



# Al Ashraf Newsletter

## Summer Term Newsletter 2014

Assalamu alaikum WW

Welcome to our summer term 2014 newsletter.

The newsletters are a great way of updating you on what we have been up to, any future events and an opportunity to share news. If you have anything you would like us to add to any future newsletters, please let us

know.

Alhumduillah this term has been very stimulating and exciting. With the weather being pleasant, we have had a lot of outdoor play.

Some of the topics we covered are:

- Summer
- Sea Creatures



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### Dates for your Diary:

- Last day of term - Wednesday 16th July
- Nursery reopens - Tuesday 2nd September

## Open Day

We are hoping to hold an open day for prospective and current parents on Saturday 30th August between 11am-4pm. If you know anyone with a child of nursery age that would like to have a look around and to gain a nursery experience, please pass on this information.

"Firm roots branches in the sky"

Al-Ashraf Nursery  
**OPEN DAY!**  
Saturday 30th August  
11am-4pm  
EYFS framework

Safe & Secure

Ofsted registered!

strategic location

NO NEED TO BOOK!

FUN MESSY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN!!

Refreshment will be provided on the day

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## Sea Creatures

We talked about different sea creatures such as jelly fish, sea horse, turtle etc. The children enjoyed watching videos to learn more about different sea creatures and their habitats. All videos are monitored, approved and are used only for their educational purpose. We also learnt about the features of different sea creatures.

In addition to this we created sea creature puppets using different textured resources

## Summer

As the weather began to change and Summer drew in, it was the perfect time to talk to the children about planting. The children took turns to plant their very own geraniums in the EYFS area.

The children created symmetrical butterfly painting to develop their understanding of symmetry.

We created a fantastic display for our room with the children's artistic creation of dastarkhaan (table cloth) their favourite foods and drinks.



## Cake Sale

One of our recent events, the Al-Ashraf Nursery Bake Sale featured a wonderful range of home baked goodies and donated ice-creams, which was a huge success. Parents, staff and students collectively, helped raise a generous total of £675. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their tremendous support JK.

## Birdland Park and Gardens

On Wednesday 11th June we went on a trip to Birdland Park and Gardens. We all had the opportunity to see different species of birds and prey such as Pelicans, Parrots, King Penguins, Cassoway, Stork and many more. The children were fascinated by the pink flamingo birds and the cuckoo bird, who enjoyed being the centre of attention.

Our trip proved to be very successful as we all learnt and acquired knowledge about different birds and their habitats. The children enjoyed walking along the stream whilst watching the ducks in the small village of Bourton-on-the-Water. It was a treat to have an ice cream after a very hot day! We would also like to mention that the children were exceptionally well behaved through out the day.



## St. James City Farm

We visited St. James City Farm to learn more about the different animals. The staff at the farm talked to the children about how to care and look after the animals, All children were able to touch, feed and watch the animals at the farm.



## Islamiyaat

- 1) We learnt about the value of numbers.
- 2) We identified shapes and discrimination between different shapes
- 3) Pre-number concepts: sorting
- 4) Sadaqah : charity and how it benefits people around the world
- 5) Eid: A celebration for Muslims
- 6) Names of Allah
- 7) Story time : stories reflecting not being selfish and greedy and not to tease or hurt others

### Ramadhan theme:

- It's benefit and purpose
- Qur'an being revealed in this month
- About the Prophet (SAW) going to the cave to remember Allah
- Eating dates
- Counting (numbers) with dates
- Healthy iftaar
- We made semolina cookies with dates (Ma'moul) for our Ramadhan theme



In the nursery great emphasis is laid on the correct pronunciation of letters, to ensure our children's foundation of reading is sound from a young and tender age. Teaching has only been possible through your support and efforts. We hope to maintain these standards Insha Allah and hope your children progress further and achieve the best in both worlds.

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## Rising 3's

### Under the sea

The "Under the Sea" theme this term was child initiated. We have been busy creating lots of sea creatures such as jelly fish, star fish and turtles like 'Mr Turtle'."

