

The Al-Hijrah Times



Friday 21 December 2018

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
As-salaamu' alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu

Subhan Allah, we have come to the end of autumn term. It has been an eventful fortnight jumpacked with trips and workshops. The pupils have enjoyed several rewards and educational trips. They were commended for their excellent manners and behaviour. We have just celebrated the Seerah event focussing on the life of our beloved prophet (SAW). The highlight of the event was the exhibition managed by the pupils. The event was well attended, and parents thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Several workshops have taken place across the primary phase and we thank the parents for their participation. The school enjoyed a visit from a well-known author, George Rosling. Our children have responded well to these visits and the interest in reading is flourishing across the school.

We held a GCSE presentation evening to celebrate our student's record success. As always Al-Hijrah School has distinguished itself amongst Birmingham schools and a 3rd position on Progress Tables is testimony to all the hard-work by pupils, parents and teachers, Well done!!! It was a joyous event packed with some excellent speeches, Nasheeds and great food. May Allah (SWT) bless our children with success in whatever they choose to do, Ameen.

This week was also the end of the formal consultation on the change of age range. The response by parents and other stakeholders was overwhelming. I would like to thank everyone for making their views know. We will find out about the outcome in January, Insha'Allah.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their support and wish everyone a well-deserved Christmas break and look forward to seeing everyone in the spring term. I would strongly urge year 11 parents to support their children in their studies during the holidays as it is very important, they stay engaged.

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, Ameen

**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:

**Tuesday 8th January 2019 |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.

Year 5 Trip- Roman Bath Museum

Year 4- Cadburys World



Year 4 went to the wonderful Cadbury world to further their understanding of chocolate, as to where it originated from and who was the founder of Cadbury World. Additionally they learned about how the chocolate process starts from being a cocoa bean to becoming a chocolate bar. All of year 4 had plenty of fun experiencing chocolate tasting with different toppings, writing names in chocolate and visiting the 4-D cinema. We can't forget the abundance of delectable chocolates we came back with!



tootoot- Giving a voice to Children & Young People

Year 11- Graduation Ceremony

Trusted by over 15,000 teachers to enhance their safeguarding systems by combining all aspects of safeguarding into a simple and effective app.

tootoot is proven to support the fast and effective resolution of pupil concerns and improve pupil attainment and behaviour by facilitating evidence-based interventions.

Pupils are requested to download the app and if they have any concerns, they can send a message to tootoot for the Pastoral team to follow up!



On 5th December 2018, Graduation Ceremony of Class 2018 took place in the Main Hall of Al-Hijrah School in the evening. Pupils and their parents attended the ceremony.

M. Isa Ali, Yasmin Cherif and Maryam Butt reflected on their experiences at Al-Hijrah and shared their gratification.

GCSE Certificates to the graduates were presented by Br. Arshad, Br. Madni, Br Richard and Sr. Safa. Every one enjoyed the ceremony and meal.

Al-Hijrah School is proud of its pupil's achievements. Well Done!

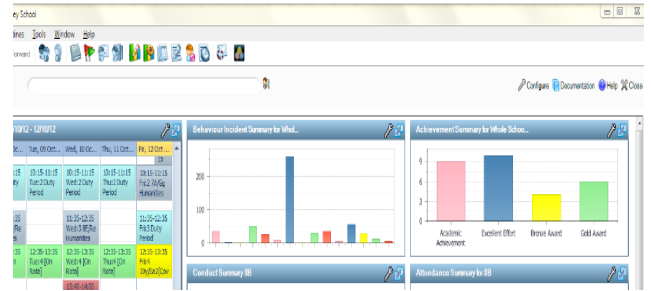


SIMs Reward

'Carrots' for Great Behaviour and Learning!!

Yes, we have consequences for poor behaviour, but our focus this year is on **CATCHING PUPILS... BEING GOOD!!!**

Teachers are now rewarding pupils with SIMS ACHIEVEMENT POINTS in response to EXCELLENCE in 4 areas: **attainment, effort, conduct and citizenship.**



Secondary pupils are offered to climb the 'ladder of opportunity':

Bronze	75
Silver	150
Gold	225
Platinum	300

For all levels, post cards, certificates and website mentions will be awarded so good news is shared with families and friends.

In addition, special PRIVILEGES, TREATS AND TRIPS will also be made available including pizza parties, recreation periods, reward trips to local attractions and, for the Platinum Award, a day at a theme park!

