



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as-salaamu' alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

Welcome back one and all! I pray and hope you are all rested for a new and prosperous time ahead as we enter the Summer Term. We have started with a busy week as everyone settles back in.

Important exams are coming up and it is vital that although our children revise and work hard, they must also relax and keep calm. Year 11 have worked tirelessly to complete coursework and are making progress in exam preparation as well as pupils in KS1 and KS2 for SATs. Teachers are working tirelessly to support children so that they are ready, Insha'Allah.

Next week we will be celebrating an important event at Al-Hijrah which has great significance to Muslims all over the world: Al-Isra' wal Miraj or 'The Night Journey'. Please try to attend and make this occasion a great success, Insha'Allah. Our pupils and teachers will endeavour to entertain you and provide some scrumptious snacks.

As always, please keep us in your du'as as we keep you in ours; may Allah (SWT) protect, guide and grant us His Mercy, Aameen.

**Br. Arshad
Mohammed**

Get In Contact/Parent Matters

Your first point of call is the Class/Form Tutor. After this, a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) or Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will deal with your query/concern. Please kindly note:

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| Br. Amjid Hussain | Pastoral Lead & DSL |
| Sr. Saima Khan | Assistant Head & DSL |
| Br. Shawkat Chowdhury | Deputy Head & DSL |
| Br. Arshad Mohammed | Head Teacher |

Parents & Heads Coffee Morning

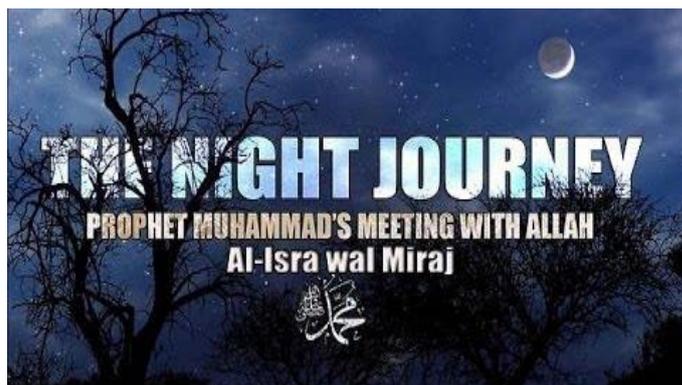
The Coffee Mornings are held every second MONDAY of the month. Parents are requested to email the school with topics and they will, Insha'Allah, be addressed by Br Arshad Mohammed (Head Teacher) and Br Shawkat Chowdhury (Deputy Head Teacher). The next Coffee Morning is:

**| Mon 8th May 2017 | Main Hall |
| 9:00 - 10:00 am |**

Entrance and exit will be from the Main Office (Burbidge Road) and parents must kindly sign in on arrival – please kindly note that parents will not be granted access to the main school building due to safeguarding and will be escorted at all times.

Al-Isra' wal Miraj 1438: 'The Night Journey'

Next week, on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 we will be celebrating an important event at Al-Hijrah School that has great significance to Muslims all over the world: Al-Isra' wal Miraj or 'The Night Journey'. This is the event when Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu 'alayhi wa-sallam) travelled a miraculous journey during one night with Angel Jibraeel (AS) from Mecca to Jerusalem and from Jerusalem to the blessed Heavens.



Join us on Tuesday 2nd May for an inspiring evening to reflect, share and rejoice this miraculous journey at Al-Hijrah School. Further information and times have been confirmed in a letter which has been distributed.

Upcoming Exams 2017

Your child has already been provided with their individual timetable; a general reminder is below:

| Year Group | Exam | Date | Time |
|------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Year 10 | Science | Tue 2, Wed 3, Thu 4 May 2017 | AM |
| Year 11 | Arabic Speaking | Tue 2, Wed 3, Thu 4 May 2017 | All Day |
| Year 6 | KS2 SATs | Mon 8, Tue 9, Wed 10, Thu 11 May 2017 | 8:00 AM |

Please note that if the exam is AM/All Day, students must be in by 8:30 am prompt, Insha'Allah. There is an early breakfast for Year 6 so please ensure your child arrives at 8:00 am. We have also included some tips – read on for the details.

Medical Information

All parents/guardians please inform the school of any allergy/medical conditions your child may suffer from.

NO NUTS! For the safety of all our pupils, please do NOT send any nuts into school. A lot of our children are allergic to nuts and this measure will help to prevent cross contamination, Insha'Allah. Jazak'Allah hu khayrun for your support in this.

Important Dates!



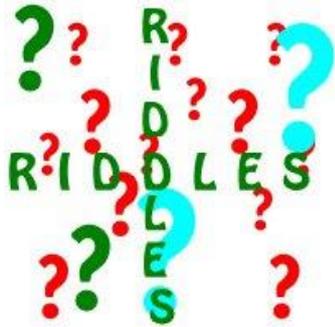
- **Term Dates:** Mon 1st May 2017 May Day Bank Holiday School Closed 1 Day Only | Fri 26th May 2017 School Closes 3:30 pm | Mon 5th June 2017 School Reopens 8:30 am.
- **Al-Isra' wal Miraj 1438:** Tue 2nd May 2017, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Main Hall, Parents Invited.
- **Y10 PE GCSE Paintball Birmingham Trip:** BY10 Tue 9th | GY10 Tue 16th | May 2017, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, £15.00.
- **Heads & Parents Coffee Morning:** Mon 8th May 2017, 9:00 – 10:00 am, Main Hall.
- **Rec Hatton Country World Trip:** Fri 12th May 2017, All Day, £14.50.
- **Y1 Stratford Butterfly Farm Trip:** Mon 15th May 2017, All Day, £11.90 (Rearranged).
- **Y6 Drayton Manor Trip:** Tue 16th May 2017, 8:30 am – 5:45 pm, £23.00.

