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Hadith of the Week

"Whoever relieves a Muslim of a burden from the burdens of the world, Allah will relieve him of a burden from the burdens on the Day of Judgement."

Pupils will be taught:

- Everyone has a right to be treated with kindness and integrity which creates ease in their everyday interactions.
- We must make things easy for everyone by being cheerful and talk about good things and not be mean to others.
- Having positive conversations strengthens relationships and helps to prevent one from being mean to others.
- Islam encourages ease in all matters and teaches us to develop skills that will be beneficial to ourselves and others.

[CLICK HERE](#) - for Hadith of the Week Homework for KS1 & KS2

TreeTops Contract Termination

TreeTops is the external childcare provider operating an afterschool club from our school between 3pm – 6pm (Mon – Thurs) and 12pm – 3pm (Fridays). A minimum of 15 children per session per day is required to ensure the club is viable and unfortunately, with all efforts made, bookings are still not reaching this expectation. Therefore, TreeTops has decided to terminate our afterschool contract and will not be re-opening this service in January 2022. No one has booked any sessions after 17th December therefore this is the last day of the club.

Enrichment Timetable

We are currently putting together our initial enrichment timetable which will include a range of activities taking place every day at Olive School and within the local area. We are partnering with local community organisations to offer your child(ren) a comprehensive enrichment offer for Spring term. During the course of the Spring term, we shall add more in-school clubs including morning and lunchtime clubs. The first version of our enrichment timetable will be included in next week's parent bulletin.

Zebra Crossing

We have reported our concerns about the zebra crossing in front of the school on Lower Clapton Road to Hackney Council. We first reported our concerns in November 2020 and have repeated our concerns one year on following the very tragic fatal incident involving a 3 year old girl on a zebra crossing outside the Birmingham branch of Olive School.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read a newspaper article.

Whilst we continue to urge Hackney Council to install 1-2 school crossing patrol officers, we also urge all parents to be extra careful when using the zebra crossing or Church cycle path. Please keep your children with you at all times, hold their hands and do not allow them to walk, run, cycle or ride ahead of you.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have had a wonderful weekend.

We are now into our final week of term. Before we all enjoy a well-earned break there are a number of activities to get through this week. Please read this bulletin carefully.

- Year 6 Mock SATs start on **Monday** and will last for three days. Pupils will sit the tests as if they were the real thing (in the Sports hall). Pupils who require extra time or a reader will be given it.
- On **Tuesday**, Year 1 will be visiting the *St. James Church* as part of the RE curriculum.
- On **Thursday**, Year 3 will take part in their rescheduled trip to the Angel Theatre.
- There will be class parties on **Friday 17th December**. Please can parents drop off any party food contributions by **Thursday**. Please avoid any nuts or any items that contain gelatine/animal products. Halal items only.
- Please try to attend our Year 5 coffee morning on **Friday (in school at 8:45am)**.

Thank you for your ongoing help and support. I pray that you all have a wonderful final week ahead. Wa'assalam. 😊

Booster Classes

There will be no morning or after school booster classes this week. All booster classes will restart after the holidays from **Monday 10th January 2022**. Please ensure that you pick up your child(ren) on time.

Hackney Future Stars Poetry Competition Winners

The judging panel from Hackney were amazed at the quality of the poems which made the judging that much harder! The judges awarded two Olive School pupils!

- **Muhammed Furqan R.** (Year 6 Ibn Al-Haarithah)
3rd place in the KS2 section for his poem entitled *"The Shooting Star Football"*.
- **Ruqayyah H.** – (Year 2 Ibn Zayd)
2nd place in the KS1 section for her poem entitled *"Mango oh Mango"*.

Prizes include vouchers for £40 and £30 and both winners will receive a book by *Joseph Coelho*. The poems will be displayed in a Hackney library, on the Hackney Website and in school. Well done to them both! We have included their wonderful work on page 3 and 4 of this bulletin. Masha'Allah! 😊

Reading Books

Please kindly make sure that your child(ren) returns their reading books back to school on time and ensure they read the books in clean area at home to avoid any damage to the books.

We wish to emphasise the need to look after the school's property and would like all pupils to take full responsibility for looking after the reading books that they take home.

Be Bright Stay in Sight

This week, we are running a campaign to be seen during the darker months! A campaign called 'Be Bright Stay in Sight' is being promoted by our two Junior Road Safety officers (JRSO). Pupils should create a poster about being seen at night (reflective clothing etc). Our JRSOs have already introduced it during assemblies last week.

