



Al-Ashraf Newsletter

Summer Term Newsletter 2016

Assalamu alalikum ww

We have reached the end of the academic year and its that time of the year when we reluctantly say goodbye to our pre-schoolers. You smiled, laughed, and sometimes cried. Not all of our days were easy, but most of our days were filled with learning, excitement, and happiness.

We've had a lot of fun together and we have been there to wipe the tears and share your joy. I speak for all staff, when I say that it has been a joy supporting and facilitating the pre-schoolers of 2015/16. I wish you all the best in your new schools and may you all be successful throughout your lives. Ameen

Khatija Pancbhaya

(Nursery Manager)

Chicken incubation project

Al-Ashraf Nursery partnered with St. James City Farm to allow children to monitor the progress of the three incubated eggs. The Preschool and Rising 3's monitored the eggs over a three week period until the chicks hatched.

This project was linked to EYFS 'Understanding of the World' which aims to teach children how to care and nurture the hatchlings and also ponder on the miracle of life cycles.



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Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 14th July - End of year party and last day of term
- Friday 15th July - Meet & Greet session for our new preschool parents and children
- Monday 5th September - Nursery reopens

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Cake Sale

Masha'Al'h, this years bake sale raised a grand total of £1,035.11. This money will be put towards purchasing an interactive white board.



New nursery staff 2016/17

We would like to welcome all our new pre-schoolers and their parents. We look forward to getting to know you all and working as a partnership.

Also, we'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff: Aisha Patel, Hajera Nana-bawa and Sakina Pandor to our nursery team.

Reception teacher:

Miss Codd will be the new Reception teacher this September. She has been working at Al-Ashraf Primary School as the Year 1 teacher and is looking forward to her new role.

Ramadhan.....

In this month we tried to be better Muslims by building on our Islamic character.

Our focus was on patience:

- We've learnt the virtue of **patience**. How to be patient and how to take turns. We developed the ability of thinking through and resolving problems.

Teaching patience by example helps children learn resilience and self-containment.



- **Gaining closeness to Our Creator:** We used our I'tikaf tent as our special place for reflection and praying in Ramadan. We enjoyed crawling into the tent, being cooperative and simulated imaginative play.
- **Cultivating good deeds, especially manners:** Our good deeds jar was a huge success.. A huge well done to all our children for taking part in our theme of cultivating good akhlaaq (character).
- **Charity:** We took part in one of the most virtuous deeds in Islam. Did you know that giving charity is proof of ones faith? We gain reward by giving as much as we can give to afford. To build on our pounds, how about giving to charity? This will increase our wealth.
- **Simulation of iftaar:** This taught our children what is eaten to break the fast and remind them of the rewards of feeding a person breaking his fast.
- **Cooking activity:** We decorated our own prayer mat using icing and biscuits.
- **Learning about the moon:** We learnt about the science of the moon and our Ramadan calender was also 'cresent' shaped.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Mon	29	5	12	19	26
Tues	30	6	13	20	27
Wed	31	7	14	21	28
Thur	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

OCTOBER

Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tues	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thur	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

NOVEMBER

Mon	7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thur	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

DECEMBER

Mon	5	12	19	26	
Tues	6	13	20	27	
Wed	7	14	21	28	
Thur	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	

JANUARY

Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thur	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	7	14	21	28	
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FEBRUARY

Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tues	7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	
Thur	2	9	16	23	
Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

MARCH

Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tues	7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

APRIL

Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tues	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thur	6	13	20	27	
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MAY

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JUNE

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JULY

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AUGUST

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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Day	

