

Newsletter



Salaam Alaykum,

December 2020 (Edition 1)

We hope that you will enjoy reading about our first term as Harrow's first Muslim Faith Designated Free School .

It has been an adventure that the community has shared, from our first days in temporary accommodation to being in our permanent site and observing the development of the whole school building through our many windows.

We have included some of the highlights from the term and what is to come in the future InshaAllah.

David Poole (Headteacher) & Shaheen Hirji (Chair of Trustees)

Looking Back

Temporary Accommodation and the Beginning of our Journey

Due to the pandemic, our building was delayed by just over two months. So, we began our journey at another local Primary School where we had just three classrooms. We held one-to-one meetings with parents whilst the children drew pictures of what they wanted to become as adults and we introduced our first value - Kindness. The children began with a staggered start which gently introduced them to 'big' school!



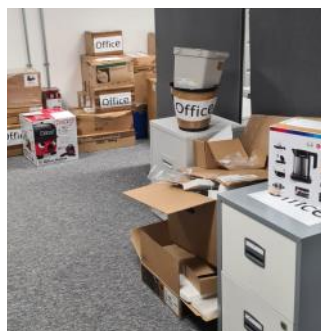
By October Half Term

Our two classes made great progress, they socialised well and started their journey to mastering Phonics and early Mathematics.

Our staff team grew, following the successful recruitment of a Sports Leader, Faith Lead, Administrative Assistant, two Midday Supervisors and a temporary Premises Assistant.

The Big Move!

The time finally arrived for us to move to our lovely, brand new site. The staff all worked together to get everything packed up and moved, ready for us to open at Brookhill on 9th November. We welcomed some very excited children on Monday morning, and it was an absolute joy to watch their faces as they entered the gate, eager to explore their new classrooms.



Progress

Our pupils have been making exceptional progress having been supported to achieve their Early Learning Goals.

The building is now moving on a pace, with the whole ground floor completed and an expected handover date of March 2021.

We introduced our PTA, Friends of Hujjat Primary School, who are working hard to support the school and have already raised over £5,000 for playground equipment.

Exploring

Both classes had a tour of the school, they visited Mr Poole's office, the meeting room and the school office where they especially enjoyed looking at the iPads, the CCTV cameras and sitting on the office chairs. They even managed to get a glimpse of our Phase 2 construction.



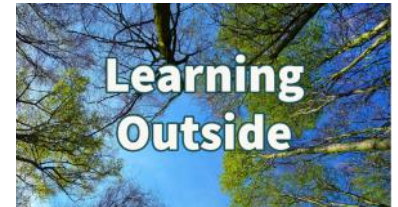
Not wishing to feel left out, The Gingerbread Man also had a tour of the school, although we weren't aware that he was coming. He had heard that the children had been reading about him, so the sneaky Gingerbread Man had a good look around the school before hiding in the classroom oven! He had left clues for the children to find him and even telephoned the classroom to give them their final clue.



Looking Forward

Outdoor Area

The school has asked three companies to design and cost an enhanced outdoor space for our Reception children to create an exciting and engaging area where the children can bring their learning outside. This will include areas to develop fine and gross motor skills, as well as other Early Learning Goals.



