the book which will be released by March 2020. It's a moment to make any parent proud, having a story their child wrote selected for publication.

Children also enjoyed tasting different types of biscuits and designing their own biscuits as part of our D & T project 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 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. Year 6 have also worked hard in Design and technology this term and have produced some great work designing and making slippers.



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

As the autumn term and 2020 draws to an end, we can reflect on all that has been achieved by our children. Mashaa-Allah I have seen improvements in their learning and in their confidence. I hope that next term we can build even more on this.

This year has been eventful in so many unexpected ways. Despite the lockdown and all uncertainty, I feel our school community has grown stronger as a by product of the pandemic and sincerely pray to Allah for his protection from all harms and danger.

Allah states in the Holy Quran: *"No misfortune can happen, either on earth or in you except that it is written in a book before We bring it into existence. Indeed that is easy for Allah."* (Surah Hadid, 22)

**Mashaa-Allah and well done to the following students:**

### Year 1

Khalid for completing revision of 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  juz of the Quran he has memorised. Hawasagal for nearly finishing the Qaidah. Is'haaq, Hafid, Maryam, Zahra and Fatima for making excellent progress in Qaidah this term.



### Year 2

Ibraheem kolia for completing the Qaidah. Maryam Ali, Irfan and Nuha Sayed for making very good progress.

### Year 3

Safiyah Alam and Aisha Hussein for making excellent progress in the Quran. Mustafa Mohamed for completing the Qaidah.

### Year 4

Sufyan Ahmad for making excellent progress in the Quran and Duas.

### Year 5

Shahad for memorising Surah Ar-Rahman, Al-Mulk and half of juz Amm.

### Year 6

Aliyah for completing all year 6 duas.

**Fantastic**

### Hifz class

Abdirahman Farah, Ilyas, Maryama Hussein and Maryam Ali for memorising 5 juz of the Quran. Ayham for memorising 6 juz of the Quran and finally Muaad Hassan for memorising **22 juz** of the Quran.

Once again a huge well done and mashaa-Allah for all your hard work and effort, we hope this continues throughout the year Inshaa-Allah.

Finally I'd like to say thank you to our staff for going above and beyond to provide a quality education during this unprecedented time and most importantly, a huge thanks to all our children at Al Falah, their smiles, enthusiasm for learning and staying positive in this uncertain time is truly heart-warming.

I 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.

Muhammad Kalam Kussain (Head of Islamic Curriculum)

Upcoming Events		
Events	Date	Year group
End of term holiday	Mond 20 Dec - Mon 4 Jan 2021	All
Inset day	Mon 4 Jan 2021	Staff
Vegan workshop	Mon 11 Jan 2021	Year 3
School council elections	Tues 23 - Fri 26 Feb 2021	All
World Book Day	Tues 4 March 2021	All
British Science Week	Mon 8 - Fri 12 March 2021	All
World Water Day	Mon 22 March 2021	All
Spring food fair at Al-Falah	Fri 26 March 2021	All
Last day of school for spring term	Thurs 1 Apr 2021	All

# Newsletter



**October 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

Thank you for your understanding over the past few weeks, and adapting to the new systems and procedures we have had to put in place. The changes we have made are to try to ensure the safety of our community. We now expect all parents (and staff) to wear face coverings whilst on the school site at the start and end of the day. Our children have settled back in really well and seem to be very happy to be back in school, learning with their friends again. We have had a number of children who have been unwell with coughs, colds and sneezes recently. Despite the difficulties, our parents have been cooperative with the school drop off and pick up on-time every day. Around school it has been a pleasure to see so many beaming faces as the children renew friendships and enjoy learning with their new teachers.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Abu Hussain (Head teacher)

### **Deputy Head Teacher**

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to our Year 5 class teacher, Sir **Syedul Alam**, who has been promoted with a new responsibility as a Deputy Head teacher of Al-Falah primary school. I trust that we will continue to work for the improvement of our school even further.

**Remember!** Never drop your children at a bus stop or away from the school. For your children's safety they should be accompanied by parents or responsible adult 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 do so. The school will not take any responsibility in the event of an incident outside of the school.

### **Symptoms of coronavirus in children - NHS**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### **What to do if your child has symptoms**

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result - only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do. For children aged 5 or over - use the [NHS 111 online corona virus service](#).

### **Zigzag lines: Parking outside the school gate**

Parents are fully aware that they are not allowed to drop their children or park their cars outside the school gates and at the bus stop. Unfortunately, some parents are knowingly parking their cars on the zigzag lines and thus causing problems by create traffic and putting children's safety at risk. **Parents must not park or drop children off outside the school gate and the bus stop.** Parking around the local roads is free until 8:30 am. Therefore, parents are reminded to park their cars in those areas and walk to school.

### **School uniform**

Al-Falah Primary School introduced a new school uniform from January 2020 and all children must come to school wearing the correct uniform as outlined below.

#### **Boys**

Royal/light blue jumper

Thobe/jubba of any colour, preferably white

Plain black shoes (no trainers) & **black socks**

Plain white hat

#### **Girls**

Royal/light blue jumper or cardigan

Black abaya

Plain black shoes (no trainers) & **black socks**

Plain white scarf

The jumpers and cardigans are available from Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Matalan, Amazon and other clothing stores.

### **Attendance and punctuality**

All children in **Y1, Y3 and Y5** are required to attend at 8am - 8.15am and **Y2, Y4 and Y6** at 8:15 - 8.30am. The school will not accept any latecomer and the gate will be closed at 8:30am. Arrivals after that time must report to the reception **with their parents**. Learning starts straightway in the class and even few minutes late makes a big difference.

Persistent latecomers may be excluded from school.

### **World water day**

World Water Day, held on 22 March every year since 1993, focuses on the importance of freshwater. World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. We encourage our children not to misuse a single drop of water as it is a great mercy from our creator Allah SWT.

