

Spring Term 1: Edition 6

Friday 13th February 2026

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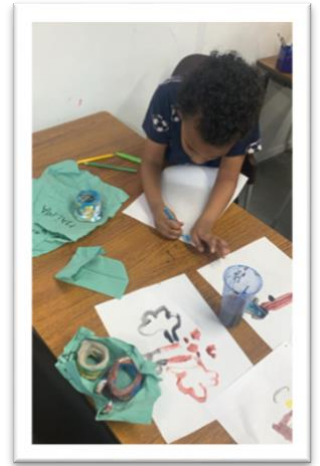
Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,



As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, we would like to thank all our parents and carers for their continued support and partnership. Your encouragement and engagement play a vital role in helping our children grow, achieve and thrive both academically and personally.

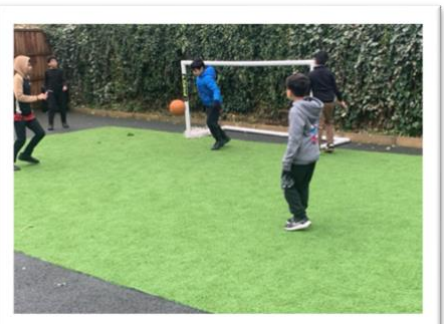
We are incredibly proud of the children for their hard work, positive attitudes and excellent behaviour throughout the half term. They have shown great enthusiasm in their learning and have represented the school beautifully.

As we prepare to welcome the blessed month of Ramadhan, we pray that it brings peace, reflection and many blessings to all our families. We look forward to supporting the children in understanding and appreciating the importance of this special time.



We hope you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the next half term, inshaAllah. Ramadhan Mubarak to all our families.

Warm Regards,
Sofia Nasir
Headteacher



What have we been doing this week?

This week the **Reception** children have been continuing on their learning of patterns through shaped sponges which they dipped in different coloured paint to make their amazing sequence. The children had great fun exploring patterns in a creative way.



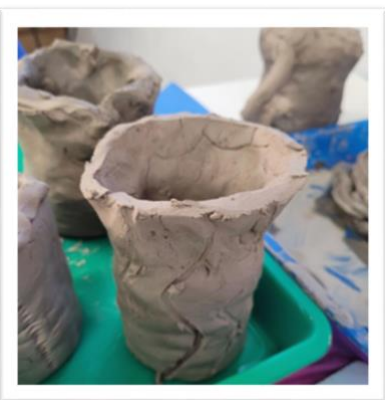
In DT this week **Year 1** concluded our topic on fruits and vegetables. The children had a really fun time exploring different fruits and vegetables, tasting them, and finally making their very own fruit smoothies. The children learnt how to peel and cut the fruit safely using child-friendly knives, and they put all the ingredients together to make their delicious strawberry and banana smoothies.

This week in **Year 2**, we have been exploring African art and learning how, in many African communities, clay pots are carefully made by hand and used to carry and store water over long distances. The children discovered how these pots are shaped from natural clay, left to dry and hardened, and often decorated with beautiful patterns. Inspired by this, they designed and created their own clay pots, thoughtfully moulding and shaping the clay and adding their own decorative details.



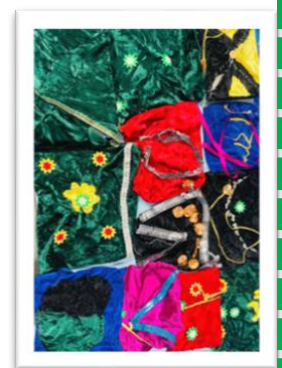
In English, **Year 3** have been learning about poetry. This week, they focused on free verse poetry. They wrote their own poems inspired by Ancient Egypt, including the River Nile and the Egyptian pyramids. The children used exciting descriptive words to bring the desert, the flowing river, and the towering pyramids to life.

