

Autumn Term 1: Edition 1

Friday 11th September 2026

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,

Alhamdulillah, we have reached the end of another fun and productive week at school. It has been wonderful to see the children settling so well into their new classes and embracing the new routines, learning opportunities and experiences.



The children have worked incredibly hard this week and have shown wonderful enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. It has been lovely to see them becoming more confident with their new routines, getting to know their teachers and forming new friendships with their classmates. We are very proud of the positive attitude they have shown and the way they are beginning to take greater responsibility for their learning and behaviour.

May Allah سبحانه وتعالى continue to bless our children, increase them in beneficial knowledge, protect them and grant them success in all that they do.

We wish all our families a peaceful, restful and blessed weekend.

Warm Regards,
Sofia Nasir
Headteacher



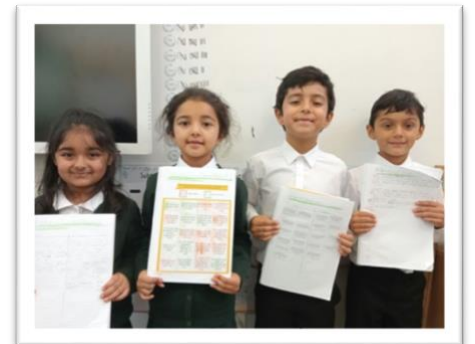
What have we been doing this week?

Reception enjoyed exploring different feelings and thinking about how we can express our emotions in creative ways. They made their own colourful mosaics using painted lasagne sheets and Playdough, carefully choosing colours and materials to represent how they were feeling. It was lovely to see the children using their imagination and creativity while developing their understanding of different emotions. They produced some fantastic and colourful artwork.



This week's focus for **Year 1** in English was letter formation. The children practised their curly-caterpillar letters, long-ladder letters, and armed-robot letters, concentrating on forming each letter correctly and starting in the right place.

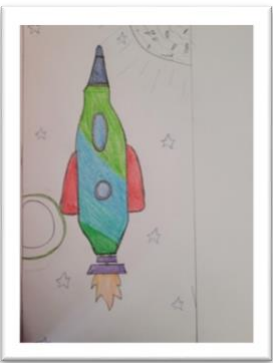
In English, **Year 2** have been learning about London: Now and Then. They explored a range of different sources of information to discover how London has changed over time. Through this lesson, the children compared London in the past with London today and developed their understanding of past and present tense.



This week was recycling Week, and **Year 3** took part in some discussions about why recycling matters. As a class, we explored the importance of looking after our planet and talked about what happens when we recycle and when we don't. The children came up with lots of thoughtful ideas and worked together to look at the benefits of recycling.

This week in **Year 4**, the children have been exploring narrative poetry and discovering how poems can be brought to life through performance. They have been studying the work of Michael Rosen, focusing on how he uses facial expressions, changes in tone and volume, actions and gestures to engage his audience and make his poems entertaining.

The children have been using these techniques to prepare their own performances of a similar narrative poem, carefully considering how they can use expression, voice and movement to enhance their performance and bring the poem to life.



As part of our Art topic, **Year 5** learnt about the artist Thorpe and how he uses various colours for his paintings of Space. Children discussed which colours show a certain mood and how near and far objects impact the views in a painting. Children took inspiration from his work and designed their own rocket pictures using bold bright colours.

This week, Year 6 learnt about classifying animals. After learning about the five groups animals are divided into, we looked at the features each one represented. We then learnt about classification keys and how closed questions are used to filter animals until they are all sorted. We then had a mixture of animals that we needed to sort after designing our key. It was tricky but we had some interesting groups. It made us realise how intricate the animal kingdom is and only Allah could create something that perfect- SubhaanAllah!



Islamic Studies



This week in Islamic Studies, our younger students learnt about the four main angels, their names and the duties Allah سبحانه وتعالى has given to each of them. They also learnt about the creation of Prophet Adam عليه السلام, including what the world was like before his creation and how it changed after his arrival.

Our older students learnt about life and death, as well as the questions that will be asked in the grave. They also learnt about major and minor shirk and the importance of protecting our faith from anything that can compromise our belief in Allah سبحانه وتعالى.

