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Hadith of the Week

"Modesty is from faith" (Bukhari) "Modesty is part of faith and fosters only goodness" (Muslim) "Allah does not like pride" (Abu Dawood)

Pupils will be taught:

- Self-destructive nature of arrogance and boasting and to promote the soothing effects of modesty.
- Arrogance should be avoided at all costs as it opposes the humility Allah expects humans to have with their conduct towards others.
- The difference between being confident and enjoying one's and others' successes without being boastful.
- Being modest allows one to acknowledge the blessing and share it with others as a source of inspiration without having negativity or feelings of superiority.

CLICK HERE - for *Hadith of the Week* Homework for **KS1 CLICK HERE** - for *Hadith of the Week* Homework for **KS2**

Parents Workshop (Reading Scheme for Year 2 - 6)

We have launched a new reading scheme called the Oxford Reading Tree. From next week, pupils in Year 2 - 6 will be bringing home two books.

- Pupils will be bring home a book to read for pleasure and a book matched to their reading level from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme.
- **CLICK HERE** to see a poster which explains the levels of the books.
- Ms. Choksy will be running a workshop to go through this scheme on Tuesday 30th November, 9:00am - 10:00am.

Meeting ID: 836 4673 4529 Passcode: reading **CLICK HERE** to join the workshop.

Accessing Read Write Inc. (RWI) Phonics Resources

Ms. Mukadam has provided important guidance to all parents of Reception, Year 1, Year 2 pupils and pupils in all other years who are still on Phonics/Early Reading.

CLICK HERE to read the full guidance.

There will be a gradual start to the RWI ebook programme for all pupils on Phonics/Early Reading. Children will receive ebooks over the course of this week.

Parent Coffee Morning

The next parent coffee morning will take place on *Friday 3rd December*, 8:45am - 9:30am and will be hosted by the Year 4 teachers (Ms. Sayed, Ms. Miah and Mr. Patel).



Please sign in from the Lower Clapton Road entrance. The coffee morning will take place in the basement dining hall. Tea/Coffee will be available. All parents/carers from year 4 are welcome.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have had a wonderful weekend.

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 6 SATs workshop on *Tuesday* and the Year 2 coffee morning on Friday. I hope you found them all beneficial.

Please try to attend our new Reading Scheme workshop on Tuesday (online at 9am) and our Year 4 coffee morning on Friday (in school at 8:45am).

Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to take part in the Anti-Bullying Poster and Hackney Future Poet competitions. All Anti-Bullying posters will be displayed in the school. The winning posters from each year group have been published on pages 4 - 6 in this bulletin. Well done!

Apologies that the Year 3 trip to the Angel Theatre was cancelled due to severe road closures in Hackney. The trip will be re-scheduled and details will be sent out shortly. Apologies also that the Year 3 Ancient China day had to be postponed to *Monday 6th December 2021* due to staff self-isolating. Please encourage your child(ren) to take part in our Festive Winter Gift Programme. I will personally be overseeing it.

As Covid restrictions tighten, I wish to encourage all parents to wear face masks when picking up their child(ren) as it is very difficult to socially distance in our small playground.

I pray we all have a safe and fruitful week ahead. 😊



Ride to School Week

Next Week will be Ride to School Week which means all children are encouraged to Ride to School every day this week either by bicycle or scooter. When pupils Ride to School, they will receive a Class Charts point every day and if they Ride to School for 3 or more days during the week, they will receive a Ride to School certificate on Friday. Please encourage your child to *Ride to School* this week even if means parking further away from the school and then riding to school.

Football Trials (Year 6)

Thank you to all Year 6 girls and boys who have registered for the football trials. The trials will start from this week and will take place in the Sports Hall led by Mr. Ibrahim:

Tues 30/11/2021, 3:10pm – 4:10pm – Year 6 Boys **Tues 7/12/2021**, 3:10pm – 4:10pm – Year 6 Girls **Tues 14/12/2021**, 3:10pm – 4:10pm – Year 6 Boys

Those that registered would have received a letter inviting them to the trials which outlines what your child needs to bring with them. Please ensure you picked your child up on time (4:10pm) from the St. John's Church Road end of the school site. Lateness may result in your child being withdrawn from the team.

