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Newsletter Issue 1

Headteacher's Message

Assalamu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh,

“O Allah increase me in knowledge.”

As I approach the middle of my first half-term as Headteacher of Islamia Primary School, I would like to say a heartfelt jazakumAllahu khayran to our pupils, staff, parents and governors for the very warm welcome and support I have received.

Over the past three weeks, I have been doing lots of listening, learning and getting to know the school afresh. It has been a real pleasure spending time with our pupils and staff, meeting parents at our coffee morning, speaking with our Parent Staff Association (PSA), and having many individual conversations along the way.

In this newsletter, we are sharing our school leadership structure, so that families are clear about who is responsible for the different areas of school life. One of our priorities is to strengthen leadership and communication across the school, bringing greater clarity and consistency for everyone.

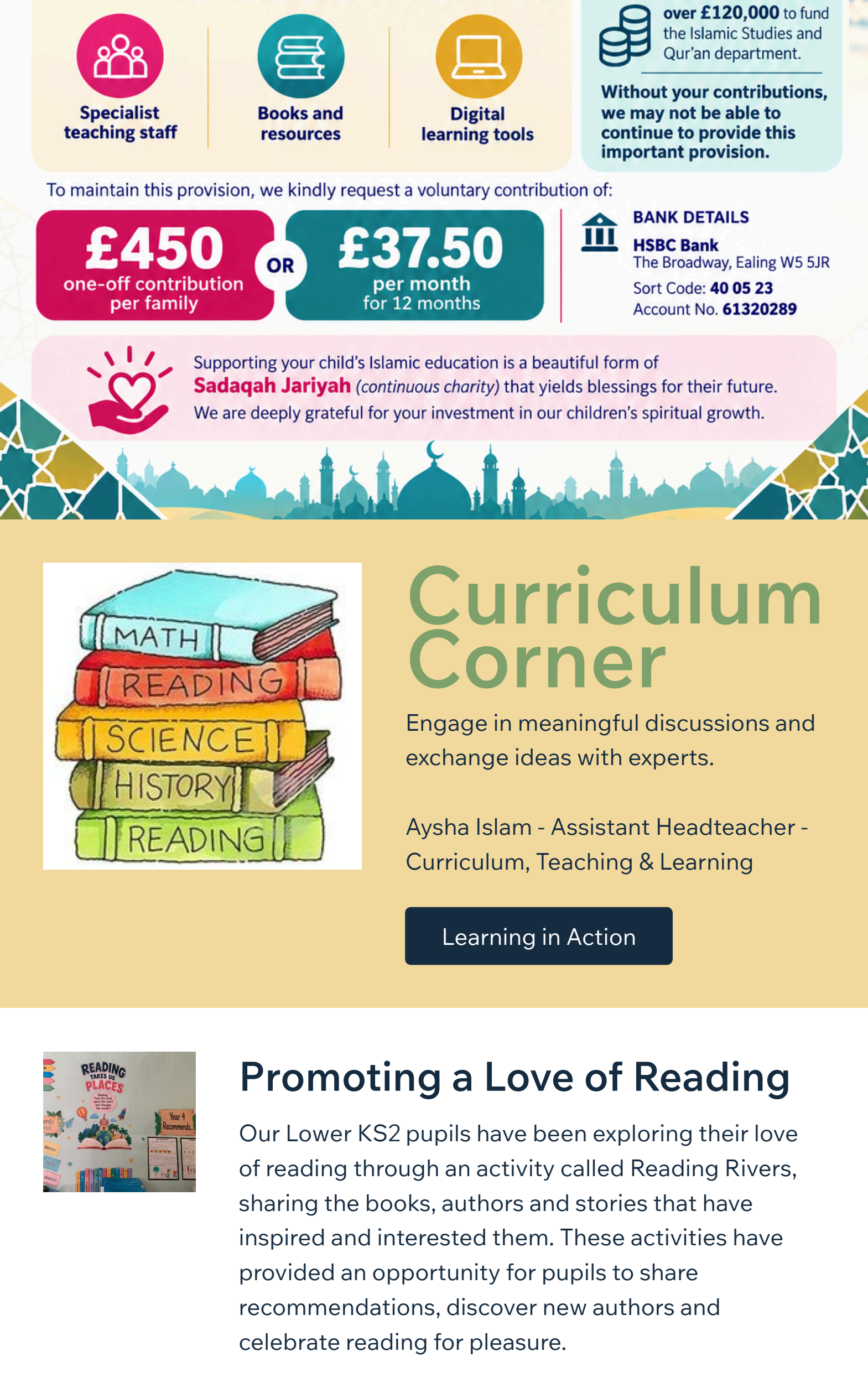
Hussain Shefaar – Headteacher
Yasmin Hussain – Deputy Headteacher: Attendance & Behaviour, Parental Engagement, DSL
Aysha Islam – Assistant Headteacher: Curriculum, Teaching & Learning, Assessment
Farida Manze – SENCO & Inclusion Lead: SEND, Inclusion
Nur Enver – Operations Manager: Operations, Admin & Premises

As part of our staffing update, we also say farewell to Teacher Abshir. He has been the pastoral lead and deen teacher at the school. We thank him for his service and contribution to the school and our pupils. May Allah reward him for his efforts and grant him every success in his future endeavours. Āmīn.