Parent Volunteers

We need your expertise and help! We are looking for parent volunteers to assist the school in the Library, book fairs, trips, fundraisers, events, or in any other way. If you can offer your help or know someone who can volunteer, please contact the Main Office with your details. A letter with further details has been issued and is also available on our website, Insha'Allah.

Tips for Parents

| Tips | Suggestions/Ideas |
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| Help your child to learn supplications: | <p>وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا</p> <p>“O my Lord increase me in knowledge.”</p> |
| Help your child to put the assessment week into perspective. | Whilst we all want them to do well, we want them to be reassured that life goes on as normal after the assessments! |
| Help your child to continue eating healthily in the run up to the assessment week. | Don't let them skip meals. |
| Help your child to get sufficient rest. | Make the hour before bedtime as relaxing as possible – no revision then. Perhaps a bath, a story or a similar calm activity to help wind down before bedtime. |
| On the day of an assessment give your child plenty of reassurance. | Remind them how well they are doing, how proud you are and how you will be happy to know they have done their best. You may wish to include these themes in prayer. |
| Consider a few simple, relaxing treats during the week. | Perhaps a trip to the park after school, a hot chocolate in a café or something else to help maintain momentum throughout the assessment period. |
| Try to avoid 'grand gesture' promises. | Do not make promises such as, “If you get ... in each paper I will give you lots of money to spend on holiday.” These kinds of promises often add to the stress. Keep any extra-special treats as a surprise for the summer holidays! |

| Primary Assembly | Riddle of the Week! | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Parents/guardians are invited to support their children and watch the lessons pupils learn throughout the week.</p> <p>Parents/guardians are welcome to attend their child's assembly on the dates specified – KS1 9.00 am KS2 10.40 am Friday Only.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #00a0c0; color: white;">Class</th> <th style="background-color: #00a0c0; color: white;">Focus</th> <th style="background-color: #00a0c0; color: white;">Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">R2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Respecting Self & Keeping Clean</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5th May</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1b</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Ramadhan</td> <td style="text-align: center;">26th May</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please note parents/guardians must sign-in at the Main Office.</p> | Class | Focus | Date | R2 | Respecting Self & Keeping Clean | 5 th May | 1b | Ramadhan | 26 th May | <p>PREVIOUS ANSWER: Sponge.</p> <p>WINNERS: Usman, 2a.</p> <p>QUESTION: Feed me and I live, yet give me a drink and I die. What am I?</p> <p>PRIZE: First 3 correct answers to Br Shawkat C will be rewarded!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> |
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Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance is very important and all schools are judged on this. The national target is 95%. Gates open from 8:30 am, Insha'Allah. Please continue to encourage children to arrive on time. Gates close at 8:45 am and pupils are late if they arrive after this time.

Remember, Secondary students are issued with a break time detention for lateness.

| Week End | 7 Apr | 28 Apr |
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| % | 93.23 | 93.25 |

What is the Early Help Offer at Al-Hijrah School?

Al-Hijrah School's Early Help Offer (EHO) identifies the need for help for children and families as soon as problems start to emerge, or when there is a strong likelihood that problems will emerge in the future.

The EHO recognises that problems can arise at any point throughout childhood and adolescence. The EHO includes universal and targeted services designed to reduce or prevent specific problems from escalating or becoming entrenched. Please see the school website under Parents tab for more information, Insha'Allah.

WHAT DOES THE EHO MEAN FOR FAMILIES?

We hope that our EHO will provide the 'front door' through which parents/guardians can access additional support at any level.

WHAT MAKES UP THE EHO IN SCHOOL?

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| Pastoral Team | School Nurse | Family Liaison Officer |
| If you would like to speak to a member of staff about the EHO, then please contact the DSLs below: | | |
| Br. Shawkat C | Sr. Saima K | Br. Amjid H |

Hadith/Focus of the Week

Mon 1st – Fri 5th May 2017
Hadith 29: Respecting Self & Keeping Clean

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:
الطهور شطر الإيمان

Qaala Rasolullahi sallallahu alayhi wasallam:
Attahooru shatrul imaan.

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said:
Cleanliness and purification are half of faith.

KEEP YOUR SCHOOL CLEAN KEEP YOUR TOWN & CITY CLEAN KEEP YOUR HOME & BEDROOM CLEAN KEEP YOUR MASJID CLEAN

Mon 8th – Fri 12th May 2017
Hadith 30: Seeking Knowledge

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:
طلب العلم فريضة على كل مسلم

Qaala Rasolullahi, sallallahu alayhi wa sallam:
Talabul 'ilmi fareezatun 'alaa kulli Muslim.

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said:
To seek knowledge of Islam is compulsory for each Muslim man and woman