



As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the first term of 2019! I hope you had a wonderful winter break. It's lovely to see you and your children again.

On the 18th January you will be receiving the next report card for your child. Please support your child by looking at the targets that the teacher has given and helping them with this at home through their homework. Reading with your child daily is one of the most fundamental skills which have been proven to help children attain good grades in their schooling. National Story Telling Week start on the 26th January, this is a wonderful opportunity to share and talk about books with your child.

Sports Round-up

Yesterday marked our first entrance into the annual Danone Football Cup Competition. 10 teams attended Mabley Green from all over Hackney. We fielded both a girl's and boy's team this time round.

The boys entered the first game against a strong William Patten team. They managed to sneak a goal past our covering keeper, Abdurahman S. This was the only goal conceded by the boys throughout the tournament. The following games, Adam managed shut outs, frustrating the other sides. Mustafa and Ammaar came close to scoring, but the other games ended in goalless draws. This means the team finished a strong third in the tournament. The man of the tournament is surely Aadam M, who kept us with a fighting chance throughout the tournament.

The girls also did very well, with Lina M making her football debut this year in goal. A few impressive saves glittered her performance during the tournament. The girls managed a respectable fourth spot with many making their first appearance this year.

Next week brings with it another football tournament. The Year 3's will be making their first foray of sporting events. There is also another round of Roller Racing, this time for Year 5 & 6, who will be hoping to emulate Abdurrahman (Y4), who managed a Bronze medal last time round!



January

- 14th Y5&6 Girl's football competition
- 17th Ibn Zubeyr trip to Hackney City Farm
- 17th Football Fixtures KS2
- 18th Report Cards
- 18th Ibn Ali Class Assembly
- 18th Roller Racing Event
- 22nd Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
- 22nd Y4 Table Tennis Tournament
- 23rd Y3 Personal Best Sport Programme
- 24th Bint Muhammad trip to Hackney City Farm
- 25th Ibn Sa'ad Class Assembly
- 28th Y5&6 Cross Country Running
- 28th Holocaust Memorial Day
- 31st Y4 Ancient Egypt Workshop
- 31st Y5&6 Cricket Workshop
- 1st February Barakah Class Assembly
- 4th February Bike ability Training
- 5th February safer Internet day
- 8th Ibn Jabal Assembly



What does it mean?

Categorising attendance	
99% - 100%	Outstanding
97% - 98.9%	Excellent
95% - 96.9%	Good (expected)
92% - 94.9%	Needs to improve
90% - 91.9%	Poor
Below 90%	A major cause for concern

Attendance

Well done for achieving our school attendance target in the autumn term. We achieved 97% attendance! This term we have already seen a lot of absence and our attendance figure has fallen. Please ensure that you bring your child to school every day unless they are ill. Attendance has a marked impact on the achievement and attainment of your child.

Uniform

Please be aware that we are monitoring the children's school uniform and that we do not allow trainers in school unless it is your child's PE day.

The PE uniform is black trainers and plain black jogging bottoms—we have seen many varieties of uniform recently.

We will allow the girls to wear boots during the cold weather season but these must be plain black.

Surah Kahf

Each week on a Friday, the children will listen to Surah Kahf. Please take the time to talk about this chapter of the Qur'an with your children, its meanings and the benefits for reciting this.

Charity

I would like to thank the whole school community for the wonderful effort with fundraising last term for the festive Gift Programme. As a school, we raised £3,816.29 for charity. The money has been sent to Hackney Winter Night Shelter and St Josephs Care Home. Thank you for your kindness and generosity and supporting those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

I would like to thank the school's Parent Shura group for helping to organise and volunteer at our first ever jumble sale—it was an amazing event where nearly £1000 was raised! Thank you for your time and effort, it is greatly appreciated.



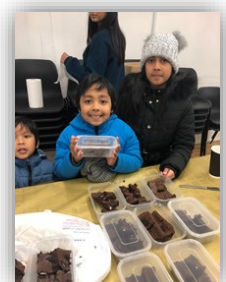
Mini Baccalaureate

We have updated our records for the autumn term's mini baccalaureate award. You will be informed if your child has met the criteria for the award. Our Mini Bacc award will be changing from September 2019 in light of your recommendations. Full details of the eligibility criteria will be presented to you later in the year.

STAR Values—Service

Two of our wonderful children at Olive Hackney have emulated the school's STAR values by helping the homeless during the winter holiday. Fatima and Ibrahim Khan (Y5 and Y2), prepared and gave out food to those people who are less fortunate than ourselves and have no home to call their own. What an amazing act of Service, Teamwork and Respect!

If you have examples of how you exemplify our STAR Values out of school, we would love to hear what you have done!



National Story Telling Week



National Story Telling Week begins on 27th January. We would love to invite you to come and read your favourite children's story to your child's class in school. Story times will be each day, Monday—Thursday 8.30-9am and 2-2.30pm.



If you are interested in this event, please complete the reply slip sent out next week with the time that you are available, the class you would like to read in and the book you would like to read.



We will be having an exciting Olive's Got Talent competition at the end of February. If your child is interested in entering the competition, the auditions will start within the next 2 weeks. A letter will be sent home shortly with more information.



We are looking for singers, reciters, football skills, poetry reading, comedians, martial artists, mime acts, to name a few. If you think you have got an amazing talent—join in and enter the competition!

Communication with Staff

We would like to encourage parents to come and speak to us if you would like information about the school or if you have concerns about your child.

General enquiries and information: Salma Ahmad (Office Manager)

Step 1: Arrange an appointment with the class teacher of your child's class.

Step 2: If you feel that the issue has not been resolved, arrange an appointment with the lead teacher of the year group. **Reception:** Ms Begum/Ms Mamodo, **Year 1:** Ms Begum, **Year 2:** Mr Katongle, **Year 3:** Ms Begum, **Year 4:** Ms Bauha-door, **Year 5:** Mr Sayed, **Year 6:** Ms Barrett

Step 3: Arrange an appointment with the Deputy Headteacher.

Step 4: Arrange an appointment to meet with the Headteacher.

Unless it is an emergency, parents will be unable to have a same day appointment, however an appointment will be made as soon as possible. The Office Manager will request some very brief details from parents regarding the nature of the meeting before the meeting can go ahead. This will ensure the staff are fully prepared for the meeting. Please do not stop members of staff during the start of the school day for an appointment, please go straight to the office.

Website and Twitter

Keep up to date with events at the Olive school Hackney:

olivehackney.com

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