There is much to be proud of, much to build upon and, of course, much still to do. I look forward to continuing this journey together, insha’Allah.

Together, let us build something beautiful: a school where our children experience awe and wonder as they explore Allah’s creation, grow in knowledge and understanding, and develop into people of faith and character.

Please continue to keep our school, pupils and staff in your du‘as.
Hussain Shefaar



ISLAMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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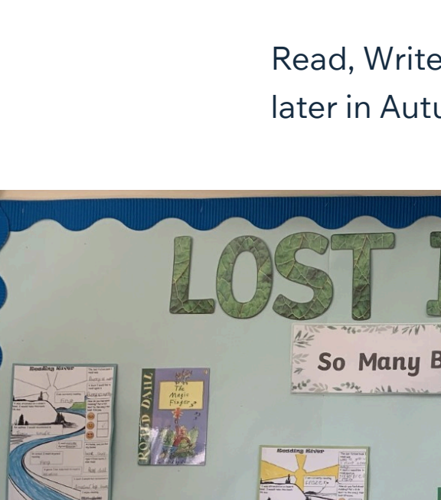
Supporting your child’s Islamic education is a beautiful form of **Sadaqah Jariyah** (*continuous charity*) that yields blessings for their future. We are deeply grateful for your investment in our children’s spiritual growth.

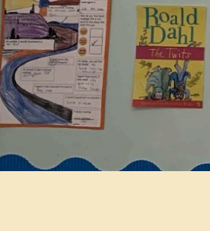


Curriculum Corner

Engage in meaningful discussions and exchange ideas with experts.