## 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. (If your child has a medical condition, please inform the class teacher)

### Food not allowed:

Sweets	Bread sticks and hummus
Crisps (except oven baked)	Radish
Fizzy drinks	Tangerine
All types of chocolates	Banana pieces
Sugary biscuits	Grapes
Cakes & sugary doughnuts	Cheese cubes or sticks

Avocado

### Healthy snack ideas:

Yoghurts	Rice crackers
Apples chips (apple cut into thin slices)	Plain crackers
Carrot sticks	Pitted dates
Cucumber sticks	Dried apricots, prunes, figs, raisins
Baby tomatoes, olives and cheese	Kiwi
Celery sticks	Pineapple chunks
Baby pepper sticks	Mango chunks
	Smoothies

## End of-term holiday

School holiday: The last day of school is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 and school will reopen on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please note that the school will be closed for a teacher training day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

## School councillors

Last week was school councillor's election week 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.

<u>Year</u>	<u>School Councillors</u>
1	Khalid Patel & Amara Abdulqadir
2	Muhammed Limrani & Zainab Hassan
3	Safiyah Alam & Marwan Ahmed
4	Amy Richardson & Younis Yusuf
5	Zainab Ahmad & Abdulhakim Isarai
6	Abdallah Mohamed & Munira Ahmed





# section



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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Fatima Muhammed and Mohamed Abdideeq
2	Nuha Sayed, Ibraheem Kolia and Muhammed Limrani
3	Aisha Hussain, Safiyyah Alam, Marwan Ahmed and Abdishakur Hassan
4	Younis Yusuf, Mohamed Mohamud, Sufyan Ahmad and Amira Ahmed
5	Zainab Ahmed, Khadijah Hassan, Maryama Hussain, Abdulhakim Isarai, Ayhem Belbali, Afnaan Ahmed, Maryama Abdullahi, Uthmaan Ahmed, Ismail Shah and Muhammad Kisitu
6	Aliyah Hasan, Abdullah Ahmed, Munira Ahmed and Kawthar Limarani



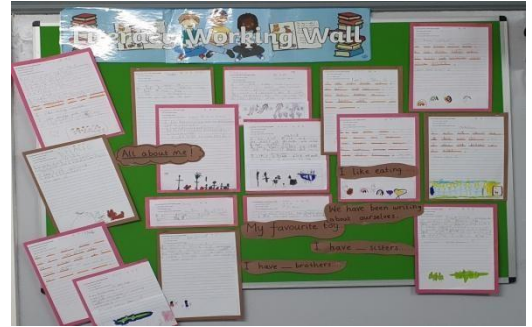
## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<u>Year</u>	<u>National &amp; Islamic Curriculum</u>	
1	Hafid Adde	Fatima Muhammed
2	Khadija Shah	Ibraheem Kolia
3	Safiyyah Alam	Zakariye Omar
4	Younis Yusuf	Amira Ali
5	Zainab Ahmed	Abdulhakim Isarai
6	Zuhayb Nur	Kawthar Limrani

# Messages from class teachers

## Year 1 - Ms Thamina

Year One have 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 'adapted stories', this includes: *The Gingerbread Man*, *Little Red Hen* & *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

In DT, children focused on healthy eating. Children looked at a variety of fruits they can use to make a fruit salad. Children understand what equipment and techniques should be used to prepare fruit salad. Furthermore, year 1 learnt about fruit and vegetables which grow under the soil and those which grow above the soil.

During October we have been celebrating Black History Month. We have been learning about fairness and how to treat everyone equally. We learnt about the caring nurse, *Mary Seacole*.

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

## Year 2 - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have made a fantastic start to the year by producing lots of work including some imaginative story writing with the use of similes, synonyms and adjectives. They have shown an excellent improvement in their reading, writing and mathematics skills over this term which is evident in their independent work during assessment week.

We have enjoyed carrying out physical exercise experiments and the effects on the body within our Science lessons as well as discovering the key events during the great fire of London. All children have worked extremely hard to fill in learning gaps from last year. Please remember to continue practicing your 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables during the holiday. Thank you to all the parents for doing a wonderful job especially with the reading logs, spellings and homework. Keep up the great work Year 2!

## Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Year 3 has shown excellent 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. 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 an improvement in their spellings over the past six weeks but regular practice is advised to keep up with this.

In Science, year 3 became familiar with the different functions of a flowering plant. 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 Dahls' 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**

A big thank you to all year 4 parents for working so hard at home with the children, the hard work and encouragement from home is clearly visible in the children's attitude towards learning and progress. Children have worked exceedingly hard this term playing both catch up from last year and attempting the year 4 level work. Well done kids!

A few quick reminders for parents:

- please ensure children complete and return all homework on Tuesday
- please make sure your child does at least 5 minutes of reading everyday and it is recorded in their reading record books (these will be checked randomly)
- all weekly spellings are learnt
- children wear sports footwear on Wednesday for PE

#### **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 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.

#### **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 focused on poetry. We learnt how to accurately summarise and interpret information when thinking about comprehension based questions. Have a lovely holiday year 6!

### Islamic Studies - Muhammad Kalam Hussain

Dear parents, a very warm welcome back to you all. As always, it was wonderful to see our children return to school. There are lessons to be learned from the experience we all had and as always, we will rely on your support to ensure that we establish a settled school as quickly as possible. Alhamdulillah our children have settled in well and started to enjoy learning the Quran and Islamic studies. Maashaa-Allah we have also seen the children having returned with great enthusiasm and excitement after a difficult lockdown and we hope this continues through the year. Inshaa-Allah!

We have begun this term focusing on 'mental health and cleanliness' in classrooms and through our 'Hadith a Week Program'. We kindly request all the parents to help us reinforce children's understanding of 'Good hygiene' and make sure that not only they understand what it means but also practice it. Our beloved prophet (s) has said: "**Cleanliness is half of imaan (faith)**". (Muslim)

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبَرَصِ، وَالْجُنُونِ،  
وَالْجُذَامِ، وَمِنْ سَيِّئِ الْأَسْقَامِ

*Allah, I seek refuge in Thee from leprosy, madness,  
elephantiasis, and evil diseases.'*

(Sunan Abi Dawud)

Please remember to wear face covering and collect your child promptly at the end of the school.

