

# The Al-Hijrah Times



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## Head Teacher's Message

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

Last two weeks have been very eventful. Although we were hit by the freezing weather conditions last week the school did its best to stay open, to ensure our pupils continued with their learning. High attendance is essential for our children's development and future success. At this point, I would make a plea to all our parents to minimise absences and not to take children out of school during term times. The school will do its best to support parents in improving attendance.

On 27th and 28th of February 2018, we received a second monitoring visit from OFSTED. Alhamdulillah, they were pleased with the improvements the school is making. We are very pleased with the outcome and would like to congratulate the pupils, staff and parents for their continued efforts and support. Further information regarding the visit will be available once the report is published.

The exam preparations are going well at all levels and parents are being made aware of their children's progress and how to support them during parent evenings. We have recently held parent evenings for Primary, Year 9 and Year 11 pupils. Although, the parent evenings are well attended, we would like to encourage all our parents to attend, get behind our children and make a real difference to their lives. Parents are always welcome to visit school if they need help and support with their pupils learning.

We are very proud of our year 1 pupils who competed in multi-skill sports event and took third place in the competition.

Congratulations and well done to pupils and staff. Congratulations also to our Year 9 sports leaders who took part in organising and running this event where over five hundred pupils participated from across Birmingham. It was a great event, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The school is keen to improve communications between parents and school. We have been encouraging parents to download MyEd app which gives them access to key information about the school and their children. If you need help with this, please approach any member of staff. If any parents have any ideas for improvements or feel they can help the school in anyway, please come and see me.

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:

<b>Br. Amjid Hussain</b>	Pastoral Lead & DSL
<b>Sr. Saima Khan</b>	Assistant Head & DSL
<b>Br. Shawkat Chowdhury</b>	Deputy Head & DSL
<b>Br. Arshad Mohammed</b>	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:

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

## School App

**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.



For further information: go to [www.cleanupuk.org.uk](http://www.cleanupuk.org.uk) and click on "Our Stories".

**JOIN US:**  
**Birmingham Spring Clean: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**March Spring Clean 2018**  
**Time: 12.30-2.30pm**  
**Venue- Al-Hijrah School. Meeting outside**  
**Main gates on Burbidge Road.**

Attendance & Punctuality	Year 9 & 11 Parents Evening	Riddle of the Week!
<p>Attendance is very important, and all schools are judged on this. The national target is 95%. Gates open from <b>8:30 am</b> as usual, Insha'Allah. Please kindly continue to encourage children to arrive on time. School gates close at <b>8:45 am</b>, 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>Year 9 and Year 11 Parents evening took place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Primary Parents evening took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018. We are delighted that parents showed their support towards their children who are completing their GCSEs as well as those who will be commencing their GCSEs. Parents were able to meet and discuss their child's progress and were provided further information on opportunities to attend booster sessions and identify useful resources to support their child in their studies.</p>	 <p><b>Last week's answer:</b> TEAPOT!</p> <p><b>Last week's winners:</b> ABDUSALAAM 3A MOHAMMED USMAAN 3A</p> <p><b>QUESTION:</b> What can run but can't walk?</p> <p><b>PRIZE:</b> First 3 correct answers to Br Shawkat will be rewarded!</p>

 a reminder:	Important Dates!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Coffee Afternoon-</b> Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 2.30-3.30 pm. Sunshine Room</li> <li><b>Trip- Year 3-</b> Multi skill Competition, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 12.30-3.30pm</li> <li><b>Trip- Year 10-</b> Big Bang Fair, Wednesday 14 &amp; Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018</li> <li><b>Parent Teacher Association Meeting-</b> Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 2.30-3.30 pm</li> <li><b>End of Term Trips-</b> Boys on Mon 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 &amp; Girls on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Paintballing/Ice Skating)</li> <li><b>End of Term date:</b> Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018, School closes at 3.30pm</li> </ul>

## 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.

## TRIPS

### Year 1 – Level 2 School Games

A massive congratulation to our Year 1's who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Level 2 School Games Multi skills Events. The children will be receiving certificates to recognise their achievement. A big Thank You to Sr Elham and all those who supported the trip where 37 of our Year 1's competed. They had a fantastic time and although it was cold, they did not let it dampen their spirits.



### Year 9 – School Games Event

Well done to our Year 9's who were involved in leading over 500 students through the school Games event from all across the Central Sports Partnership and did a great job. Our Year 9 Girls also got a special mention by the Billesley Tennis Centre Coach for their ownership and confidence of the activity and all of our Year 9's received a School Games Value Badge for Honesty.

Year 1 have set the standards high, Year 3 will compete on 12th March and our Year 9's are also leading at this event. Year 2 is still awaiting a new date after being postponed by the weather.

Many thanks again to Sr. Susan and all the staff involved in making the Level 2 School Games and Leadership Academy a success.

## Magical Maths

Magical Maths after school clubs started on Monday 5th March. The aim of these sessions is to engage the children with maths involving fun, practical activities. Along the journey, they will meet some interesting characters and try out some of the tricks which will build on their confidence and more importantly, their love for the subject. The feedback from the first session was very positive, Masha'Allah.



## World Book Day



World Book Day Was celebrated by staff and pupils at Al-Hijrah. Pupil were dressed in various characters and superheroes, some were hardly recognisable. Pupils and staff celebrated the day and visited the stations to purchase books. Assemblies were conducted to push forward reading initiatives and encouraging pupils to read more. Timetables were in place for staff, students and parents to purchase the various books on offer. Thank you to staff, parents and students for a successful event.

## 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		3b	Azaan Yousaf   Lubna Warsame
R2		4a	Amila Ibrahim   Nehan Rizwan
1a	Ibrahim Abdullahi   Ayra Mahmood	4b	Elias El-Modir   Hawa Hafeez
1b	Ayman Awil   Ahmed Siddique	5a	
2a	Saffiy Hussain   Zakariya Abdi	5b	Khadija Ali   Junaid Jawed
2b	Anas Boumasoud   Mohammed S Sheikh	BY6	Abdullahi Ali   Tanzilur Ayman
3a	Fatima Khayre   Amira Yusuf	GY6	Zeinab Saghir   Haniya Khan

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

## Focus of the Week

### 24. Making things easy for others

عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى، قَالَ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِذَا بَعَثَ أَحَدًا مِنْ أَصْحَابِهِ فِي بَعْضِ أَمْرِهِ قَالَ "بَشِّرُوا وَلَا تُفْزِرُوا وَيَسِّرُوا وَلَا تُعَسِّرُوا"

Abu Musa reported the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) as saying:

Gladden people and do not scare them; make things easy and do not make them difficult. (Abu Daud)

### 25. How to help the oppressor

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "انصر أخاك ظالماً أو مظلوماً" فقال رجل: يا رسول الله أنصره إذا كان مظلوماً أرايت إن كان ظالماً كيف أنصره؟ قال: "تحجزه -أو تمنعه- من الظلم فإن ذلك نصره"

Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:

Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Help your brother, whether he is an oppressor or is oppressed". A man e

Allah! I help him when he is oppressed, but how can I help him when he is an oppressor?" He (ﷺ) said, "You can keep him from committing oppression. That will be your help to him." (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)