Aysha Islam - Assistant Headteacher - Curriculum, Teaching & Learning

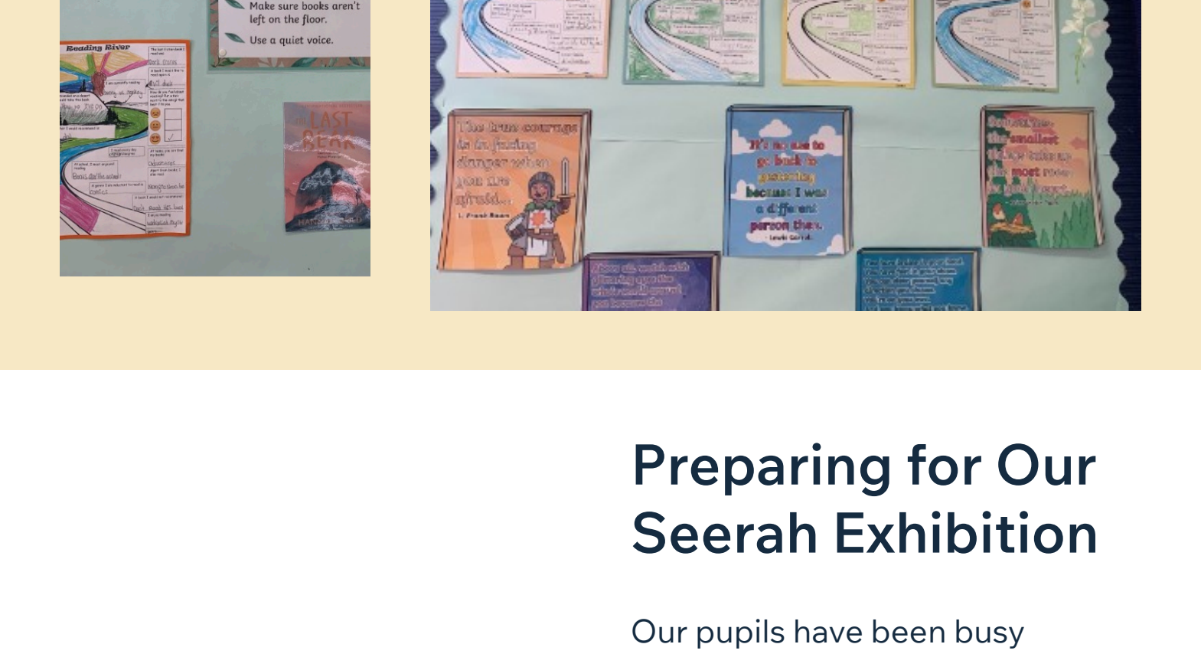
Learning in Action

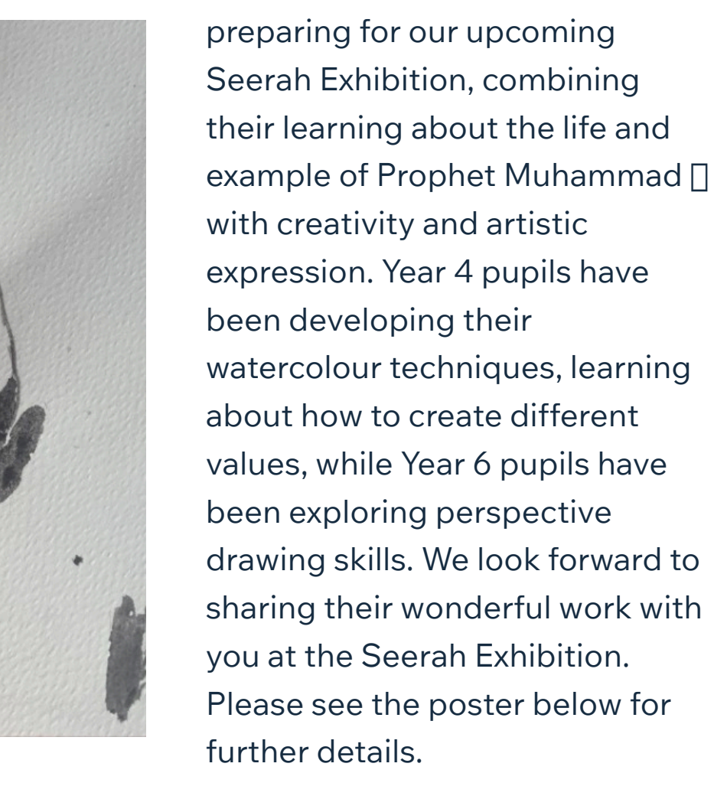


Promoting a Love of Reading

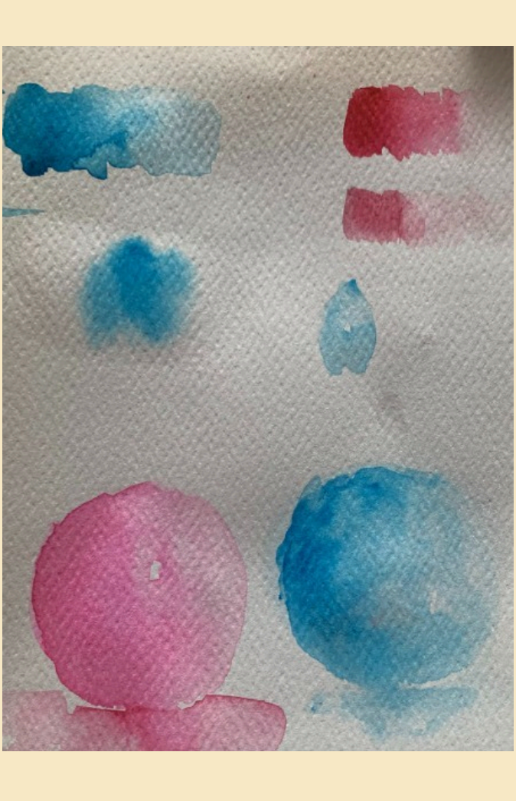
Our Lower KS2 pupils have been exploring their love of reading through an activity called Reading Rivers, sharing the books, authors and stories that have inspired and interested them. These activities have provided an opportunity for pupils to share recommendations, discover new authors and celebrate reading for pleasure.

Read, Write Inc workshops for parents will take place later in Autumn term for EYFS, Y1 and Y2.



