

Daffodil Preparatory School Monthly Newsletter *October Wrap-Up*

Message from the Headteacher

Assalamu alaikum!

Dear Parents,

As we conclude our first half term, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in making our journey so far a positive one, and it has truly enriched our school community. I hope this break has provided a chance to rest and recharge, as we look forward to another wonderful term starting on Monday, 4th November, insha'Allah.

Our awards event was a special occasion for us all—celebrating the achievements and growth of our students alongside their families was a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish together. Looking ahead, I am filled with optimism for the new challenges and milestones this term will bring.

Thank you again for your continued support and dedication to Daffodil Preparatory School.

Kindest regards,
Sumayyah Ali
Headteacher

Awards Event Highlights

Our awards event was a memorable evening, filled with pride and joy as we gathered to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students. Parents, staff, and students came together for this special occasion, and we were honoured to welcome the renowned Imam Abul Hussain as our guest speaker. Imam Abul Hussain's inspiring words resonated with our school community, reminding our students of the importance of commitment, kindness, and resilience in their learning journey. His presence added a profound touch to the event, making it a truly uplifting experience for everyone. We are so proud of our students' progress and grateful to all who made the evening unforgettable!





New School Start Time

To ensure that all students begin their day with a smooth, focused start, we are implementing a revised morning schedule. Starting Monday, **all students are expected to arrive no later than 8:25 am**. The first lesson, Islamic Studies, will commence promptly at **8:30 am**, and it is essential that every child is ready to begin on time.

This adjustment reflects our commitment to providing uninterrupted learning time, as late arrivals disrupt the flow of lessons and impact the experience for all students.

By emphasising punctuality, we hope to instil a lifelong habit in our students that will serve them well in all areas of life. Please note that **any arrivals after 8:25 am will be marked as late**, and we kindly ask all parents to support us in maintaining this standard.

Thank you for helping us create a more effective and efficient start to each school day, as we work together to maximize learning and instil values of responsibility and punctuality in our students.

Black History Month Celebration

Throughout Black History Month, students at Daffodil Preparatory School had the chance to learn about key Black figures across various fields, including art, education, and medicine. To add to the occasion, our catering team prepared a special menu for the day, celebrating different cultural flavours, and provided a lovely cake to conclude the exploration. This celebration allowed students to reflect on the contributions of these figures and recognise the importance of diversity in shaping our world.

Lunch Menus and Healthy Eating Initiative

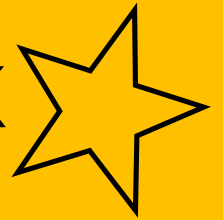
Our lunch menus offer a variety of balanced and nutritious options for students. For those bringing packed lunches, we encourage parents to focus on healthy choices that support our school's commitment to healthy eating. To view a copy of the lunch menus as well as the allergens list, please visit our office and our lovely admin team will be able to direct you to the posters. A separate copy of the menus will be emailed to you after the 4th of November.

Examples of good options include: whole grain sandwiches or wraps with lean proteins (such as chicken, turkey, or hummus), salads, vegetable sticks, yogurt, cheese, fresh fruits (like apples, berries, or bananas), and whole grain crackers.

We ask that each child also brings a bottle of water—clearly labelled with their name—so staff can easily identify it. Students are encouraged to keep their water bottles accessible throughout the day, in the classroom, lunch hall, and playground. Please note that juices of any kind are not permitted.*

Thank you for supporting our initiative to build healthier habits within our school community!

Stars of the Week



We've had another fantastic month filled with **Stars of the Week** who have demonstrated incredible qualities in their learning and interactions. Each of these students has stood out in unique ways, and we're proud to celebrate their achievements!

Tazneem, Year 1

Tazneem has been recognized for her remarkable work ethic and perseverance. She started the year as one of our quieter students, but her confidence has grown, and now she contributes regularly to class discussions. We're so proud of her progress!

Mahabub, Year 3

Mahabub has earned his place as a Star of the Week with his consistent politeness and positive attitude. He always brings a cheerful outlook to the classroom, setting a wonderful example for his peers.

Tahmid, Year 4

Starting off strong, Tahmid has shown a dedicated approach to his studies. Though he's a quieter student, he never hesitates to give 100% in all he does. His focus and effort have truly shone this month.

Muhammed, Year 4

Recognised for his outstanding buddy skills, Muhammed has been a wonderful support to his peers, particularly with our younger students. His helpfulness and kindness have made him a role model in the classroom.

Zohara, Year 3

Zohara's positive attitude and warm nature make her a joy to have in class. Her enthusiasm is infectious, and she's always ready to encourage and support her classmates.

