



Diary dates

January

4th Spring Term starts

5th Spirituality Day Exhibition Cazenove

10th Bird Feeders Winner's Trip

12th Ibn Thabit Assembly UTC 9.15am

12th Barakah Class Assembly Cazenove 11am

17th ESFA meeting about the new build

19th Al Farsi Assembly Cazenove 11am

26th Ibn Sa'd class assembly Cazenove 11am

As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that the first term has come to an end! It's been extremely busy across the school with the children taking part in many trips, activities and workshops.

Ms Mainwaring has worked exceptionally hard to ensure that there has been a breadth of curriculum experiences on offer for your children throughout the day, culminating in our sporting activities after school. If you are interested in your child taking part in these clubs, please contact Barnet Sports to sign up for a range of activities.

Uniform

A reminder that your children must come to school in the correct school uniform. **Trainers should only be worn in Years 3, 4 and 5 and only on PE days.** If your child has a sporting enrichment after school, they need to bring their trainers in a bag. If your child chooses to wear a scarf to school, this needs to be a black all in one pull-on scarf with no embellishments or stones. We do ask our parents and children to take pride in their appearance and be proud of belonging to the Olive School.

New Build

We are delighted that the appeal for our new school building has been successful. After many years of being in a temporary site, we can now look forward to the school being a one and look forward to being part of the Hackney community.

There will be a chance to meet Sue Corbett and Steve McConaghy from the ESFA to discuss the appeal outcome and the next steps for the new build and for the school in 2018-19.

The meeting will be held in the Cazenove Road site hall at 9am on 17th January. We look forward to seeing you there!



Swimming

As we enter the Spring Term, Year 4 will now start their swimming lessons. Please ensure that you read the swimming letter thoroughly and that your child is prepared.

Swimming will start from the first Thursday back at school—4th January. Please aim to have your children at school by 7.50am as the coach leaves at exactly 8am.

If you have siblings at school, you will have to wait with them until the teachers are in class at 8.15am as there is no adult on duty before then.



Faith Ethos

As a school we have gone from strength to strength with our faith ethos this year. We now have weekly home-work centred around the Hadith or thought of the week and have empowering assemblies which bring to life the teachings which we want our children to live by.

The children have had opportunities to take part in competitions for our soon to be built Peace Garden where children can spend time doing dhikr or just contemplate in a quiet area.

This week we saw our first Spirituality Day at the UTC site all about the wonders of God. The day ended with a wonderful exhibition. The children at the Cazenove site will have their Spirituality Day and exhibition during the first week back at school.

As a school we raise lots of money for charities and I am pleased to say that we raised over £2000 as part of our Tauheedul Winter Gift Programme.

£1700 was given to the Hackney Winter Night Shelter in order to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Gifts with food parcels were also donated to many charities and organisations throughout the Hackney community. I'm so proud of the children who contributed to making members of the community smile by brightening their day with their visits.

The class which raised the most amount of money was Ibn Amr who raised £250 and those who contributed to this will have a special reward in the Spring Term.

Some of our amazing winners for the 'Design a Birdhouse' Competition! We can't wait for our new peace garden! 🌿🦋🍀



Attendance

We will be reviewing the children's attendance during the first week back at school. Please be aware that your child needs to attend school every day and our target is 97% attendance. If your child has attendance which is lower than this, a meeting will be arranged for you to meet with me in order to make rapid progress in this area. Please also note that no absence around the holiday period is authorised and your child's place at the school may be at risk if they are absent.

Community Events

Over the last few weeks we have raised lots of money for charity and for gifts to show our appreciation.

Our children visited Stoke Newington Fire Station.



They forged relationships with other schools



They visited people who were seriously ill to share goodwill.



Concerns or queries:

Please don't hesitate to ask at the office for help to resolve an issue or concern. Please let the office staff know what your concern is about so that they can signpost you to the correct person.

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