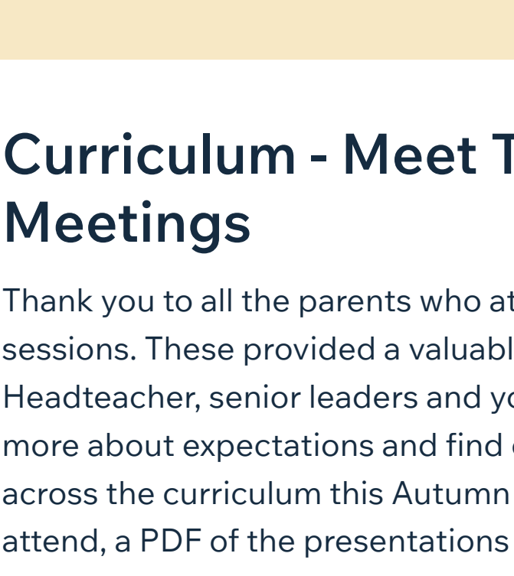


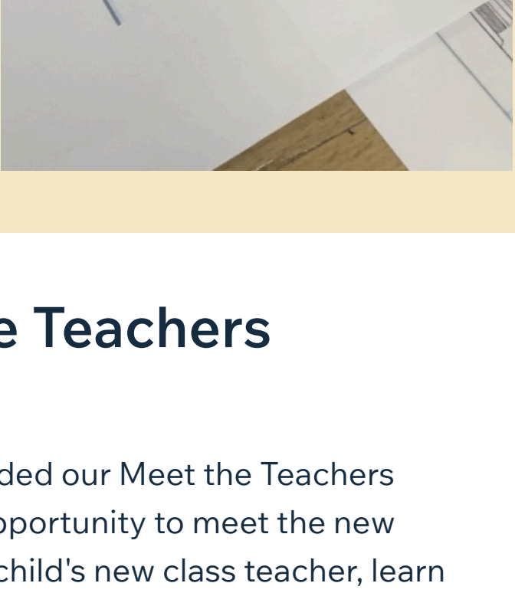
Preparing for Our Seerah Exhibition

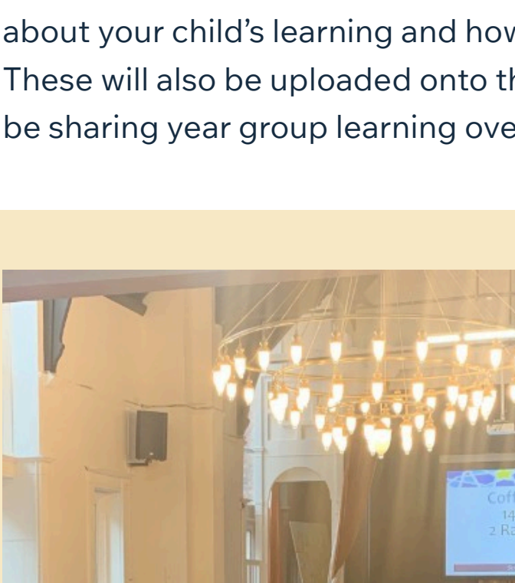


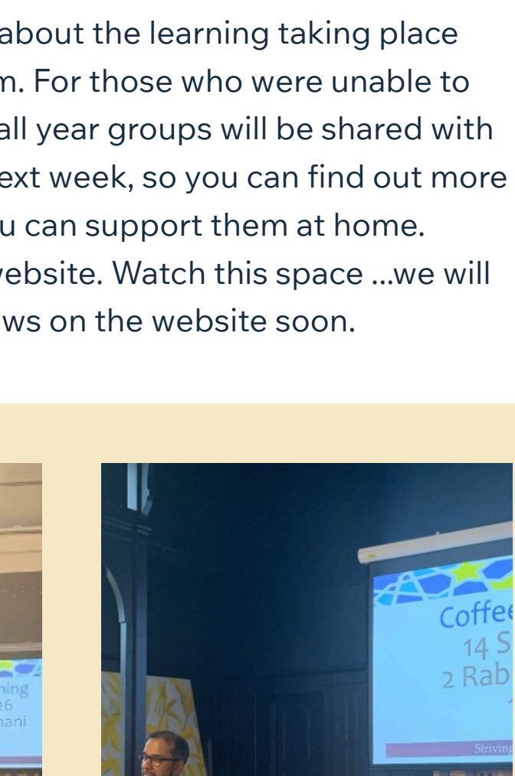
Our pupils have been busy preparing for our upcoming Seerah Exhibition, combining their learning about the life and example of Prophet Muhammad ▯ with creativity and artistic expression. Year 4 pupils have been developing their watercolour techniques, learning about how to create different values, while Year 6 pupils have been exploring perspective drawing skills. We look forward to sharing their wonderful work with you at the Seerah Exhibition. Please see the poster below for further details.

Seerah Exhibition Poster in this bulletin has further details- click here.



