



Al-Ashraf Newsletter

Summer Term Newsletter 2015

Assalamu alaikum ww,

Sadly we have nearly come to the end of our summer term and we will be saying goodbye to our pre-schoolers. We thoroughly enjoyed this year. Al-Ashraf Nursery would like to say a big thank you to all parents for their continued support and contribution towards the children's learning. May your child have a smooth transition into their reception classes, and have a successful academic year. We'll be sorry to see them go as we have grown very fond of them.



Dear Parents,

We give back your children, the same children you confidently entrusted in our care last Autumn.

We give them back pounds heavier, inches taller, months wiser, and more mature than they were then.

Although they would have attained their growth in spite of us, it has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to watch their personalities unfold; day by day and marvel at the splendid miracle of development.

Remember that we shall always be interested in your children and their progress, wherever they go, whatever they do, whoever they become.

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Dates for your Diary:

End of year Jalsa:

Tuesday 7th July

Last day of term:

Wednesday 8th July

Nursery reopens on :

Wednesday 2nd September

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Mini beasts

As a nursery we explored the world of invertebrates, insects



and other mini beasts with various fun activities. We hunted for mini beasts by digging outside in the EYFS area to see which creature we can spot using a magnifying glass. This enabled us to look at the different colours and count how many mini beasts we can see.

We observed worms wriggling up to the surface and living off leaves in the "Worm World Aquarium."

Summer

As the weather began to improve, the children enjoyed spending more time playing outdoor riding bikes, playing with sand, water play etc.



Under the sea creatures

The children used their hands to explore different textures and materials by creating a range of various 'under the sea animals' out of junk modelling. We used malleable material like clay to mould our favourite sea creature.

The children enjoyed watching videos to learn more about different sea creatures and their habitats. We also learnt about the features of different sea creatures.

Note: All videos are monitored, approved and are used only for their educational purpose

Cake Sale

Parents, staff and students collectively helped raise a grand total of £717.60 in our most recent cake sale which was held in May. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity and tremendous support. JK. The nursery plans to purchase soft play area for the Madinah room.



Cattle Country

We all enjoyed our annual summer trip to Cattle Country on Wednesday 3rd June. The children enjoyed the sunshine and all the facilities the park had to offer. They particularly enjoyed climbing, sliding and jumping in the indoors soft ball area.

We went on a tractor ride that took us around the farm which enabled us to get a glimpse of the cows. The children were very curious to learn more about the cows and the staff at the Adventure Park were more than happy to answer their questions.

Visit from the Oral Hygienist

We were fortunate to have a visit from an Oral Hygienist, who came in to speak to the children and parents on the importance of brushing one's teeth properly and frequently. The children had fun practicing brushing on a set of model teeth.



What is meant by 'child's interest'?

Children's learning and development commences with what children are naturally drawn to and intrigued by. This helps inspire children to learn and be actively involved in their personal learning. Practitioners can use children's views and thoughts, to inform planning for individual children's learning and development.

Royal Family

The "royal family" theme this term was based on child's interest as mentioned above. This topic was very popular with all children, as they enjoyed roleplaying Kings and Queens. During circle time we had a discussion on our royal family and Buckingham Palace. As an extended activity the children made crowns, wands and palaces.

Our nursery



Islamiyaat

We have been talking about the benefits and virtues of Ramadhan, which are:

- Gaining closeness to Our Creator
- Cultivating good deeds, especially manners
- Learning to be patient
- Being united as a Muslim family
- Gates of Jannah are opened
- Eid: A celebration of Muslims



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 and hope your children progress further and achieve the best in both worlds. Aameen

Rising 3

The topic of interest for rising 3's was under the sea and on the beach. The children were shown videos on sea creatures along with interactive nursery rhymes in order to develop physical development skills. To extend on this, collages of whales and turtles were made.

