

Newsletter

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“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

- Aristotle

Reflection

A good education focuses not merely on cognitive functions but develops the qualities that make us human thereby enabling a meaningful life.

Salaam Alaykum,

We want to start by paying tribute to the team that includes school staff, Trustees, Friends of Hujjat Primary School and everyone who has gone above and beyond to make our first year so successful—how did we get from Weald Rise with 6 staff to what will be 21 staff at our INSET in September? If you were part of it, you will know the contribution that you made and we thank you for it!

We have reached the end of our first academic year! It has been an unusual year, due to COVID-19, but we hope that you will agree, that it has been a happy and successful one.

We are really pleased to be able to report that the children have made exceptional progress due to the work of the staff team, the children and you, as parents.

We have celebrated a number of events this term, including Eid ul-Fitr, Sports Afternoon and Eid ul-Adha. The children made their own mini pilgrimage to Mini Hajj@Hujjat and thanks to the Friends of Hujjat Primary School, the children enjoyed a theatrical storytelling performance by the Khayaal Theatre Company.

We have had an amazing response to our Reception intake in September and are happy to announce that both classes are full. Both Reception and Year 1 now have waiting lists.

The children have met their new Year 1 teachers through a planned transition programme, which included a day as Year 1 pupils on the 9th July. We are looking forward to watching our very first cohort grow and blossom in Year 1.

We would like to thank you for all your support over the past year and wish you a lovely summer break. Please do remain cautious so that we can start our new academic year as Covid free as possible.

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



Looking Back

We celebrated our very first Eid ul-Fitr in school. There were two very special days of activities and we even made the front page of the Harrow Schools' Newsletter, putting Hujjat Primary School firmly on the map of Harrow schools and academies.



Our wonderful outdoor EYFS learning area was completed, which the children are enjoying immensely. We even have two tomatoes growing!





The children had their very first school photograph taken, together with class photos and, as it was our first year of opening, a whole school photograph was taken too. There has been a positive response to the photos, and Bernie wishes to say thank you to all staff and parents at Hujjat Primary School.

We enjoyed an afternoon of sport in the sunshine. The children took part in a variety of activities including egg and spoon races, sack races, sprints, obstacle courses and hurdles.



And last, but not least, we celebrated our first Eid ul-Adha with craft activities in the morning and a wonderful theatrical storytelling performance by the Khayaal Theatre Company in the afternoon. Thank you to the Friends of Hujjat Primary School for providing this fantastic opportunity for the children.



From our Faith Lead

I am so proud of how the wonderful children at Hujjat Primary School have so readily embraced our school values and have really worked on living them throughout this school year.

There have been some amazing opportunities to nurture their spiritual side, from making their microphones to remind them that they can talk to Allah (swt) at any time they want, through to every child enthusiastically taking part in our mini Hajj@Hujjat!

The children and families have really shown their altruism during our charity drives, whether it was packing bags for the homeless or donating to our local food bank. We have seen acts of compassion, respect, integrity, excellence, service and gratitude from all of our children, and I am really looking forward to our pioneering year group setting a wonderful example to all future cohorts.

I pray that everyone has a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again in September iA.

Looking Forward

I hope that you and the children are excited by the next stage in their education, with Year 1 seeing more formal teaching, but also having a clear connection with the Reception experience.

In the Autumn term, the development of the Year 1 outdoor learning area will be completed. This will include a bark area, a log seated reading zone on the grass with a teacher reading chair, a planting zone, a circular seat around the tree and a storage shed at the far end.

Our new Breakfast and After School Club will open in September, providing wraparound care for those parents that need it.

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

On Sunday 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.

We will be welcoming our new Reception children and parents into our school community and we are sure you and the children will extend them a very warm welcome.

Until then, we wish you all a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th September iA.

Staff Memories and Reflections

“My most favourite and treasured memory from this year will be how enthusiastically and in-sync, the children would always reply to “Salaamun Alaiykum” at the beginning of every class and assembly.”

“I can still very clearly remember the children arriving on their first day in Reception— some excited, some scared, some happy, some sad, some chatty, some not wishing to speak at all! I see them now coming into school full of confidence, enthusiasm and with beaming smiles on their faces. I feel blessed to be a part of Hujjat Primary School; the children make me smile every single day and I look forward to watching them blossom and grow further as they move into Year One.”

“I have really enjoyed seeing the foundations of what is already and what is going to be a great school community being built. Seeing the children flourish in their new school makes coming to work enjoyable! I want to thank the parents for trusting us to educate and give their children the best that we can, to make their school life a happy and successful one. It has been lovely seeing the children grow over the year and get to know their individual characters.”

“It has been a wonderful first year at Hujjat Primary School and I am so grateful to have been one of the first teachers to be working in such a magnificent school. I am so excited to see the school grow and witness what the future holds! Everyone has worked so hard this year, especially with everything going on in the world! I thank everyone for their hard work and patience this year, staff, parents, and pupils. In Sha Allah many more great years are to come.”

“I've absolutely loved getting to know all the children this year. They each have their own personality and it's been amazing watching them become more sure of who they are, as they learn and grow. I've most enjoyed the moments where I got to be a big kid with them all over again, like joining in with musical bumps and beating Ms Akhtar. I'm going to miss the children so much over summer, but can't wait to be back in the classroom again in Year 1 making new memories.”