



Olive School

6-10th January 2020

Principal's Welcome

As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful winter break, it was good to see the children back at school, happy to see their friends and teachers again and ready to learn.

We welcome two new teachers who started this week, Miss Phillips, in Ibn Al Awwaam and Mr Rahman in Al Farsi. We also have a new receptionist in the Cazenove office, Miss Khan, I'm sure you will make them feel part of the Olive family.

Some of you may have noticed Maulana Amejee (our former Assistant Headteacher) outside the school gates this morning. Following feedback from key stakeholders including our parents, I am keen on developing our provision in the following areas

- Faith, Character Education (FCE)
- Parent liaison
- Community cohesion

I therefore asked Maulana Amejee if he could come and assist in these areas and he very kindly agreed. He will therefore be in every Thursday and Friday of this Spring Term inshallah (God-willing). If you have any issues, concerns, feedback or would like to speak to him formally or informally, please feel free to contact him directly on mohammed.amejee@olivehackney.staracademies.org or by calling the relevant office number. He will be at Cazenove Road on Thursdays and HUTC on Fridays.

We really look forward to him being part of our team again, albeit for a limited time, and I'm sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome to him.

Winter Gift Programme

Thank you to all involved in the Olive Winter Gift Programme. We had three initiatives taking place – foodbank donations, gifts for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and raising money for St Joseph's Hospice, who look after those that are near the end of their lives.

Children from the school visited Whittington Hospital to give gifts to ill children and older people who needed cheering up or had no-one with them. The staff were very grateful, as was our parent governor, Mrs Sudi Abokar, who went with the children to give the gifts.

Our children also visited the Hackney Foodbank to drop off all our donations. We donated 111.65Kg of food!

Through our bake sale and non-uniform day, we raised £1703.49 for St Joseph's Hospice!

A big **thank you** to you all for contributing to these worthy causes!

January

- 17th – Alive 'n' Kicking Workshop
- 17th Winnie-the-Pooh Day
- 20th – Dental outreach
- 21st – Martin Luther King Day
- 21st – Tapestry Workshop Reception Parents
- 22nd – Chinese New Year Reception Workshop
- 23rd – Ibn Thaabit Assembly
- 24th – Ibn Masood Assembly
- 24th – Alive 'n' Kicking Workshop
- 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day
- 29th – Early Reading/Phonics Workshop Reception Parents
- 29th – Drama Workshop Yrs 1-4
- 30th – Ibn Sa'd Assembly
- 31st - Drama Workshops Yrs 1-4





Picture News

at Home

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What's going on this week?



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Can animals provide the same support to us as our friends?

Over the past 9 years, millions of people have fled their homes in Syria because of the ongoing war and conflict happening there. Many people left their homes and belongings behind, including their pets. Mohammad Aljaleel from the city of Aleppo is one of the few who have remained and looks after thousands of abandoned cats. The smaller Syrian town of Kafr Nabl, is now home to more cats than people. Humans and cats provide comfort to one another in hard times. Salah Jaar, another man who has remained in Syria to help look after the stray cats, finds them a huge help in what must be a difficult place to be.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌱 Do you think pets or other animals can be classed as our friends? Talk about what kinds of things we think are important in a friendship.
- 🌱 Why do you think the cats help make the few people left in the Syrian towns lives better?

British Values

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Respect

Some people choose to dedicate their lives to helping others. In Syria, a few people have remained in difficult conditions to help look after cats that have been left behind.



We are so excited to be part of the Young Citizens 'Make a Difference' action project. Our school council will be deciding shortly on a project that aims to improve the lives/environment of the community around them. Watch this space to see the new and exciting things that we will be doing!

This will form the **service** part of our STAR values.