



Al-Ashraf Newsletter

Spring Newsletter 2016

Spring Curriculum (Pre-school):

Themes - solar system, under the sea, pirates, colours, buildings, healthy eating, mini beasts, life cycle & spring

Letters - a,c,d,e,g,h,i,k,m,n,o,p,r,s,t,w

Literacy - hungry caterpillar (rhyming)

Vocabulary - magnifying glass, cocoon

Numbers - 10,11,12,13,14,15

Character Education (Islamiyat)- Kindness, stories reflecting moral development and stories on Islamic history

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, Al-Ashraf Nursery celebrated World Book Day as staff and children left their normal school wear at home and dressed up as a mini beasts. Everyone had a great time.



Mini beasts (objectives):

The children learned to:

- comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live and the science of the natural world.
- talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.
- talk about why things happen and how things work.
- develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.

Visit to the Masjid

On Wednesday 23rd March, the children visited Masjid-E-Noor alongside Hatherly Pre-Schoolers. The children had a chance to look around the Masjid. We had the privilege of listening to our local Imam. Imam Hassan spoke to the children regarding the masjid and the prayers.



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Dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 24th March** - Last day of nursery
- **Monday 11th April** - Nursery reopens
- **Monday 2nd May** - Bank Holiday
- **Wednesday 11th May** - Cake Sale
- **Wednesday 18th May** - Cattle country

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Healthy Eating (objectives):

- The children learnt to identify healthy foods
- The children were taught to understand the benefits of eating healthy foods
- Promote an active lifestyle in the children (through wake and shake exercise and obstacle exercise)
- Teach the children the importance of washing hands



Islamiyat Story corner.....

Hanzalah the Hero

There was a brave train named Hanzalah. He liked to listen to stories of all the brave trains.

One day, Hanzalah had to fetch a parcel, but it began to rain. Hanzalah heard thunder and felt very scared. He said a dua and felt very brave. Hanzalah didn't feel afraid anymore because he knew that he will be looked after. Hanzalah puffed through the lightning and rain. He wasn't afraid. Before he knew it, he reached the end of his journey and saw his parcel. All the bigger trains were watching Hanzalah and they began to cheer.

We learnt the dua at the time of difficulty and if we are afraid or scared we should say a dua.

Our kindness Jars

As moral development, we were inspired to do acts of kindness and good deeds. Our children willingly performed random acts of kindness on numerous occasions and became 'kindness heroes/ heroines'. It's great to see that everyone made a superb effort!

Remember, kindness is its own reward.

Congratulations to our winners, Hani Jasmin, Zakariya, Ismaeel and Afsa for having the most acts of kindnesses.



Rising 3's

Transport

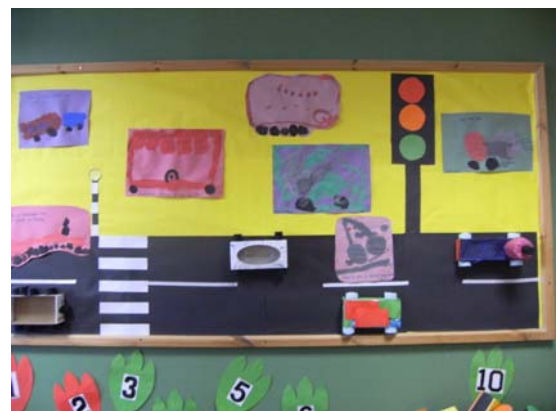
This term the children made free hand drawings of different vehicles. They then selected and used transport stencils. We created a runaway track in paint using an aeroplane. We also made cars out of junk modelling.

Links to the EYFS:

Physical Development 22-36 months: Beginning to use three fingers to hold writing tools

Expressive arts and design 30-50 months - Uses various construction material

Physical Development 30-50 months - Uses one handed tools and equipment e.g. makes snips in paper with child friendly scissors



Late collection of children (New revised policy)

We appreciate that there are times when the late collection of children is unavoidable, however, late collection policy is being reviewed and will be shared with parent/guardians in the new term.

Exclusion guidance for illnesses

It has come to our attention that as of late, a lot of children have been suffering with flu like symptoms and suffering temperatures. If you suspect that your child is coming down with an illness, please refrain from sending them to the nursery. We would also appreciate if you would notify the staff of any illnesses, such as chickenpox, slap cheek, norovirus etc., so that we can inform families of children susceptible to infection.

As a general guide we would ask you to consider other children and the possibility of passing on bugs and germs, as these can spread quickly in the nursery environment. When a child becomes unwell in nursery or displays signs of discomfort as a result of being unwell, we would normally contact a parent/carer so that the child can be taken home. If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea they must be kept away from nursery for at least 48 hours after the last occurrence.



I Did Nothing Today



When children come home at the end of the day,
The question they're asked as they run out to play
Is "Tell me what did you do today?"
And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay.
"Nothing, I did nothing today!"
Perhaps "Nothing" means that I read a book,
Or... with my Key Person I got to cook.
Maybe I painted a picture of blue,
Or heard a story of a mouse that flew,
Maybe I wrote in my journey myself,
Or found a great book on the nursery shelf.
Maybe I helped a friend today,
Or went to my favourite area alone,
Maybe today was the very first time
That my scissors followed a very straight line,
Maybe I sang a nursery rhyme right to the end,
Or worked with a special brand new friend.
When you're three, four or five your heart has wings
And "Nothing" can mean so many things.



PRE-SCHOOLER'S FIRST TENNIS LESSON:



Pre-schoolers took part in their first ever tennis lesson on Wednesday 16th March with Tennis Plus Tennis Academy's coach, Megan Butterworth.

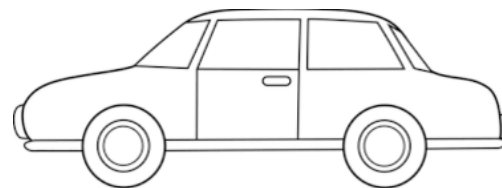
The children took part in a number of simple activities, with rackets, balls and cones, ensuring they were active and helping to improve their hand-eye coordination and balance.

Nursery manager, Khatija Panchbhaya said, "P.E. is not compulsory in Early Years Curriculum, but at Al-Ashraf Nursery we feel that promoting healthy living and exercising from a young age is essential. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the taster tennis lesson so we are hoping to make it a regular feature for the Pre-schoolers."

Children's Corner



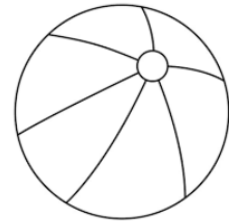
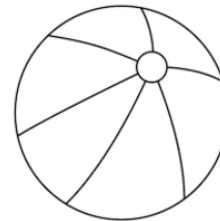
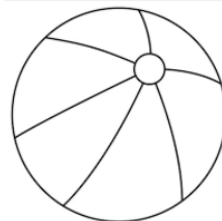
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