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, stay safe and enjoy the half term holiday.

### Upcoming Events

Events	Date	Time	Year group
Half term Holiday	26 Oct - 2 Nov	Whole week	All
Inset day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	All day	Staff
Remembrance Day	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	All
Anti-Bullying week	16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Whole week	All
World kindness day	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	All
Road safety week	16 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Whole week	All
Universal Children's day	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	All
International volunteer day	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	All
Arabic Language day	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	All

# Newsletter

## July 2020



Dear parent/carers

Assalamu alaikum Wa rahmatullah

The academic year of 2019- 20 comes to an end on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Unfortunately, the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has been unsettling and difficult for us all. The decision was made from 18<sup>th</sup> March that Al-Falah was to close temporarily as a preventative measure and as an act of social responsibility to help reduce the spread of the virus, facilitating the delay through our wider community, particularly among those whom are most vulnerable.

Following government guidelines, we recently decided to reopen the school to students of Year 1 and Year 6 children. Although, many parents have respectively chosen to keep their children home, the school is continuing to monitor the situation and take appropriate precaution to adapt to these difficult times. The school is working very hard to ensure the site is kept clean and provide children with frequent opportunities to regularly wash their hands.

Alhamdulillah, all our teachers are doing their best to support children via Zoom lessons. However, **Zoom lessons** will be coming to an **end on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. Al-Falah will re-open from **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020** for every year group. *If there are any Government changes, we will inform you immediately via emails, text and the school website.* Thank you for your understanding and please bear with us as we deal with this unprecedented time.

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 upkeep of their schoolwork. This support is important to ensure all our pupils to feel secure in their learning and vital in developing a strong partnership between home and school.

We are sad to see the pupils of Year 6 leave Al-Falah for secondary school. We are so 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.

Yours sincerely

**Abu Hussain**

Head teacher

### **Summer holiday**

The school will be closed from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020** and will re-open on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**. We pray that Allah (SWT) blesses everyone with a happy Eid ul Adha.

### **Graduation day for Year 6**

We are holding a Year 6 graduation day on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. Parents are invited to bring their Year 6 children at 11am. We will have a small gathering for them, so they have the opportunity to say goodbye to their class-mates who they have worked alongside over the years in Al-Falah.

### **Goodbye to Mrs Ahmed**

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to sister Sayarun Ahmed, who has been with us from September 2019, teaching our Year 6 children. We will miss her tremendously. Although she has not been with us for very long, her contribution to Al-Falah has been great and we wish her all the best in future.

### **Returning school books**

Children and parents are requested to return all **school library books, Collins Maths books, Islamic studies ICO books** and any other school books when they come to collect their child's reports or on their first day of return to school.

### **End of year report collection**

All student reports will be available to collect from the school office from **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** until **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020** between **9.30am - 1.30pm**. Please bring any school text books (Collins Maths books and Islamic Studies ICO books) and any library books when you come to collect the report.

### **New academic school calendar**

*Attached below*

**TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2020 - 2021**

Autumn Term 2020	
Teacher training day	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020
Autumn 1 <sup>st</sup> term	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
Autumn half term holidays	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Teacher training day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Winter holidays	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Spring Term 2021	
Teacher training day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> term	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Spring half term holidays	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Teacher training day	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
Spring holidays	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Summer Term 2021	
Summer 1 <sup>st</sup> term	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (During Ramadan school starts at 9am & finishes at 2.30pm)
Bank holiday in May	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
Eid holidays	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer half term holidays	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Summer 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021
Summer holidays	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July to Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
Teacher training day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
1st day of academic year 2021-2022 for pupils	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021

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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# Newsletter

February 2020



Dear parents / carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

As always, the term ahead has many opportunities both for pupils and parents to continue on their 'learning journeys'. We thank you for your continuous support and look forward to continuing to develop a positive relationship during 2020, which will enable all pupils to achieve their full potential.

**Reading** - The Department of Education continues to focus on the National Curriculum, especially the quality of teaching and learning particularly of reading and writing in primary schools. As a school, we are extending how we teach synthetic phonics via our reading and writing literacy programme, our policies for teaching reading at school and the dissemination of information on how you can support your child's reading at home.



On **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11am**, a parents meeting about reading will be held to reflect the introduction of the National Phonics assessments for year 1 and in preparation for the year 2 end of KS1 assessments. As a general rule, we ask that all children read their school reading books at home at least three times a week, to an adult, and that this is recorded in their reading record/diary. Of course, children can read other books and reading material and also record this in their diaries.



Reading is particularly important. Firstly, I'm sure all parents would love their children to read fluently and develop a love of reading, which will remain with them throughout their lives. Secondly, this is part of your child's weekly homework. Indeed, at KS1 it is the largest part. Thirdly, children are taught to read at primary school and those falling behind or not developing fluency before the end of year 6 are unlikely to receive the same level of instruction at

secondary school, so will be at a distinct disadvantage. Finally, an international study in 2011 showed that pupils who read regularly with their parents could be as much as one year ahead of their peers by the age of fifteen.

**Ofsted** - A big thank you to all our children, parents & staff for their support during our latest Ofsted. We look forward to sharing their findings with you when the report has been released!

**Emergency Contacts** - Just a reminder to let the school know immediately if any parents or carers have changed their address, mobile, home or emergency contact numbers.

**Lateness & Absence** - Student who comes late (after 8:15) persistently is unacceptable. Those who arrive late will be marked as LATE on the register and parents will be asked for explanation of lateness in writing. When a student is absent, parents must phone and let the school know why their child was absent and once they return to school, they must bring a letter from their parents explaining the reason or provide evidence. The school is taking **lateness** and **absences** very seriously and will take severe action.

