

The Al-Hijrah Times



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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as-salaamu' alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu SubhanAllah, we are nearly at the end of the half term. I would like to start by reminding all parents to make your views known on-line, regarding the informal consultation about the future of the school. There is a very short survey available through the school website and it will only take a few minutes to complete. I have met many parents over the last few weeks and strongly urge any parent to come and see me if you need information or want to talk through your options. It is of utmost importance that you make informed choices as it can have serious consequences for the future of our children. I make du'a that Allah (SWT) guides and protects us during these times, Ameen.

This week the school held reading workshops and a Parents Evening for the primary school. There were two photo days and I hope you managed to come in for some family memories. Br Shawkat and Br. Zafar are running half-marathon on Sunday and I have seen a lot of pupils busy sponsoring them. We wish them every success with the run and I pray they raise a lot of money for charity in the process. Looking ahead, we have a secondary trip to the Bank of England and will also arrange a meeting where parents can meet with the BCC team. This is following parents' request to meet with the latter and I will let you know of the date as soon as the arrangements are complete, Insha'Allah. Fundraising events at school are also being planned to raise funds for the Indonesians who were recently affected by the Tsunami tragedy.

I am glad to say that pupil attendance is improving, and I urge parents to make every effort to ensure their children are in school and on time as absences significantly disrupt their education. 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:

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 Heads 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:

**Tue 13th November 2018 |
Main Hall | 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 always be escorted.



Parking

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



Safeguarding



What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is a term that relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

At Al-Hijrah School, we ensure that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that all staff, visitors, parents and carers understand their roles and responsibilities in keeping children safe.

Staff at Al-Hijrah School have clear roles and responsibilities relating to keeping children safe within our care. Whether this is related to supervising children safely at break times, ensuring our behaviour policy is fully implemented, carrying out health and safety checks, reminding families about road safety or undertaking risk assessments, we are always on high alert to ensure that every child is safe.

Safeguarding encompasses everything that we do in school, so that children are safe, well, healthy and ready to learn.

There are several key concerns that staff are trained to look for including signs of neglect, abuse or mistreatment and how to manage a disclosure that a child may make. We are continually checking issues like poor attendance and lateness as this can be an indication of other concerns.

Safeguarding concerns should be reported to the School so that we can provide support and guidance and, where necessary, access external agency support with the aim of keeping the young person safe from harm.

Safeguarding concerns should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL):

- ❖ Sr Saima Khan (AHT)
- ❖ Br Shawkat Chowdhury (DHT)
- ❖ Br Amjid Hussain (PL)

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the school holidays or out of school hours and you need support, you are advised to speak to the Children's Advice and Support Services (CASS). CASS Telephone: 0121 303 1888



Early Help Offer

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

Al-Hijrah School's Early Help Offer 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 Early Help Offer recognises that problems can arise at any point throughout childhood and adolescence. The Early Help Offer includes universal and targeted services designed to reduce or prevent specific problems from escalating or becoming entrenched.

What does the Early Help offer mean for families?

We hope that our Early Help Offer will provide the 'front door' through which parents can access additional support at any level. This could mean counselling or mental health support for pupils, support for young carers, working with families to improve relationships etc. We use a range of in school support as well as outside agencies.

What makes up the Early Help Offer in school?

- School Pastoral Team
- Family Liaison Officer
- Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you would like to speak to a member of staff about the Early Help Offer, then please contact:

- ❖ Br Shawkat Chowdhury (DSL)
- ❖ Sr Saima Khan (DSL)
- ❖ Br Amjid Hussain (DSL)



Clean Up UK

On Sunday 30th September 2018, we had our Autumn Clean-up. Thank you to all the children, parents, teachers and residents for taking part. As you can see from the pictures, the results were amazing. We will conduct another clean-up in spring In Sha Allah.

Before



After



Baseline Fitness Testing:

This week all our Primary students have been baseline fitness tested. This involved running a small loop continuously for 3 minutes. Whilst all students tried hard and had great fun in the challenge, only 30% of our students met the required standard of being able to run without stopping. Let's start to get our students more active and help them to create good habits so that they live for longer!

Leadership Development Pathway - Primary

Golden Mile: We have set up a course on the main playground with the aim to encourage Year 6 to be more active and to help them with their concentration levels in class. 12 Year 6 students have completed their Golden Mile training and will oversee getting Year 6 active and completing as many miles as they can throughout the year. All the information will be logged on the golden mile website and each time a student reaches a mile stone we will be awarding certificates in assembly. Great work Year 6.