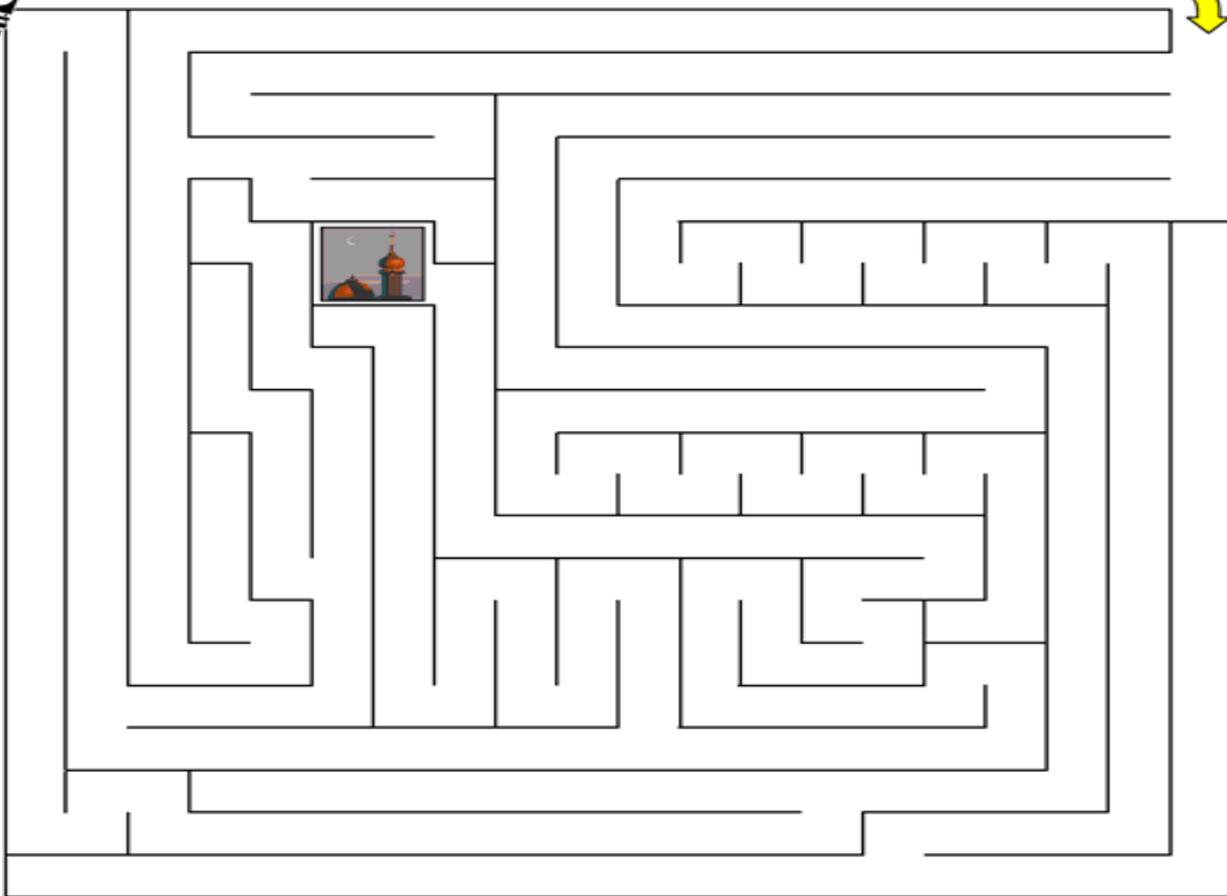


We spoke to the children about the importance of Ramadhan and Eid. The Rising 3's staff brought in different foods such as dates to show children what we break our fast with. The children already knew Eid was a special occasion where we dress up and meet our family to celebrate. The children thoroughly enjoy singing the nursery rhyme "Muharram, Safar..."

To improve fine motor skills, the children traced over objects used on the beach such as buckets, spades and shells. We discussed what type of clothing should be worn on the beach, such as hats and sunglasses.

Children's Corner

Help me get to the masjid before Iftar time.



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