

# Newsletter



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Salaam Alaykum,

Welcome to the first End of Term Newsletter for the 2021-2022 academic year.

We are so proud to be in our second year with full cohorts of children in both year groups and it is an absolute pleasure to watch the school continuing to grow after many years of planning. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and the trust that you place in us to educate your children.

We wish you all a restful and happy winter break and a happy New Year. With cases of Covid-19 still rising, please stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 5th January 2022 Insha'Allah.

**David Poole (Headteacher)**

## Looking Back

### Our Reception Children

In September, we welcomed our lovely new Reception children and parents into our community. Parents escorting their children to the classroom doors in the morning was a new venture for us, and Alhumdulillah, it worked well. It enabled the children to feel happy and relaxed and parents to quickly get to know the class teachers and teaching assistants.



### Our Year 1 Children

Our Year 1 children transitioned well and quickly settled into their new routines in their new classrooms with their new class teachers. We welcomed some new children into Year 1 and they too settled very quickly, effortlessly making new friends in their new environment.



## Breakfast and After School Clubs (Wraparound Care)

We opened our new Breakfast and After School Clubs, which the children seem to really enjoy. Whenever you walk past, you can always hear the sound of children having fun. The Clubs are growing in numbers and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. A big thank you to Ms Navazi, Ms Souilah, Mrs Valiji, Miss Rashid and Miss Hussain for all their hard work and dedication. We also fondly remember Miss Akhtar and her help with the initial set-up and the smooth start to Breakfast Club.



## Headstone Manor Trip for Year 1

In October, Year 1 went on their very first school trip. They travelled by coach to Headstone Manor, which proved to be very exciting, as many of the children had never been on a coach before. The children (and adults) enjoyed listening to the story of an owl from Harrow who fell asleep for a very, very long time. When he woke up, he found that lots of things had changed. This story enabled the children to learn about some significant historical sites in Harrow and how they have changed through the years. The children also made maps and followed their maps around the Manor House before visiting the museum, which included a selection of toys from the past, which the children had been learning about in school.



## The Cheeky Gingerbread Man

He came to visit us last year and that cheeky Gingerbread Man decided to pay us a visit again. However, this time, he ran, ran, as fast as he could and was nowhere to be found. The Reception children were desperate to find him and made 'Wanted' posters with a drawing of what he looked like and a description of his character. These were placed all around the school, but to this day, we still haven't been able to find him.



## FoHPS Social and Fundraiser

Just before we were broken up for half-term, many families attended a fantastic social event and fundraiser, hosted by the Friends of Hujjat Primary School. There was a performance by the children, lots of stalls, indoor and outdoor fun activities for the children, delicious food and even a barbecue outside. Thank you to every single person that was involved, from start to finish. (Photos courtesy of Sura Saeed)



# Looking Forward

## School Trips

Dates have not yet been finalised, but InshaAllah, our Reception children will be visiting a farm and our Year 1 children will be visiting a zoo.

## Friends of Hujjat Primary School

The new committee is now in place and we are looking forward to working with them over the next year. Watch this space for some exciting fundraising activities to come.

## Year 1 Outdoor Learning Area

The children in Year 1 will be making good use of their new Outdoor Learning Area. Weather permitting, they will be using this area as an outdoor classroom, planting and enjoying outdoor story time with the new reading throne and log seats.



## Prayer Room

We are eagerly looking forward to the completion of the Prayer Room. The lighting has been fitted and the walls made good, which just leaves the flooring and design work to go. When completed, this will undoubtedly be a great addition to the prayer life of our school.



## From Our Faith Lead

Time has flown and we have already reached the end of the term. It has been wonderful to watch the children settle in so well. We have covered many current topics in our assemblies over this term and our last assembly was no different. We spoke about our Christian neighbours celebrating the birth of Jesus, who to Muslims, is one of the greatest prophets that Allah (swt) sent down. We spoke about his miracle of speaking from the cradle and focused in particular, on his words about obeying Allah (swt) and being sent as a guide to teach us how to be of those who do good. We spoke about how Christmas holidays are usually a time to meet with family and friends but, much like last year, due to Covid-19, we might end up having to cancel plans to meet, in order to keep everyone safe. We reminded ourselves how we can keep ourselves and each other safe, by doing things such as washing our hands regularly, wearing masks and keeping our distance. We also talked about how by actively doing these things we are embodying our values of integrity and service by doing the right thing and helping each other stay safe and thereby Insha'Allah also being counted amongst those who do good - just like Prophet Isa (as) taught us.

We pray everyone has a blessed and restful holiday – Ameen

## Staff Highlights

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

*“Seeing all of the Year 1 children so excited to be on a coach to Headstone Manor”*

*“My best memory of the term was watching all the reception children settle into school. It is difficult starting a new environment, but our children have been so fantastic and have been working super hard! “*

*“It’s been lovely to see all of the new families who have joined us on our journey. It has been great to see the Breakfast and After School Clubs being used and children not wanting to go home at the end of the day because they have been enjoying themselves so much! A big thank you to Mr Torrano for making the club room usable with his carpentry talents.”*

*“It has been amazing to see the children come into school with their smiles every morning! “*

*“One of the highlights of this term has to be walking into Miss Haque’s classroom and being held captive by the children, because they wanted me to stay and play with them. The second one has to be listening to the children in the Breakfast and After School Clubs laughing and just having so much fun.”*

*“It’s filled us with pride to watch Year 1 grow in confidence and enthusiasm in their learning.”*

**All the staff at Hujjat Primary School would like to thank you for your kind gifts, cards and good wishes.**

*Where education is more than what you know, it’s who you can become...*