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Newsletter Issue 5

Headteacher's Message

What a busy and rewarding first half-term it has been!

We welcomed our new Reception children, who have settled in wonderfully, and enjoyed opportunities to connect with parents through our Meet the Teacher sessions and coffee mornings.

I have also spent time listening to pupils, staff, parents and governors to better understand our school's strengths and areas for improvement. Your feedback has been invaluable in helping us shape our priorities for the year ahead, insha'Allah.

Our five key CLEAR priorities are:
Culture: Strengthen our shared Islamic ethos, values and sense of belonging so that every child feels safe, valued and proud to be part of Islamia.
Leadership: Develop clear, consistent and effective leadership, with strong communication and shared responsibility across the school.
Education: Improve the quality of teaching and learning, with a particular focus on writing, inclusion and ensuring every child achieves their potential.
Accommodation: Prepare carefully for our move to the new school building, creating a beautiful, inspiring and welcoming environment for learning.
Relationships: Strengthen partnerships with parents, governors and the wider community, ensuring everyone has a voice in our school's development.

Our New School – September 2027
As you know, we are preparing to relocate to Brentfield Road (Gwenneth Rickus Site), Neasden, NW10 8HE, in September 2027. We recently had the opportunity to visit the new premises, and planning is already underway to ensure a smooth and successful transition. We will keep you informed as plans develop, insha'Allah.

Please continue to keep our school, pupils and staff in your du'as.

Hussain Shefaar

Nurturing our children's faith

Supporting teaching Quran & Deen at Islamia

PARENT SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL

The government funds the learning and development of your children, covering **all National Curriculum subject areas.**

As a Voluntary Aided school, the cost of providing our specialised Islamic Studies **(Quran and Deen provision) relies directly on parents.**

Our dedicated Quran & Deeri department provides our children with an invaluable foundation in Islamic beliefs, character education (*tarbiyyah*), Islamic knowledge and worship.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS FUND:

- **Specialist teaching staff**
- **Books and resources**
- **Digital learning tools**

There is an annual need of **over £120,000** to fund the Islamic Studies and Qur'an department.

Without your contributions, we may not be able to continue to provide this important provision.

To maintain this provision, we kindly request a voluntary contribution of:

£450 one-off contribution per family
OR
£37.50 per month for 12 months

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Supporting your child's Islamic education is a beautiful form of **Sadaqah Jariyah** (*continuous charity*) that yields blessings for their future. We are deeply grateful for your investment in our children's spiritual growth.

PROMOTING HEALTHY HABITS

At Islamia, we want every child to have the energy, concentration and good health they need to learn, play and thrive. **What children eat regularly matters**, and developing healthy habits from an early age can make a lasting difference.

We have noticed that some children are bringing crisps and other less nutritious snacks to school every day or being given them at home-time as they leave school. Choosing a different snack more often can help children develop a more varied diet.

Growing bodies need nourishment. Fruit, vegetables, wholegrain foods and other nutritious snacks provide a range of vitamins, minerals and fibre that support children's growth and development.

Although **a packet of crisps may seem like a small snack**, making it a daily habit is worth reconsidering (see poster below which shows the amount of oil consumed in a year if someone eats 1 packet of crisps every day)

HEALTHY HABITS

What's hiding in your crisps?

A packet a day doesn't sound like much. However, it all adds up.

CRISPS 35g

1 PACKET A DAY	2 PACKETS A DAY
5 litres of cooking oil a year	**9 litres** of cooking oil a year

Each bottle = 1 litre of cooking oil

HOW? A standard 35g bag holds roughly 2.5 teaspoons of oil. Every single day, that soon fills a bottle.

TRY A SWAP Fruit, veg sticks or plain popcorn make tasty snacks. Keep crisps as an occasional treat.

Source: British Heart Foundation, "Food4Thought" campaign on hidden fats and oils in snack foods. Figures are approximate.

Curriculum Corner

Engage in meaningful discussions and exchange ideas with experts.

Aysha Islam - Assistant Headteacher: Curriculum, Teaching & Learning

Learning in Action

Step into a world of endless possibilities and take control of your growth. Whether you're learning a new skill, exploring fresh ideas, or taking the next step in your career, knowledge is the key to unlocking new opportunities. With the right resources and guidance, you can push boundaries, achieve your goals, and shape your own future. Start your journey today and discover what's possible.

Y5 Stem Robotics Workshops

Year 5 Palm enjoyed an exciting visit to Imperial College London on 21st October for a robotics workshop hosted by STEM Muslims. The pupils built and programmed LEGO robots while developing their problem-solving and teamwork skills. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore science and technology through hands-on learning and spark curiosity about the world of robotics!

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Learning beyond the classroom

Exploring new places and learning together

Our journey

Discovering through hands-on activities

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PE - Netball Festival & Tournament

Year 3 & 4 Netball Festival

On Thursday 8th October some of our Year 4 pupils took part in a non-competitive netball festival. Throughout the day, the children participated in a round-robin circuit of age-appropriate netball activities and games. These activities were designed to develop their hand-eye coordination, teamwork, communication and fundamental netball skills. The pupils demonstrated great enthusiasm, worked collaboratively with others and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn and develop in a fun and supportive environment.

Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament

Our Year 5 pupils participated in the first competitive netball tournament of the academic year alongside 11 other schools. We were placed in Pool 2 and played three matches, drawing two and narrowly losing one. Throughout the tournament, all of our players demonstrated excellent subject knowledge, teamwork and an understanding of the rules and tactics of the game. They represented the school brilliantly, showing determination, resilience and positive sportsmanship in every match. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to our next sporting event, the Year 5 & 6 Cross Country competition coming soon...

