

The Al-Hijrah Times



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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters, *as-salaamu' alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu*

Subhan'Allah, the spring half term has come to an end all too quickly. The examination students have been working hard with many attending booster sessions afterschool and weekendsessions. I would like to thank all the participating staff for their selfless commitment for supporting our children. I would like to request the same from the parents over this short half term break. It is important that our children enjoy the break, but they also need to keep on top of their preparations, Insha'Allah.

Over the last week the school has focussed on safety and looking after our environments. Parents and staff attended the event linked to the safer internet day designed to raise awareness of how important it is for our children to use the internet safely. This was followed by a workshop and an assembly on looking after our environment by keeping our school, home and locality litter free. Cleanliness is an important part of our faith and we will be looking to develop activities for the benefit of our children, Insha'Allah.

Students from Year 9 participated in helping the environment in a different way by planting some trees. The students were excellent as they helped by planting around a thousand trees in a morning. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt about the benefits they we enjoy both physically and spiritually.

Looking ahead, we have world book day coming up in the next half term and I look forward to meeting parents in the parent's evenings. Please make every effort to attend. It makes a great difference to our children's development if they are supported at School and at home.

Finally, I bid everyone a lovely holiday. 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:

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 Afternoon

At Al-Hijrah we believe it is vital to know the thoughts of our parents. Following the success of previous years, we once again have dates for our Head's Coffee Afternoon (previously Morning). These will be held every second TUESDAY of the month. Parents are requested to email the school with topics which will Insha'Allah be addressed by Br Arshad Mohammed (Head Teacher) and Br Shawkat Chowdhury (Deputy Head Teacher). The next Coffee Afternoon is:

**13th March 2018 | Sunshine Room |
2:30 – 3:30 pm**

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




A reminder: Please park safely when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please be conscious of the safety of our children and park conveniently. Help us to help you keep your child safe, Insha'Allah.

Cashless Al-Hijrah!

Al-Hijrah School is moving towards being a 'cashless school' and part of that process is to have pupils biometrically finger scanned in order to achieve a more efficient lunch time. Pupils use their finger print to collect a meal. This reduces the incidences of pupils losing their lunch money whilst aiding parents to keep a track on their children's spending. The main reason for this change, however, is to put in place a further safeguarding measure, as when a pupil collects their meal, by using their finger print scan, the system will alert the kitchen staff if they have any allergies, the staff are then able to further check if the meal and/or items selected are suitable. This is especially important if your child is eligible for Free School Meals. The scan of a pupil's finger is only stored within the school and is never supplied to anyone outside the school. It is not used for any other purpose and is deleted when a pupil leaves the school.

For Parents wishing to activate their ParentPay accounts, please contact Br. Mustafa in the Main Office.

Attendance & Punctuality	KS3 Celebration Assembly - 15 th February 2018	Riddle of the Week!
<p>Attendance is very important, and all schools are judged on this. The national target is 95%. Gates open from 8:30 am as usual, Insha'Allah. Please kindly continue to encourage children to arrive on time. School gates close at 8:45 am, pupils will be marked as late if they arrive after this time. Please note Secondary students will be issued with a break time detention for lateness.</p>	<p>An additional assembly was arranged to celebrate the success of our KS3 pupils. Pupils were nominated by Heads of Departments and Form Tutors for awards. During the Assembly, pupils were informed of not being afraid of failing and ensuring they have the drive to keep trying and eventually they will achieve their goal. Stories of highly successful people were shared, and pupils were invited by subject leads, who shared a few words of the pupils they nominated for awards. Insh'Allah more awards will be given at the end of next half term. A special thanks to Br. Ozair or making this happen, as well as all staff that supported.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Last week's answer: THERE WERE NO STAIRS! IT WAS A ONE STOREY HOUSE.</p> <p>Last week's winners: Hussain Ahmed 1A HARITH 5B ADNAN 3A</p> <p>QUESTION: What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t" and ends in "t"?</p> <p>PRIZE: First 3 correct answers to Br Shawkat will be rewarded!</p>



Important Dates!

- **Parent Teacher Association-** Every Friday, Main Office, 2.30pm- 3.30pm
- **End of Spring 1st Half Term-** Friday 16th February 2018, **3.30pm**
- **Holiday Booster Class** - Year 11 only for Art; Girls on Mon 19th& Tue 20th; Boys on Wednesday 21st& Thursday 22nd from 10-2pm
- **Start of Spring 2nd Half Term-** Monday 26th February 2018, 8.30am
- **Parents Evening Year 9 & 11** - Tuesday 27th February 2018, 4- 6.30pm
- **World Book Day-** Thursday 1st March 2018
- **Primary Parents Evening-** Wednesday 7th March 2018- 4-6.30pm
- **Coffee Afternoon-** Tuesday 13th March 2018, 2.30-3.30 pm. Sunshine Room
- **End of Term Trips-** Boys on Mon 26th March 2018 & Girls on Tues 27th March 2018 (Paintballing/Ice Skating)

Level 3 School Games – 13th February 2018

Our girls qualified to represent the Central Sports Partnership at the Level 3 School Games and attended for the first time. They represented Al-Hijrah in a positive light, even though they didn't make it to semi-finals, we are proud of their immense efforts and for a massive thank you to Sr. Susan for supporting them.