## **Half-term holiday**

**Spring half-term holiday will be commencing from**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**The school will be closed for teachers' training on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Al Falah will re-open for students on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020****

## **Admission for academic year 2020-2021**

We are taking in new applications for children for the new academic year 2020-2021. If you or know of any parents who may be interested in Al-Falah, please inform them to pick up an application pack from the office as spaces are limited.

## **News from classes**

Children have been worked brilliantly throughout the school and many have improved upon writing imaginative stories including the use of adjectives, inverted commas and similes.

Most classes 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.

Year 2 carried out handwriting competition to encourage children to write beautifully.

Q1 Well done to our Handwriting Heroine from year 2: Safiyyah Alam ☺

Year 4 visited the Hackney Museum on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Children were commended on their excellent questioning skills and subject knowledge and they took part in a 'Suitcase Histories' workshop linked to World War 2. This also helped the children to develop a better understanding of different places in Hackney.



# Awards section



## **Congratulations to the following students**

**The following children received head teacher's award:**

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Irfan Zaman and Yahya Saint-Aubin</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ibrahim Traore, Nusaybah Halane, Khalid Mohamed, Shah Jarhad, Safiyyah Alam and Bushra Hassan</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Safa Nur, Abdulrahman Hussein, Alesha Ermis and Hirsi Adde</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Afnaan Ahmed, Eesa Azeem, Maryama Abdullahi, Abdulhakim Isarai and Maryama Hussain</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Yahya Balia, Zarah Mamode, Maryama Abdisalam, Shah Muawiya, Aliyah Harare, Zakariya Dahir, Tasnim Osman, Abdullahi Yusuf, Faahim Abukar and Sumaya Omar</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Asiyah Isarai, Abdullahi Omar, Abdullah Asif and Houda Benatallah</b>



**The following children are awarded students of the month:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>National Curriculum</b>	<b>Islamic Curriculum</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Ibraheem Kolia</b>	<b>Maryam Ali</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Aymn Saqr</b>	<b>Safiyyah Alam</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Ismaeel Kolia</b>	<b>Younis Yusuf</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Zainab Ahmad</b>	<b>Khadija Hassan</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Zarah Vally Mamode</b>	<b>Dawud Arefin</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Fatimah Kolia</b>	<b>Adar Osman</b>



# Newsletter

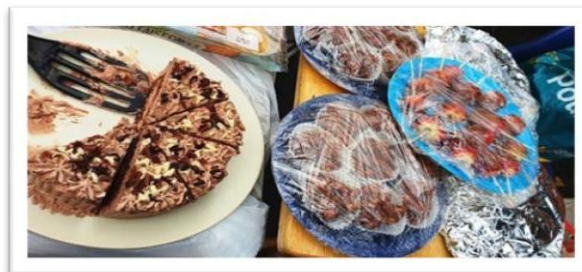
December - 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum

As we come to the end of the longest term (autumn) at Al-Falah, I want to thank all of the pupils, parents and staff who have worked hard and helped make this term successful. I also wanted to **thank our**

**parents** for their contribution towards the schools **winter bake sale** which was held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Our parents were extremely generous with their huge contribution; they baked the cakes, donated



them to the school and came to purchase what was on offer. It was a fun and exciting event for everyone especially the children. Alhamdulillah we raised **£402** from the bake sale.

**Sister Noureen:** We have to say good bye to sister Noureen who decided to take a break. We will miss her tremendously. She was one of the most senior teachers in Al-Falah, working for many years as the Year 1 class teacher. Her contribution for Al-Falah was incredible. As a science coordinator she has contributed in this area hugely and as a staff



governor she worked closely with the leadership of the school and always contributed her valuable expertise to develop school further. Her contribution to our school will be missed immensely. We wish her all the best in future. Ms Nabila (previously she was our year 6 teacher) is replacing Ms Noureen from January 2020.

### **Zigzag lines: Parking or stopping outside the school gate**

Parents must **not park** or **drop children off** outside the school gate and the bus stop. Parking around the local roads and single yellow lines are free until 8:30 am. This is a safeguarding issue and must be taken seriously.

**Parent's news:** Alfalah is always a listening school. We always welcome to our parents to maintain liaison with the school. However, during the **lesson time** teachers wouldn't be able to meet the parents unless its pre arranged. Head teacher is always available from 8am to 8:15am at the gate. It would be appreciated if parents can make an appointment at the office to discuss any issues with any teacher or head teacher.

Kind Regards

Abu Hussain

(Head teacher)

**School holiday:** The last day of school is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and school will reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Please note that the school will be closed for a teacher training day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

School Attendance for November is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage %</u>
1	96.10%
2	98.40%
3	97.0%
4	96.30%
5	97.90%
6	98.00%
<u>Total</u>	<u>97.28%</u>



Book swap day

Attendance and punctuality

Please remember that children have to be at school at 8 a.m. for morning assembly every day. 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 in their life, In sha Allah!

New school uniform from January 2020

All children are now required to wear a plain **Royal/light blue jumper or cardigan**, along with the usual uniform as outlined below from **7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

Boys

Royal/light blue jumper  
Thobe/jubba of any colour, preferably white  
Plain black shoes (no trainers)  
Plain white hat

Girls

Royal/light blue jumper or cardigan  
Black abaya  
Plain black shoes (no trainers)  
Plain white scarf

The jumpers and cardigans are available from Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Matalan, Amazon and other clothing stores.