If your child is shortlisted for the final school football team squad, they will continue training on alternate weeks (Tuesdays, 3:10pm – 4:10pm) after the winter break.

Play Therapy

The school runs play therapy sessions for pupils as part of our pastoral support programme, which are run by our school counsellor, *Ms. Anisa Alibhai*. We are keen for parents to know more about these sessions.

- What is play therapy?
- What can play therapy help with?
- What does play therapy involve?
- What to expect in a session.
- Techniques used in play therapy.
- What are the benefits of play therapy?
- How long is play therapy needed?

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to get these questions answered and to find out more information.

Pupil Attendance

Last week's attendance dipped from **97.1%** to **96.2%**. Friday's attendance remains low at **95%**

The attendance target for all days of the week is **97%** or above.

| Year Group | % Present |
|------------|-----------|
| Reception | 99% |
| Year 1 | 92.7% |
| Year 2 | 97.5% |
| Year 3 | 97.7% |
| Year 4 | 93.2% |
| Year 5 | 97.8% |
| Year 6 | 95.7% |
| Overall | 96.2% |

| Day | % Present |
|-----------|-----------|
| Monday | 96% |
| Tuesday | 96.6% |
| Wednesday | 96.5% |
| Thursday | 96.3% |
| Friday | 95% |
| Overall | 96.2% |

| Classes with highest attendance | % Present |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Year 6 – Ibn Umayr | 98.1% |
| Year 5 – Ibn Al Awwaam | 99.2% |
| Year 4 – Al Farsi | 94.4% |
| Year 3 – Ibn Malik | 99.3% |
| Year 2 – Bint Abeebakr | 98.5% |
| Year 1 – Ibn Thaabit | 95.9% |
| Reception- Ibn Umar | 100% |

Drive Safety

If you are driving around the local area, please be aware of cyclists and pedestrians. Many of our parents/pupils walk and ride to school and have expressed concern about some of our parent drivers. If you chose to drive, please do so slowly and carefully and avoid putting anyone in danger. Safety is far more important than getting to your destination on time.

Weather This Week

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

All pupils/parents should bring raincoats/umbrellas on *Tuesday* and *Friday* as it is likely to rain on these days. The weather is very cold so please ensure your child brings a warm coat to school every day.

Punctuality

Punctuality is still very poor. **86 lates** on Tuesday! We are aware that there were many road closures in Hackney this week. As you are aware of these road closures, it is important to leave your homes earlier to ensure that your child(ren) arrives to school on time and do not miss out on their learning.

There is little point in the school setting up booster classes every day when some of these children are arriving late to school and missing their timetabled English lessons.

Your lateness will have a damaging effect on your child's education and well-being, please ensure that your child is in school no later than **8:30am** every day, preferably at **8:15am**. The gates open at **8:05am** to help parents and pupils to be on time. We also have breakfast club which starts at **7:30am**.

| Day | Total Lates |
|-----------|-------------|
| Monday | 37 |
| Tuesday | 86 |
| Wednesday | 46 |
| Thursday | 43 |
| Friday | 27 |

Announcements from School Office

- The lunch payment deadline is the 10th December 2021. If you do not pay by this date you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch. Payment will not be accepted after this date. There will be no exceptions.
- Parents to collect book bags and/or PE bags from the school office on Thursdays after 2pm ONLY.
- Please check your ParentPay accounts for any outstanding payments.
- Please pick up your children on time. Each day we have a group of children waiting by the office to be picked up. It is unfair on the children to have to wait so long and the school office staff. If you require after school childcare CLICK HERE to contact *TreeTops*.