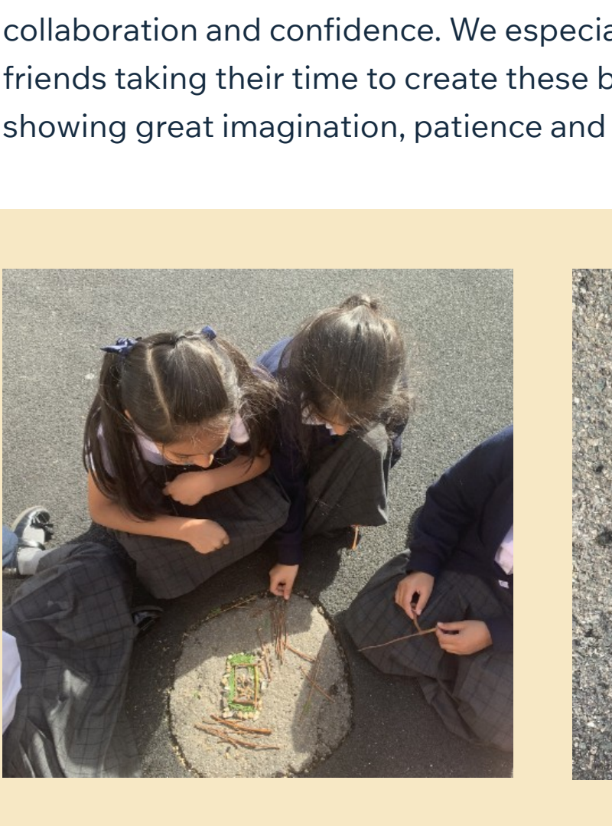


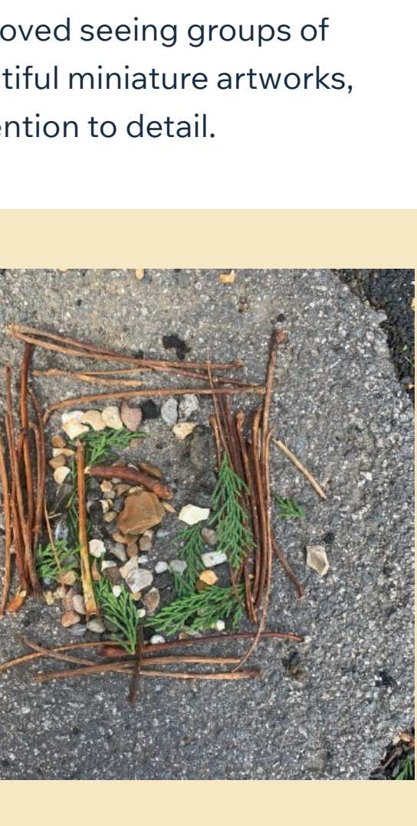




Curriculum - Meet The Teachers Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Meet the Teachers sessions. These provided a valuable opportunity to meet the new Headteacher, senior leaders and your child's new class teacher, learn more about expectations and find out about the learning taking place across the curriculum this Autumn term. For those who were unable to attend, a PDF of the presentations for all year groups will be shared with parents on Monday 28th September next week, so you can find out more about your child’s learning and how you can support them at home. These will also be uploaded onto the website. Watch this space ...we will be sharing year group learning overviews on the website soon.