# Awards section



The following children received head teacher's merit award:

Y1: Ibraheem Kolia, Zaynab Hasan, Zakaria Ali, Irfan Zaman & Nuha Sayed

Y2: Aymn Saqr, Shah Jarhad, Elmi Adde, Aisha Hussein, Marwan Ahmed & Abdishakur Mohamed

Y3: Mutasimbillah & Zakariyya Hussain

Y4: Uthmaan Ahmed, Ayhem Belbali, Abdul Hakim Isarai & Yusra Ali

Y5: Dawud Arefin, Hamza Mohamed, Zakariye Dahir, Tasniim Osman, Aliyah Harare, Maryam Abdisalam & Sumaya Omar

Y6: Asiyah Isarai, Houda Benatallah & Abdullah Asif

## Students of the month



<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum</u>	<u>Islamic Curriculum</u>
1	Yahya Saint Aubin	Irfan Zaman
2	Bushra Hassan	Abdishakur
3	Safiyah Bailey	Ismaeel Kolia
4	Maryama Abdullahi	Maryama Hussein
5	Abdullah Ahmed	Tasniim Osman
6	Asiyah Isarai	Rayaan Hajinur

## Teachers' messages

### Year 1- Ms Noreen

Alhamdulillah Year One had a great start to Al Falah and have done fantastic learning throughout this Autumn Term. I have seen children progressing in all areas of their learning. Jazakhallah to all the parents for their continuous support in reading, spellings and homework.

It has been a great pleasure for me to teach the year one class over the past few months and also getting to know all the parents. After the winter holidays there will be a new teacher taking over the class inshaAllah. I look forward to hearing about all the exciting new things children learn throughout the spring and summer term.

Please forgive me for any shortcomings and keep me in your humble prayers.



### Year Two - Ms Nosheen

Year Two have worked extremely hard on their instructional writing skills this term through our theme of 'construction'. They have utilised their creative ability to make snowflakes, origami cats, and enjoyed the cross curricular links with design technology by learning how to sew bags!

It's been a great term with much improvement in their skills across the whole curriculum. All children have shown improvement in their handwriting. Thank you to all parents for continuing to ensure children are completing their homework, spellings and practicing their reading and times tables. Make sure you continue to practice your target times tables.



Design & Technology bags



Well done Year 2, it's been a brilliant Autumn Term with excellent progress in your termly assessments.

### Year 3 - Ms Abeda

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, mainly maths, literacy and science. The children managed to learn their times tables up to 8. 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. Year 3 had an informative and fun filled Vegan Workshop where they made their own food bugs using vegan foods.

Enjoy the break year 3

### **Year Four - Ms Tamina**

This term Year 4 has been very busy partaking in a range of workshops and activities. Children wrote their own Horrid Henry stories in English looking particularly at fronted adverbials and noun phrases.

The children were commended on their excellent behaviour at the Waterworks Centre when they took part in the 'Great stink' workshop.

Year 4 has also produced fruit and vegetable bugs as part of a 'Vegan' workshop which was great fun!

As part of our work on habitats we visited Hackney Down's park in search of invertebrates.

Remember to read every day and write a short summary in your reading diary. Bring your homework.

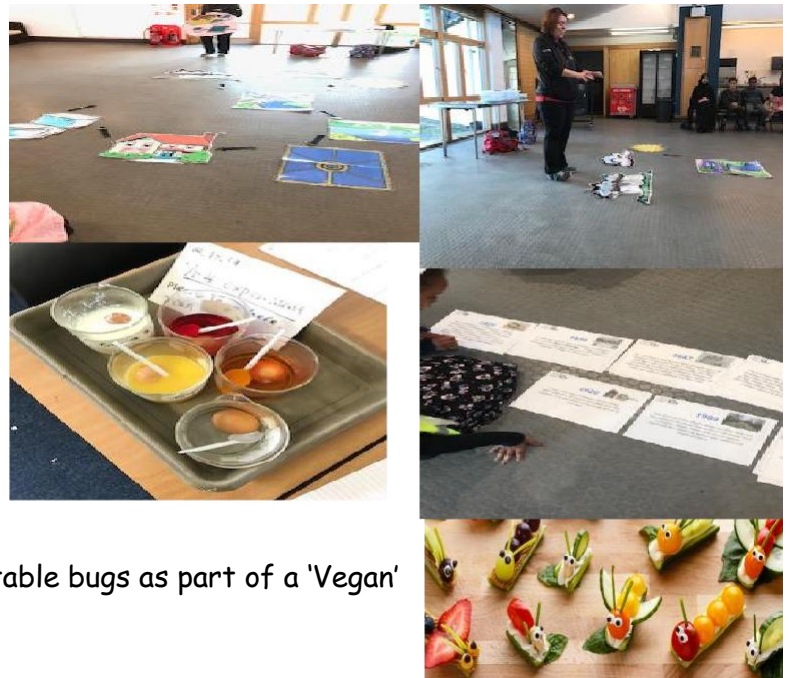
### **Year 5 - Sir Alam**

The longest term of the year has come to an end and the year 5 class has continued to work hard in all subjects.

We had an interesting visit from the Vegan society as part of our science lessons. The workshop explained how to remain healthy and what kind of food Vegans eat.

Children also enjoyed tasting different types of biscuits as part of our D & T lessons and they designed their own biscuits for different audiences.

Have a great holiday everyone!



## Year 6 - Ms Ahmed

The Autumn Term begun well and the children have settled in to the Year 6 routines now and are beginning to show their vibrant personalities. Year 6 are extremely lively and excitable as well as being very emotional and sensitive, but are now demonstrating a more focussed attitude towards their learning. We would like this to continue and develop further in the New Year. This shows great maturity.



**Hackney Museum:** Trip to the Museum was a huge success. Year 6 learnt very important skills, to help them become more independent as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.

Activities were brought to life with models and backdrops, and the children's interest was sustained thanks to the energy of speakers from a range of agencies. Amongst other things children learnt about waiting safely for buses and trains, recognising sugary drinks, dealing with peer pressure, using Oyster cards and what to do and who to contact in case of an emergency.

**Art:** Children have designed and made beautiful personalised door plaques. They designed step by step instructions with pictures; they then used various tools to mould and shape the clay. Using their designs as a guide they followed their own instructions and made some beautiful door plaques. Well-done year 6 - keep up this good work!