Traveling Abroad During Winter Holidays

The winter holidays will start in just three weeks' time from *Monday 20th December 2021*.

Please follow travel advice when going abroad this winter to avoid getting caught in any Covid travel restrictions and ensure that you return back to school on time.

It is important for all parents to note that the winter holidays end on *Monday 3rd January 2022*. School will be closed for Staff INSET day on *Tuesday 4th January 2022*.

All pupils are expected to be back at school on *Wednesday 5th January 2022*.

Please remember that every day at school counts and all parents must ensure that their child(ren) do not miss any days from school. Any absence outside of the above dates will be unauthorised and could result in you receiving a significant financial penalty.





For the Festive Winter Gift Programme, Olive School Hackney will take part in two projects, focussing on two themes: spreading kindness and tackling food poverty.

1. Festive Winter Gifts for Neighbours

On *Friday 3rd December 2021*, we will be holding a non-school uniform day to raise money to purchase gifts for our neighbours on *St. John's Church Road*. There are approximately 40 homes on *St. John's Church Road*. The student council members from every class will present gifts and special messages to all homes on *St. John's Church Road* from *Monday 6th December 2021*.

2. Food for All Week

From *Monday 6th December 2021*, all classes will create as many food parcels as possible which will be given out to those experiencing food poverty in the local area. Between *Monday 6th - 10th December 2021*, please can you try to donate as much of the following items as possible. Please ONLY donate the following items. All items should be handed to your child's class teacher by *Friday 10th December 2021*.

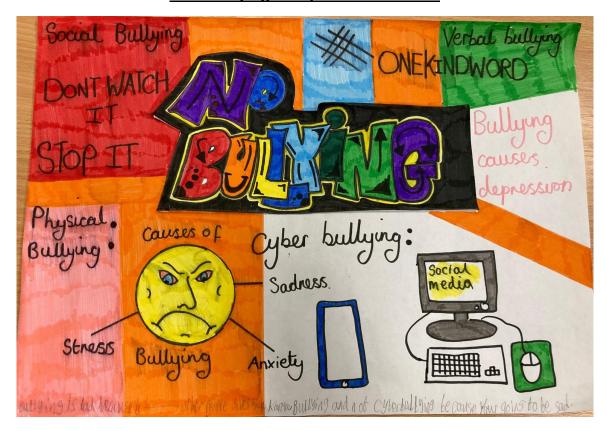
- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses

- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk (long life)
- Fruit juice

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:

"The best of you are those who feed others." (Source: Musnad Ahmad)

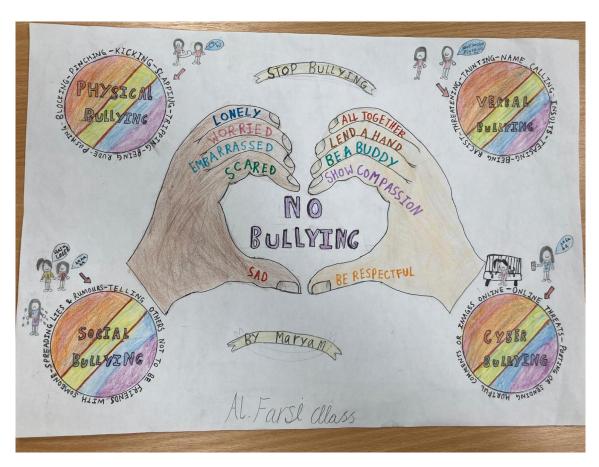
Anti-Bullying Competition Winners



Year 6 – Mohamed A. (Ibn Umayr Class)



Year 5 – Ikraam A. (Ibn Masood Class)



Year 4 - Maryam A. (Al-Farsi Class)



Year 3 - Uthmaan M. (Ibn Ali Class)

Year 2 – The Year 2 winner will be announced next week.



Year 1 – Talha S. (Ibn Thaabit Class)



Year R – Ayse A. (Ibn Zubayr class)