

Newsletter

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A Message from the Acting Headteacher

Asalaam Alaikum,

It seems like not long ago that our Reception cohort started their journey with us, and it has been wonderful to see them blossom and grow, ready to transition to Year 1.

Our Year 1 pupils have had a fantastic year of learning and are ready for the challenges and excitement Year 2 will bring; our Year 2 children (and role models) will be stepping into their first year in Key Stage 2 with enthusiasm and energy and we are looking forward to helping them continue to grow and shine as beacons for our school!

I am very grateful to the hardworking team at Hujjat Primary School; it has been a privilege working with the staff this year, who are always dedicated to the children's learning and wellbeing; undoubtedly, this was showcased in our first Ofsted Inspection in January 2023.

We have been blessed to have had many excellent school events and trips such as the Eid Fairs, Mini Marathon, class assemblies and Mini Hajj Simulation. In addition to this, the Reception trip to Odds Farm, the Year 1 Trip to the Zoo and Welsh Harp Centre and of course the Year 2 Forest School experience were all much enjoyed and enriched the children's learning.

This week has been particularly busy and exciting; the school hosted Sports Day and I was very pleased to see how well the children participated demonstrating teamwork, confidence and humility. Congratulations to Lady Maryam House on winning the House Cup, which was presented during our outdoor assembly. We also hosted 'Celebration of Learning' this week and I was very happy to see proud teachers and children showing their learning in books to the parents. The afternoon carried on with a picnic in our school courtyard organised by parent volunteers, and smiles and laughter filled the air, Alhamdulillah.

Transition Day this term was very successful; our new Reception cohort had the opportunity to visit the school and take part in 'Stay and Play' sessions and our Year 1 and 2 children spent the day with their teachers for the next academic year. We are very much looking forward to new parents joining our school community and further building relationships with our existing parents making the upcoming year at Hujjat Primary School as prosperous and blessed as this one!

All staff would like to thank you all for your very generous gifts and your continued support.

Wishing you all a restful summer break and we look forward to seeing you again on Thursday 7th September.

Best wishes,

Mrs Saad

A Message from the Faith Lead

Salaams,

As we approach the end of the summer term, we thank Allah (SWT) for all the wonderful opportunities the children have had to grow this academic year. Alhamdulillah, all praise to Allah, it has been a blessing to join the Hujjat Primary School family this year and I thank you all for the warm welcome you have given me.

This term, the children have continued to embed our Islamic faith and values, through collective worship, reflection opportunities across the curriculum, assemblies as well as various enrichment opportunities. We have explored the school values, with a focus on integrity and excellence, through the Quran and stories of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W – peace and blessings be upon him). It has been wonderful to share a Quranic verse with the children and families each week and see the children enthusiastically familiarising themselves and, in some cases, memorizing duas, the Eid-Takbeer and the verses of the holy Quran linked to our values through the use of pictures and Makaton.

Alhamdulillah, all praise to Allah, this term we were also able to offer our students the opportunity to develop their Quranic reading skills in Quran Club after school. MashaAllah, as Allah willed, the children embraced this opportunity, and it was heart-warming to see them learning and engaging with the Quran in fun and interactive ways with smiles on their faces. To mark the Islamic Calendar event of Hajj, we created a 'Mini Hajj Experience' for the children to take part in. As well as learning the actions of Hajj we focused on the intentions, reflections and thoughts behind each action performed by millions of Muslims each year when they go for Hajj. May Allah grant our children all the opportunity to be able to take forward this learning in their daily lives and one day perform the real Hajj in Mecca Insha'Allah.

My time so far at Hujjat Primary has been inspirational and I am filled with excitement and enthusiasm for the countless blessings and opportunities the coming year holds Insha'Allah. We pray that together we can continue to embed our beautiful Islamic faith and values in ourselves and our children as we learn and grow together at Hujjat Primary School. I pray you all have a safe, healthy, and relaxing break and look forward to continuing our journey of growing together in faith and values with you all in the new academic year, Insha'Allah.

With salaams and duas,
Mrs Jessa

Our Summer Term

Reception



Trip to Odds Farm

It was so much fun for the children to see all the different animals and continue learning about each animals' life cycles. The children saw cows and baby calves and learnt about how mammals feed their young. The children also saw chickens and collected eggs. The Reception children also learned about the different crops grown on the farm and had the opportunity to try some fresh produce which made excellent curriculum links to healthy eating.

Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for making learning accessible, exciting and fun!

Chicks at School

The EYFS cohort has been thoroughly engrossed in lessons centered around the concept of life cycles. Witnessing the various stages of growth and development in both animals and plants has been an exciting experience. The children have had the opportunity to observe the transformation of caterpillars into beautiful butterflies, track the growth and evolution of eggs into chicks. Their discussions on the topic have been animated and lively, with a palpable excitement emanating from their eagerness to learn more. Some children have even begun to create their depictions and models of the life cycles they have been studying. It is truly heartening to witness such inquisitiveness and enthusiasm for learning among such young children.



