

Autumn Term 1: Edition 2

Friday 19th September 2025

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ we have reached the end of another amazing week here at Darul Madinah, and what a wonderful week it has been! The children have truly settled into their new classes with confidence and enthusiasm. It's been heartwarming to see how quickly they have adapted to new routines, formed bonds with their teachers and classmates, and embraced the learning opportunities each day brings. We are so proud of how well everyone has started the new school year – a great foundation has been laid for the months ahead, In Sha Allah.



We also have some exciting announcements to share with you:

🌟 School Councillors Announced!

We are proud to introduce our newly elected **School Councillors**! These pupils have been chosen to represent their peers and contribute positively to school life. We look forward to seeing the wonderful ideas and initiatives they bring to the table.



Reception	Yahya Ali Kayani
Year 1	Hajirah Razzaque
Year 2	Hoda Khalil
Year 3	Ayah Nur Afzal
Year 4	Hassan Razzaque
Year 5	Alaynah Mahmood
Year 6	Fatima Shahid



House Captains – A First for Darul Madinah!

We are delighted to introduce our new House Captains! They will be responsible for collecting and counting house points at the end of each term, announcing the winning house, supporting competitions and events, and acting as positive role models for their peers.

Abu Bakr	Salma Abdinur
Umar Al Khattab	Abdullah Farooq
Uthman Atwan	Safa Hashmi
Ali ibn Talib	Ibraheem Ahmed



Summer Challenge Winners!

Special Congratulations to all the participants of our Summer Challenges. We're thrilled to announce the winners who went above and beyond during the holidays – well done for your dedication and creativity!

While no one was able to complete all of the summer challenges in **Year 1**, we would like to extend a special well done to **Khadija Khan**, who successfully completed most of the challenges.

In **Year 2:**

Fatimah Ismail
Yusuf Hanif
Yusuf Shayan

In **Year 3:**

Hafsa Mustafa
Fatima Gul Khan


In **Year 4:**

Maryam Shahid
Zaidullah Shareef
Mariam Seitumerova
Safwaan Sohail

In **Year 5:**

Adam Ramadan
Danish Khan
Aaminah Shabir
Abdullah Abdul-Qayyum
Asiyah Naeem
Zakariya Mustafa

In **Year 6:**

Special Congratulations 
Well done to **Fatima Shahid** for completing all the challenges in Writing, Maths, Reading and Hifdh, and to **Soliman** for winning the Maths Challenge!

Our **Hifdh** winners are:

Fatimah Ismail – Full Salah, Short Surahs and Adhan
Maryam Shahid – Surah Sajdah
Zaidullah Shareef – Surah Sajdah
Abdullah Ismail – Surah Sajdah
Iqra Khan - Surah Sajdah
Fatima Shahid - Surah Yaseen
Adam Ramadan – Surah Yaseen

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your continued support. We look forward to another productive and blessed week ahead, In Sha Allah.

Warm Regards,
Sofia Nasir
Headteacher



What have we been doing this week?



This week in **Reception**, the children have had a fantastic time settling into their new routines. One of the highlights was baking their very own chocolate rice crispy cakes, a fun activity that brought lots of smiles and laughter! Alongside this, the children have been getting to know one another through a range of games, group activities, and circle time discussions, where they've had the chance to talk about themselves and play together.

This week in **Year 1**, the children used the laptops for the very first time. We began by learning about the importance of passwords, what they are and why we have them. Then we practised logging in to the laptops, making sure everyone could enter the password correctly. After that, we explored Sketchpad. The children investigated what each icon does, and we practised using the mouse to open tools, draw shapes, change colours, and more.



This week in **Year 2**, we have been exploring partitioning in Maths. The children practised breaking numbers into parts in a variety of ways, discovering that numbers can be split and recombined in multiple combinations. Using base-10 equipment, they confidently investigated different possibilities and deepened their understanding of place value.

This week in **Year 3**, the children have been exploring place value in numbers up to 1,000. They have been learning how to represent numbers using different methods such as base ten blocks, place value charts, and number lines. The children also practised how to partition numbers into hundreds, tens and ones in a variety of ways, helping them build a solid understanding of how numbers are made and structured. It's been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they tackle larger numbers with enthusiasm!