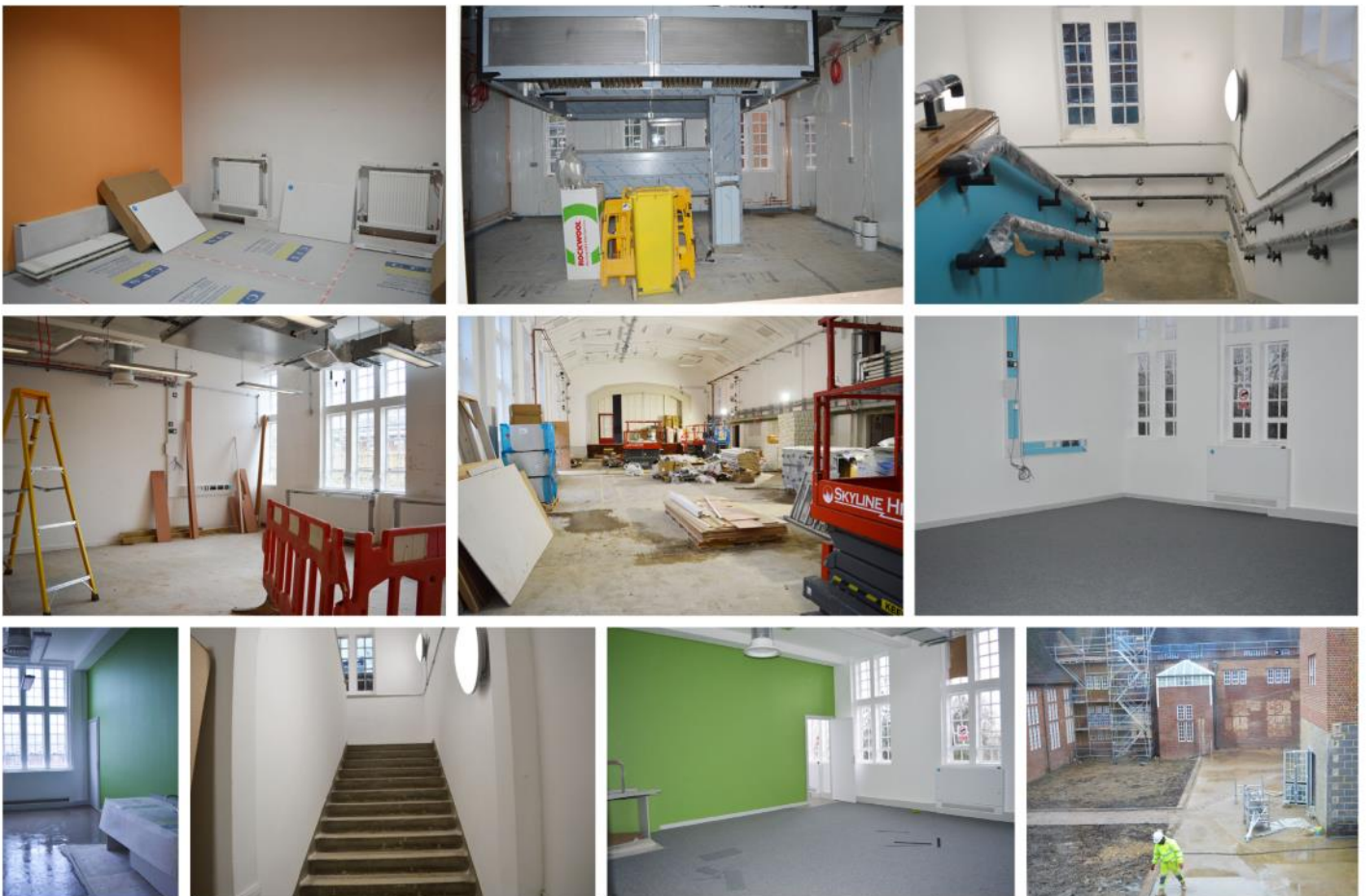
Technology



Our state-of-the-art, interactive IT equipment in the classrooms will be fully utilised following recent staff training and the children will have the opportunity to use our suite of iPads next term to enhance their interactive learning.

Phase Two of our Building

In early March, we will gain access to the whole school and we will be able to develop our PE and make use of specialist rooms. We will also be able to go out to tender for a permanent caterer who will be able to use our brand new kitchen for serving meals in our spectacular hall. Some of the staff had the opportunity to visit the site last week and we are sharing the updated photographs.



Staff Highlights

We asked the staff what have been their highlights for this term ...

“It has been fantastic to watch the children grow in confidence.”

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“It’s so lovely to see them making new friends.”

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“We have very much enjoyed finding out the children’s interests.”

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“I’ve really enjoyed watching the children learn new things.”

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“It’s great to see the children settling so well into our new building.”

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“I’ve really enjoyed getting to know each of their individual characters.”

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“The parents’ co-operation and trust in us as a staff team has been amazing!”

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“The children’s ability to adapt to change has been unbelievable!”

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“It has been wonderful to see the children embrace the values, such as kindness, that we espouse as a school community.”

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all again on 4th January 2021 InshaAllah.