



**As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

This month we welcomed three inspectors to our school to observe the quality of the progress in our school. The staff were applauded for their hard work and the quality of teaching and learning. The inspectors commented on how smart children looked in their uniform and praised the children highly for their manners and enthusiasm for learning. Thank you to all parents who attended the meeting with the inspectors. I was very pleased to see so many parents supporting this event. Well done everyone! As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to thank you for working in partnership with the school. Our aim for next term is to continue to strive for excellence so that all the children in our care get the life chances they deserve.

### **Parent/Carer Workshop**

We held our second parent/carers workshop this half term on Big Writing and The Mini Baccalaureate. The workshop provided an opportunity for parents and carers to experience a Big Writing session in order to enable them to support their children with writing at home. We received very positive feedback and would like to thank all parents and carers who attended this event.

### **Spirituality / Community Service Day**

Our Spirituality/ Community Service Day on Thursday 12th December was a huge success. The theme for the day was love and respect for parents/carers. Our children created cards for their parents/carers, with messages of love and kindness for them (we've included an example for you!). We also covered certain aspects of maths in Arabic and told stories that helped our children develop personally and spiritually. In addition, the children (and parents) had the opportunity to visit the local mosque (Masjid-e-Quba) and see the amazing chandelier, ornate tiles and asked questions. The visit was so enjoyable that the children made a card for the Imam to thank him for allowing their visit!

The grand finale was the assembly at the end of the school day which was led by our children. There were beautiful recitations, amazing nasheeds (songs) and wonderful speeches. The artist Omar Esa also sang for us- a real treat and something that made the day even more special. We'd like to thank our children for a wonderful performance, the staff for working tirelessly to prepare them, and of course you all- the parents/carers- for attending and supporting us. Finally, we'd like to apologise to those parents who had to stand as there was no space to sit. We hope that all of our future events will be equally well attended!

## **Attendance**

Overall attendance: 94% (which is below our target of **97%**).

Bint Qays	Ibn Zubayr	Ibn Umar	Bint Muhammad	Ibn Salamah	Ibn Thabit
96%	94%	94%	94%	94%	93%

**Congratulations to Bint Qays for best attendance!**

## **Diary Dates**

**Friday 20th December:** Last day of term.

**Monday 6th January 2014:** First day of the Spring Term.

**Friday 10th January:** Reports cards 2 to be issued.

**Friday 10th January:** Year Group Curriculum letter to be issued.

**Week commencing 13th January:** Enrichment Clubs

**Thursday 16th January:** Head teacher's surgery.

**Friday 17th January:** Parent Council Meeting

**Monday 20th January:** Seerah/role models Super Week.

**Friday 24th January:** Ibn Salamah Class Assembly

**Thursday 30th January:** Head teacher's Surgery.

**Thursday 6th February:** Parent/Carers Workshop.

**Thursday 13th February:** Head teacher's Surgery

### **Future Newsletter Dates:**

24th January 2014

14th February 2014



*Cards our children made on Spirituality/ Community Service Day*



### Stars of the Week

In school each class celebrates children's achievements on a weekly basis. The effort that children make in all aspects of school life is applauded and their hard work and perseverance recognised.

#### **Stars of the Week for**

**25/10/13 – 13/12/13:**

**Ibn Zubayr:** Ummehanne Mulla, Hamza Miah, Eesa Mangera, Eliyas Teina, Subhaan Nabibux

**Ibn Umar:** Sara Hirad, Aaliyah Shaikh, Juwayriah Miloudi, Mus'Ab Amejee

**Bint Muhammad:** Faatimah Khan, Maryam Zaman, Youcef Ait Chabane, Abdullqadir Ahmed

**Ibn Salamah:** Abdullah Solak, Humdaan Aboo, Agah-Eymen Akgun, Naima Ibrahim

**Ibn Thaabit:** Madeehah Balesaria, Ruqayyah Marecan, Rayyana Mehtar, Anas Dahir

**Bint Qays:** Syeda Ather, Syed Abyaz Ahmed (Yusuf Said), Maryam Mohoshin, Zahra Siddiqa

### **Enrichment Clubs**

Please note the Enrichment Clubs will start the week beginning 13th January. If your child is attending a club please ensure that they are collected on time at 3.30pm.

### **Invitation Only Classes**

We will be running Booster classes alongside our Enrichment Clubs for those children requiring extra support in order to achieve their targeted levels. These sessions are by invitation only. If your child is offered a place it is essential that they attend each week for the duration of the program. We will also be running Challenge classes to excel some of our identified pupils.

### **Attendance**

The Olive School Hackney is committed to making sure all children are in school every day and have excellent attendance. We all need to work together to keep the school attendance figures in line with our target of 97%. I am very concerned with our current attendance percentage of 94%. If your child's attendance falls below the target, the school will be in touch.

### **Superstar Corner**



Again we would like to congratulate the following pupils for their outstanding achievement over the Autumn Term:

**Best conduct:** Eliyas Teina, Eiliya Khan, Muawiya Bhaimiya, Abdullah Patel, Haroon Madhizai and Agah-Eymen Akgun.

**Highest Attainment:** Azeema Malji, Ameela Fazli, Aiza Chowdhury, Aadam Mangera, Maryam Khan and Humdaan Aboo.

**Outstanding Effort & Progress:** Abdurahman Ahmed, Maryam Zaman, Sara Hirad, Syed Abyaz Ahmed (Yusuf Said), Aisha Bouchama and Hamzah Malji.

**Fundraising:** Humdaan Aboo: £180, Sulaiman Rawat: £132 and Mariyah Bordiwalla: £127!

**100% Punctuality & Attendance:** Aadam Mangera, Wahibah Chowdhury, Ahmed Yunus, Abdulkhadir Hashim, Ammar Saleh, Naima Ibrahim, Syeda Ather, Yusuf Potts, Khadija Lunat, Muhammad Lunat, Muhammad Kansara, Muawwiz Rawat, Mu'Aadh Yusuf, and Mohamed Mohamed.