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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"Keep Allah in mind wherever you are, follow a wrong with a right that cancels it and treat people courteously." (Source: At Tirmidhi)

Pupils will be taught:

- Whenever we do something wrong we should follow it with a good action.
- Everyone is capable of making mistakes and people with good character recognise this and follow their mistakes with a good deed.
- To develop skills that will help them to avoid being stuck in awkward situations and negative mind sets: everyone makes mistakes and this makes us feel bad but we have the means to come out of this negative state by owning up to our weaknesses and also by taking positive steps by apologising to others and following the misdeed by politeness and carrying out our responsibilities.
- Feelings of remorse and regret are essential in one's process of self-development and children should go through this process (at a very basic level that does not affect their self-esteem).
- To understand that Allah's forgiveness is boundless as well as the guidance and forgiveness from the adults around them.

School Photographs

School photographs will be taken on **Monday 14th March 2022** by Bentley Photography. Photos will be used to update our school SIMS (student information management system) and will also be available for parents/carers to purchase at a later date. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. **If your child is not wearing the correct school uniform, they will not be included in the class group photo.**

As the photography will take place in our Sports Hall, all pupils in Year 1, 3, 5 and 6 who have school lunches will be given the same food in packed containers from the caterers to eat in their classrooms.

Walk to School

Thank you for encouraging your pupils to walk to school last week. Here are the total number of journeys by walk:

Reception	176
Year 1	134
Year 2	172
Year 3	151
Year 4	7
Year 5	350
Year 6	139
Total	1129

Well done to **Year 5** for making the most number of journeys to school by walk. Certificates will be issued on Monday.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have all had a restful weekend.

Thank you for taking part in last week's activities.

Our CEO (Mufti Hamid Patel), our new Chair of Governors (Sheraz Akhtar) and our local Hackney MP (Dame Meg Hillier) visited our school last Friday morning. They took a tour of the school, visited classes, spoke with our student council, and watched creative nasheed and poetry performances from our Year 5 pupils. The feedback from all our guests was superb. They witnessed first-hand the love, care and dedication that exists at Olive School Hackney. Masha'Allah and well done to all the Olive School family. I am so proud of you all! 😊



British Science Week

We will be taking part in *British Science Week*. All pupils will complete a short scientific investigation and will put their working scientifically skills to practise! We also wish to encourage pupils to take part in two competitions. Further details can be found on page 3 of this bulletin.



Red Nose Day

It will be *Red Nose Day* on **Friday 18th March 2021**. Staff and pupils are

encouraged to dress in red clothes and donate £1 for *Comic Relief* (via Parentpay or cash).

We will have non-school uniform on this day. Please encourage your children to wear red clothes to school. The more red items of clothing pupils wear the better!

[CLICK HERE](#) For more information



Olive School in the NEWS

Our successful *World Book Day* activities were featured in a local newspaper article in the Hackney Gazette:

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full article.



Parent Coffee Mornings (Online)

- Date: **Friday 18th March 2022**
- Time: **8:45am – 9:30am**
- For Year 5 parents.
- Hosted by Deputy Principal (Mr. Nou).
- [CLICK HERE](#) to join the coffee morning online.



Pupil Attendance

Last week's attendance was **95.6%**, which is much lower than the previous week. It is important that pupils are consistent with their good attendance. Our whole school target is 97%.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	96.2%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	94.6%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	95.5%
Overall	95.6%

Day	% Present
Monday	95.6%
Tuesday	95.4%
Wednesday	95.3%
Thursday	95.3%
Friday	94.2%
Overall	95.6%

Classes with highest attendance	% Present
Year 6 – Ibn Umayr	97%
Year 5 – Ibn Amr	96.7%
Year 4 – Ibn Jabal	96.7%
Year 3 – Ibn Sa'd	97.4%
Year 2 – Bint Abeeabakr	96.8%
Year 1 – Ibn Thaabit	99.3%
Reception- Bint Muhammad	99.6%

Punctuality

A small improvement to punctuality since last week but still very poor for some pupils. Here are the total lates from last week. Please ensure your child arrives to school by **8:30am**.

