



**New clubs
starting next term**

Spanish club

Baking club

**After School
Bike club**

**Rise & Shine
club**

Rise & Shine Club

The first half term has flown by and I now feel like part of the furniture here at the school! There are many areas that we are working towards improving in the school and as the terms progress you will start to notice the impact of this work.

Amongst other things a new club will be starting weekday mornings for children. The 'Rise and Shine' club will be by invitation only and is focussed around developing pupils to reach their potential. The club will be run by different class teachers and will run for half a term at a time. The pupils that are chosen will vary from term to term. If your child has been selected he/she will receive an invitation letter in their book bag. Please do check the day and start date on the letter carefully.

New reading and Maths scheme

The school has invested in a new reading scheme to help develop pupils' reading skills. It is no secret that effective communicators need to have read widely and thoroughly. Reading is a pre-cursor to effective writing, indeed the first word of the Quran was 'Read!'. Look out for details of the new scheme in the next few weeks.

We have also invested in an up to date Maths scheme that will be used from March insha'Allah in Years 1, 3,4 and 5. Years 2 & 6 will start using the new scheme officially after they have completed their SATS in May insha'Allah.

Attendance and Punctuality

As part of the schools commitment to preparing children for their adult lives we have been looking closely at attendance and punctuality data. The school has an attendance and punctuality policy which emphasises the need for pupils to be in school and on time. We have a duty to report markedly poor attendance to the Local authority under our Safeguarding obligations. Prior to attendance slipping that low parents will be called to an attendance meeting with the school to discuss reasons for the poor attendance. Of course, if a child is ill, we do not encourage them to come into school until they are better and in the case of vomiting or diarrhoea then not to come into school for a further 48 hours after the episodes have stopped.

School Uniform and PE Kit

For the children to look their best and feel part of the Noor Ul Islam Primary School Community, it is crucial that they all wear the correct school uniform and PE kit. Therefore, after the half-term holidays, we will be carrying out special checks to ensure our pupils come to school, appropriately dressed, in the right school uniform and PE kit. We will also be checking that children are wearing plain, dark coloured socks (no bright colours or themed socks) as well as plain, white head scarves (available for sale at the school). The children's PE kits should comprise of plain white T Shirts and navy blue jogging bottoms. Please note that brand names, logos, stripes or embroideries on PE Kits will not be allowed. We look forward to seeing all our pupils smartly and suitably dressed after the holidays inshaa Allaah.

Charity Collection

*On Friday 6th February
we raised money for
Islamic Relief*

Reception raised	£2.54
Year 1 raised	£12.50
Year 2 raised	£35.46
Year 3 raised	£11.70
Year 4 raised	£15.27
Year 5 raised	£20.14
Year 6 raised	£15.63

The total raised was
£113.24

Abu Hurayrah, may God be pleased with him, narrated that the Messenger of God, peace and blessings be upon him, said;

It is from the good manners of a person that he should leave alone those things that do not concern him"

Authenticated by the scholar
Imam Tirmidhi



Year 6 Science Experiment

As part of Year 6 Science Unit on Reversible and Irreversible Changes, the children carried out the famous Diet Coke and Mentos experiment. A card was placed on the mouth of the Coke bottles and paper tubes inserted through the card into the bottles. Some mentos were dropped into the tubes and BOOM... Year 6 made their very own explosive irreversible change.



Year 2's trip to St Paul's Cathedral



Year 2 children had an interesting time visiting St Paul's Cathedral this week. They were able to compare London before the Great Fire in 1666 and after, when London was rebuilt. They

also had the unique opportunity to admire the artwork and architecture of this historical building. They identified many shapes within the design of St Paul's. Maa sha Allaah, Year 2 also appreciated the importance of respecting other places of worship.



Important Dates:

Half-term: 16th February 2015 to 20th February 2015
The school will be holding a series of cycling events over the next half term Inshaa Allaah.

Volunteers for The Book Fair!

We have been recruiting friendly, enthusiastic and efficient volunteers to plan and run our Book Fair on the 5th and 6th March 2015. Maashaa Allaah, we had many entries from Year 5 and Year 6 children who were quite keen to apply for the jobs on offer. They submitted their application forms and were subsequently called for interviews. Below is the list of children who have been selected and the jobs they have been appointed for:

Accountants– Mohamed Seedat, Afzaa Sami and Yumna Mulla

Customer Service Assistants– Adam Elwardany, Amirah Jeylani, Khadijah Vawda, Laaibah Hussain, Rabia Sheikh and Ruqayya Musadiq

Advertising Specialists– Zainab Vawda, Abdurrahmaan Saqib, Khadijah Vawda

Display Specialists– Aliyah Razzaq, Izzah Noman, Khadija Mahmood

Events Coordinators– Azkah Mehmood, Laaibah Aboo

Browsing Supervisors– Hana Alloo, Kinza Dar, Zainab Vawda, Aliyah Razzaq, Yumna Mulla, Ibraheem Raza

Inventory Specialists– Asiyah Kigozi, Nasteha Hassan, Muhammed Yusuf Hussain.

Please come and support our team during the Book Fair. The more our children sell the more free books we will earn for the Noor Ul Islam Library!



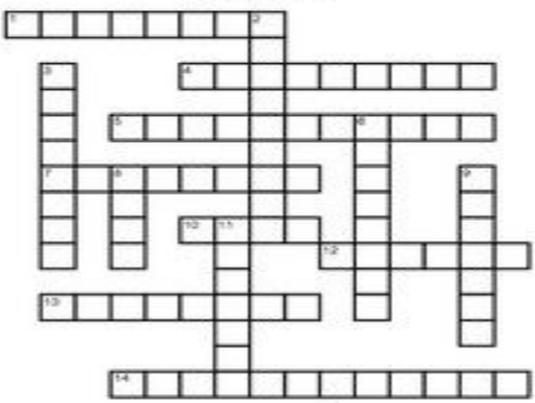
Attendance

Year Group	Monday 2 nd feb to Friday 6 th feb
Reception	92.3%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	90.0%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	97.7% 
Year 6	96.1%
Overall	93.7%



Dinosaurs





Across

- Dinosaurs dominated this period
- Plant-eater
- From a time before written history
- Framework of bones that supports the body
- An animal eaten by another animal
- Trace of prehistoric life preserved in the Earth's crust
- An animal that hunts other animals
- Scientific study of prehistoric life forms especially through fossils

Down

- Meat-eater
- Ancient reptile
- Eats both plants and meat
- Most dinosaurs laid these
- Having died out
- Cold-blooded vertebrate that usually lays eggs