Families get ready: **MOTIVATE** your children to succeed!!

Teachers get ready: **CATCH** the pupils being amazing!!

And pupils: **STRIVE TO DO YOUR BEST** and your achievements **WILL BE CELEBRATED...Insha'Allah!!**

Autumn Term Fun Trip 2018

Secondary pupils celebrated the end of a hard term's work with a jam-packed, fun-filled morning of **Go-Karting, Laser-Quest and Video Driving.**



At Teamwork's Karting in Digbeth, Birmingham, Al-Hijrah's boys and girls braved the tight corners and high speeds of the go-karts, fought each other with lasers in the Quest Arena and tested their reflexes on the huge Video Driving Screens.

An amazing time was had by all, and the staff were very impressed with us, commenting: ***"the kids were great and really well behaved."***



A huge thank you to all the Al-Hijrah staff, pupils and parents for making the trip possible. Let's make the Spring Term trip even better!!!



Important Dates!

- End of Autumn 2nd Half Term - Friday 21st December 2018, 12:30pm
- Monday 7th January 2019 – INSET Day (No pupils)
- Tuesday 8th January 2019 – pupils return to School | 8:30am
- Monday 14th January 2019 - Year 3 Trip to Manchester Airport | 8:30am- 3:30pm
- Wednesday 16th January 2019 – Year 7 and Year 11 Parents Evening | 4:00pm- 3:30pm
- Friday 18th January 2019 – HPV vaccinations for Year 8 and Year 9
- Friday 15th February 2019 – End of Spring 1 Half Term

Riddle of the Week!

Seerah Exhibition

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: Pen costs 5p

WINNERS:

Abdullah

Hassan 3b

Mohammad

Khan 3b

Abdullah 6a



QUESTION: I am an odd number; take away an alphabet and I become even. What number am I?

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

Last Thursday on 13th Dec, Al Hijrah Primary held an interactive after school exhibition, involving parents and pupils, celebrating the Seerah of the Prophet Muhammad PBUH.

The turnout for both parents and pupils was exceptional, and made for an exciting, creative and educational programme, which involved a lot of interaction between parents and pupils.



The pupils had prepared for this day for four weeks, by having studied the Seerah and having produced creative work which was on display during the exhibition.



It was exceptional to see the effort and creativity of the pupils in making this exhibition a huge success. A very well done to all the pupils and a very big

thank you to the parents who attended. We hope we can have many more such events in future.

Medical Information



All parents/guardians please inform the school of any allergy/medical conditions your child may suffer from. This must be done in **WRITING to the school**. It is extremely vital to know your child's up to date medical condition so we can create a safe environment for them in school, Insha'Allah.

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.

Workshops

Reception Workshop

Reception staff would like to thank the parents who attended the Maths workshop this week. The children really enjoyed you coming into their classrooms to learn with them. Many thanks from the Reception team.

Year 2 Workshop

Children and parents in Year 2 have taken part in a Maths Workshop with a twist... it was an actual maths lesson! Parents were introduced to the new way that Maths is taught at Al-Hijrah using the C-P-A approach (concrete-pictorial-abstract.) The focus of the lesson was on multiplication.

Some of the feedback we received included:

- ' I have really enjoyed the workshop today. It was fun learning with my child.'
- ' Very useful to have working examples of questions that I could use which greatly aided my understanding of multiplication!'
- 'A refreshing approach to teaching Maths to the children.'
- 'More parent workshops please!'
- 'I learned a lot from and about my child today!'

Both teachers would like to warmly thank all parents, guardians and older siblings who came along- it is very much appreciated.

Author visit- George Rosling

By chance, it was an excellent opportunity for our children to learn about citizenship and being a part of a multi-faith/ cultural society. I do feel our children are limited in these social experiences where they can interact with children and people outside our community.



Pupil of the Week

Congratulation to our Pupils of the Term



Well done to everyone for the hard work this term, Masha'Allah.

Focus of the Week

Honesty

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
عَلَيْكُمْ بِالصِّدْقِ فَإِنَّ الصِّدْقَ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْبِرِّ وَإِنَّ الْبِرَّ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ

The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “You must be truthful. Verily, truthfulness leads to righteousness and righteousness leads to Paradise”

Hospitality

عَنْ أَبِي شُرَيْحِ الْعَدَوِيِّ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَنْ
كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفَهُ جَائِزَتَهُ

The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him honour his guest and recompense him.”