

Parent Bulletin

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Walk to School Month

We have had a relatively slow uptake for the *Walk to School* campaign. The following figures are from the past 5 days (Mon-Fri).

CLASS	WALK TO SCHOOL
Reception	54
Year 1	103
Year 2	42
Year 3	69
Year 4	75
Year 5	150
Year 6	48
TOTAL	541

Well done to Year 1 and Year 5 who seem to have the greatest number of pupils walking to school. Please encourage your child(ren) to *Walking to School*.

Please note that **Park & Stride** also counts. If you live far from the school, you can park at least 10 mins away from the school and walk.

[CLICK HERE to watch Mr. Mirza's assembly about Walk to School Month.](#)

Pupil Attendance

This week's attendance figure was **96%**. Well done to the below classes and to Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 who had the highest attendance this week.

Please remember that our attendance target is over 97%. Please send your child to school every day.

Year Group	% Present	Highest Attendance	% Present
Reception	91%	Ibn Zubayr	96%
Year 1	96.4%	Ibn Thaabit	98%
Year 2	98%	Ibn Zayd	98%
Year 3	97%	Ibn Malik	98%
Year 4	97%	Al Faris	98%
Year 5	97%	Ibn Amr	98%
Year 6	95.3%	Ibn Haarithah	97%
Overall	96%		

Eid Holiday

- If Eid is on **Thursday 13th May**, school will be closed on **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May**.
- If Eid is on **Wednesday 12th May**, school will be closed on **Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th May**. School will be open on **Friday 14th May**.
- All parents will be advised of the Eid holidays by text message on the evening of **Tuesday 11th May**.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

We are into the final blessed days/nights of Ramadan. We have all been saying how quickly Ramadan has passed. Alhamdulillah (praise be to Allah). I hope we can make the most of these final few days.

Thank you for continuing to support the school and your children's learning whilst fasting.

I pray that Allah accepts all of our ibadah (worship) during these final days/nights and may our good deeds be multiplied (by 1000 months!).

We have a three-day week next week, followed by Eid, insha'Allah ﷻ I wish you and your families an enjoyable Eid.

تقبل الله منا ومنكم (Taqqabalallahu Minna wa Minkum)

May Allah accept it (all prayers, worships and good deeds) from you and us.

[CLICK HERE to watch my 3rd Ramadan assembly about the last 10 days/nights of Ramadan and Laylatul Qadr](#)



Eid Parties

Class Eid parties will take place on **Monday 17th May**. All pupils will:

- Attend school in non-uniform (Eid-themed clothes).
- Enjoy a special Eid lunch (burgers, chips and fruit). The school will pay for the cost of the Eid meal. **All children** will receive a FREE Eid lunch. Lunch payments for that day have been refunded for parents who have paid for Summer2 term lunches.
- Take part in class Eid parties on Monday afternoon. All party snacks and treats will be provided by the school. Pupils **must not** bring in any party food/drink from home.

STAR Ramadan Charity Campaign

- Our school raised a total of **£330** for the Star Ramadan Charity campaign. Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to take part. We will try to raise more next year, insha'Allah.

Mental Health Awareness

Over the next two coming weeks, we will be working with the children to raise their awareness for promoting mental health and wellbeing over specially themed lessons/activities at school. As part of our dedication to moulding our children to become resilient and aware of their own mental health, we would like to share a booklet with you for you to be able to help talk about the theme of mental health at home. There are some great top tips for you, as well as some contact details of organisations who can help further support you. Whilst your children take part in the specially themed lessons/activities, please do talk with them - remember, it's great to talk! [CLICK HERE to download the parent booklet](#)

The Big Ask

The Big Ask is a survey for children and young people aged 4-17 in England, created by the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza. Dame Rachel's main job is to speak up for children in England; stand up for their rights; and to make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want. One way that Dame Rachel is doing this is through the Big Ask, which is designed to give her information about what children want for their futures, as well as looking at what children think hold them back. The survey is split into different age groups, so the children will be able to fill in the version appropriate for their age. [CLICK HERE to read the Parent Information Sheet](#) and encourage your children to spend about 10 minutes answering the survey so that their voices can be heard. The survey can also be accessed through this web link - [The Big Ask | Children's Commissioner for England Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)