In addition, some of the signs of the Day of Judgement, including the arrival of Imam Mahdi, Prophet Eesa عليه السلام and Dajjal, and the importance of remaining firm upon our faith during these trials.

Today, our children also learnt about Ghaus-e-Azam, Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani رحمه الله, including his biography, his status as a great Wali of Allah, and one of the miracles associated with him.

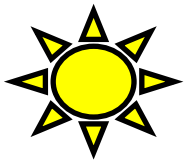
May Allah سبحانه وتعالى increase them in beneficial knowledge and make it a means of goodness for them. Ameen.



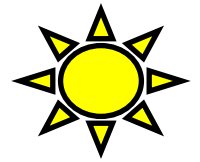
Introducing Our Head Boy and Head Girl

We are delighted to introduce our new Head Boy and Head Girl for this academic year. Alhamdulillah, **Salahudeen Afzal** and **Khadijah Khan** pupils have demonstrated excellent character, confidence, kindness and a strong commitment to our school values. They are excited to take on their new responsibilities and to represent our school community with pride. We look forward to seeing them grow in their leadership roles, support their fellow pupils and be positive role models for others. May Allah ﷻ guide them, give them wisdom and confidence, and make them successful in their new responsibilities. We wish them both every success and look forward to all they will contribute to our school, insha'Allah.





Hadith of the Week



“The best amongst you are those who have the best manners.” (Hadith)

Reception: Zainab Asghar: for trying her best to recall the Hadith of the week

Year 1: Abdullah Shahid: for showing excellent manners

Year 2: Amaya Shahnwaz: for using beautiful manners in school

Year 3: Anaya Khan: for being a respectful and kind member of the class

Year 4: Ayah Nur Afzal: for always showing good manners and always treating everyone with kindness and respect

Year 5: Muhammad Ahmed: for always showing excellent manners in the classroom

Year 6: Aaminah Shabir: for always demonstrating impeccable manners and being a fabulous role model for others!



Stars of the Week



Reception: Hafsa Mubin: for always having a big smile on her face and always willing to help her peers and teachers

Year 1: Safiyah Butt: for showing kindness to her classmates

Year 2: Kainaat Zubair: for always trying her best and showing a positive attitude towards her learning

Year 3: Yusuf Shayan: for showing brilliant participation in lessons and putting his hand up

Year 4: Hafsa Mustafa: for writing a detailed persuasive letter

Year 5: Yahya Ali: for excellent effort in his writing about space

Year 6: Abdullah Farooq: for always being ready and willing to come to the rescue; both inside class and out!

Surah Al-Qadr

Abdul Rahman
Ahmadzai
Amal Akhtar
Ayesha Ali Syed
Hajirah Razzaque
Humna Amir
Kainaat Zuabir
Khadijah Qasim Khan
Musa Zaib
Sahaam Rana
Sumayah Ahmed
Tahaam Munir
Khadijah Hanif
Yahya Shabir

Hifdh Stars of the Week

Surah Al-Waaqia'ah

Iqra Khan
Aaminah Shabir
Yahya Ali
Abdullah Ismail
Zaidullah Shareef

Surah An-Naas

Amelia Hussein
Aun Sohail
Hafsa Mubin
Huzaifa Rizwan
Ruqayya Khan
Maryam Ayah Ali
Maryam Sadoudi
Momin Ali Khawaja
Almeer Ali
Yaseen Barre
Yusuf Shanwaz
Zainab Asghar
Zidan Raja
Zahra Khojah

IMAM OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Hashim Qureshi** and **Adam Ramadan** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. **Hashim** beautifully recited the Adhaan, and **Adam** 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 (34 days)	
Inset Day 1	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Start of Term for Children	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
School Photographs	Tuesday 22 nd September 2026
Flu Immunisations	Monday 12 th October 2026
Multicultural Day	Tuesday 13 th October 2026
End of Term for Children	Friday 16 th October 2026
October Half Term Holiday	Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026
Inset Day 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Start of Term for Children	Tuesday 2 nd November 2026
School Trips	Monday 9 th November – Friday 13 th October 2026
Parent Open Forum & Coffee Morning	Friday 11 th December 2026
Science Exhibition	Monday 14 th December 2026
End of Term for Children	Friday 16 th December 2026