

THE LIGHT

NEWSLETTER OF NOOR UL ISLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPRING 1 | FEBRUARY 2024, RAJAB 1445 AH



Important Dates

School Open

Mon 19 February
2024, 8.20am

Family Fun Day

Sun 25 Feb 2024

Coffee Morning

Thu 29 Feb 2024,
9am

World Book Day

Thu 7 March 2024

End of 2nd half of spring term

Thu 28 March 2024,
12pm (school is half
day for all)

BOOK IN YOUR DIARY

Family Dinner

Sat 27 April 2024



Enrichment and Character Building is our Mission

We are at the end of another half term at Noor ul Islam Primary School. We started the term with an inspiring and informative staff professional development day with our new PSHE scheme *Ilm2Amal*. This new scheme will cover the PSHE in a unique way so our pupils' character & life skills development focuses on the moral, spiritual, physical, intellectual, cultural, emotional and social development of learners. Character building is our mission!

Our focus on further developing enrichment for children has meant there is more and even better after school club offers. Curriculum trips and workshops will continue to be another area we meet the school development priority of ensuring cultural capital and enrichment opportunities. The purpose of this is to feed our children's imaginations by helping them to experience as much of the world around them as possible. As the Quran teaches us: *Do they then not travel through the Earth, so that their minds gain wisdom and their ears thus learn to hear? Surah 22, verse 46*

Jazakallah khayr for sharing this half term with us and I pray you all have a happy and restorative half term holiday.

Hussain Shefaar,
Headteacher



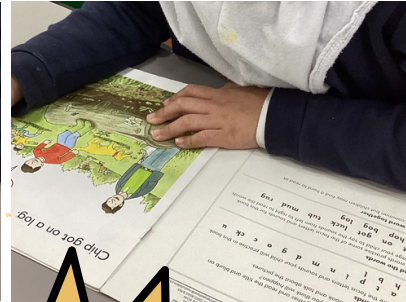
We're developing our school website. We'd love to hear your views to make it even better.

RECEPTION ~ EYFS

This term in the 3rd week of January, Reception class had the highest attendance for the first time ever! Well done Reception, we are so proud of you!

Crab Creations...

Learning to read books...



Word Box 1	Word Box 2	Word Box 3
it	pest	hip
tin	tap	pet
pat	pin	mat
nip	is	ran
sat	pit	dip
as	snap	ham
ant	in	map
tip	man	rat
pan	red	his
sit	dip	rip

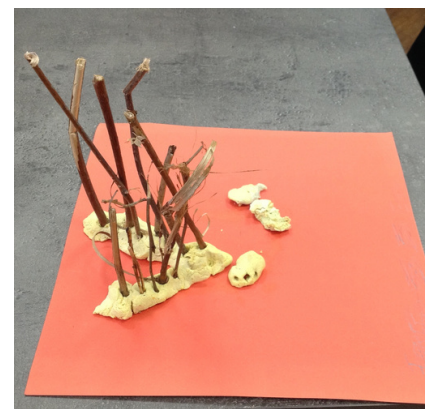
Designing Snowmen...

YEAR 1

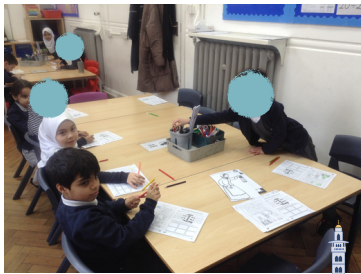
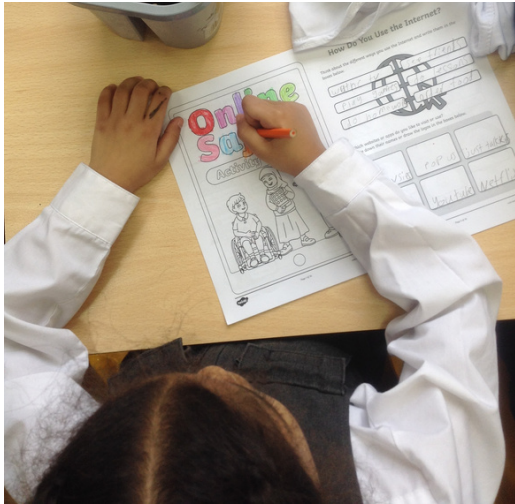
IN ENGLISH, WE READ
'THE STORY OF THE
ODD EGG. WE HAD FUN
DESIGNING OUR VERY
OWN ODD EGGS.



