

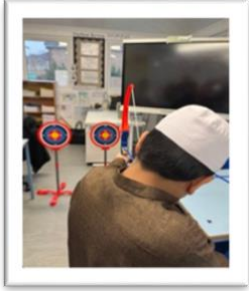
Spring Term 1: Edition 3

Friday 23rd January 2026

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,

As we come to the end of another week, we begin by praising Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and thanking Him for the many blessings He bestows upon us. It has been a very good and productive week at school, and I am pleased with the effort, behaviour and positive attitude shown by our children throughout their learning. They have approached their work with enthusiasm and resilience, striving to do their best and supporting one another in a manner that reflects our Islamic values.



It has been especially encouraging to see pupils demonstrating good manners, respect and responsibility, both in the classroom and around the school. These qualities are an important part of our ethos, and it is heartening to see children putting into practice what they are taught about kindness, cooperation and striving for excellence in all that they do.

I would also like to congratulate Umar Al Khattab House (Blue), who received their well-deserved reward for achieving the highest number of house points last term. Their success reflects consistent effort, teamwork and positive conduct. The children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating this achievement with snacks and extra playtime in the playground, and it was lovely to see them sharing in the joy of their accomplishment. We hope this continues to motivate all pupils to work hard, support one another and contribute positively to school life.



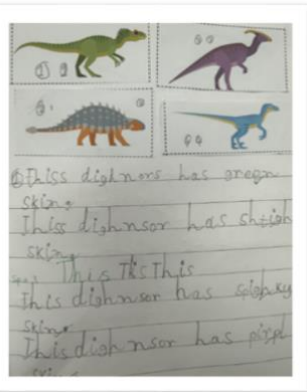
May Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى continue to bless our children with beneficial knowledge, good character and a love of learning. We thank our staff and families for their ongoing support, and we look forward to another successful week ahead, إن شاء الله.

Warm Regards,
Sofia Nasir
Headteacher



What have we been doing this week?

This week, **Reception** have been looking at patterns in Maths. They have enjoyed using a variety of different resources from the construction area to create and explore their own patterns. Through activities, the children were able to recognise, continue, and make repeating patterns while developing their problem-solving skills.



This week in **Year 1**, we have been learning all about adjectives and nouns and being able to write a noun phrase. The children have been learning how to use adjectives to make their sentences more detailed. We have been looking at dinosaurs and different animals to write our noun phrases. Have a look at their amazing sentences!

In **Year 2**, the children have been learning about plants in science. This week, they began an investigation to answer the question: Do plants grow healthier in the light or in the dark? The children started by sharing their predictions. As a class, we then planted two plants, placing one in the light and one in the dark. We will observe and record their growth over the next six weeks.

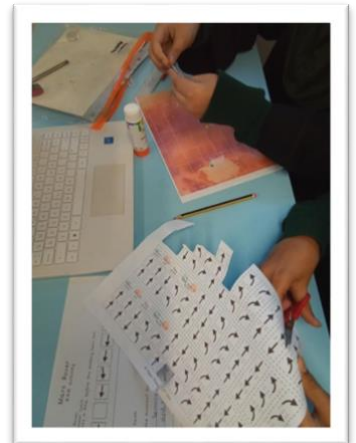


This week in Science, **Year 3** have been learning about different types of soil. The children explored a range of soils by feeling them and discussing their textures, and they learned what soil is made up of. They asked thoughtful questions and enjoyed investigating the differences between each sample through the hands-on activity.

This week in Science, **Year 4** investigated volume as part of our topic on sound. The children carried out an exciting experiment to explore which material is the best sound insulator. They made predictions before testing an alarm clock wrapped in three different materials: aluminium foil, cotton wool and bubble wrap. Using a decibel meter, the children carefully measured the volume of the alarm clock each time. After comparing their results, they concluded that cotton wool was the most effective insulator, as it produced the quietest sound. The children showed great teamwork and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this investigation!



This week in **Year 5**, the children learned about the Mars Rover and how data is collected from Mars. They explored how rovers are programmed to follow precise instructions and investigated the role of RAM, discovering how the amount of memory in a device affects what it can do. During the lesson, the children carefully followed and tested instructions to successfully guide the Rover to collect data, demonstrating excellent teamwork, problem-solving and computing skills.



This week **Year 6** explored the different categories of objects and materials in relation to light. We understood how some objects and material can be classified as opaque, transparent and translucent. We then explored what happens when an opaque object blocks the light rays travelling from the source of light and understood how this formed a shadow. We used torches to explore shadow formation further and are looking forward to conducting our experiment soon!

Islamic Studies



This week in Islamic Studies lessons, students learned about Wudu (ablution) and its significance in Islam. They discussed how Wudu is an essential preparation for Salah, emphasizing the hadith of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ:

"The key to Salah is purification, and the key to Paradise is Salah." Through this, the children understood the importance of cleanliness and spiritual readiness before prayer.

