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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"A good/kind word is charity" (Bukhari & Muslim)

Pupils will be taught:

- Charity is highly commended, and Allah (SWT) has made it incumbent on everyone to give charity by the simple act of good speech.
- Good manners and speech are means to help others and create peace in the world.
- Kind words establish and maintain good relationships.

Faith & Character Education (FCE) homework from last week:

- [CLICK HERE](#) or KS1 % KS2 homework

Parent Coffee Mornings (Online)

Here are the details for next week's parent coffee morning:

Friday 4th February 2022

- For Year 3 parents.
- Hosted by Assistant Principal (Mr. Mannan).
- Time: **8:45am – 9:30am**
- [CLICK HERE](#) to join the coffee morning.
- Zoom Meeting ID: 991 9172 8939 Passcode: 02468



Hackney Stars Awards

Please take the time and to nominate your school heroes who tirelessly work to achieve great results or deliver special care to you or your children.

Hackney Council wishes to recognise the hard-working staff through the *Hackney Stars* awards scheme. All schools stars' nominees will be invited to an awards evening where winners will be handed their award at the event in May 2022 by the Mayor, Philip Glanville, Deputy Mayor Cllr Anntoinette Bramble and Chief Executive of Hackney Council, Mark Carroll. [Nominate your school star today](#)

The deadline is midnight Tuesday 1 February 2022.

Assessment Week

Next Week is assessment week. Whilst pupils will not be taking any tests, teachers will be using this week to finalise their assessments of all pupils in *Reading, Writing and Maths*. Pupils will also complete a writing task which will go towards their final writing assessment. Please ensure that your child is in school every day (and on time) next week to ensure that they do not miss any tasks / activities which may contribute towards their final assessment.

Design Technology Key Vocabulary

All pupils are studying *Design Technology*. We have included the unit topic and a list of key vocabulary on page 3 of this bulletin. Please try your best to go through each keyword with your child and help them to understand what each word means.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you had a good week.

Our Year 4 pupils took part in *Environmental Awareness* workshops this week delivered by Hackney Council focussing on *air quality* and the borough's *anti-idling* campaign.

I am pleased that Year 6 weekly *swimming* and Reception weekly *ballet* lessons are now in full swing at the *Kings Hall Leisure Centre* which is opposite our school.

Thank you to *Reception* and *Year 1* parents who joined the online coffee mornings this week. I hope you found them useful. After the half term holidays, the parent coffee mornings will take place both face to face and online.

Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to take part in our *Walk to School* and *Ride to School* Weeks. We will have more *Walk/Ride to school* Weeks next half term!

We only have two weeks remaining until we reach the halfway point of the academic year. The school holidays will take place on **Mon 14th – Fri 18th February 2022** and the school will re-open on **Mon 21st February 2022** for all pupils and staff.

I pray you all have an enjoyable weekend, and we all have a safe and fruitful week ahead. Wa'assalam.

Ride to School Week

Year Group	Journeys
Reception	101
Year 1	27
Year 2	55
Year 3	49
Year 4	60
Year 5	7
Year 6	36
Overall	335

We achieved **335** scooter/cycle journeys this week. Well done to all pupils who took part. Those pupils who completed 3 or more journeys will receive a special certificate.

Incidents of Racism

Unfortunately, we have had two racist incidents between pupils who used racist language. Although we have addressed this serious issue with the individual pupils involved, we wish to request that all parents remind their child(ren) that all forms of racism are completely unacceptable and contrary to our faith and ethos. We are brothers and sisters to one another in faith and humanity. Allah (SWT) says in the Qur'an: *"Among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your languages and your colours. Verily, in that are signs for people of knowledge."*

(Surah al-Rum 30:22).

Pupil Attendance

Last week's attendance was **94.9%**. Attendance on Thursday was excellent (**98.8%**). Year 1 was particularly poor (below 90%). The attendance target for all year groups is **97%** or above.

Year Group	% Present	Day	% Present
Reception	98.7%	Monday	94.4%
Year 1	89.4%	Tuesday	94.1%
Year 2	94.3%	Wednesday	95.5%
Year 3	94.9%	Thursday	98.8%
Year 4	97.1%	Friday	94.2%
Year 5	95.8%	Overall	94.9%
Year 6	94%		
Overall	94.9%		

Classes with highest attendance	% Present
Ibn Zubayr	100%
Ibn Salamah	91.3%
Ibn Zayd	98.2%
Ibn Ali	100%
Al Farsi	98.9%
Ibn Mas'ood	98.5%
Ibn Abee Taalib	97.3%

A number of parents have received a letter this week from the Principal inviting them to meet with him next week to discuss their child's poor attendance/punctuality.

Punctuality

Punctuality was significantly better this week, apart from Thursday. Here are lates from this week:

Day	Total Lates
Monday	16
Tuesday	19
Wednesday	26
Thursday	53
Friday	26
Monday	16

Please ensure that your child is in school no later than **8:30am** every day.