## **Islamic Curriculum Message**

### Year 4 - Sir Ali

Al-Hamdullillah Year 4 began this term extremely well; they completed Grade 4 Adiyaa (Du'aa) with all its meanings. The following children; Abdur Rahman Ali, Abdul Hakim Isarai, Khadija Hasan, Maryama Hussein and Yusra Ali have memorised all of Juz Amma along with most part of Juz 29. Zainab Ahmad memorised up to Surah Inshiqaaq. Ismail Shah and Muhammed Huzair have both memorised up to Surah Al-Layl.

Maashaa Allaah to everyone for their excellent effort.

### Year 5 - Sir Shah Ahmed

Year five Islamic Studies ...Alhamdulillah this term have learnt a lot about all the pillars of faith. We have explored the belief in Allah, His angels, His books, messengers, last day and in Qadr and mashaAllah students showed a lot of interest and really enjoyed the units



We covered in assembly the important beliefs regarding Isa AS and Christmas. the main core beliefs was mentioned in a PowerPoint presentation. From year 1 all the way to year 6, which is important at this time of the year.

A special well done to Dawud Arefin for doing hard work and achieving excellent in Quran and reading very fluently MashaAllah. He has also been a great help in and around the classroom.

I advise all the parents to carry on supporting your child at home with their Quran and Islamic studies during the holidays.

## Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

As we come to the close of an extremely long, yet very rewarding autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our children on the wonderful attitude they show towards school life of Al Falah.

Mashaa-Allah many parents have commented on the children's positive mind set, confidence and zeal for learning Quran. We hope this continues throughout the year Inshaa-Allah and would like to say a huge well done to both our children and staff for their effort that has provided many opportunities for learning.

With Islamic ta'leem here at Al Falah, we greatly emphasis on building good character using Prophet(s) as our role model, as his personality was complete in every regards and whose life can serve as a beacon of guidance for people of every walk of life. Muslims who follow him as a prophet of their religion as well as those who do not follow Islam hold him in high regard as an exemplar of best human characteristics.



The key factor that brings reverence and respect to Prophet Muhammad(s) in both the Islamic and non-Islamic circles is his character. He (s) stated: "Allah has sent me to perfect good manners and to do good deeds." (Narrated by Imam Bubkhari)

Once again as we face the dark cold days of winter, I would like to remind everyone that Prophet (pbuh) said: "**winter is the best season for Muslims. Its nights are long to pray in, and its days are short to fast in.**" (Reported by Al-Haythami in '*Majma' az-Zawa'id*' (3/203) *hasan*).

**Safe and secure** A friendly reminder to parents that at the end of the school day we need to ensure children do not run around after they have been handed over to the parents, unfortunately this is happening due to some parents talking to other parents or teachers. If you need to talk to any member of the staff please make sure it's quick and brief or arrange a meeting in advance. Children have been instructed that they **never leave school without informing their teachers**. Please help us reinforce this message.

Sadly with the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to our most talented year 1 teacher Ms Noreen who will be leaving us. I'm sure everyone will join me in thanking her for all her hard work over the last 7 years and wishing her well for the future.

I pray that you are able to have a well-deserved break and come back in January feeling reenergized and ready for what will certainly be a shorter but equally exciting spring term.

**Muhammad Kalam Hussain**

(Islamic Studies Co-ordinator)

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Newsletter

# Newsletter

**October-2019**

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu alikum wa Rahmatullah

New academic year! New beginning! Let's hope and pray for our children and school to build a strong foundation of learning, creating a nice environment, a bright future for our children, and 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, make new friends and enjoy learning with their new teachers.

### **Attendance and punctuality**

Please remember that children have to be at school at **8 a.m.** for morning assembly every day. 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 regularly to achieve their full potential. Parents are responsible for this as this will help children maintain time management and discipline in their life.

### **Parents' day**

It was great to see almost all parents attend our parents' day. Parents are the backbone of the children and the family. They are the source of endless, selfless love and support throughout the life of a child and also the guiding star for a better future. As such, an appreciation wish for the parents goes a long way to make them feel good and happier. All parents have achieved some 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.



Please make an appointment to see the head teacher about any issues; your suggestions will help us to run the school smoothly and proficiently.

M A Hussain

Head teacher

### **Zigzag lines: Parking outside the school gate**

Parents are fully aware that they are not allowed to drop their children or park their cars outside the school gates and at to the bus stop. Unfortunately, some parents are knowingly parking their cars on the zigzag lines and thus causing problems by create traffic and putting children's safety at risk. **Parents must not park or drop children off outside the school gate and the bus stop.** Parking around the local roads and single yellow lines are free until 8:30 am. Therefore, parents are reminded to park their cars in those areas and walk to school.

### **Half-term holiday**

Autumn half-term holiday will be commencing from

**Monday 21st October to Monday 28th October 2019**

The school will be closed for teachers' training on **Monday 28th October 2019**

Al Falah will **re-open** for students on **Tuesday 29th October 2019**

## **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

## **Message from London Fire Brigade:**

Make an appointment today for a **FREE** home fire safety visit. London Fire Brigade staff can visit your home, offer personal safety advice and will also fit free smoke alarms where needed. Email: [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk), Text: 447860021319 or call LFB free on 0800 028 4428.

## **School councillors**

Last week was school councillor's election week 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.

