

# LAND OF LEARNING NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Nurturing the seeds of knowledge

## SPRING 2017

### Message from the Head

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. It has been a very busy term with trips, chicks in the Nursery and fundraising events. We are very proud of our children and parents during book week when we raised an amazing £12,300! There has been a significant improvement in the attitude children have towards reading throughout the school. We hope this continues into adulthood and children appreciate why reading is essential in gaining knowledge.

As the Summer term approaches our thoughts turn to final assessments and preparation for Year 6 to move on to secondary schools. All children are encouraged to keep up with reviewing all they have learnt this term to ensure that when they complete their final assessments children show their full potential. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive on time and we look forward to an even busier Summer Term!

### Reading in Islam



Last term we celebrated World Book Day with a whole week dedicated to books and the importance of reading. Islamically we have been taught the importance of reading. The first Ayah of the Qur'aan to be revealed began with the command to 'Read' and the Qur'aan is definitely the most widely read, recited and memorised book in the world.

Reading the Qur'aan is a very rewarding deed the prophet (PBUH) said: "Whoever reads a letter from the Quran will receive a good deed for it, and the reward is multiplied by ten. I do not say that Alif-Laam-Meem is a letter, rather Alif is a letter, Laam is a letter, and Meem is a letter." [At-Tirmidhi, Ad-Darimi]

Reading has been essential in the transmission of Islamic knowledge over the last one and a half centuries. Without the skill and motivation to read, the greatest scholars of Islam's work would not have reached us.

We encourage children to read books from all types of genres and to challenge themselves to read books by authors they may not be familiar with.

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#### This term's Student Councilors

Year 5A — Aasiyah Waraich
Year 5B — Haleema Qureshi
Year 4A— Sujoon Drari
Year 4B— Hammad Bhutta
Year 3A- Sumaiya Rifas
Year 3B— Ismaeel Rossi
Head Boy: Abdullah Zubair
Head Girl: Khadijah Boodi

## Book Week

To celebrate book week we held a sponsored reading competition within the school to raise money for education packs for students in Albania, so they can enjoy reading too. Students were sponsored by friends and family for the time that they spent reading. School staff joined in too, and the pupils, class and staff member who raised the most were given trophies.

JazakAllahu Khairan for all your generous donations. We were able to raise a total of £ 12,300 which means we sponsored 1,300 education packs!

We also had a vintage tea fundraiser; we had a cake sale in which we sold cakes donated by parents and school, and we had a presentation by the chairman of our chosen charity. We were lucky to have a beautiful book themed cake donated to us which we auctioned.

The final price reached was £150! Overall the event was a great success.



We also had a very cosy world book day where we all got to wear our pyjamas to school and were served hot chocolate by Mrs Vania and Mrs Mall whilst we read our favourite books and played games and did quizzes.

To end our book week we had a themed dress-up competition where each class was given a theme and students had to dress up as a book character. Winners were chosen from each class for the best costumes.



This year we also held a creative writing competition hosted by Miss Aboobaker, our very own spoken word and poetry artist. The 'Write between the lines' competition aimed to encourage our children to explore their imagination through short stories and poetry.

This was an opportunity to admire and recognize the talents of some of our most creative pupils.

The winners for the poetry competition were:

1st : Yasmine Ghezzali 2nd: Hafsa Natha  
3rd: Zakaria Bazarwala

The winners for the short story competition were:

1st : Abdullah Natha 2nd: Zaynab Azam  
3rd: Sumayyah Rifaas

## Chirpy Chick Day

This term we had new babies in our Nursery! To celebrate we had a chirpy chick day in the Nursery. The parents, nursery children, F2 and Year 1's had a chance to hold the chicks and take part in related activities, such as chocolate nest making, make chick masks and they also had the opportunity to have a photo taken with the chicks.



## Spelling Bee

This year our spelling bee was bigger and better! Children from seven schools attended and took part in two categories; lower and upper key stage 2.

We were honoured to have Julie Chapaneri, our safeguarding and education officer, Jennifer Hudspith, swimming manager for

Leicester and PCSO Sarah Gutteridge as our judges and they came to a unanimous decision.

They were very impressed with the caliber of students ability, some of the spellings were extremely difficult, but we were proud that our children gave their best efforts.

We look forward to hosting an even bigger event next year.

Our visitors were really pleased with the event; "Very Well Organised" and "Very impressive" and that "We need to have more of these!"

Our Land of Learning contestants this year were:

Abdullah Yasin - Year 3

Yasmine Ghezzali - Year 4

Mariam Ibrahim - Year 5

Abdullah Zubair - Year 6

A big MashaAllah to them for trying their very best and making us proud!



## Trips

This term was a busy one for trips, we had five separate trips for 3 classes



F2 had been learning about writing letters in Literacy and Understanding the World so a trip to the post office, to post letters to their parents, was a memorable way to end the topic.

F1 & F2 had a couple of trips out to the park and the library this term. As the weather is getting better we hope to go on more trips to the great outdoors.



Year 3 went to the botanical gardens to consolidate their learning in Science about the life cycle of a plant and in Art/DT where they have been looking at the work of botanical artists.

F2 had a trip to West Lodge Farm to learn about animals and their habitats as part of their 'The World Around Us' subject.



## Reminders

- We will NOT be changing school timings for Ramadan this year.
- There are many events like Sports Day, trips and transition days coming up so please check your text messages, emails and book bags.
- During Ramadan children are encouraged to bring their Qurans to school to recite during break times and we will be memorising the 99 names of Allah as a school.

## Green Muslims

This term Land of Learning has got involved in becoming part of the Eco Schools global programme. Eco-Schools improves pupils' skills, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and also creates financial savings for the school as well as helps us to increase the appreciation and value of the blessings (water, energy, transport, biodiversity) of Allah SWT.

There are three award levels; Bronze Award, Silver Award and our ultimate aim the Green Flag.



Our first topic is to raise the awareness that simple actions can cut down water use and that water is a great blessing of our Almighty which should not be misused and unappreciated. Next term children will be actively involved in ways of saving water throughout the school. Our Green Eco Team involves: Aminah Bolia, Abdullah Zubair, Haleema Qureshi, Muhammad Aboo, Bushra Makda, Aasiyah Varaich, Hammaad Bhuta, Yusuf Amanji, Soujoud Drari, Adam Muhammad, Sumaiya Rifas, Ismaeel Rossi, Aisha Dadhibhai, Zaid Varaich, Afeefah Makda, Shaymaa Ahmed, Inaas Ghezzali, Muhammad Yusuf Banglawala, Ibrahim Afinowi and Abdullah Patel.

## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 7th April 2017	School Closes for Spring Break
Monday 24th April 2017	School Reopens
Mon 22nd May– Fri 26th May 2017	Assessment Week
Friday 26th May 2017	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 5th June 2017	School Reopens
Mon 19th June– Fri 23rd June 2017	Special Ramadhan Week
Fri 7th July 2017	Year 6 Graduation
Tues 11th July 2017	End of Year Production
Fri 14th July 2017	School Closes for Summer Break
Tuesday 29th August 2017	School Reopens for the New Year



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