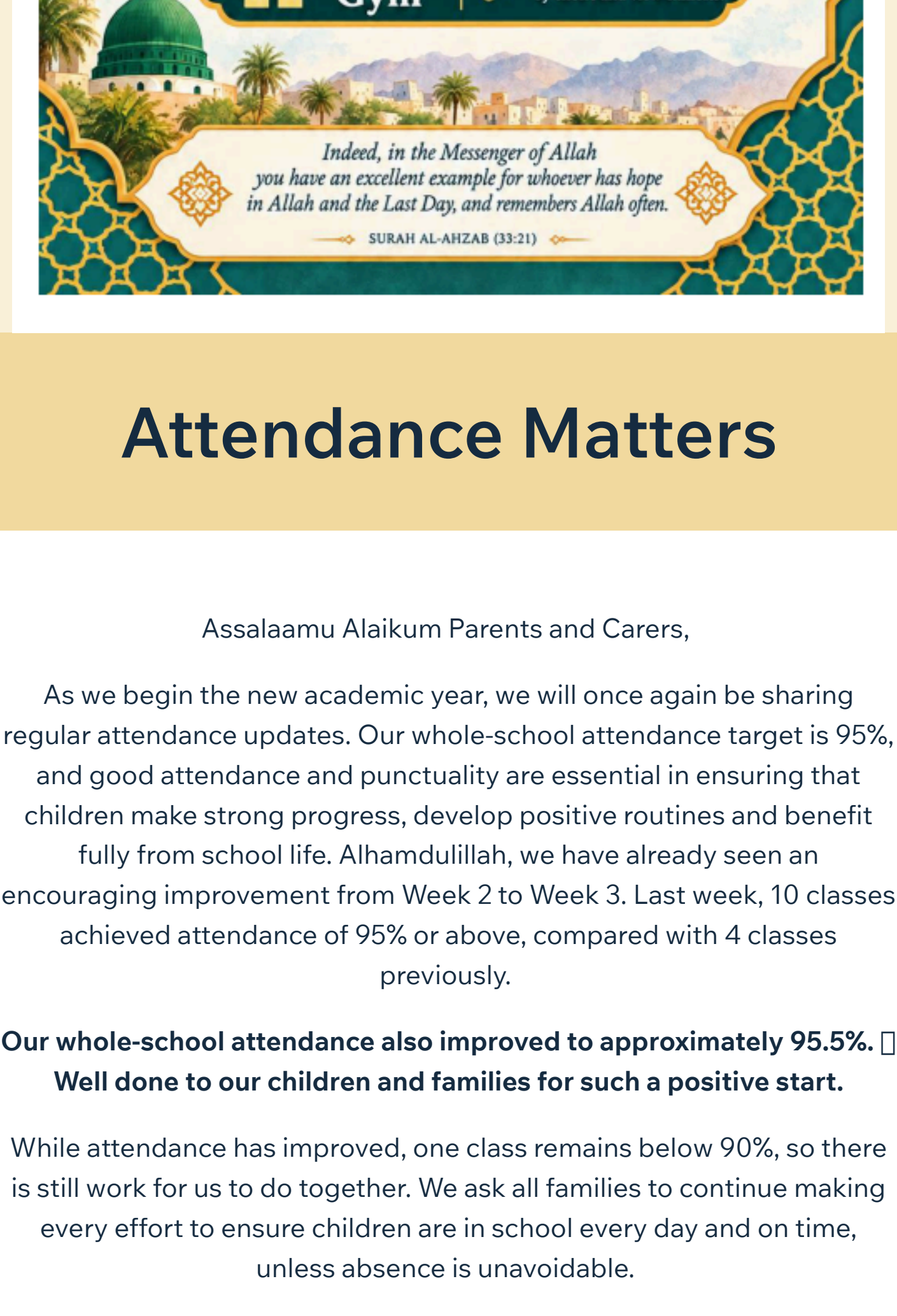


Settling In, Making Friends & Creating Together

It has been wonderful to see our pupils settling into the new school year, building friendships and enjoying time together in the playground. Through play and shared activities, pupils are developing their creativity, collaboration and confidence. We especially loved seeing groups of friends taking their time to create these beautiful miniature artworks, showing great imagination, patience and attention to detail.

Islamia's Annual Seerah Exhibition

We are delighted to invite you to Islamia Primary School’s Annual Seerah Exhibition, taking place on Friday 2nd October 2026. There are two opportunities to view exhibits. One in the morning for parents only (you may bring children who are not of school age). The second is after school when you can view with your children.



ISLAMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Striving for Excellence

Annual SEERAH EXHIBITION

Join us for a wonderful opportunity to explore the life of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ through our children’s creative exhibits.

Friday 2nd October

Morning Viewing
8.45 – 9.30am
Drop your child, go to canteen – viewings will start 8.45am.
Parents only

Afternoon Viewing
3.45 – 4.45pm
After school – pick up child – entrance allowed only after 3.45pm.

Exhibits are in: Gym

Nasheed performance by choirs and view exhibits.

Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah often.
SURAH AL-AHZAB (33:21)

Attendance Matters

Assalaamu Alaikum Parents and Carers,

As we begin the new academic year, we will once again be sharing regular attendance updates. Our whole-school attendance target is 95%, and good attendance and punctuality are essential in ensuring that children make strong progress, develop positive routines and benefit fully from school life. Alhamdulillah, we have already seen an encouraging improvement from Week 2 to Week 3. Last week, 10 classes achieved attendance of 95% or above, compared with 4 classes previously.

Our whole-school attendance also improved to approximately 95.5%. ▯ Well done to our children and families for such a positive start.

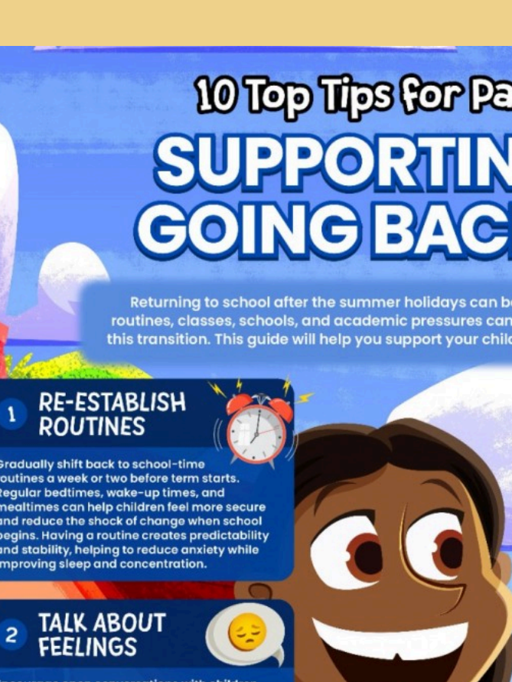
While attendance has improved, one class remains below 90%, so there is still work for us to do together. We ask all families to continue making every effort to ensure children are in school every day and on time, unless absence is unavoidable.

If your child is absent, please contact the school as early as possible on the day of absence and provide a reason. Wherever possible, medical and other appointments should be arranged outside school hours. Where this is not possible, please inform the school in advance and provide any necessary documentation. We understand that children will sometimes be genuinely unwell, and we are always here to work with families where there are difficulties affecting attendance.

