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Hackney schools reopen in first step toward 'normality'

Our school was featured in a Hackney Post news article which recognised the smooth transition back to school. Here is a link to the article: <http://bit.ly/3vkPGGL>

Attendance

We are pleased that the overall attendance this week was **97.2%**. This is a very promising start, however we must ensure that we maintain this good attendance over the next few weeks and months so that all pupils can focus on catching up with their learning.

Day	% Pupils Present
Monday	96.7%
Tuesday	98.0%
Wednesday	97.6%
Thursday	97.7%
Friday	95.4%
Overall	97.2%

Science Week

Next week will be Science Week at Olive School. All pupils will take part in a range of Science based activities.

- Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 pupils will take part in a **Forensic Science Workshop** and a **Space Virtual Reality Workshop**.
- Reception pupils and Year 1 pupils will explore a **giant dinosaur and fossil digging**.
- Year 6 pupils will take part in Science experiments.
- Our Trust is running two competitions which we will encourage all pupils to take part in:

Detective Glow Worm Challenge – Year R, 1 & 2

Link to leaflet: <https://bit.ly/2NgmjUX>

Wildlife Wonderland Challenge – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Link to leaflet: <https://bit.ly/3viJhfc>

Competition Deadline: Weds 24th March (midday)

Red Nose Day is Back

It will be Red Nose Day on **Friday 19th March 2021**. Staff and pupils are encouraged to dress in red clothes and donate £1 for Comic Relief (via Parentpay).

The theme this year is about telling jokes. We will be encouraging pupils and staff to share their favourite jokes.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>

Year 6 End of Year Mock Tests

All Year 6 pupils will be sitting end of year mock tests next week. Please ensure your Year 6 child prepares for these tests, gets enough sleep at night and is in school every day.



Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

I know many pupils would have been worried about coming back to school. I am so proud of the pupils and staff for the smooth return. The school has now come alive again with the laughter of children. Alhamdulillah (praise be to Allah).

Pupils enjoyed the range of activities that teachers organised for them this week and they appreciated their well-deserved lockdown hero medals.

Next week will be another exciting week, full of Science learning. Please ask your child about their learning each day. Attendance has been good this week, let's see if we can get it even higher. Every child should be in school every day (100%). I am looking forward to taking part in the parent seminar on Thursday and coffee morning on Friday. Please try your best to take part in these two important areas which are very close to my heart. Have a great weekend. Wa'assalam.

Parent Seminar: Mental Health & Wellbeing

There is still a stigma attached to mental health in our school community. Mr. Mirza (Principal) will host a parent seminar with Dave Johnson (School Psychotherapist) to help demystify and tackle misconceptions about the area of child mental health and well-being, outlining some of the support available to pupils in our school.

Date: Thursday 18th March 2021 **Time:** 10am – 11am

Zoom link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 863 1273 3880 Passcode: 12345

Parent Coffee Morning: Special Education Needs

We are pleased to invite you to our next parent coffee morning for parents of pupils with Special Educational Needs or Disability. The coffee morning will be hosted by Mr Mirza (Principal) and Ms Fadairo (SENDCo). Our guest will be Laura Boniface, Specialist Speech and Language Therapist.

Date: Friday 19th March 2021 **Time:** 10am – 11am

Zoom link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 874 1477 3163 Passcode: 12345

Medication / Care Plans

- Parents who have been called by Ms Nagina should only come to school to sign their child's Care Plan at the agreed time.
- Parents should bring in their child's medication if they have been asked to.

Saturday Catch Up Tuition

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in starting the Saturday online catch up tuition as the company we are using is still vetting the tutors. We hope to start the tuition for Year 5 & 6 pupils on **Saturday 20th March 2021**. Other years groups will now start after the holidays. The tuition is 100% free. Parents will be contacted by midweek if their child will be taking part.