Day	Total Lates
Monday	36
Tuesday	39
Wednesday	29
Thursday	20
Friday	15

School Office Announcements

- Summer 1 Term lunch payments is now open. The deadline for payment is **25th March 2022**.
- If any parents have been asked to bring in proof of their new address please do so by **15th March 2022**.

Building Better Relationships Week

Following a recent pupil survey, we discovered that we need to do more work to help pupils to be kind to each other. This week will be *Building Better Relationships' Week* and the key focus of the week is kindness.

During this week, pupils will be asked to complete five acts of kindness every day. They can choose an act of kindness from a list of suggestions (provided by their teacher) or choose one of their own. At the end of each day, they will list the different acts of kindness they have carried out and reflect on how these acts made them feel. They should do this during their reflection journal time.

Ramadan Essentials Box

A reminder that we have launched the *Ramadan Essentials Box* project. We are only collecting the following items:

- Flour
- Pasta
- Rice
- Any canned foods
- Juices
- Dates
- Long life milk
- Cooking Oil
- Sugar
- Chickpeas, Lentils, and Beans



We will be collecting the above food items from now until **25th March 2022**. We will then organise the food items into boxes to be given out in w/c **28th March 2022**.

If you would like to register your interest to receive a *Ramadan Essentials Box* for yourself, a friend or family member, please [CLICK HERE](#). Once the food box is ready, we will contact you to collect it in two weeks' time.

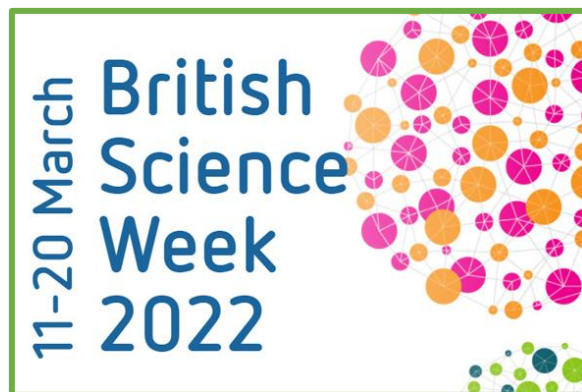


New Library

We are very pleased to announce that we now have a brand new library in school which was installed last week. The new library will be regularly used by all pupils across all classes. The library will help to promote a love of reading for all pupils at our school.



We wish to give a special thanks to our school governor, Mr. Mark Hageman, who was the main sponsor for our new library.



We have two competitions which all pupils are encouraged to take part in:

1. Poster Competition

The theme for British Science Week 2022 poster competition is 'Growth'.

[CLICK HERE for the poster competition - British Science Week](#)

The deadline for entering the competition is 6pm on the 15 April 2022. **CLICK HERE to submit your entry using the BSW Poster competition entry form.**

2. Star Innovator challenges

Pupils across the country have been challenged to complete a series of scientific challenges – all themed around the British Science Week topic of 'growth'. The challenges form part of schools' programmes of activity to support British Science week – a 10-day celebration of science, engineering, technology and maths.

Pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) are being tasked with growing a plant from a seed or seedling as part of the *Get set....grow* challenge. Pupils will nurture the plant within their own home and, to develop their knowledge of the natural world, write an account of what they have done to help the plant survive and grow.

In the *Cycle of life* challenge, Key Stage 2 pupils (Years 3 to 6) will investigate the lifecycle of either a real or imaginary animal or plant. They will research and explore the environment the animal or plant lives in, how it has adapted to its environment and learn about its food sources. Pupils will then present their findings and ideas via a piece of artwork:

<https://staracademies.org/news-story/star-grows-pupils-interest-in-science-with-innovator-challenges/>

How to enter

[Star-Innovators-Challenge-KS1.pdf \(staracademies.org\)](#)

[Star-Innovators-Challenge-KS2.pdf \(staracademies.org\)](#)