JazakumAllahu Khairan for your continued support. InshaAllah, by working together, we can build strong attendance habits from the very beginning of the year and ensure that every child has the best opportunity to Achieve, Belong and Thrive.

Our updated Attendance and Punctuality letter will also be shared with parents shortly.

Yasmin Hussain - Deputing Head



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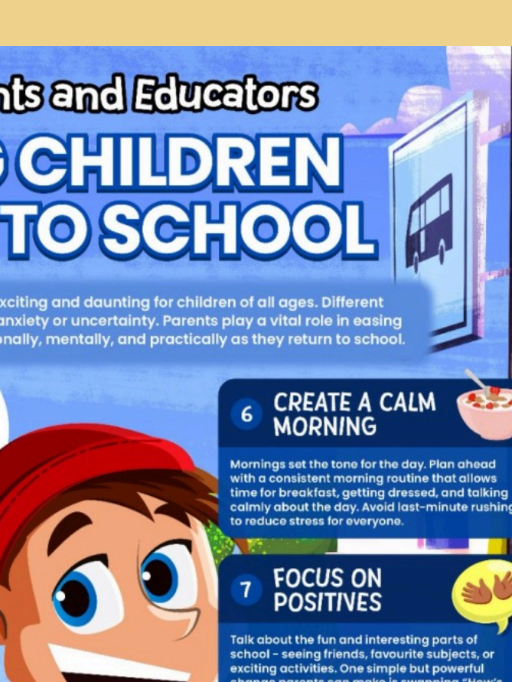

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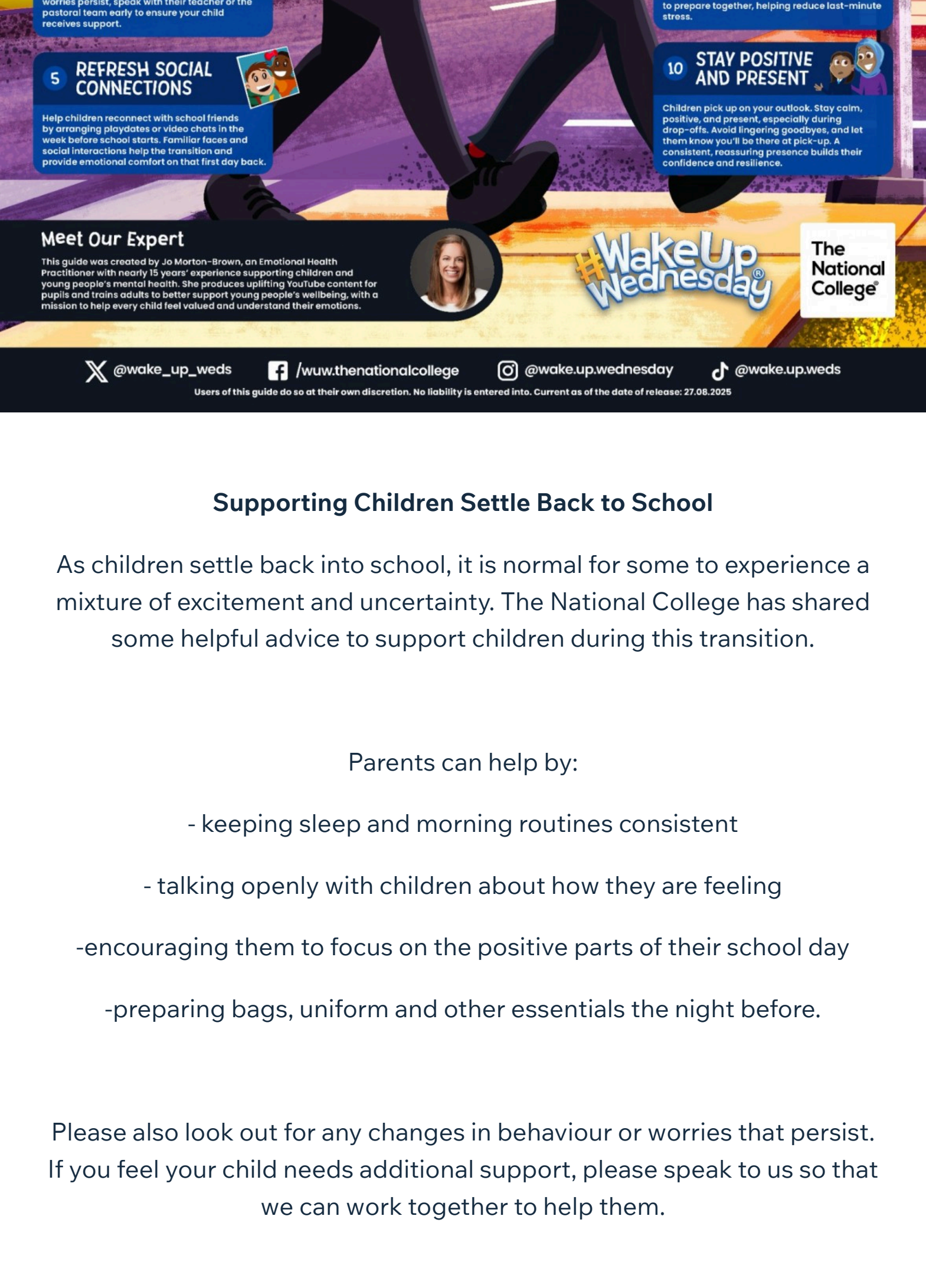
Safeguarding Matters