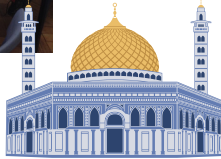
WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING HOW
TO MAKE OUR OWN
SCULPTURES USING DIFFERENT
MATERIALS.



YEAR 2



WE LEARNT ABOUT



YEAR 3



We had a wonderful trip to Leyton Library.



We observed features in plants at a local park to help us draw our own botanical art.

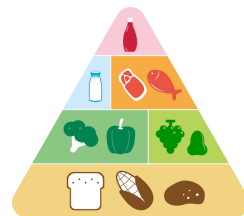


We made our own plant art using clay. We applied our understanding of tint and shades to paint the flowers.



We had a little market activity to help us understand the use of money, and mentally add and subtract money.





Jam Tarts!



MIX!



Year 4 pupils have learnt the importance of a balanced, varied diet this half term. They got their chefs' hats on and baked/cooked some delicious goodies!



Cupcakes!



WHISK!



Stuffed Peppers!



CHOP!



Pizzas!

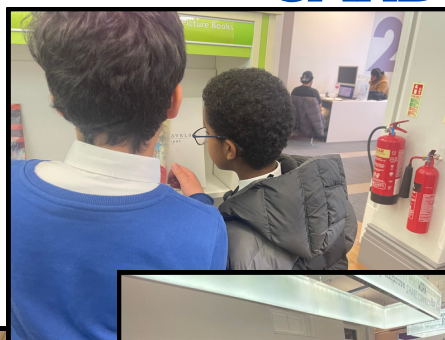
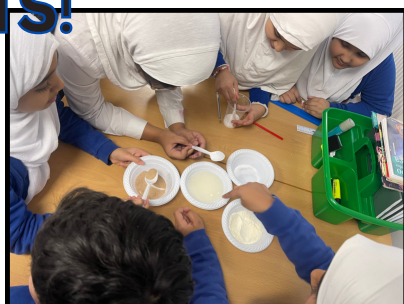
DECORATE!



FUN SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS!

YEAR 5

WE LEARNT THE IMPORTANCE OF OWNING A LIBRARY CARD.



ART- WE EXPLORED THE SCHOOL'S LANDSCAPE.



Year 6 had an amazing immersive experience at the 'BBC Earth Experience' located at the Daikin Centre in Earls Court.



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EXPERIENCE**

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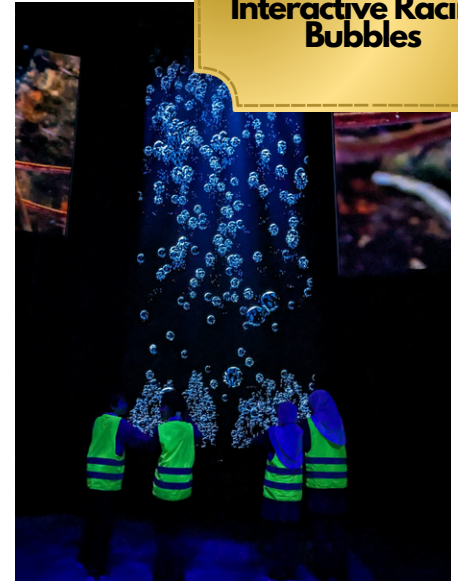
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We hope you enjoy these pictures of our fun day!



Creepy Crawly
Insects!



