

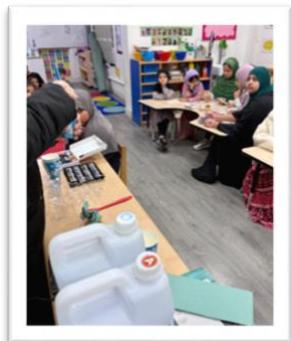
Autumn Term 2: Edition 4

Friday 28th November 2025

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,

Alhamdulilah, we have reached the end of another uplifting and productive week at school. It has been heart-warming to see our pupils enter each day with bright smiles, determination, and a sincere passion for learning. Their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes are a testament to the Islamic values we nurture within our school community: respect, honesty, compassion, and a deep appreciation for knowledge.



Throughout the week, it has been wonderful to observe how our pupils continue to grow in confidence, curiosity, and kindness. Whether in the classroom, the playground, or during enrichment activities, they consistently demonstrate admirable adab and a genuine enthusiasm for seeking knowledge. We are incredibly proud of the way they treat one another and contribute positively to our school environment.

I would like to extend a heartfelt *Jazak Allahu Khairan* to all our parents and carers for your unwavering support, cooperation, and encouragement. Your partnership plays a vital role in your child's success, and we are truly grateful. May Allah ﷺ bless your families with tranquillity, mercy, and abundant barakah.

Warm Regards,
Sofia Nasir
Headteacher



What have we been doing this week?



This week in **Reception**, the children started the planet activity by exploring the topic together and sharing their ideas. Each child was given a paper plate to create their own planet. Using paint and glitter, they designed their planets with different colours, patterns, and features, letting their imaginations guide them. Some planets had rings and others had stars. The children enjoyed explaining their creations to each other and were proud to show off their work.

This week, **Year 1** went on an 'object and material hunt' around the school, exploring everyday items and discussing what they're made from. The children discovered objects made from materials like plastic, metal, wood and fabric. We even found items made from more than one material, such as scissors (plastic handles and metal blades). It was a great opportunity for them to think about materials and how different objects are constructed.



This week in **Year 2**, we have been learning about what is needed to make a fire engine. The children explored different materials they could use to design and build their own fire engine, such as card and paper. They also investigated how axles and wheels work, and how these can be used to create a moving model.

This week in **Year 3**, the children have begun their new unit on multiplication and are learning all about arrays. They've been exploring how arrays help us visualise multiplication facts, organise equal groups, and build a strong foundation for times tables. It's been an exciting start, with lots of hands-on activities and great mathematical thinking!





In **Year 4**, the children investigated melting ice. Working in groups, they used beakers, thermometers and stopwatches to measure how long it took ice to melt in different conditions. Each group had 2 beakers, 1 with hot water and 1 with cold water and they observed which one melted the quickest. Before starting, the children discussed the variables they needed to keep the same to ensure a fair test and identified the one variable they would change. They worked carefully, recorded their results, and enjoyed carrying out the experiment.

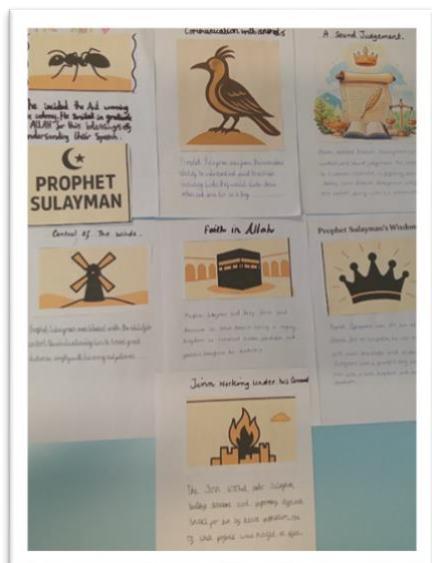
This week in **Year 5**, as part of the Art lessons the children have been looking at how to make a Kalimba, an African instrument. We looked at various pictures and children drew their designs. This week children started painting paper bowls ready to make their kalimbas next week.



This week **Year 6** got technical with electricity. We learnt about different components used to make a series circuit, looking carefully at how to make it a complete and incomplete circuit. We also begun investigating the effect of more or less components within a circuit and the impact of increased voltage. We are looking forward to more investigations soon!

Islamic Studies

This week in Islamic Studies, students learned about the stories of Prophets شَالِحٌ, يُونُسُ, and سُلَيْمَانٌ (peace be upon them all) and the valuable lessons they teach us. Prophet شَالِحٌ عليه السلام showed patience when his people rejected his message and the miracle Allah سبحانه وتعالى sent, reminding us that arrogance leads to harm while humility leads to guidance.

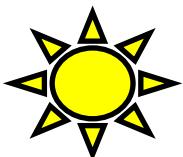


Prophet Yunus عليه السلام experienced difficulty when he left his people out of frustration, but through sincere repentance in the belly of the great fish, he taught us never to lose hope in Allah's mercy.

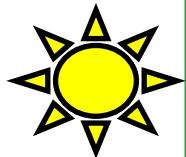
Furthermore, the children also explored about Prophet Sulayman عليه السلام, who was blessed with great wisdom and power, demonstrated that true leadership requires gratitude, fairness and humility. Together these stories show that every prophet faced challenges, yet all relied on patience, faith, trust in Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

The Story of Prophet Saleh and the People of Thamud

Allah sent Prophet Saleh to the People of Thamud	Prophet Saleh warned his people to worship Allah	The People of Thamud did not listen to him and sinned
Allah blessed the people with a she-camel as a miracle	The people harmed the camel despite being told not to	Allah destroyed the people with an almighty earthquake



Hadith of the Week



“Be humble and let none of you be arrogant towards others.” (Hadith)

We should be kind and humble with our family & friends. We should never think we are better than someone else

Reception: **Malik Hashem:** for trying his best to recall the Hadith

Year 1: **Amaya Shahnawaz:** for being respectful and kind to everyone

Year 2: **Zaid Ahmed:** for following the Hadith of the Week

Year 3: **Fatima Afridi:** for being truthful

Year 4: **Abdullah Ismail:** for always showing kindness and respect to others

Year 5: **Ayaan Yasin-Din:** for trying hard to follow the Hadith this week

Year 6: **Amira Nasir:** for demonstrating her skills in Art with humbleness, remembering Allah and giving thanks



Stars of the week



Reception: **Maymunah Kamran:** for showing good progress in phonics

Year 1: **Abdul-Rahman Ahmadzai:** for showing great dedication in Maths

Year 2: **Eesa Ahmed:** for improving his handwriting

Year 3: **Tasneem Aw-Said:** for her excellent effort in lessons

Year 4: **Maryam Shahid:** for participating more in class and completing her tasks with care and effort

Year 5: **Khadijah Khan:** for excellent effort in her work this week and helping others with equivalent fractions

Year 6: **Amina Munawwar:** for working hard in Maths and not giving up

IMAM OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Aadam Qadri** and **Omar Elnashar** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. **Aadam** beautifully recited the Adhaan, and **Omar** 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 2 (35 Days)

3 rd November	Inset Day 3
4 th November	Start of Term for Children
19 th December	End of Term for Children
22 nd Dec – 2 nd Jan	Winter Holidays