**Congratulations to the following students.**

<b>Year</b>	<b><u>School Councillors</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Yahya Saint-Aubin &amp; Zakaria Ali</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Ibrahim Yusuf &amp; Abdulaziz Isarai</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hirsi &amp; Aleesha</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Zakariya Hasaan &amp; Zainab Ahmad</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Zakariya Dahir &amp; Faahim Abuker</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Yaqub Adam &amp; Saido Farah</b>

# AWARDS SECTION



**The following children received head teacher's award:**

<b>Y2: Bushra Hassan and Safiyyah Alam</b>
<b>Y3: Aleesha Ermis</b>
<b>Y4: Zakaria Hassan and Uthman Abdullahi</b>
<b>Y5: Abdullah Ahmed, Muaadh Hassan, Shah Muawiya, Zarah Mamode and Zuhayb</b>
<b>Y6: Abas Abdulkadir</b>



<b>Year</b>	<b>National Curriculum</b>	<b>Islamic Curriculum</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Ibraheem Kolia</b>	<b>Nuha Sayed</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Safiyyah Alam</b>	<b>Abdul Aziz Isarai</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hamza Ahmed</b>	<b>Ismail kolia</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Maryama Abdullahi</b>	<b>Maryama Abdur Rashid</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Tasniim Osman</b>	<b>Sumaya Omar</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Houda Benatallah</b>	<b>Asmaa Bouhanna</b>

# Messages from class teachers

## Year 1- Ms Noureen

Year One have had a great start to Al Falah and all children have settled in well. All 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 minutes on a daily basis.



Over the past few weeks children have had a plethora of workshops as part of Maths, Science and History.

Explore learning taught the children a Maths session on Safari shapes. This was a fun and interactive session where children made links between shapes and the different Safari animals.



We also had a visit from Animal Aid. This session was based on kindness towards animals and was linked to our Science topic. Children discussed how they can take care of animals by not squashing them and by leaving them alone. Children made posters with a picture of their favourite animal.

In DT, children focused on healthy eating. Children looked at a variety of fruits they can use to make a fruit salad. Children also made their own fruit salad using grapes, bananas and strawberries.

Throughout October Year One have also been celebrating Black History Month. Children have been learning about fairness and how to treat everyone equally. Connecting Communities delivered a workshop focussing on Black Inventors. Children learnt about the famous inventor, Garrett Morgan. He invented traffic light signals. Children created their own traffic lights. This session was both fun and engaging.



Thank you to all the parents for the continuous support and for assisting their children in completing their homework on time.

Have a great Holiday Year One!

## Year 2- Ms Nosheen

Year Two have made a fantastic start to the year by producing lots of work including some imaginative story writing with the use of similes and inverted commas. 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 enjoyed studying the different techniques of the artist called Monet during Art and delved into some survey and data handling work during Science. Over the last couple of weeks children worked collaboratively to learn more about Black History month and engaged in the celebration of the many sacrifices made in Black History. We were lucky enough to have visitors from Animal Aid, Explore Learning and London Fire Brigade to compliment our Science, Mathematics and History lessons this term.

Well done to **Abdul Aziz** and **Ibrahim Yusuf** for their great speeches during the School Council Class Elections and congratulations for winning the votes of your class.





**Fire Safety Workshop**

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 continue practicing their Handwriting, Spellings and 3 x tables. Enjoy your holidays!

### **Year 3- Ms Abeda**

Year 3 have managed to memorise their times tables up to 6. They must continue to practice regularly. Reading is a very important aspect of learning and parents are advised to listen to their child read and write a short message in the reading diary every other day.

Children enjoyed relay racing during P.E. lessons this term and actively took part. Most of the class showed an improvement in their spellings over the past six weeks but regular practice is advised. **Aleesha** and **Hirsi** have been nominated as school councillors and we hope they are able to fulfil this role successfully.

In science year 3 became familiar with the different functions of a flowering plant. In history explored Ancient Egypt, mainly the River Nile. Our carpet 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've 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 the class has settled in well.

Please ensure your child returns their homework every Tuesday and always carries their interactive and reading diaries with them.

### **Year 4: Mrs Thamina Haidar**

This half term, Year 4 has focused on writing their own fables in English looking particularly at Aesop's Fables and features of fables. Children used fronted adverbials and conjunctions in their writing. They have also looked at inventions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and Leonardo da Vinci's ideas leading them on to coming up with their own inventions for the future!

In Maths, Year 4 has worked very hard solving addition and subtraction calculations involving four digit numbers and place value to help them do quick calculations. The children used the frog method to count up for both addition and subtraction sums. They have demonstrated eagerness and dedication when working on telling the time using analogue and digital clocks and differentiating between **a.m.** (before midday) and **p.m.** (after midday).

Year 4 has also produced excellent work in their foundation subjects; these include making a model Anderson shelter and understanding the importance of staying safe during an Air Raid.



We set up an experiment to understand how teeth are affected by different liquids we consume. We have learnt about oral hygiene and the importance of rinsing, brushing, using miswak and not snacking will make our teeth stronger.

Remember to read every day and write a short summary in your reading diary. Bring your homework folder to school every day it should include: Interactive Diary, Reading Diary and Reading Book.

A big well done and an excellent start to the year!

### **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.

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, year 5 children participated in a fire safety workshop. This session was very informative and we learnt that fire kills, destroys homes and spreads quickly. We learnt that smoke can be as dangerous as fire, how smoke alarms work, and how to make sure they are working properly. We talked about how to make fire escape plans from homes, what to do if there is a fire, and how to call 999.

I would like to thank all year 5 parents for participating in the workshop that was held last week. I hope the session was beneficial and we can work together to assist our children to excel further.

Syedul Alam

### **Year 6-Ms Sayarun Ahmed**

Welcome back after the summer holidays. We hope you have had a relaxing break. I have been very impressed with how well the children have settled in and are familiarising themselves with the routines and expectations of their new class.

This half term, Year 6 has focused on Fairytales, fantasy and beyond. They looked at different text types, found out about features of different fiction genres. To engage the audience in their writing, they learnt how to use sentence structures and word choices to have a desired effect and wrote their own version.

In reading, they continue to develop their comprehension skills, with a particular focus on inference and deduction and the author's use of language. They have also learnt how to accurately summarise and interpret information when thinking about reading and comprehension based questions.

In Numeracy, Year 6 will cover the following topics **across** the half term.