They were made using a variety of techniques such as cutting, scrunching up tissue paper, creating collages and painting.



### Beach

The children engaged in role play of going to the beach. This was a lovely experience for those of us that had never been to the beach.

The children partook in outdoor play, where they were able to ride bikes, scooters and play with balls, hoops and they enjoyed playing with buckets and spades in the sandpit.

### Ramadhan

The children have been learning about the importance of fasting and making dua to Allah (SWT). We have learnt the following three tasbeehs:

- Allahu Akbar
- Alhumdulliah
- Subhanallah

## *And Finally....*

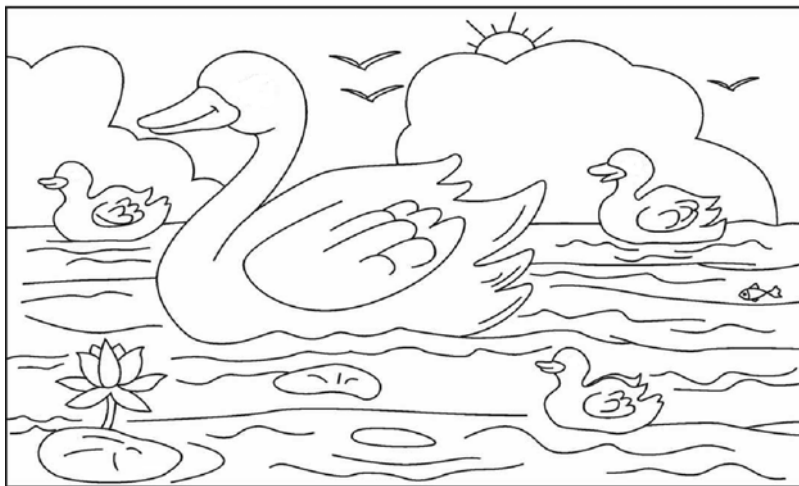
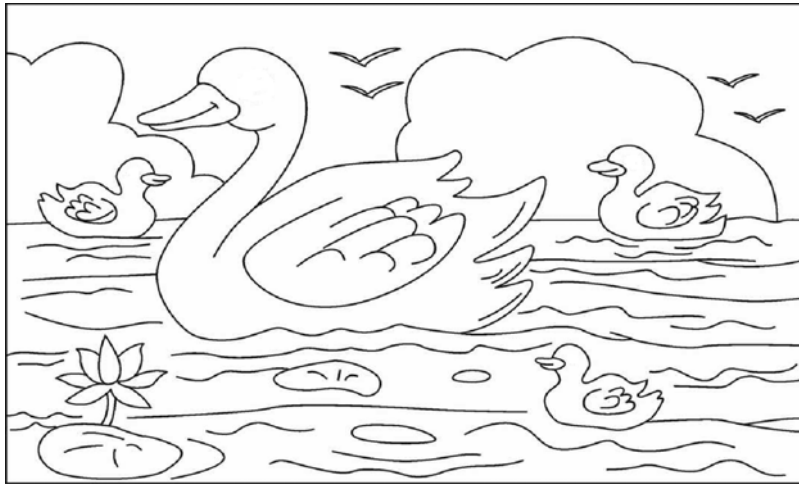
As you maybe are aware, Maaria Apa Moosajee will be leaving Al-Ashraf Nursery. She has worked in the nursery for eight years. We pray and hope that Allah make her successful in all her endeavours. Ameen

We wish you all very blessed Ramadhan and a happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in the future. Please remember us in your humble duas.

## Children's Corner

### Creation of Allah

Spot the 5 differences between the two pictures and then colour in the pictures



## Other Important Info

### Updated information

Please ensure all data pertaining to your child is updated such as changes in your child's medical condition, Also it is very important for us to be able contact you especially in case of an emergency when the need arises.

If you have a question about the nursery, you can contact:

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