Our School App – Sign Up Free!!!

Please download 'My Ed' from the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Store and, search 'Al-Hijrah School' and sign up to our School App. You are able to send messages to the school in regard to pupil absence and retrieve notifications from School about events/important messages etc. You will also have access to School Information, Newsletters and your child's performance data.



Eco Council



CleanupUK is a charity, established in 2007, dedicated to tackling the UK's litter problem by mobilising and motivating litter volunteers. The charity aims to

improve quality of life and community spirit and play a part in halting neighbourhood decline in selected local authority areas in the UK by supporting and encouraging volunteer litter-picking activity.

Al-Hijrah school have teamed up with cleanupUK and Bearded Bros to start a clean-up initiative within school and its locality. Children have had workshops on litter and assemblies on how to get involved with the spring clean. Further information will follow after the halfterm holidays.



For further information: go to www.cleanupuk.org.uk and click on "Our Stories".

Birmingham Spring Clean: 4th March Spring Clean 2018

Tree Planting- Year 9



As part of our endeavour in producing future Global Leaders, we took Year 9 Boys out to plant trees on 14th of February 2018. We went to Gilberstone Recreation Ground in Birmingham and helped in planting 1000 trees.

As long as these trees are there, taking CO² in & releasing O² out, if someone sits under the shade of these trees or when these trees mature in wood then our pupils will be rewarded.

It was a great experience for

pupils and they enjoyed it thoroughly. Prior to this trip only two of pupils had experience of planting trees but now more than two dozen of them have the knowledge and experience of planting trees. A number of the pupils are asking to do it again and they are considering planting some trees in their own gardens.

In recognition of their efforts, the Birmingham City Council has given school a badge for each pupil along with a certificate which we will hand out in an assembly, Insha'Allah. This will go on our 'Eco Board' next term. Year 9 Girls will be given the opportunity, next term, to experience what the Boys have.



Safer Internet Day – 6th February 2018



To celebrate Safer Internet Day 2018, an assembly was delivered on the benefits and dangers of the internet, as well as how to remain safe online. Previously, Primary year groups have developed an e-safety display board in their classrooms to promote online safety, as well as lessons and projects completed by KS3 and KS4 as part of the Computing and PSHE Curriculum students have created A4 informational posters, highlighting different target audiences and use of terminology.

A greater emphasis on dangers online and use of mobile devices, addressing various issues, i.e. sexting, online grooming, etc. All year groups have been provided guidance

on how to be safe online by informational leaflets, links are also available on our website. Our website has a section on e-safety which includes information on how students can report abuse in our school and an online safety workshop that was delivered to parents addressing aspects such as web filtering, parental control on devices, i.e. Android/Apple and Television Services. A range of activities that occurred on Safer Internet Day within PSHE time and Computing lessons across our school to ensure our children continually be made aware of how to be safe online.

Pupil of the Week

Well done to the following pupils for getting Pupil of the week:

Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
R1	Ibrahim Hoday Musa Muhammed	3b	Whole Class Whole Class
R2	Muath Ismail Yusuf Hassan	4a	Hajirah Majid Yasir Khan
1a	Ikram Takal Zara Ali	4b	Aisha Nessa Muhammad Amin
1b	Awais Khattab AbdurrehmanAghel	5a	HafsahIkhlmaq Aisha Bint Mohammed
2a	Mahera Mir Muhammed Z Hassan	5b	HamaadAzhar Adam Guled
2b	ZuhurDuhulow Mohammed S Sheikh	BY6	Musa Saifullah Nabeel Subhaan
3a	Ayub Keeling Hanaa Hussain	GY6	Zeinab Saghir Ilham Haji-Ahmed

Other pupils were also celebrated for Writing and Times-Tables – well done to everyone, Masha'Allah.

Focus of the Week

22. Looking after the community

عنا لعمان بن بشير رضي الله عنهما قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم "

"مثال المؤمنين في توادهم وتراحمهم وتعاطفهم، مثل الجسد إذا اشتكت منه عضو تدا على سائر الجسد بالسهر والحمى

Nu'man bin Bashir (May Allah be pleased with them) reported: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion and sympathy are just like one body. When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever." (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

23. Helping the needy

عَنْ سَالِمٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ

الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ لَا يَظْلِمُ وَلَا يَظْلَمُهُ هُوَ لَا يَسْلُمُهُمْ نَكَاتٍ فِي حَاجَةٍ أَخِيهِ كَمَا نَالَ هُوَ فِي حَاجَتِهِ هُوَ مَنْفَرَجٌ
عَنْ مُسْلِمٍ كَرِبَةً فَرَجًا لَهَا كَرِبَةً مِنْكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

Salim reported on the authority of his father that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: A Muslim is the brother of a fellow-Muslim. He should neither commit oppression upon him nor ruin him, and he who meets the need of a brother, Allah would meet big needs, and he who relieved a Muslim from hardship, Allah would relieve him from the hardships he may face on the Day of Resurrection. (Muslim)