Language Clubs Update

Please remain patient while we complete background checks on our language club instructors. Once these have been completed, we will advise parents on when formal registration for the language clubs will begin as well as the start date for each club.

Blue Badge Parking

Following conversations with the St. John's Church (next door), we will be permitting a small number of parents who have Blue Badges to park in the Church car park if there is genuine need. You must register your interest (use online link below) and you will then be contacted by the Principal to confirm your eligibility. [CLICK HERE](#) to register. Parents must continue to avoid parking in the Church car park. Please inform your family members or friends who pick up your child(ren) about the school rules related to parking.

Reception Year Trip

Bint Muhammad class will be visiting the *British Transport Museum* on **Tuesday 1st February 2022**. They will be leaving at 9am and will return to school at 2pm. They will be travelling by coach. The other two reception classes will go to the *British Transport Museum* at a later date. Details will be sent out soon.

Announcements from School Office

- All outstanding breakfast club payments must be paid by Friday 11th February 2022. Pupils will not be allowed to attend breakfast club from 21/02/2022 if it is not paid.
- Spring2 lunch payments must be made by **4th February 2022**. Any late payments will incur a £5 late payment fee per child.
- Pupils must be through the school gates by **8.30am**, any pupil arriving after this time will be registered as late.
- Please ensure you collect on time:
 - Reception & Year 1: 2:30pm (11:30am on Fri)
 - Year 2 & 3: 2:40pm (11:40am on Fri)
 - Year 4 & 5: 2:50pm (11:50am on Fri)
 - Year 6: 3:00pm (12:00pm on Fri)
- If you owe the school money, it is essential that you pay this outstanding debt as soon as possible. Please contact the school office to pay off your debt.

Weather Next Week

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				
8° 5°	14° 8°	12° 7°	11° 6°	9° 3°

All pupils should wear coats, hats and gloves as it is still very cold.

REMINDER: Parent/Carer Contact Forms

Every week, all parents from a different year group will be given a new contact form to fill in and return to school so that our admin team can update the school records for all pupils. It is essential that we have at least two up-to-date parent/carers contact details for all pupils. If you receive a new parent/carers contact form, then please complete and return it to the school office by *Monday* of the following week.

REMINDER: Home School Agreement

- Our Home School Agreement will be sent out to all pupils.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to read our Home School Agreement. It is important that all parents confirm that they have read and understood it.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to confirm you have read the Home School Agreement. This should be completed by ALL parents.





Design and technology

Key vocabulary

Your child will be learning the following topics in Design Technology over the next two weeks. Please can you help your child to learn the following key vocabulary from their unit.

Year 1 - Fruit and vegetables (cooking and nutrition)

Vegetables, root vegetables, leaf vegetables, stalk, peel, leaves, roots, names of vegetables (e.g. carrots, parsnips, potatoes, sude, sprouts, cabbage, fruit, names of fruits (e.g. apple, pear, plum, orange, grapes, melon, pineapple, raspberries, and kiwi), skin, peel, flesh, seed, pips, stones, sensory, look, smell, feel, taste, sharp, juicy, sweet, delicious, sour, sticky, squashy, smooth, crunchy, scented, waxy, soft.

Year 2 - Puppets (textiles)

Hem, sew, stitch, fabric, materials, user, list, label, drawing, ideas, mock-up, choose, decide, evaluate, try out ideas, plan, template, fabric, cutting out, sewing, needle, running stitch, gluing, adding, character, puppet, seam, stitch, thread, strong, quality, features, strengthen, position, to, toward.

Year 3 - Moving monsters (mechanical systems)

Tubing, syringe, attaching, finishing, balloon, control, pneumatic system, pressure, inflate, deflate, inflate input, output, pump, hinge.

Year 4 - Moving Toys (mechanical systems)

Sequence, annotated diagram, sketch, decision, choice, prototype, model, communicate, shape, assemble, accurate, saw, mark out, cam, mechanism, movement, linear motion, rotary motion, pivot, off-centre, axle, force, framework, follower, guide, offset, shaft, wheel, frame, cam follower.

Year 5 - Recycled fashion (textiles)

Sew, needle, thread, thimble, knot, stitch, running stitch, back stitch, blanket stitch, applique, textile, fabric, pattern pieces.

Year 6 - Fairground toys (electrical systems)

Design proposal, criteria, exploded diagrams, labelled drawings, improvements, construction kits, modify, assembling, components, cutting jig, cladding, finishing technique, framework, joints, knowledge and understanding, arc, axle, diagonal, direction, drive belt, electrical circuit, gearing up or down, horizontal, linear, mechanism, motor, motor mounting clip, pulley, ratio, reciprocal, reversing switch, rotation, secure connections, speed, spindle, turn vertical, Bevel Gear, Chain, Clockwise, Counter Weight, Crank, Gear and Chain, Pulley, Pulley and Belt.



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