It was fantastic to see the **Year 4** using their laptops to create their own Microsoft Sway presentations with their peers. The children worked collaboratively to design their own sways, adding clear headings and subheadings, as well as carefully chosen images. They then moved on to embedding website links to support and extend their work. It was amazing to see the high-quality work they produced and the confidence they showed when using digital tools to present their learning.



In our Art lessons **Year 5** have been making Greek vases. The children used clay to mould their designs into the chosen shape and added designs. Some children used the coil method whilst others chose to use thumb print. Later in the week the children then began painting them.

This week, **Year 6** finished applying their learning about textiles to their unique masterpieces. After learning about how materials can be joined and decorated, we measured, designed and made our very own Quran covers. We used lots of decorative lace, beads and embroidery to add colour, texture and beauty. We can not wait to start using them, especially during Ramadan! MashAllah!



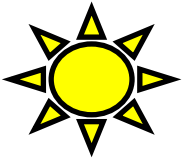
Islamic Studies



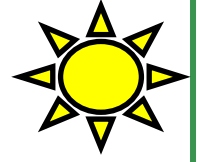
This week in Islamic Studies, we explored the beauty and importance of Salah, the second pillar of Islam and our direct connection with Allah. Students learned why Salah is essential in a Muslim's daily life and discovered the five daily prayer times: Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib, and Isha. Through discussion and reflection, we deepened our understanding of how prayer strengthens faith, builds discipline, and brings peace to the heart.

The children actively engaged in hands-on learning by creating their own prayer clocks to identify and sequence the five daily prayer times. Through group discussions and presentations, they confidently demonstrated their understanding of when each Salah is performed and why punctuality in prayer is important. These interactive activities helped reinforce their knowledge in a meaningful and memorable way.





Hadith of the week



“The Blessed Prophet said, “The condition of the deceased is like that of a drowning person, he anxiously waits for the supplication (Du’a) of his father, mother, brother or friend to reach him, and when the supplication of anyone reaches him then, according to him, it is better than the world and everything in it. Allah- bestows the reward gifted to the deceased by their relatives in the form of mountains. The gift of the living is to pray for the forgiveness of the deceased.” (Hadith)

We should do dua often for our family member who have passed away

Reception: Halima Asim: for trying her best to recall the hadith

Year 1: Alaya Janjirkar: for trying her best to recall the hadith

Year 2: Zaid Ahmed: for following the hadith of the week.

Year 3: Ayah Nur Afzal: for following the hadith well

Year 4: Safwaan Sohail: for following the Hadith and making dua for the deceased

Year 5: Salahudeen Afzal: for always remembering to make dua for family members

Year 6: Fatima Shahid: for remembering others in her duas and praying for



Stars of the week



Reception: Zakariya Shayan: for making excellent progress in phonics and getting good results.

Year 1: Sumayah Ahmed: for her great improvement in her writing

Year 2: Iffah Noor Khalid: for staying positive and not giving up .

Year 3: Salih Ahzami: for following classroom rules

Year 4: Mayeda Munir: for showing excellent focus in lessons and regularly putting up her hand to answer question

Year 5: Aminah Shabir: for excellent effort in her English writing this week.

Year 6: Fatima Munawwar: for working really hard this term and asking for help when needed.

Hifdh Stars of the Week

Surah Takathur

Khadijah Rauf
Safa Hashmi
Salahudeen Afzal
Aizah Rafiq
Muhammad Ahmad
Mikail Ridwan
Safwaan Sohail

Fatima Seitumerova
Fatima Afridi
Zaid Ahmed
Ayah Afzal

Surah Asr

Fatima Seitumerova
Surah Al Ghashiyah
Talha Khan

IMAM OF THE WEEK

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



Upcoming Events



Term 4 (12 days)	
Inset Day 5	Monday 23rd February 2026
Start of Term for Children	Tuesday 24th February 2026
End of Term for Children	Friday 13 th March 2026
Ramadhan Holidays	Monday 16th March – Friday 27th March 2026