Moreover, they also learned the Fard (obligatory) and Sunnah acts of Wudu, gaining clarity on which steps are essential for its validity and which actions increase reward. Additionally, they explored different real-life scenarios to determine when Wudu remains valid or must be renewed.

Additionally, the students used bandages and plasters to explore and understand the Islamic rulings related to performing Wudu in cases of wounds or injuries. These discussions helped strengthen their understanding and encouraged practical application of their learning.



Duas of Wudu (Ablution)

Before performing Wudu

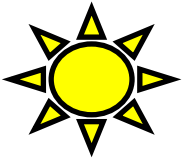
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In the name of Allah

Du'as after performing Wudu

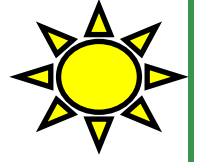
2 ﴿أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ﴾
I testify that there is no God but Allah Alone, He has no partner, and I testify that Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger

3 ﴿اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِينَ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ﴾
O Allah! make me of those who turn to You in repentance, and make me of those who are purified

4 ﴿سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ﴾
Glory to You O Allah & Praise, I testify that there is no God but You, I seek Your forgiveness and turn to You in repentance



Hadith of the week



“Say SubhanAllah, Alhamdulillah, La ilaha illallah or Allahu Akbar, one tree will be planted for you in Jannah for each of these.” (Hadith)

We should keep our tongues busy with Zikr and only say beneficial things

Reception: Hannah Din: for trying her best to recall the Hadith

Year 1: Hadiya Rubab: for remembering to recite zikr

Year 2: Umar Zaman: for making a great effort to practice lots of zikr this week

Year 3: Muhammad Naeem: for regularly practicing zikr and setting a great example

Year 4: Rayyan Mahmood: for always doing zikr and reminding others too

Year 5: Adam Ramadan: for always remembering to do zikr, especially after Salah

Year 6: Safa Hashmi: for always being ready to perform zikr; using every opportunity to praise Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى



Stars of the Week



Reception: Malik Hashem: for making excellent progress in his phonics

Year 1: Ameera Syed: for working really hard to improve her handwriting

Year 2: Seher Hussain: for making excellent progress with her spelling

Year 3: Aaminah Asam: for putting in fantastic effort and focus all week

Year 4: Hafsa Hussain: for working hard to complete her work and trying her best

Year 5: Zaynab Munir: for always showing kindness towards others in classroom

Year 6: Amira Nasir: for showing great effort in Maths and challenging herself to complete work independently

Hifdh Stars of the week

Surah Takaathur

Zaid Ahmed

Ayah Nur Afzal

Fatima Afridi

Fatima Seitumerova

Safwaan Sohail

Mikail Ridwan

Muhammad Ahmad

Aizah Rafiq

Salahudeen Afzal

Safa Hashmi

Khadijah Rauf

Surah Asr

Fatima Seitumerova

Surah Al-Qadr

Medina Fazil

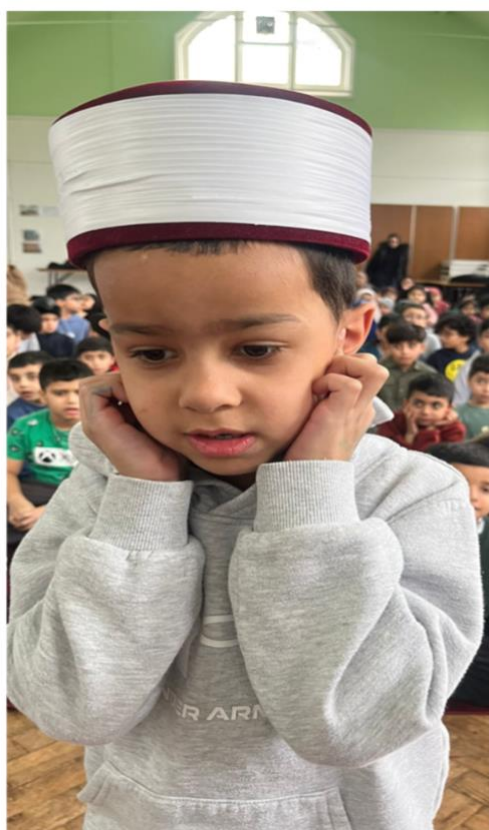
Yaseen Adeel

Hoda Khalil

Anaya Khan

IMAM OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Musa Zaib** and **Kaab Butt** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. **Musa** beautifully recited the Adhaan, and **Kaab** led the congregation with sincerity and grace. Their efforts exemplify true dedication and serve as wonderful role models for their peers. May Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى reward them abundantly.



Upcoming Events

Term 1 (30 Days)

Inset Day 4	5 th January 2026
Start of Term for Children	6 th January 2026
End of Term for Children	13 th January 2026
Half Term Holiday	16 th – 20 th February 2026
Inset Day 5	23 rd February 2026
Start of Term for Children	24 th February 2026

