

Autumn Term 1: Edition 4

Friday 3rd October 2025

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,

Alhamdulillah, we have reached the end of another blessed week filled with learning, growth, and many moments of reflection and achievement. It is always heartening to see our students striving not only for academic excellence but also developing in character, embodying the values of respect, honesty, and compassion that our beautiful Deen teaches us.



Throughout the week, I've seen many examples of our pupils supporting one another, showing kindness, and trying their best in all that they do — may Allah reward their efforts and guide them to even greater success.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our teachers and staff for their dedication and hard work. Their tireless efforts ensure that our school remains a place where Islamic values are lived, not just leant.



Jazakum Allahu Khayran for your continued support and trust — your partnership is vital in nurturing the next generation of confident, practising young Muslims

Warm Regards,

Sofia Nasir

Headteacher



What have we been doing this week?

During the sponge painting activity, the **Reception** children excitedly explored their emotions through the story of the Colour Monsters. Each child chose sponges dipped in different paints to match how they were feeling, carefully dabbing and pressing colours onto their monsters. Some picked bright yellows to show happiness, while others chose calming blues for feeling peaceful, or fiery reds to express anger. As they worked, the children talked about their choices, explaining why certain colours represented their mood.



This week in **Year 1** we have been comparing numbers and learning whether one is greater than, less than or equal to another. We used our “crocodile arms” to help us remember that the crocodile always eats the greater number. The children had great fun in a practical lesson, working in pairs with manipulatives to compare different numbers and explain their thinking.

This week in **Year 2** Art, the children explored African animals and their distinctive patterns. They sketched the patterns carefully before painting them in matching colours. To complete their work, they created and added a silhouette of the animal.



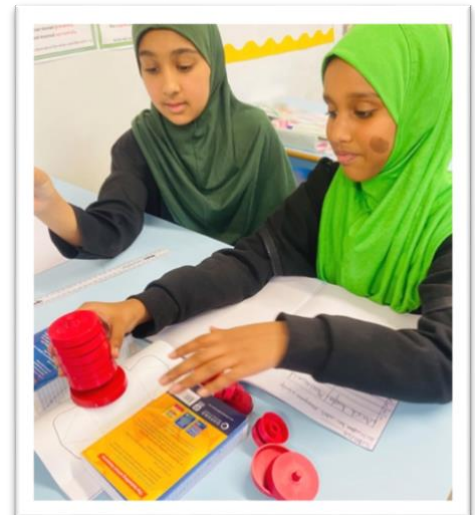
This week, **Year 3** have been diving into the world of place value in Mathematics. They've been exploring how to identify and understand 50s, 100s, and 1000s, using hands-on activities to build their confidence. From breaking down large numbers to spotting patterns on number lines, our learners are becoming place value pros! It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they begin to tackle more complex mathematical thinking. Well done, Year 3!

In RE, **Year 4** have been exploring the themes of identity and belonging. The children reflected on the different groups people can belong to, such as families, schools, and communities and discussed a range of thought-provoking statements, for example, whether religious clothing should only be worn in private. Pupils were able to respectfully agree and disagree, demonstrating their growing understanding of tolerance and respect in our society.”



This week in English in **Year 5** children have been learning about persuasive writing. The children designed a brochure to persuade others to attend Camp Green Lake based on the theme reader 'Holes'. We looked at examples of brochures and what persuasive techniques to include in our plan such as power of 3, repetition and rhetorical questions.

This week **Year 6** explored how arches provide support for bridges. We looked at the oldest arched bridge in Greece and more modern bridges in London, which use the arched design to support the tension on the bridge deck. We then investigated the impact height has on this by using weights and different heights of an arched bridge. We found that that the taller the height if the arch the more weight it could hold!



Islamic Studies

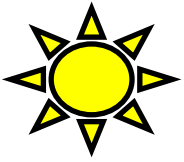
This week, in Islamic studies, our students have been learning about one of the most beloved and respected figures in Islamic history – Shaykh Abdul Qadir al-Jilani رحمة الله عليه also known as Ghouse Azam. His life, character, and teachings continue to inspire Muslims around the world, and we are delighted to share some of his amazing achievements and contributions, what the children have discovered.



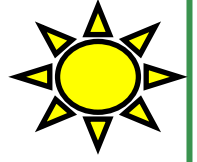
He was a renowned teacher, a Scholar and a spiritual guide, who inspired countless students to seek knowledge and practice their faith with sincerity. His selfless efforts made thousands of people accept Islam around the globe.

An important part of our learning was understanding why Shaykh Abdul Qadir al-Jilani رحمة الله عليه is remembered especially in the month of Rabi' al-Thani. It is on the 11th of Rabi al Thani, the annual gatherings of commemoration take place, reflecting on his legacy, revisiting his teachings and praying for his soul and renewing the values he taught throughout his life.





Hadith of the week



“” (Hadith)

We should always

Reception: Farah Khalil: for kissing her mummy's hand when seeing her and displaying a good example to her peers

Year 1: Musa Zaib: for recalling the Hadith and reminding others

Year 2: Medina Fazil: for being a positive role model to classmates

Year 3: Abdul-Muizz Awan: for remembering the Hadith

Year 4: Mayeda Munir: for setting a shining example of exemplary behaviour

Year 5: Hannah Razzaque: for showing excellent behaviour and always being a good role model to others

Year 6: Noor Al Haya Din: for showing kindness towards others and volunteering to help without expecting a reward!



Stars of the week



Reception: Amyra Khan: for showing great kindness and working well in lessons

Year 1: Kainaat Zubair: for her brilliant reading in Phonics

Year 2: Umar Zaman: for working hard to improve his handwriting

Year 3: Fatima Seitumerova: for trying very hard in English and Mathematics

Year 4: Safwaan Sohail: for consistently demonstrating excellent participation in all lessons

Year 5: Aaminah Shabir: for excellent effort in her writing this week

Year 6: Ibrahim Baksh: for working hard in Science and using scientific vocabulary to explain your thinking!

Hifdh Stars of the week

Surah Al-Fajr

Abdullah Abdul-Qayyum

Khadijah Khan

Fatima Ismail

Abdullah Ismail

Fatima Shahid

Zaidullah Shareef

Aaminah Shabir

Hussain Ali

Alaynah Mahmood

IMAM OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Abdul-Muizz Awan** and **Salahudeen Afzal** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. Abdul-Muizz beautifully recited the Adhaan, and Salahudeen led the congregation with sincerity and grace. Their efforts exemplify true dedication and serve as wonderful role models for their peers. May Allah (SWT) reward them abundantly.



Upcoming Events

Term 1 (37 Days)

2 nd September	Inset Day 1
3 rd September	Start of Term for Children
22 nd October	End of Term for Children
23 rd October	Inset Day 2
27 th – 31 st October	Half Term Holiday