Playleaders: 10 Year 5's took part in playleader training run by the Central Sports Partnership last week to get ideas on how to get their class mates more active and develop their leadership skills. It's now time to put those skills and ideas into action on the playground.

Skills Challenge: 12 Year 4's have been completing their Skills Challenge training this week. The aim is to get the leaders to set up 3 mini challenges each break time for students to take part in. They have 12 challenges in total for Year 4!

Let's get our kids more active!

Cancer Research

Jazak'Allah hu khairun to all pupils & parents who have taken time out to gather sponsors for the Cancer Research charity.

On Sunday 14th October 2018 Br Shawkat & Br Zafar will be running the Birmingham half marathon trying to raise money for the charity. If anyone would like to sponsor, please send the money in with your child on Monday 15th October 2018 at the very latest.



Important Dates!

- **Start of Black History Month** - 1st October 2018,
 - **Reading Workshop** - Year 1, Wed 17th October 2018 | 9:00 – 10:00 am,
 - **Secondary Trip** - Houses of Parliament & Bank of England Museum | Friday 19th October 2018
 - **Reading Workshop** - Year 6, Wed 24th October 2018 | 9:00 – 10:00 am,
 - **Reception Thinktank Trip** - Friday 9th November 2018 | 9:00 – 3:30 pm,
- Term Dates:** Fri 26th October 2018 School Closes 3:30 pm | Mon 5th November 2018 School Reopens 8:30 am.

Riddle of the Week!**Healthy Food – NO Fast Food!**

LAST WEEKS ANSWERS:
AN EGG!

QUESTION: What is so delicate that even mentioning it breaks it?

PRIZE: First 3 correct answers to Br Shawkat will be rewarded!



At Al-Hijrah, the health and wellbeing of your child is an extremely important part of school life; this includes a healthy and well-balanced diet. We understand that parents are very busy and sometimes we forget things such as lunch – the school is here to support you. If your child has forgotten their lunch, they will be provided with a school meal – parents can pay for this on the following day. Parents can drop off packed lunches in the MORNING ONLY, but this must NOT be fast food/fizzy drinks/chocolates/sweets/crisps/etc. Packed lunches from home will be checked and returned if they are not suitable.

Primary Reading Workshops

Workshop	Time	Day	Venue
Reading	9:00 – 10:00 am	Wednesday's (Aut 1 2018)	Main Hall

Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Year 6	Reception
19 th Sep	26 th Sep	3 rd Oct	10 th Oct	17 th Oct	24 th Oct	7 th Nov

Pupil of the Week

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

Class	Pupil of the Week Writing	Class	Pupil of the Week Writing
R1	Alishba Naeem Rayyan Ahmed	3b	Ayesha S Mohammed Khan
R2	Hussain Ishtiaq Adam Faheem	4a	Summaya M Zaynab Kiani
1a	Siraj Ali Hafsa Tahir	4b	Abdulsalaam S Yusuf Mohammed
1b	Hamza Yusuf Mariam A	5a	Yusuf Hussain Marwa Khan
2a	Aqsa Khan Girls in 2A	5b	Maryam A M Hussain
2b	Hamdi Dahir M Asif	6 A	Jibraeel Brahmi Samiha A
3a	Musa H A Brahmi Bilal Abdullahi	6 B	Abdullah Ahmed Junaid

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

Focus of the Week**Mercy unto others**

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "لَا يَرْحَمُ اللَّهُ مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُ النَّاسَ"

Qala Rasulu Ilahi salallahu alaihi wasallama: "La yar-hamu Llahu man-la yar-hamun-naas"

The Messenger of Allah Peace be upon him said, "Whoever does not have mercy upon the people then Allah does not have mercy upon him."

Prohibition of hatred and envy

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: لَا تَبَاغَضُوا ، وَلَا تَحَاسَدُوا ، وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا ، وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ لِمُسْلِمٍ أَنْ يَهْجُرَ أَخَاهُ فَوْقَ ثَلَاثِ لَيَالٍ إِخْوَانًا ، وَلَا يَحِلُّ

Qala Rasulu Ilahi salallahu alaihi wasallam: "La tabaa gha-dhu, wala tahaasadu, wa-kuunu ibada-Ilahi ikhwaan, walaa yahil-lu limuslimin an yah-jura akhahu fauqa thalathi layaalin"

The Messenger of Allah Peace be upon him said, "Do not hate one another, and do not be jealous of one another, and do not desert each other, and O' Allah's worshipper! Be brothers. It is not permissible for any Muslim to not talk to his Muslim brother for more than three days."