

What does Islam say about the environment?



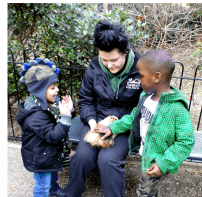
The learning throughout the day was themed on this topic. Children learnt about the 3 Rs: **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** and **Islam's teachings** in relation to looking after wildlife, caring for animals and birds, conserving water, recycling, planting trees, the wonders of nature and a lot more! This special newsletter is designed for you - the parents and carers - to reinforce these important messages at home with your child. **If we work together, we can improve the world we live in!**

Mobile Animal Farm

Reception children learnt first-hand about the importance of respecting and treating animals with kindness. They also learnt of stories of different animals/insects mentioned in the Qur'an (e.g. the bee).

QUR'AN/HADITH REFERENCE

A man felt thirsty one day whilst travelling. He came across a well. He went down the well, quenched his thirst and came out. However, he saw a dog panting and licking mud because of excessive thirst. He said to himself, "This dog is suffering from thirst as I did." So, he went down the well again, filled his shoe with water and watered the dog. Allah appreciated that deed and forgave him." The Companions of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "O Allah's Messenger! Is there a reward for us in serving the animals?" He replied: "There is a reward for serving any living being." Narrated by Bukhari.



Lunchtime Recycling

All the children sorted lunchtime waste into (1) recyclable waste (2) food waste (3) general waste. The class with the most recycled waste was **Ibn Ali**. Congratulations!

CONSIDER THIS

"O Children of Adam! Eat and drink but do not waste, for Allah does not love those who waste." (Qur'an 7:31)

The Olive School Hackney celebrated a wonderful and inclusive **Spirituality/Personal Development Day** on **Monday 21st March 2016**

Eco Wudhu (Ablution) Challenge!

A few children from each class were asked to take part in a challenge: to make wudhu (ablution) with the same amount of water as the Prophet (peace be upon him) used to use. This is approximately 775ml of water (just slightly larger than a conventional yoghurt pot) and is known in Arabic as a '*mudd*'.

QUR'AN/HADITH REFERENCE

The Prophet (peace be upon him) happened to pass by Sa'd as he was performing wudhu (ablution). At this, the Prophet said, "Sa'd what is this waste?" Sa'd replied: "Can there be waste in ablution?" The Prophet said: "Yes, even if you are by the side of a flowing river."

Smoothie Bike Challenge

Our children used specially adapted bikes to make smoothies! It taught them to appreciate the gift of fruit and green energy sources. The smoothies were sold to parents to raise money for charity.

QUR'AN/HADITH REFERENCE

"And it is He who sends down rain from the sky, and We produce thereby the growth of all things. We produce from it greenery from which We produce grains arranged in layers. And from the palm trees - of its emerging fruit are clusters hanging low. And [We produce] gardens of grapevines and olives and pomegranates, similar yet varied. Look at [each of] its fruit when it yields and [at] its ripening. Indeed in that are signs for a people who believe." (Qur'an 6:99)



Planting!

Each of the 12 classes at the Olive School Hackney planted a seed in a large pot. They learnt about the religious and scientific significance of planting trees and the key ingredient to successfully germinate a seed.

QUR'AN/HADITH REFERENCE

If a believer plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person or an animal eats from it, it is regarded as a charitable gift (sadaqah) for him." Narrated by Bukhari



Eco Tip
Buy products with little packaging: the less packaging the less waste



Charity

The children, staff, parents/carers and governors raised an amazing **£619.65** (and counting!) on Spirituality/Personal Development Day! This is an amazing achievement and everyone should be commended for their efforts. The proceeds from the day went to planting olive trees (we are the Olive School after all!) in impoverished parts of the world.

QUR'AN/HADITH REFERENCE
The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: 'Allah said: "Be charitable, O son of Adam, and I shall be charitable to you".'

Eco Tip
If your only option is to use a car, share with somebody local to you

Jungle Walk!

The school hall was transformed into a 'jungle' which children and their parents/carers walked through. The purpose of this was to highlight (visually) what a healthy, vibrant rain forest/jungle would look like if humans looked after them as they ought to.

Lights Out!

Staff and children were challenged not to use any devices that required electricity for half an hour (except if there was an emergency). It was a really useful reminder of how grateful we should be for this blessing as there are many around the world who have to manage with very little or no electricity at all.

QUR'AN/HADITH REFERENCE
"Therefore remember Me, I will remember you, and be thankful to Me, and do not be ungrateful to Me." (Qur'an 1: 152)



Our Amazing Earth

Year 3 children visited Allens Gardens in Hackney where they participated in wonderful workshops aimed at getting them to appreciate the unique, wondrous and awe-inspiring nature of the Almighty's creation.

QUR'AN/HADITH REFERENCE
"Do they not look at the camels-how they are created? And at the sky-how it is raised? And at the mountains-how they are installed? And at the earth-how it is spread out?" (Qur'an 88:17-20)



Eco Tip
Buy only what you need and avoid wasting money on goods you won't use



Eco Tip
Use food in order of age, so that it doesn't rot

How green is My Family? Checklist



- We grow our own food
- We buy locally grown organic food
- We donate unwanted items to schools/ others who can use them
- We take more showers than baths
- We turn down the thermostat to control the temperature
- We switch appliances off instead of using standby
- We use low energy bulbs for lighting
- We reduce, reuse and recycle items around the house
- We walk or cycle whenever we can instead of using the car
- We do not waste water when performing *wudhu* (ablution) or *ghusl* (ritual bath)
- We know where to access help, info and grants to assist us in becoming a more environment-friendly family