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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ passed by Sa'd when he was performing wudhu', and he said, **"What is this extravagance, O Sa'd?"** He replied: **"Can there be any extravagance in wudhu?"** The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: **"Yes, even if you are on the bank of a flowing river."**

(Source: Imam Ahmad and Ibn Maajah)

Pupils will be taught:

- About the sanctity of water as an element that is essential for all life on Earth.
- About their individual responsibility towards water.
- Water, as well as other natural resources, is a blessing for the whole planet and recent human history has shown how misuse of resources is destroying the ecological and physical equilibrium that Allah had so beautifully set up for His creatures on earth.
- To be responsible with water and not waste it as animals and plants need water too.

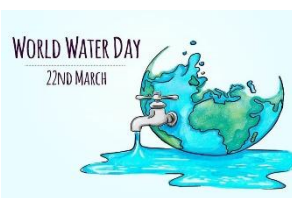
Faith & Character Education (FCE) Homework:

- [CLICK HERE for KS1](#)
- [CLICK HERE for KS2](#)

World Water Day

World Water Day is on **22 March** every year. It is an annual United Nations observance, which started in 1993, that celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2 billion people currently living without access to safe water. A core focus of World Water Day is to inspire action towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

Pupils will watch a special World Water Day assembly to help them to understand the importance of water and appreciate its blessings.



School Photographs

All pupils had their school photos taken last week. The main purpose of the photos was to update our School Information Management System (SIMS) so that pupils can easily be identified and to prevent any confusion particularly as there are often multiple pupils with the same first name in the same year group or class.

Pupils should have taken home a photo ticket which is required for parents to register an account with Bentley Photography. When the images are ready, they will receive an email to inform them that they are able to view and purchase. If any parent did not receive the photo ticket, please email support@bentleyphoto.com and give the name and class of the pupil, they will then forward the codes for the parent to go online with.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have all had a restful weekend.

I pray that you reaped the benefits of *Laylat ul Baraa-ah* (Night of Emancipation) where Allah pours His mercy and forgiveness upon the earth from Maghrib until Fajr. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: 'Allah gazes at His creation on the fifteenth night of Sha'ban and then forgives all His slaves except for two types of people: those who attribute partners to Allah and those who have rancour for their fellow Muslims'. (Source: Ahmad).

I wish to ask all parents to reflect on their communication and relationship with their child's class teacher(s) and indeed all Olive school staff. Is the communication polite and respectful? Does it adhere to the highest standards of manners and etiquettes that our faith expects of us? Do teachers and staff feel appreciated, valued and respected?

In my 18 months at the school, I have only ever had respect and gratitude from the Olive school parents. My humble request is that you also treat all other Olive School teachers and staff the same way. May Allah bless you all in abundance. I pray that we all have a fruitful weekend ahead. Wa'assalam.

Ramadhaan Giving Programme

During this year's Ramadhaan Giving Programme pupils, parents and staff will raise funds to alleviate suffering in the UK, Syria and Afghanistan. The programme will be delivered in partnership with Shine Charity.

There will be three strands to this year's Ramadhaan Giving Programme:

1. Supporting the Star family in the UK

We will support our local communities around our school through the provision of food vouchers and food packs to impoverished families.

2. Supporting the Star family in Lebanon

In Lebanon, Syrian refugee families lack shelter, food, schooling and access to basic medical care. The Lebanese Government struggles to provide adequate support due to the economic hardship in their country. Through this Ramadhaan Giving Programme, we will fund a school for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon.

3. Supporting our Star family in Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, following the change in government and the removal of international financial assistance, many families are suffering with acute hunger. Through this Ramadhaan Giving Programme, schools will fund food programmes across the country.

We are all encouraged to compete in the good deeds and so we will be setting weekly challenges for each year group. With your help, we can make a big difference to the lives of so many needy people both in the UK and around the world.

Pupil Attendance

Unfortunately, we have had a sudden drop in attendance. Last week's attendance was **94.9%**, which is the lowest attendance we have had in a long time. It is important that pupils are consistent with their good attendance. Next week is assessment week, please ensure your child is in school on time. Our whole school target is 97%.

Year Group	% Present	Day	% Present
Reception	96.4%	Monday	95.3%
Year 1	94.3%	Tuesday	94.9%
Year 2	95.8%	Wednesday	94.3%
Year 3	93.7%	Thursday	95.4%
Year 4	94.8%	Friday	94.4%
Year 5	94.7%	Overall	94.9%
Year 6	94.7%		
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Classes with highest attendance	% Present
Year 6 – Ibn Umayr	96.7%
Year 5 – Ibn Amr	95.9%
Year 4 – Barakah	96.3%
Year 3 – Ibn Sa'd	99.6%
Year 2 – Ibn Abbas	98.2%
Year 1 – Bint Qays	96.7%
Reception- Ibn Zubayr	98.1%

Punctuality

Punctuality on Wednesday was particularly poor. Here are the total lates from last week. Please ensure your child arrives to school by **8:30am**.

Day	Total Lates
Monday	20
Tuesday	20
Wednesday	48
Thursday	20
Friday	21

School Office Announcements

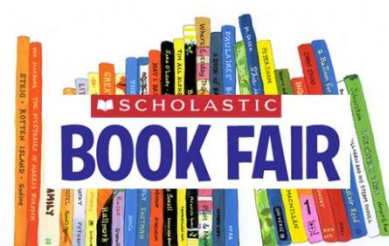
- Summer 1 Term lunch payments is now open. The deadline for payment is **25th March 2022**.
- Unfortunately, an Olive School pupil was hit by a cyclist on the cycle path and was injured. Please ensure that you keep your child with you when dropping or picking up your child. They must not run ahead of you or behind you.
- Please avoid leaving and pushchairs or bicycles unattended after school and is possible that thieves are operating in the area.