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Returning to school after the summer holidays can be both exciting and daunting for children of all ages. Different routines, classes, schools, and academic pressures can cause anxiety or uncertainty. Parents play a vital role in easing this transition. This guide will help you support your child emotionally, mentally, and practically as they return to school.

1 RE-ESTABLISH ROUTINES
Gradually shift back to school-time routines a week or two before term starts. Regular bedtimes, wake-up times, and mealtimes can help children feel more secure and reduce the shock of change when school begins. Having a routine creates predictability and stability, helping to reduce anxiety while improving sleep and concentration.

2 TALK ABOUT FEELINGS
Encourage open conversations with children about their feelings. Ask them how they feel about returning to school, such as what they're looking forward to and anything they might be feeling unsure or worried about. Validating their emotions can help reduce anxiety and show them it's okay to talk about their emotional wellbeing.

3 SUPPORT WITH SLEEP
Children need adequate sleep for concentration, brain function, memory, and emotional regulation. Establish a wind-down routine without screens at least an hour before bed, and encourage relaxing activities like reading or listening to calming music.

4 LOOK OUT FOR SIGNS
Some children hide their anxiety. Watch for changes in their behaviour, such as withdrawal, stomach aches, and irritability. If worries persist, speak with their teacher or the pastoral team early to ensure your child receives support.

5 REFRESH SOCIAL CONNECTIONS
Help children reconnect with school friends by arranging playdates or video chats in the week before school starts. Familiar faces and social interactions help the transition and provide emotional comfort on that first day back.

6 CREATE A CALM MORNING
Mornings set the tone for the day. Plan ahead with a consistent morning routine that allows time for breakfast, getting dressed, and talking calmly about the day. Avoid last-minute rushing to reduce stress for everyone.

7 FOCUS ON POSITIVES
Talk about the fun and interesting parts of school - seeing friends, favourite subjects, or exciting activities. One simple but powerful change parents can make is swapping “How's your day been?” for “What's been good about your day?” This invites more of a positive, open response. Focusing on positives can help shift children's anxious thoughts and reframe school as a safe and engaging place.

8 VISIT OR VISUALISE SCHOOL
If possible, encourage visits to the school grounds before the first day, especially if it's a new school. Walking the route or even looking at photos of classrooms and teachers can make the environment feel familiar. The school website is always a great go-to place for this. This is particularly helpful for younger children or those with additional needs.

9 PLAN AHEAD TOGETHER
Involve children in preparing for school - buying supplies, packing their bag, or choosing lunch options. This gives them a sense of control and builds excitement. Use checklists or calendars to prepare together, helping reduce last-minute stress.

10 STAY POSITIVE AND PRESENT
Children pick up on your outlook. Stay calm, positive, and present, especially during drop-offs. Avoid lingering goodbyes, and let them know you'll be there at pick-up. A consistent, reassuring presence builds their confidence and resilience.

Meet Our Expert
This guide was created by Jo Morton-Brown, an Emotional Health Practitioner with nearly 15 years' experience supporting children and young people's mental health. She produces uplifting YouTube content for pupils and trains adults to better support young people's wellbeing, with a mission to help every child feel valued and understand their emotions.

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Supporting Children Settle Back to School

As children settle back into school, it is normal for some to experience a mixture of excitement and uncertainty. The National College has shared some helpful advice to support children during this transition.

Parents can help by:

- keeping sleep and morning routines consistent
- talking openly with children about how they are feeling
-encouraging them to focus on the positive parts of their school day
-preparing bags, uniform and other essentials the night before.

Please also look out for any changes in behaviour or worries that persist. If you feel your child needs additional support, please speak to us so that we can work together to help them.

Our children are an amanah (trust) from Allah. Nurturing their emotional wellbeing, character and education is an important part of fulfilling that trust. Encourage your child to begin their day with Bismillah, make du‘a for beneficial knowledge, and approach each school day with kindness, patience and gratitude.

May Allah grant our children beneficial knowledge, confidence and happiness, and enable them to Achieve, Belong and Thrive.

JazakumAllahu khayran for your continued support and partnership.

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