A few pointers for the poster include:

- Wearing bright coloured jackets/reflective strips
- Crossing when the man is green
- Using well-lit zebra crossing
- Using lights when cycling/scooting

Pupils should hand in their completed posters to their class teachers on **Friday 17th December 2021**. The best ones will be displayed around the school.

Non-School Uniform Day

On **Friday 17th December 2021**, we will have non-school uniform day. The theme will be 'Be Bright Stay in Sight' and so all pupils are encouraged to wear bright clothes avoiding any dark clothes. These can include bright hats, gloves, scarves, footwear as well as any other clothing.

Football Trials (Year 6)

Here are the timings for the remaining football trials:

Tues 14/12/2021, 3:00pm – 4:00pm – Year 6 Boys

Please ensure you picked your child up on time (**4:00pm**) 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.

Pupil Attendance

Last week's attendance dropped further to a record low for this year, **93%**. Attendance was poor in all year groups. Attendance was at **90%** which means that many of these pupils lost out on their learning last week. It is very important that attendance improves next week. The attendance target for all days of the week is **97%** or above.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	98.8%
Year 1	92.2%
Year 2	91.1%
Year 3	91.1%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	95.4%
Overall	93%

Day	% Present
Monday	93.9%
Tuesday	94.5%
Wednesday	93.7%
Thursday	94.4%
Friday	93%
Overall	93%

Classes with highest attendance	% Present
Year 6 – Ibn Umayr	100%
Year 5 – Ibn Masood	96.8%
Year 4 – Al Farsi	96.7%
Year 3 – Ibn Sa'd & Ibn Ali	90%
Year 2 – Ibn Zayd & Bint AbeeBakr	93.3%
Year 1 – Ibn Thaabit	100%
Reception- Ibn Zubayr & Ibn Umar	100%

Parent Coffee Morning

The next parent coffee morning will take place on **Friday 17th December, 8:45am – 9:30am** and will be hosted by the **Year 5 teachers** (Ms. Phillips, Ms. Khan and Ms. Ferdousi).



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.

Lunch Payment Deadline

The final lunch payment deadline was on Friday, but will be left open until **Monday 13th December, 9.00am**.

All payments will closed beyond this point.

Festive Winter Gifts Programme Update

A huge thank you to all parents who sent in cash and food donations for our *Festive Winter Gift Programme* which included giving gifts to over forty homes on *St. John's Church Road* and feeding many needy people in the local area. We are truly grateful for your generosity during these cold Winter months. Jazakum Allah khair! 😊

Please visit us on twitter to see pictures of your wonderful donations

Insha'Allah, we are looking to open a permanent Olive School Food Bank to serve the local community every Saturday morning. We will provide you with further details after the holidays as we will need regular food donations and volunteers.

School Office

- Collect all lost property from the playground by 17/12/2021. Any items left after this date will be disposed.
- Pay all outstanding payments on ParentPay.
- FSM food vouchers will be issued to those entitled to FSM from Monday 13/12/2021.
- Please ensure pupils are wearing correct uniform including footwear. Trainers are not permitted except during PE.

Change to School Lunches (Thurs/Fri)

There is a going to be a change to the lunch menu for Thursday and Friday (just for this week):

- Thursday: Cheeseburger served with chips (or veg burger served with chips), salad and Rolly Polly cake.
- Friday: Cheese or tuna sandwiches, vegetable sticks and whole fruit.

Punctuality

There was some improvement in the number of lates last week, but it was still too high. **30 lates** on Wednesday.

Day	Total Lates
Monday	23
Tuesday	29
Wednesday	30
Thursday	26
Friday	13



The Shooting Star Football, Fun Football ☺



The football is a shooting star going from one place to another

It swirls in the air

Football is always a yesball

It lightens my heavy feelings ☺ and fly's away with them

Football, Football, Football; oh Football

Fun flying football

It dances and sings in the air

Football is like a meteor falling down from space



Drawn by me ↘

↙ Poem made by me

Year 6

M1

1 Furraan Rahim

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~~Mango~~, on ~~mango~~

The ~~mango~~ is the big orange sun

M

It squishes in my hand "squish"

O

A ~~mango~~ makes me tango

r

It makes me happy when I eat it

e

~~Mango~~, oh ~~mango~~ I love you so much ~~mango~~, oh ~~mango~~ I love
you so much

R

A majestic, magnificent ~~mango~~

A

The ~~mango~~ stood up waiting for me to eat it

P

The ~~mango~~ is as ripe as a clean yellow banana

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□ Rucayyan Ho

~~Recay~~ Recay

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Year 2