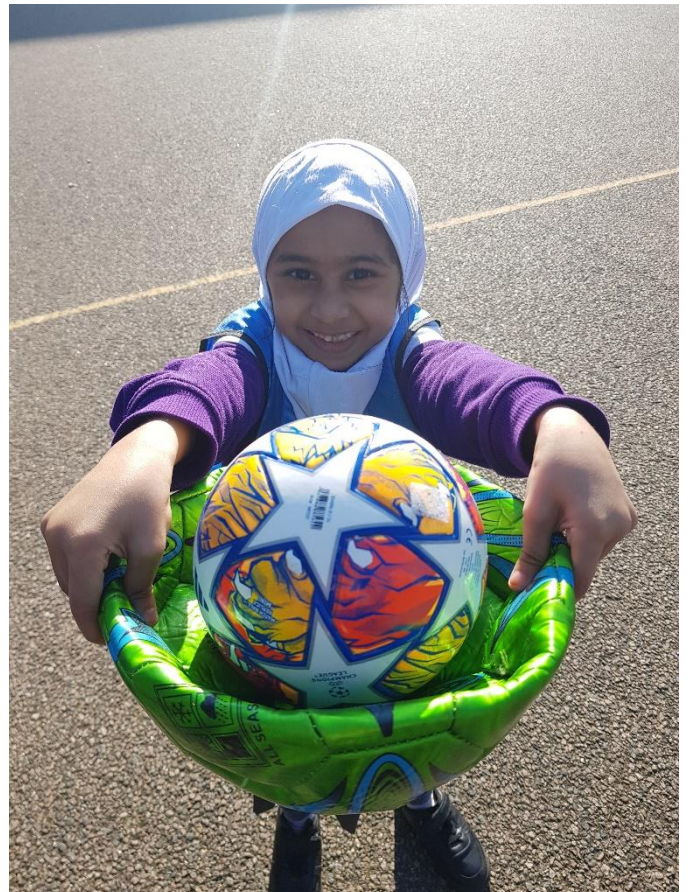
Miftah, Year 1

Miftah's curiosity and eagerness to learn have stood out this month. He asks thoughtful questions and participates actively in class, showing a true love for learning.

Celebrating Our Stars

Congratulations to all our Stars of the Week! Each of these students has shown qualities that go beyond academics—demonstrating resilience, kindness, curiosity, and a positive spirit that truly enriches our school community. Their hard work and character have made a lasting impact on their classmates and teachers alike, setting a wonderful example for all.

As we move forward, we look forward to seeing even more students shine in their own unique ways. Remember, every small effort counts, and the journey of growth is something to celebrate. Keep up the fantastic work, everyone! Let's make the coming month another one to remember.



Parent Questionnaire

We kindly ask all parents to take about **10 minutes** to complete our parent questionnaire. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand how we can better support our students and enhance our school community. The questionnaire is anonymous, and we will use the insights gathered to inform our efforts in developing and strengthening our programs. Thank you for your time and input—it makes a real difference!

Complete the Questionnaire Here:

<https://forms.gle/rw7Xjb4ey1tU562h7>

Homework Reminder

A gentle reminder to all students: completing your homework each week is crucial for reinforcing what you've learned in class, particularly your Hifdh homework. As you will be tested on your memorisation, it's important to stay consistent in your practice. Any incomplete homework will be reported back to parents, and if homework is consistently missed, meetings with parents will be arranged. Homework is a vital part of your learning journey, helping you develop responsibility, time management, and mastery of your subjects. Let's stay committed to making the most of it!

Reminder: Qur'an Progress and Diaries

To help keep track of the surahs your child is working on, please refer to the green tracker sheet inside their diary. This sheet lists the surahs they are currently working on, as well as what they will be moving to next. From Monday to Thursday, students will be tested on surahs, while Fridays are dedicated to testing duas. It is important that you support your child's progress at home to help them stay on track. Regular practice will make a big difference in their learning journey! Thank you for your cooperation and involvement.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Take a look at our two-month calendar below to see some of the exciting activities and events we have planned for the school! We have a variety of fun and educational experiences booked, with even more to come. Some dates, such as school trips and an upcoming environmentalist project workshop, are still being confirmed, so keep an eye out for text message updates with details on these activities after the holidays. We're looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead!

School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure you are wearing your full school uniform each day, including on PE days. On PE days, students are expected to wear their uniform over their PE kits. Dressing smartly and consistently following the uniform policy helps create a sense of belonging, pride, and respect for our school community. Let's make sure we are all looking sharp and representing Daffodil Preparatory School in the best way

PE Kits

This is a gentle reminder to make sure your child comes fully equipped with the correct uniform as well as PE kits for their lessons.

Students are permitted to wear their PE kits with a Daffodil jumper/cardigan on allocated PE days. Lack of uniform on any other day will receive a phone call home.

The days are as follow:

Year 1: Monday + Wednesday

Year 2: Tuesday + Thursday

Year 3: Tuesday + Thursday

Year 4: Tuesday + Thursday

Year 5: Tuesday + Thursday

Friday Thobe and Abaya

As part of our Jummah tradition and to make the day extra special, students are welcome to come to school wearing a thobe or abaya every Friday. It's a privilege to have amazing guest speakers deliver the khutbah at Daffodil, and we encourage students to embrace this day in a meaningful way. Please remember to wear your Daffodil jumper on top for a complete and tidy look.

November

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Start of Autumn Term 2	5	6	7	8	9
10 Remembrance Day Start of Anti-Bullying Week	11	12	13 World Kindness Day	14 BBC Children in Need (1 day early)	15 End of Anti-Bullying Week National Recycling Day	16
17	18	19 Start of Road Safety Week	20	21	22 End of Road Safety Week	23
24	25	26	27 Vaccinations No Pens Wednesday!	28	29	30

December

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Computer Science Education Week	5	6	7
8	9	10 Human Rights Day	11 International Mountain Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Parent-Teacher Meeting	20	21
22	23 Start of Christmas Break	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

PENDING DATES: Open Event, Environmentalist Workshop, School Trips – please keep an eye on your inbox for further information. |