

# Newsletter

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Salaam Alaykum,

This academic year, we have been blessed to be able to remain open so that our children can enjoy their school experience on site together. We hope it remains that way for the summer term Insha'Allah.

Most of the items in this newsletter will be familiar to members of our school community, but I hope they encapsulate the last term and are a window into the school for a wider community.

At the start of the summer term, the successful applicants for our September 2022 intake will be notified and we will begin our journey with them, helping to prepare their children for Reception. We are proud that the school received more than double the amount of applications for the 60 available places.

As a staff team, we are looking forward to the next term and I know our Reception staff and children will be looking forward to their trip to Odds Farm Park in May.

I look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 19th April and I trust you all have a restful break and a blessed Ramadhan.

David Poole (Headteacher)

## Our Spring Term

### Our Reception Children

As part of their topic on Winter, the children had great fun exploring ice. They looked at its properties, they painted it, they made ice mobiles and even made frozen yoghurt. The children then went on to learn about technology and had an exciting time touring the school and looking at all the many different types of technology within it. They also had fun talking to each other using walkie-talkies, they explored programming using the Bee-Bots and took lots of photographs using iPads as cameras. In their topic The People that Help Us, the children were very lucky to be visited by a doctor, a dentist and even the London Fire Brigade.









## FoHPS Family Market

The FoHPS Family Market was a huge success and feedback from the stall holders was excellent. We had some wonderful pupil entrepreneurs running stalls too. It was so successful, that FoHPS are hoping to hold another one later in the year!



## Breakfast & After School Club

Our wraparound care facility (Breakfast and After School Club) has been steadily growing in numbers. The children have been enjoying some lovely arts and craft and cooking activities.



## From Our Faith Lead

Shahru Ramadhan Kareem!

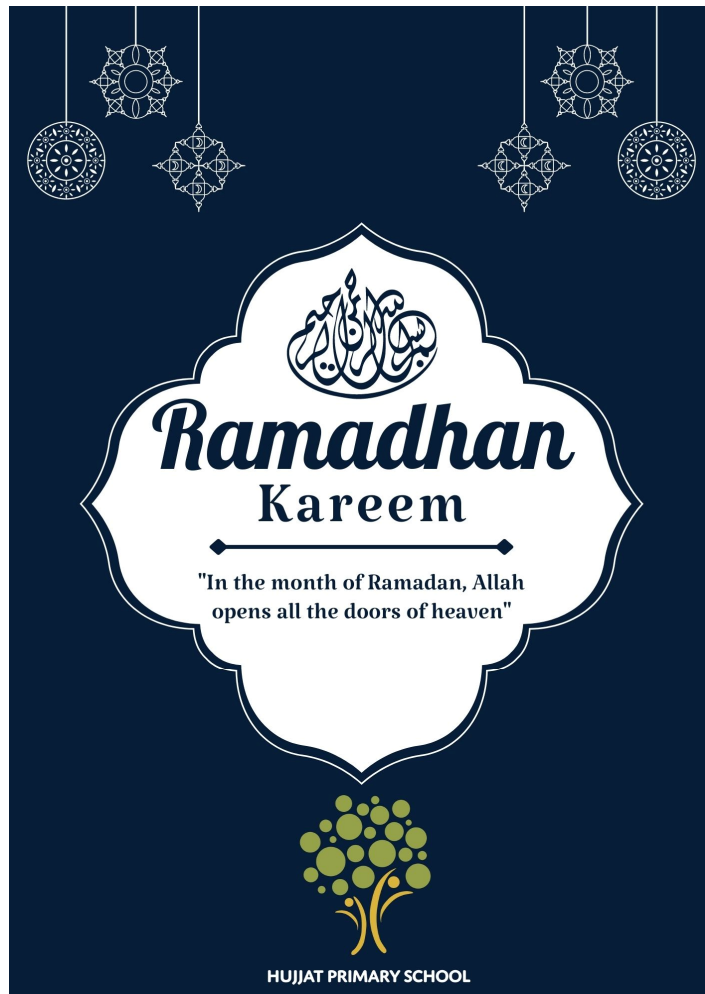
This term coincided with our spiritual season and we have been working on learning about the greatness of the months of Rajab, Sha'baan and Shahru Ramadhan. These are the months in which we can work on our souls to transcend beyond our earthly abode and soar toward the Almighty. In our assemblies, we have looked at how, by embodying our school values, we follow the sublime example of our Holy Prophet (s) and how this purifies our hearts and souls and enables us to benefit from the blessings raining down in these months.

Most recently, we revisited the sermon of the Holy Prophet (s) and the children spent some time reflecting on one or two acts which they would like to try and carry out during the Holy Month of Ramadhan in order to emulate the sublime character of our Holy Prophet (s), purify their souls and thus gain nearness to Allah (swt).

Our Reception children have been learning about wudhu in their RE lessons, including some of its spiritual and physical benefits. They have enjoyed making their sweet treat crafts to welcome the Holy Month and taking part in doing some handprint artwork for the Hand on Heart Eid cards. Our Year 1 children have been studying ways in which we respond to religious sounds such as the Adhaan and Holy Qur'an and reflected on how they can show excellence and respect when they hear or recite these themselves. They have also done an excellent job making their Kindness Calendars – please do remember to open each day, and discuss the importance of the task with your child in the mornings, so that they may have the whole day in which to carry out their act of kindness. Please don't forget to take photos to send in to the office and also don't forget to reward them at the end of the day!

Once we come back after the holidays iA, we will be well into the Holy Month and will get straight into carrying out our whole school acts of service. Please look out for the separate email about this from the office.

May the Almighty not allow any dawn to break in this holy month without our deeds being accepted and our sins forgiven – ameen.



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