Year 1

Trip to the Welsh Harp Reservoir



This summer term, Year 1 have been learning about plants and trees in science. Including identifying and naming common plants and trees and describing their structure. The pupils attended an amazing workshop called Brilliant Botanists, which included learning about the flower lifecycle, tree parts and their functions and the terms 'deciduous' and 'evergreen'. In addition to this, we had lovely walks around the woodlands to discover and identify plants and trees and took part in craft activities and bark rubbing. The children had a fantastic time exploring the area and applying all of their knowledge from their science lessons!

We would like to thank all the parent volunteers that joined us on this amazing trip!

Year 2

Forest School Experience

On Thursday 6th July, Year 2 celebrated the end of the year with a fantastic Forest School Experience.

The children learnt that nature is an endowed beauty and mercy for all people. In Islam it is encouraged to reflect on the signs of nature in order to understand the world, ourselves and God. The Quran tells us that human beings are placed on earth as God's representatives or 'Khalifah'. Children were taught that they are trusted to take care of and enjoy the wonders of earth and Forest School provides the perfect opportunity for this. Forest School is an inspirational, holistic process, that offers children opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self-esteem, through hands on learning experiences in a local woodland environment.

We began by reading a favourite: 'Allah made everything' by Zain Bhikha as the children enjoyed their summer fruit snacks made in their food technology workshop. The children then took part in different activities around the school. They had the opportunity to make nature crafts, including crowns and bracelets decorated with summer flowers and leaves; they made mud recipes and paintings in the mud kitchen and were able to use their investigative skills to find flora and fauna on a scavenger hunt. Not to forget, the children enjoyed nature-inspired face painting!

We hope this was a memorable experience for the children and look forward to many more!



Whole School Hajj Simulation

Our children have had a wonderful opportunity to mark the Islamic calendar event of Hajj by participating in a 'Mini Hajj Experience' at school this year. As well as performing a replica of the actions of Hajj, we focused on the intentions and reflections behind each action performed.

The children began their 'Mini Hajj Experience' by making an intention and entering the state of Ihram. They created a compass and looked at how making the wrong intention can lead you in the wrong direction but if we make the right intention, we will be led on the right path towards Allah (SWT). The children then travelled to our Mecca replica as a class, reciting the talbiyya and actions to help them understand the meaning of what was being said. They then performed the Tawaf, circling the Ka'ba replica 7 times, whilst reflecting on how they will make Allah the center of everything they do for 7 days of the week.

Next, the children performed a mini-Saee, walking between Safa and Marwa mountains 7 times while reflecting on the story of Sayyida Hajra and her son, Prophet Ismail.

From there, they went to the Mount of Arafat, where they thought carefully about what they would ask forgiveness for and any habits they would like to change. Through an experiment, we enabled the children to reflect on how Muslims ask for forgiveness at Hajj and return clean and sinless.

At Muzdalifa, the children made their pebbles by writing what they were sorry for on a piece of paper and scrunching it up to form a pebble. They then took these to Mina, where they threw them at the 3 pillars of Jamaraat, while asking Allah to help them keep away from these mistakes and reflecting on the story and qualities of Prophet Ibrahim.

Continuing to reflect on the story of Prophet Ibrahim and his devotion and obedience to Allah (SWT), the children learnt about the sacrifice performed at Hajj. To replicate this act of being willing to sacrifice something we love for the pleasure of Allah, just as Prophet Ibrahim did, the children donated an item of food to those in need. These donations were taken to the Sufra foodbank, who were very grateful for such a generous donation. Thank you to all of you for your contributions, Jazak'Allah, may Allah reward you.

Our Hajj experience ended with an Eid celebration, making Eid cards to gift to our families. We reflected on and celebrated our fresh start and the changes we had promised to make, to take us closer to Allah, in our 'Mini Hajj Experience'.

Alhamdulillah, the children enjoyed and learnt a lot from the experience and there was a real buzz in the school as the children would share their experiences with each other and staff. May Allah grant our children all the opportunity to be able to take forward this learning in their daily lives and one day perform the real Hajj in Mecca Insha'Allah.



Mini Marathon

We were delighted to have our first TCS Mini London Marathon in schools at Hujjat Primary School on 11 May 2023. What made this event special was that the organisers had set a special challenge this year to achieve a Guinness World Records title by recording the most pledges for an exercise campaign in one month.

The children had great fun running, jogging and walking one mile around the school. This event is part of our commitment to inspire exercise and healthy activity in our children, regardless of age or ability. Getting our children active from a young age has many benefits and we are looking to create more opportunities to encourage this in school.

We are happy to share that we raised over £4,500 from this campaign, thanks to your generous contributions. The funds will be used for a second phase of an Islamic design project for the school corridors and main hall, which the children will be able to enjoy from the next school term.



Sports Day

Sports Day was an exciting event this term. Children, staff and parents all participated with enthusiasm and confidence in the beautiful weather we had been blessed with on the day! There were a variety of activities which involved throwing, catching and coordination, as well as hurdles, obstacle races and sprints.

We are proud of everyone who participate, including parents and we offer our congratulations to Lady Maryam House for Winning!

