

Autumn Term 1: Edition 4

Friday 2nd October 2026

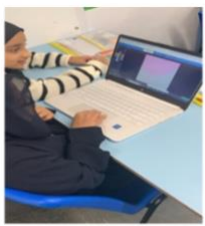
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Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,

Alhamdulillah, as we come to the end of another busy and productive week, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils, staff and parents for their continued support and commitment to our school community.



We were pleased to welcome prospective parents to our Reception Open Day meetings, which were a great success, Alhamdulillah. It was a wonderful opportunity to introduce families to our school, our Islamic ethos and the nurturing environment we strive to provide for our children.

A very special thanks to **Huzaifa Rizwan, Amelia Hussein**, and our Head Boy and Head Girl, **Salahuddin Afzal and Khadijah Khan**, for their valuable help and support. The children warmly welcomed our visitors and delivered a short speech introducing our school. They spoke confidently and positively about their experiences at Darul Madinah, sharing what they enjoy about school and how they have grown and developed during their time with us.



We were extremely proud of the way they represented our school. Their confidence, excellent manners and enthusiasm were a beautiful reflection of the values we aim to instil in all our pupils.

May Allah وَتَعَالَى سُبْحَانَهُ continue to bless our children, guide them and grant them success in both this world and the Hereafter. Ameen.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, please remember to check the end of this newsletter for details of upcoming events and important dates, so that you can stay informed and plan ahead.

Warm Regards,
Sofia Nasir
Headteacher



What have we been doing this week?

Reception had lots of fun exploring a variety of different textures through sensory play. They enjoyed squishing and moulding the jelly and slime, feeling the different textures with their hands, and exploring the waterbeds with curiosity and excitement. This encouraged the children to use their senses, develop their fine motor skills, and build confidence as they explored new and interesting sensory experiences.



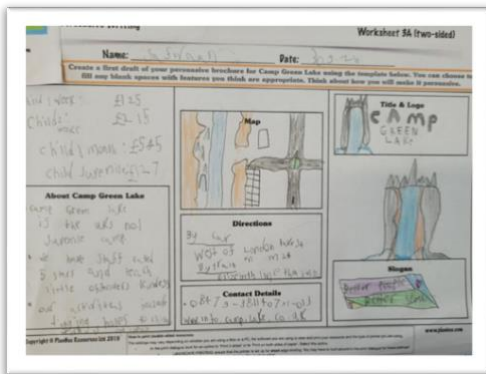
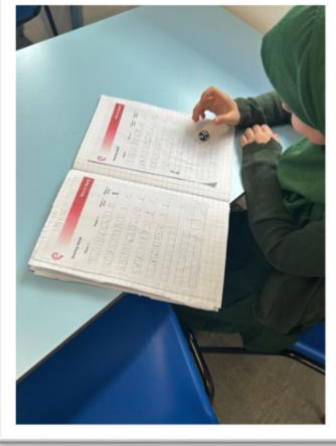
This week, **Year 1** have been developing their basic typing skills and building confidence with using the keyboard. They also had a short introduction to simple paint tools, where they enjoyed exploring different features and creating their own digital artwork.

In Science, **Year 2** have been learning about animals' needs for survival. During their practical lesson, they explored the six animal groups: mammals, fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles and humans. The children enjoyed sorting different animals into their correct groups before discussing the four basic needs for survival: food, water, air and shelter. The children discovered that although all animals share these basic needs, they are met in different ways depending on the animal. To finish the lesson, the children had great fun becoming part of the activity themselves by moving into the human sorting grid!



This term, **Year 3** have been working incredibly hard in English through our Lost in the Rainforest topic. The children began by immersing themselves in the rainforest environment, exploring the different animals they might encounter and discussing the appearance, behaviour and diet of their chosen animals. After choosing a rainforest creature to focus on, they gathered key facts and wrote clear, detailed non-chronological reports.

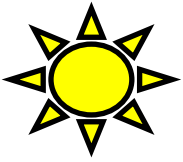
This week in **Year 4**, we have finished our Place Value topic with a challenging activity. The children worked in pairs, taking turns to roll a dice and decide where to place each digit in order to create the greatest possible four-digit number. They had to think carefully about each move and use their place value knowledge to make strategic decisions. The children really enjoyed the challenge and showed great mathematical thinking and enthusiasm throughout the activity.



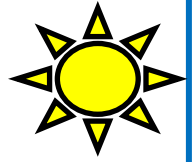
This week in English, **Year 5** used the persuasive techniques they have learnt to design a persuasive brochure for Camp Green Lake juvenile camp. Children designed a logo and used power of 3, rhetorical questions and emotive language to persuade others to attend the camp.

This week, **Year 6** became Geologists and discovered some amazing facts about rivers. We learnt how a river is formed and the names of the different features. After carrying out some research we learnt how people use rivers, from leisure, sports, transport to making electricity! We put our learning into a leaflet showing why rivers are important!





Hadith of the Week



“A Muslim is the mirror of another Muslim.” (Hadith)

Reception: Humeema Amir: for trying her best to recall the Hadith

Year 1: Noor Abid: for being a good role model

Year 2: Khadija Khan: for showing excellent behaviour all week

Year 3: Ahad Mahmood: for recalling the hadith in class

Year 4: Fatima Afridi: for showing kindness to her friends

Year 5: Abdullah Ismail: for following the hadith of the week

Year 6: Maryam Attaria: for showing great manners in and out of class!



Stars of the Week



Reception: Zahra Khojah: for always showing good manners and doing her work

Year 1: Khadija Ahmad Kahloon Muhammad: for coming into school with a smile on her face today

Year 2: Alaya Janjirkar: for showing effort and dedication in all her work

Year 3: Fatimah Ismail: for being a great helper in class to her peers

Year 4: Fatima Seitumerova: for working independently and trying her best in Maths

Year 5: Hafsa Hussain: for being a helpful member of the class

Year 6: Salahuddin Afzal: for working super hard on his reading and always ready to take a REN quiz!

Hifdh Stars of the Week

Surah Al-Alla

Abdul-Muizz Awan
Aadam Qadri
Haleema Yasir
Hannah Razzaque
Zakariyah Mustafa
Zaynab Munir
Danish Khan
Maryam Shahid
Mayeda Munir
Hajrah Khan
Fatima Gul Khan
Ishaan Ali
Zohra Din
Eimaan Adeel
Aaminah Asam

Surah Al-Ghaashiyah

Hannah Razzaque
Aadam Qadri
Haleema Yasir
Muhammad Naeem
Ishaan Ali
Zohra Din
Eimaan Adeel
Hafsa Mustafa

Surah Ash-Sharh

Medina Fazil
Zabreen Rana
Hoda Khalil
Yusuf Shayan

Surah Al-Qadr

Ameera Ali Syed
Amaya Shahnawaz

Surah Teen

Salah Warsame
Mikail Ridwan
Ayah Nur Afzal
Muhammad Ahmed
Salahudeen Afzal
Safwan Sohail
Hashim Qureshi
Fatima Seitumerova
Fatima Afridi
Zaid Ahmed
Aizah Rafiq

IMAM OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Ismael Ahzami** and **Ayaan Yasin-Din** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. **Ismael** beautifully recited the Adhaan, and **Ayaan** led the congregation with sincerity and grace. Their efforts exemplify true dedication and serve as wonderful role models for their peers. May Allah ﷻ 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
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 3 rd 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