Autumn 1 Whole School Assembly

Artists of the Half Term Masha'Allah!

We are delighted to celebrate our Artists of the Half Term, whose winning entries showcase the creativity, care and developing artistic skills of pupils across the school. From expressive self-portraits and textured collages to watercolour paintings and intricate Islamic geometric patterns, children have explored colour, shape, shading and texture. Many pieces also reflect our Seerah learning, including beautiful artwork inspired by Makkah and Madinah. Congratulations to our certificate winners, pictured alongside their wonderful creations, and well done to all our pupils for their effort and imagination this half term. May Allah continue to bless and nurture their talents.

Update: Islamia School Council Elections 2026-27

On Tuesday, our pupils took part in the Islamia School Council elections. The candidates confidently shared their manifestos, presenting their ideas and hopes for making a positive difference to school life. Pupils then exercised their democratic right by casting their votes using ballot papers at Islamia's very own polling station. It was a wonderful opportunity to develop their understanding of democracy, leadership and pupil voice!

Jumu'ah Khutbah: Signs in creation

Living a Life of Awe and Wonder

Words of Wisdom

This week's Jumu'ah khutbah marked the beginning of our new series, 'Awe and Wonder', by the Headteacher with a focus on 'Seeing the Signs of Allah'.

We reflected on how the Qur'an encourages us to observe, think deeply and appreciate the countless signs of Allah in the world around us.

In a world increasingly dominated by technology, we reminded ourselves not to lose our sense of wonder at the extraordinary things we see every day.

As we enter half-term, pupils were encouraged to take time to observe Allah's creation, reflect on verses of the Qur'an and develop a greater sense of curiosity, gratitude and appreciation for His blessings.

SAVE THE DATES

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Parent Diary • Autumn Term 2026

OCTOBER	
Fri 2 Oct	Seerah Exhibition
Throughout Oct	Black History Month
Wed 14 Oct	Year 5 Palm Parent Performance - The Year of the Elephant
Fri 16 Oct	World Food Day - food bank collection
Wed 21 & Thu 22 Oct	Parent Meetings

NOVEMBER	
Mon 9 Nov	Parent Coffee Morning - Sleep Hygiene, 8:45am (EYFS, Brent Nursing Team)
Fri 13 Nov	World Kindness Day
16-20 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week - 'Break the Silence'
Fri 20 Nov	World Children's Day
Wed 25 Nov	Year 2 Birch Parent Performance - Black History Month: Coming to England

DECEMBER	
Thu 3 Dec	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Wed 7 Dec	Year 5 Cedar Parent Performance - Space
Wed 14 Dec	Year 6 Oak Parent Performance - World Arabic Language Day
Fri 18 Dec	World Arabic Language Day

Please save these dates. Further details and exact timings for parent performances will be shared by the school. Dates are subject to change where necessary.

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BRENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

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BRENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST) LEAFLET

Islamia Primary school

Who are we?

The Brent Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is an early intervention service which works in partnership with primary and secondary schools in Brent to support children, their families and school staff build on their emotional understanding, wellbeing and resilience.

Meet the practitioner

Aisha Hasan
Trainee Education Mental Health Practitioner

Safeguarding Matters

Online Safety: Helping Children Use AI Wisely

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) can support learning and creativity, but children need guidance to use it safely and responsibly. This week's poster highlights risks including inaccurate information, inappropriate content, privacy concerns and overreliance on technology. Allah reminds us in the Qur'an: "And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge." (Surah Al-Isra, 17:36). This offers a valuable reminder to check information carefully before accepting or sharing it.

Please read the poster and talk with your child about: Checking information with a trusted adult—AI can make mistakes. Keeping personal details, photographs and passwords private. Using their own ideas and being honest about help received. Telling a trusted adult if anything makes them feel uncomfortable. As half term approaches, please supervise online activities, maintain clear boundaries and make time for family, play and rest. Together, we can help our children apply our Islamic values of honesty and responsibility online.

Parent Meetings: Working together for our children

Alhamdulillah, our first parent meetings of the academic year have been a success! Thank you to all parents and carers who attended this week and to our teachers for preparing for these valuable conversations.The meetings provided an opportunity to discuss how children have settled in, their wellbeing and friendships, and to celebrate their learning and achievements.

Together, we explored next steps, attendance and punctuality, and achievable targets for next half term. For relevant families, discussions also included IETPs and the support in place.Your questions, insights and feedback help us understand and support your children better.

Jazakum Allahu khairan for your continued partnership as we help every child

Year 6: Secondary School

Applications – Deadline 31st October 2026

Secondary Transfer

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

Please complete and submit your child's secondary school application online through eAdmissions by 11:59pm on Saturday 31 October 2026. So far, only 36 applications have been completed for our Year 6 pupils. If you have not yet submitted yours, please make this a priority. Remember that saving a draft is not the same as submitting your application—please check that you have received confirmation. Even if you are considering an independent school, we strongly encourage you to submit an eAdmissions application to secure a backup option. You can review your options when offers are released on 1 March 2027 and respond in line with the admissions guidance.

Applications submitted after the deadline are normally considered after applications received on time, reducing the likelihood of securing a preferred school. Missing the deadline could mean waiting until after the first round of offers in March to receive a decision.

Please visit the school website for secondary transfer information and guidance. If you need help completing the application, please contact the school office as soon as possible.We want every child to have a school place confirmed and every family to feel prepared for this important transition. Thank you to everyone who has already applied.
Jazakum Allahu Khairan

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