Messages from School Office

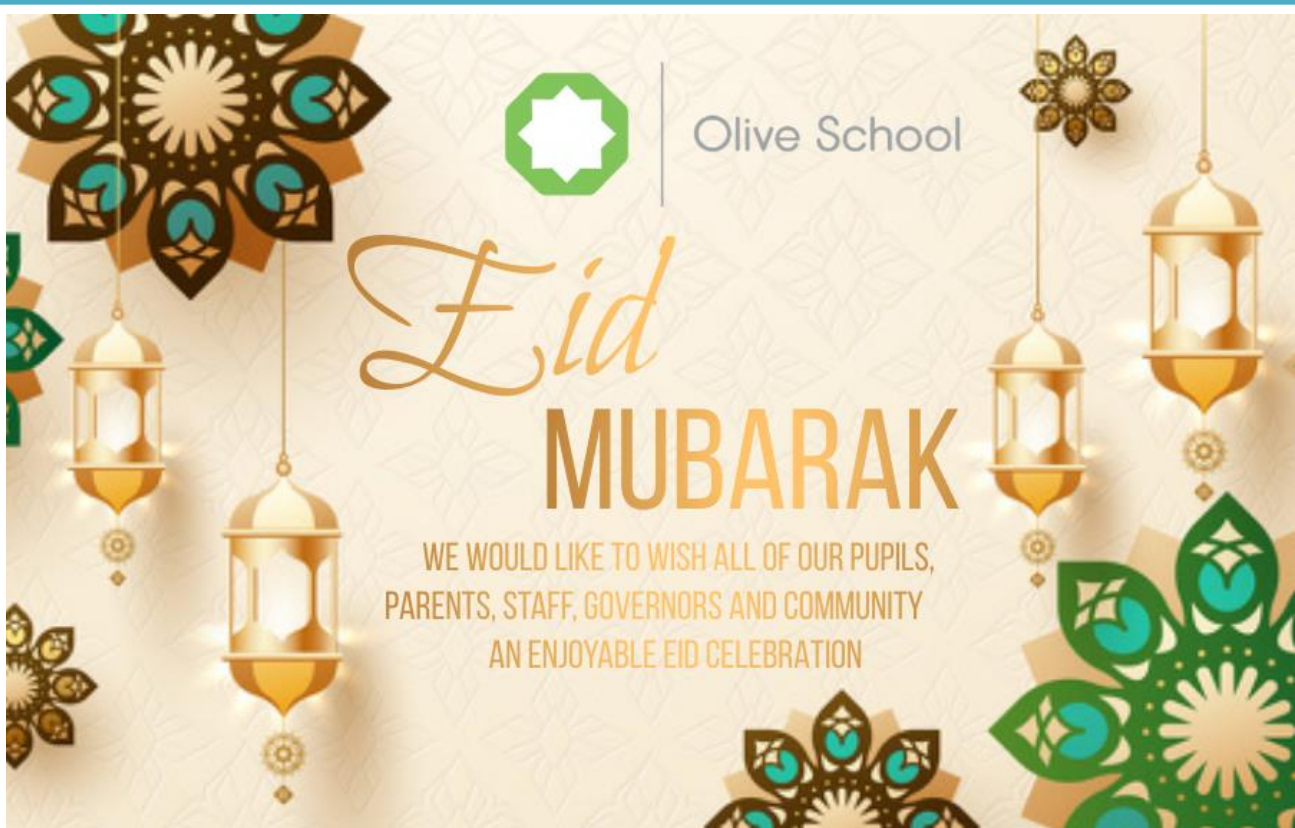
- Parents of Year 1 pupils are to return their laptops on **Monday 10th May to Lower Clapton Road site (1pm-3:30pm)**
- Parents of Reception pupils are to return their laptops on **Tuesday 11th May to Lower Clapton Road site (1pm-3:30pm)**
- Please hand the laptop in to a member of the school admin team **not the class teacher**.
- If parents do not return laptops by the given dates **they will be charged the full cost of the laptop**.
- Parents to email attendance@olivehackney.staracademies.org for any changes to pupils' collections by **1pm the latest**. The email needs to include the child's full name and class, the name of the person collecting them and a password.

Parent-Teacher meetings

Parent-teacher meetings will be taking place **w/c 17th May 2021** for all pupils. It will be an opportunity for you to discuss the progress that your child has made so far this year and to learn more about the Summer term targets that have been set for your child. Due to Covid restrictions which are still in place, these parent-teacher meetings are likely to take place via telephone. Further details will be sent out in next week's parent bulletin.

Century Tech Learning Platform

To help parents support their KS2 child(ren) with using the Century Tech platform for English, Maths and Science learning, we will be hosting a webinar for parents after Eid explaining how to use the platform and what our expectations are. Please remember that the use of the Century tech platform is a key part of our school's catchup programme for all KS2 pupils. In the meantime, here is a link to a webinar produced by another school who are also using Century Tech: [CLICK HERE to watch the webinar](#).





CULTURE CORNER!



RAMADAN AROUND THE WORLD

This year the Muslim holy month of Ramadan started on Tuesday, April 13. The pre-sunrise to sunset fast which lasts anywhere from 10 to 21 hours depending on where in the world you are.

The number of daylight hours varies from country to country. Muslims living in the world's southernmost countries such as Chile or New Zealand will fast an average of 11 hours while those living in northern countries such as Iceland or Norway will have an 18+ hour fast.

For Muslims living in the Northern Hemisphere, the number of fasting hours will be a bit shorter this year and will continue to decrease until 2032, which is the year Ramadan will fall during the winter solstice – the shortest day of the year. After that, fasting hours will increase until the summer solstice – the longest day of the Northern year. For Muslims living south of the equator, the opposite will happen.

Check **YOUR TASK** section and send in pictures of your entry to:

ibn.abeetaalib@olivehackney.staracademies.org for your chance to win a copy of "Ramadan Around the World" by Ndaa Hassan



DID YOU KNOW

The next time Ramadan will start around April 13 will be about 33 years from now, or the year 2054.



Fasting times across the world

Tuesday,
April 13,
2021



Ms Wahid 's task for you ...

Create a fact file of the two countries with a short fasting time and a long fasting time – include interesting facts, landmarks and do not forget your beautiful illustrations.



Follow the link for "Ramadan Around the World" by Ndaa Hassan [\(252\)](#)
[Ramadan Around the World - YouTube](#)