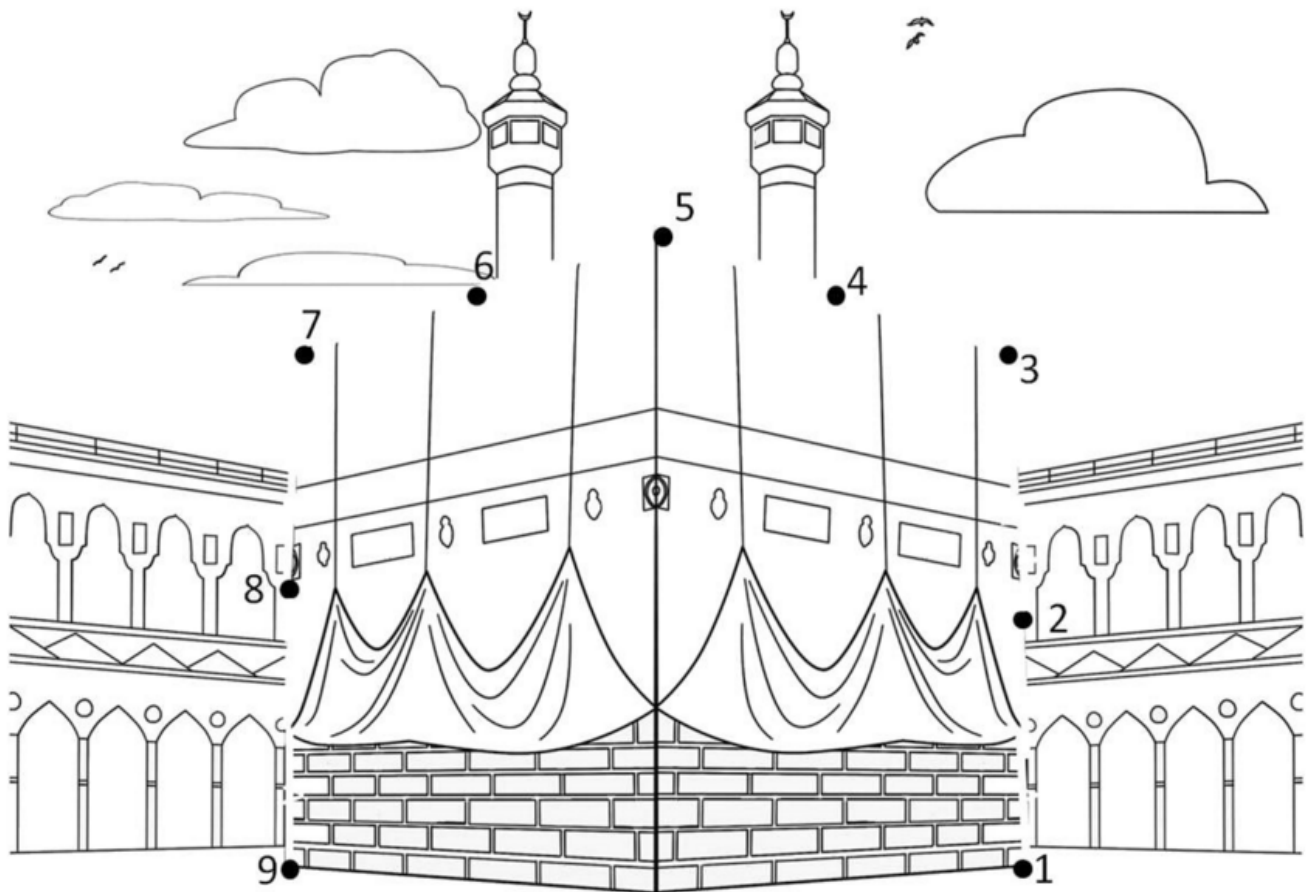
- Term 1: Mon 5th Sept - Wed 19th Oct 2016 31 days
- Term 2: Mon 31st Oct - Fri 16th Dec 2016 35 days
- Term 3: Mon 3rd Jan - Fri 10th Feb 2017 29 days
- Term 4: Mon 20th Feb - Fri 7th Apr 2017 35 days
- Term 5: Mon 24th Apr - Fri 26th May 2017 24 days
- Term 6: Mon 5th Jun - Tue 18th Jul 2017 27 days
- Total 181 days***

Inset Day: 1st & 2nd September 2016
The school will decide an additional 2 days inset and inform parents accordingly

Eid-ul-Adhaa Holiday	9 th -12 th September 2016
Christmas Bank Holidays	26 th December 2016 27 th December 2016
New Year Bank Holiday	2 nd January 2017
Good Friday	14 th April 2017
Easter Monday	17 th April 2017
Early May Bank Holiday	1 st May 2017
Spring Bank Holiday	20 th May 2017
Eid-ul-Fitr Holidays	21 st June - 27 th 2017
End-of-Academic Year	18 th July 2017

Children's Corner

Join the dots and what do you see?



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

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