# Newsletter

#### March 2021 (Edition 2)



Salaam Alaykum,

What a strange term we have had! We were preparing to return on 4th January 2021, but following government advice, the school was closed and remote learning began. The one shining light from this was that the children were able to return to the school after the completion of building works and they were very excited to see the transformation of their school.

We should like to put on record our thanks to the whole school community for working together to ensure that our pupils made as much progress as possible during this time.

We hope that guidelines will allow us to invite you into school soon so that you can see the wonderful facilities for yourselves, but until then we have included a link to a short video showing some before and after photos.

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

## **Looking Back**

#### **Only A Few Returned But We Zoomed Along!**

The children of key workers and vulnerable children returned in a small group, whilst everyone else joined in from home using the Weekly Overview and Phonics lessons led by Miss Aissaoui, Maths led by Miss Haque, RE and assemblies led by Mrs Jaffer, Stories from Ms Sultana and some advice on keeping active from Mr Lewis. Parents supported the children's online learning with some wonderful uploads onto Tapestry, so much so, that we introduced a Learner of the Week in our newsletter. The school was eerily quiet with just a small group of children and a few staff members in the building.





#### After February Half-Term

In school, we were very much looking forward to the return of all the children on 8th March and we're certain that all of our parents and children at home were too. One of our key worker children was heard saying, "I cannot wait to meet my friends again!" and that was so heart-warming to hear.

#### **Back to School**

There were, understandably, a few tears at the gate, but in the main, we welcomed back some very excited children on Monday 8th March. It was a joy to have the children back and to hear the school ringing with the sound of children's voices again.

Mr Poole took the children on a tour of the finished building and they even had a little run around in the KS2 playground. Lunch was served in our lovely new hall and in the afternoon, the children attended their very first assembly in the hall, where they were given the opportunity to test out the microphone!



### **The Present**

Lessons are concentrating on getting the children back into routines, re-establishing friendships and ensuring that all children make progress.

We are holding weekly assemblies in the hall every Wednesday afternoon, led by Mrs Jaffer and Mr Poole. The children are contributing to these and we are making good use of our wonderful AV system.

After the success of Learner of the Week during lockdown, we are now celebrating a Pupil of the Week from each class. The recipients are mentioned in our weekly newsletter and receive a certificate from Mr Poole during assembly.



## **Looking Forward**

Parent Consultations will take place online in May.

The outdoor EYFS space has been given the go-ahead for development and the refurbishment will commence in May. Additionally, works on our Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and staff car park will be commencing shortly.

We hope that before too much longer, we will be able to invite parents into the school premises for a physical tour of the lovely new building and its facilities. For now though, we have compiled a short photographic 'then and now' video showing some of the key areas.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jeIISqHHCTpjYxm\_MWcoo9bAfNzaxDZo/view?usp=sharing

Towards the end of the summer term, we are very much hoping to be able to take the children out for the whole day, to visit a local place of interest where they will have opportunities to look at history, our local environment (Understanding the World) and also have to time to use their brand new play equipment. We hope to end the day with a picnic with the parents iA.

The school will be available for lettings and hire of facilities. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested, please contact the school office.

On Saturday 5th September, 100 ladies from Evolve, a new cycling club in Harrow and Watford, which aims to break down barriers and support more Muslim women to discover the joys of cycling, will head off from Hujjat Primary School and cycle to Windsor to raise awareness.



Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 19th April.