



Thursday 20th April 2017

Orphans in Need Appeal

Assalamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parent/Carer

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) has said: 'The person who does not show mercy to our young and does not honour our elders is not from amongst us.' [Bukhari]

Our Spirituality Day today has been about teaching our children about the importance of respecting older people. Where having mercy on the young is concerned, we have focussed on orphans as the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) has also said: ***'The one who cares for an orphan and I will be together in Paradise like this (he put his index and middle fingers together).'*** [Bukhari]

This morning, our children learnt about the plight of orphans around the world and what we can do to help. Each child has received a fundraising donation box and their challenge is simple: to raise as much money for orphans as they can in one week. A prize-giving ceremony will be held shortly after the deadline to announce the grand total, award certificates to every student that participated, give out goody bags to the class who raised the most, and award a tablet device to the individual student who raised the most for orphans.

In order to ensure your child's donation is considered for the competition, you must return the collection box by no later than **midday, Friday 28th April 2017**. Any donations received after this time will be accepted but won't count towards the student's individual total. Please make sure the collection box has your child's full name and class. You may return your collection box to either school office by the deadline.

Please note we are **not** accepting zakat for this charity appeal.

The money raised will go to Orphans In Need who work with 20,000 orphans worldwide. It costs £360 to sponsor a child for a whole year so we look forward to seeing how many orphans the Olive School Hackney can sponsor!

Wassalam (with peace)

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Principal