This term in Science, the children in **Year 4** have been learning how to classify and group animals. As part of their learning, they explored the school grounds on a nature walk, carefully observing and identifying the different species they could find. They worked together to sort these creatures into two main groups: vertebrates (animals with backbones) and invertebrates (animals without backbones). Back in the classroom, the children built on their discoveries by discussing other animals that could fit into these groups, even if they weren't seen during the walk. This sparked some fantastic scientific conversations and showed just how curious and enthusiastic they are becoming!



This week in **Year 5**, as part of their learning in English, the children have been looking at descriptive writing to describe a planet in Space. During the week, the children identified various types of figurative language such as simile, hyperbole, onomatopoeia and personification. They planned their ideas and wrote a description of their planet.

This week, **Year 6** started exploring the engineering behind bridges in DT. After learning how bridges can be strengthened using beams and pillars, we constructed two different beams to test their strength. We placed weights on the deck of our bridge and found that they were equally strong. One group tested theirs even further and found they could stack dictionaries and stationary and the pillar still held up, MashAllah! We are looking forward to exploring more about bridges and their construction, InshAllah!



Islamic Studies

This week, in our Islamic Studies lessons, the students have been learning about the Beautiful Names of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى (Asma'ul Husna) and how they help us to know and love our Creator more deeply. Each Name teaches us something unique about Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى mercy, wisdom, and power, and reminds us how we can turn to Him in every situation.

The Prophet Mohammad صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم said: *“Indeed, Allah has ninety-nine names, whoever enumerates them will enter Paradise.”*



Moreover, we explored what it means to “enumerate” Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى Names — not only to memorize them, but to understand their meanings, reflect upon them, and use them in our daily lives. For example, when we learn that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is Ar-Rahman (The Most Merciful), children are encouraged to practice mercy and kindness with their friends and families. Through stories, discussions and creative activities, the children learned how the Attributes of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى can inspire them to live with faith, good character and gratitude.

REWARDS AND BENEFITS OF LEARNING THE NAMES OF ALLAH

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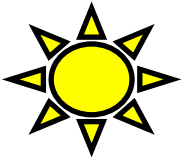
Earn Paradise



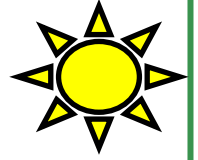
Gain nearness to Allah



Increase in faith and good deeds



Hadith of the week



“Allah shows his mercy to those who are merciful.

Have compassion to creatures on Earth so that those in heaven may have mercy upon.” (Hadith)

Be kind and merciful to all people and animals

Reception: Abdullah Shahid: for trying his best to recall the Hadith of the week

Year 1: Taham Munir: for trying his best to recall the Hadith everyday

Year 2: Iffah Khalid: for showing respect to teachers and her friends

Year 3: Abdul-Rahman Aslam: for being kind to his class friends

Year 4: Dawud Hussain: for showing kindness to people and animals

Year 5: Asiyah Naeem: for showing kindness to others and always being ready to help

Year 6: Amina Munawwar: for demonstrating the Hadith of the week and showing empathy towards the insects found hurt on the playground during the rain



Stars of the week



Reception: Hannah Din: for always coming into school with a big smile on her face, ready for the day

Year 1: Amaya Shahnawaz: for coming in to school this week with a smile on her face

Year 2: Yaseen Adeel: for working hard in Maths

Year 3: Hajrah Khan: for consistent effort in her classwork

Year 4: Eimaan Adeel: for showing a fantastic effort in all lessons this week

Year 5: Zaynab Munir: for greater effort in her Maths work this week

Year 6: Fatima Shahid: for demonstrating outstanding commitment towards her studies – Well Done!

Hifdh Stars of the week

Surah Ash-Sharh

Zohra Din

Hafsa Mustafa

Emaan Chaudhry

Mariam Seitumerova

IMAM OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Salih Ahzami** and **Ayaan Yasin-Din** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. Salih beautifully recited the Adhaan, and Ayaan led the congregation with sincerity and grace. Their efforts exemplify true dedication and serve as wonderful role models for their peers. May Allah reward them abundantly.



Upcoming Events

Term 1 (37 Days)

22 nd October	End of Term for Children
23 rd October	Inset Day 2
27 th – 31 st October	Half Term Holiday