Book Fair

We will be holding our Book Fair from **Thursday 24th March to Thursday 31st March**. The poster is on the next page which includes the QR code which you can use to pay for books online. The Book Fair will be held in the Sports Hall from **2:30pm - 3:15 pm** on the above days.

Please check out the following website to choose books for your children. You can pay online and pick up the books from the school book fair.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>



Launch of New Star Children's Choir

Mr. Mirza is launching a new children's choir (**Star Children's Choir**) consisting of boys/girls from Year 4 and 5.

We have been invited to perform at the Mayor of London's **Eid in the Square** event on **Saturday 7th May 2022**, in Trafalgar Square. Our choir will be performing on stage.

The choir will sing a mixture of nasheeds and other songs with positive messages that promote our faith values and ethos.

Rehearsals are likely to take place every **Friday, 12pm – 1pm** and **Saturdays, 10am – 12pm** for the next 7 weeks.

We are looking for 15-20 talented and committed boys and girls who are confident in performing in front of a large audience. If your child is interested, please [CLICK HERE](#) to registering no later than **Thurs 24th March 2022**.

Whilst the choir will be singing acapella (without musical instruments), we cannot guarantee that there will no music played at the Mayor of London's Eid Event.

Parent Coffee Mornings (Online)

- Date: **Friday 25th March 2022** Time: **8:45am – 9:30am**
- For Year 6 parents. Information about upcoming Year 6 SATs will be included.
- Hosted by Deputy Principal (Mr. Nou).
- [CLICK HERE](#) to join the coffee morning.



End of Term Assessment Week

This week, all pupils in Year 1 – 5 will be taking part in end of term assessments. They will sit Reading and Maths papers along with a Writing assessment. These will contribute towards the end of term teacher judgements.

Please ensure that your child is in school every day otherwise they are likely to miss these important assessments. Year 6 pupils will sit Mock SATs test papers next week.

Please ensure that your child has enough sleep, has breakfast in the morning and is positive about trying their best in the assessments.

Ramadan Essentials Box (FINAL REMINDER)

Please donate the following items for our *Ramadan Essentials Box* project:

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



The deadline for dropping off food items is **25th 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 next week.

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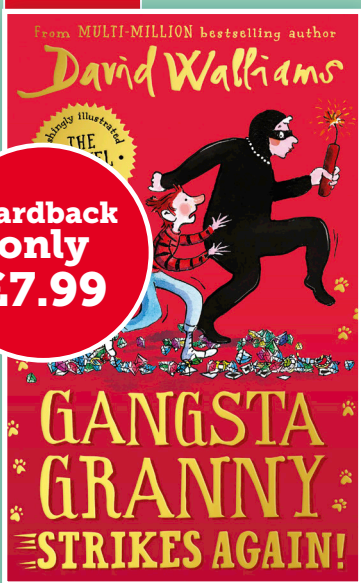
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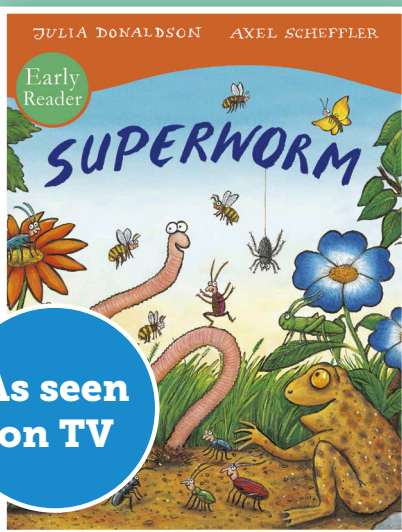
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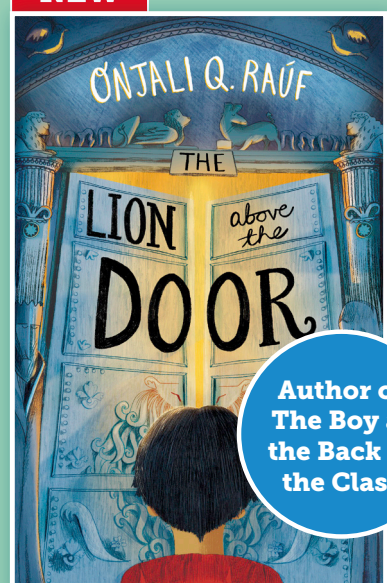
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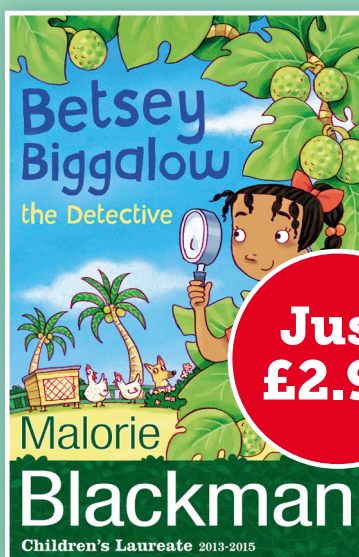
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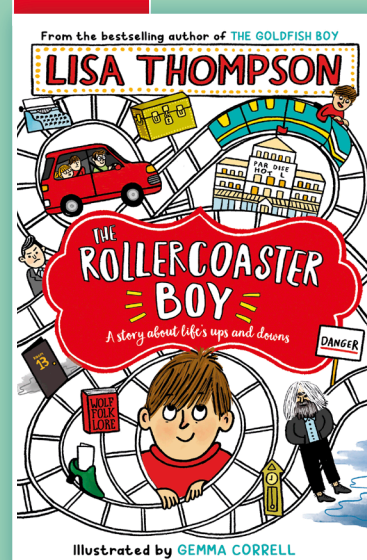
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