- Place Value and decimals
- Mental and calculations method
- 2D and 3D shapes – regular polygons and quadrilaterals

Years 6 have also produced excellent work in their foundation subjects; these include learning about living things and their habitats and designing and making tie-dye T- shirts.

A big well done, an excellent start to the year!



### **Message from Islamic Curriculum**

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

We have begun this term focusing on 'Good character' in assemblies and through our 'Hadith a week program'. We kindly request all the parents to help us reinforce children's understanding of 'Good character' and make sure that not only they understand what good manners and characters are but also practice it. Our beloved prophet (s) has said: **"The best among you are those who have best manners and characters"**. (Sahih Al-Bukhari)

This term we also had a practical week of study 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', 'Tayammum' 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.

Muhammad Kalam Hussain

(Head of Islamic Curriculum)

### **Upcoming Events**

Events	Date	Time	Location	Year group
<b>Half term Holiday</b>	<b>21 Oct - 28 Oct 2019</b>	<b>Whole week</b>	<b>Al Falah school</b>	<b>All</b>
Inset day	28 Oct 2019	All day	Al Falah school	Staff
Remembrance Day	11 Nov 2019	All day	Al Falah school	All
Anti-Bullying week	11 - 15 Nov 2019	Whole week	Al Falah school	All
World kindness day	13 Nov 2019	All day	Al Falah school	All
Book swap day	15 Nov-19	10am - 12:00pm	Al Falah school	All
Road safety week	19 - 25 Nov 19	Whole week	Al Falah school	All
Universal Children's' day	20 Nov 2019	All day	Al Falah school	All
Hackney Museum trip	11 Dec 2019	10am - 12:30pm	Hackney Museum	Year 6
International volunteer day	6 Dec 2019	10:30am-12pm	Al Falah school	All
Bake sale	13 Dec 2019	10:30am-12pm	Al Falah school	All
Arabic Language day	18 Dec 2019	All day	Al Falah school	All
V&A Childhood Museum	TBC	9am-1pm	Al Falah school	Year-3



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# Newsletter

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Dear parents / carers

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

With the Covid-19 pandemic, we are living through a world crisis, the likes of which hasn't been seen in 100 years. The enormous scale of the crisis and the impact it is having are naturally causing a lot of fear, uncertainty and anxiety across the globe. Add social isolation, disrupted work and family routines, economic instability and it is understandable that our mental health is suffering. The covid-19 situation is particularly stressful because it's hard to predict how things will develop and our circumstances are changing rapidly. This can leave us feeling powerless, like we are no longer in control of our own lives. Lots of our friends, colleagues, relatives and family members are suffering indescribable circumstances. Although, these things might leave us feeling helpless, it is no doubt strengthening our Imaan and encouraging us to remember our creator Allah (SWT) even more.

We do send regular reminders about procedures to help keep everyone in our school family safe. We also share updated information as it is released. Please continue to share your feedback as we strive to find the balance between maintaining the highest standards in the provision of academic education in addition to supporting our pupil's all-round well-being and ensuring the environment is as safe as possible for everyone.

**Abu Hussain  
Head Teacher**

### **Remote teaching**

Due to Covid-19 outbreaks worldwide, the academic institutions have been enforced to entirely cancel face to face teaching including class room, library and other learning experiences as a mitigation step against the risk posed by the Coronavirus. From the beginning of the second lockdown Al-falah has continued with teaching remotely. MashaAllah, our children are fully settled with remote teaching and they are now enjoying sessions. We have been fully equipped (resources) with our contingency plan in terms of further isolation or lockdown. Almost all the children can now manage their own devices and follow the teacher's guidance. However, very few young students do find it a bit difficult to handle due to technical and internet issues so we definitely cannot compare with the benefit of normal face to face teaching but we must follow the Government guidelines and shouldn't deprive our students from learning.

After the half term, from 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, teachers will arrange further sets of work for children to complete **via Zoom**. Children will NOT be given any further printed work or CGP books after the holidays. They will be given activities on Zoom during the lesson to complete in their exercise books. Therefore, parents will not be required to come into school to collect any printed work until further notice.

### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

Last week we have been through 'Mental Health Awareness week', a national campaign aiming to raise awareness of good mental health practice and inspire action to promote it. There's no doubt that the current coronavirus crisis is having a negative impact on the mental health of almost everyone in some way, even more so for young people already facing challenges. All the teachers highlighted Mental Health Awareness during online classes as well as a whole school assembly

carried out by the Head teacher. Parents can play a vital role by actively listening to your child, supporting them through difficulties, paying attention to their emotions and encouraging their interest. We must praise our child when they do well and wherever possible stick to commitments and routines.

### **Parents Workshops with Sir Alam**

MashaAllah, Sir Alam volunteered to run two workshops for our parents about 'Positive parenting' and 'Mental health'. Alhamdulillah we have had excellent feedback from our parents about the workshops which have been very beneficial for all of us. May he be rewarded immensely in both worlds. Aameen!

As promised, the **40 hadith** which Sir Alam mentioned during the last workshop have been uploaded onto the Al-Falah website under the 'Curriculum' tab. Please have a look and download these beautiful hadith and share with your children on a daily basis.

### **International Mother Language day**

This day is observed every year on the *21<sup>st</sup> of February* to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. It was created by UNESCO (the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organisation) in order to promote the dissemination of mother tongues and a fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. Please, encourage your child/ children to speak their mother tongue to acquire at least two or more languages to communicate others which benefit their cognitive development.

### **International safer day**

The aim of **Safer Internet Day** is to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The 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, teachers, law enforcement, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

You can get involved by visiting [www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)

### **Half-term holiday**

**Spring half-term holiday will be commencing from**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**There will be no online lessons during the half term holidays**

**Al-Falah will re-start online teaching at the usual time from *Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021***



# Children's Page



## Internet Safety



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**Challenge:** Design a poster about how to stay safe on the internet