Interactive Racing
Bubbles



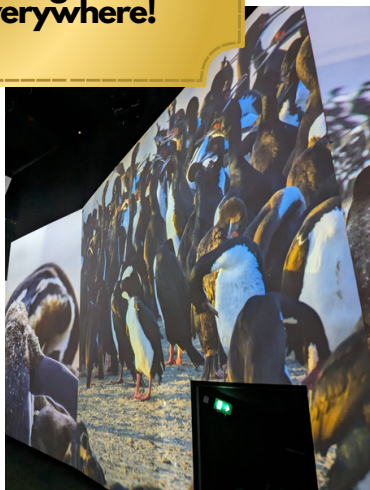
Earth Room



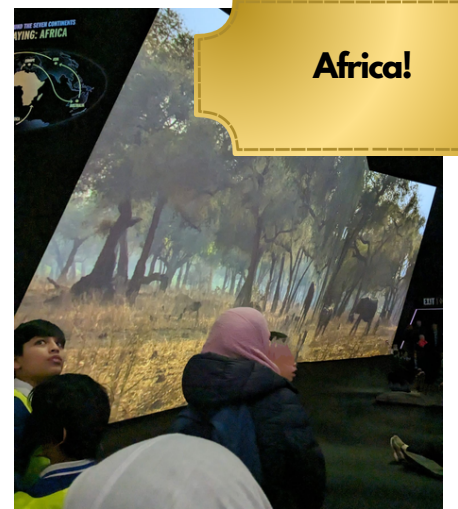
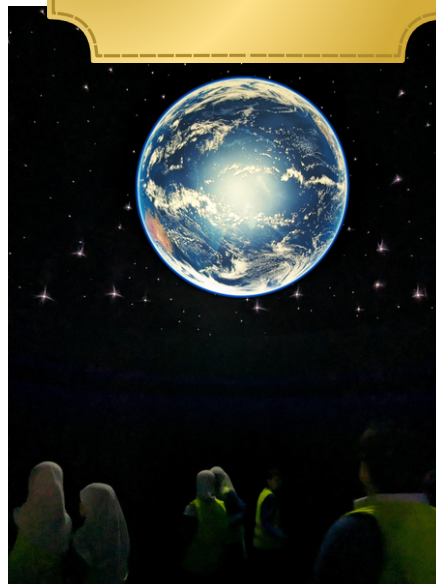
Penguins
everywhere!



Enjoying the
Bean Bags!



Africa!



NOOR UL ISLAM PTFA PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY

ENTRY:
ADULT £2
CHILD £1

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

1:15PM-5:15PM

HIGHAM HILL COMMUNITY HUB CIO

Get ready for a day of bonding, making memories, and
enjoying a wide range of fun-filled activities.



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TARBIYYAH: RAMADAN



The Essence of Ramadan and Preparing for the Blessed Month

Alhamdulillah, soon we will be reaching Ramadan, Insha Allah. Before the blessed month of Ramadan arrives, there are a few things which should ponder over.

What should we aim to attain this Ramadan? And how can we prepare for it from now?

We should consider the purpose of Ramadan as Allah says in the Qur'an :

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

"Oh you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed to those before you, so that you may attain taqwa (God-consciousness)."
Surah Baqarah verse 183

We are told to fast in the blessed month of Ramadan so that we may attain God-consciousness.

How do we prepare spiritually?

Before the arrival of the blessed month, we will have inculcated a good habit of supplicating and doing extra remembrance of Allah. So when Ramadan does arrive, we are already in good practice



Ramadan the month of the Qur'an

Ramadan is the month of the Qur'an and we should aim to recite more of the Quran. Not only is the recitation of Quran recommended but trying to understand the meanings of what Allah is saying to us should be a regular part of our Ramadhan daily routine. The Qur'an should not be neglected, no day should go past in which we have not read at least a small portion from it.



Self-reflection

One beautiful way to attain God consciousness is by doing self-reflection. This is something which, if we build the habit of doing it now, it will be of great benefit during Ramadan. We can spend a few minutes of the day – perhaps after asr, or after fajr, or before going to sleep – to focus our attention on our Creator, and think about our day.

How did I spend my day? What did I do? Did I fall short in any area of obedience? Did I do anything by which my Lord would be unhappy? Did I do anything which may bring happiness to My Lord?

Whichever manner we choose to do it, some aspects of self-reflection should be there. This will improve our connection with Allah. By putting ourselves to account by our own selves, we can see where we are lacking and where we can improve. And this will, insha Allah, allow us to inculcate the characteristic of taqwa within our souls.

The purpose of this month is to attain taqwa. Our every action can be a means of much goodness and reward if done in the best way with the right intentions.

Let us allow this month to nourish our souls and get closer to our Creator in the dunya, so that insha Allah, in the HereAfter, we will also be from amongst those who are closest to Him. Ameen

Source

<https://www.noorulislam.org.uk/the-essence-of-ramadan/>

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

STARS OF THE WEEK:

Reception: Asiya Tuza for always being happy at school and showing enthusiasm in everything she does.

Year 1: Yahya Rahman for designing an amazing prayer mat.

Year 2: Eman Khalid for continuously striving to do her best.

Year 3: Sakeenah Bhaimia for being a great helper to teacher and peers, especially in art lesson this week.

Year 4 Madinah: Zara Chowdhury for her insightful reflections about Al-Aqsa Week and her zeal for school life!

Year 4 Makkah: Maariya Haseeb for always trying her best and being a role model student.

Year 5: Shaymaa Hasham for her outstanding effort in every lesson.

Year 6: Zaki Malek for his outstanding efforts during Maths.

TARBIYYAH CERTIFICATES:

Reception: Aafiyah Khan for showing care and respect to all of her Ustaadhs at school.

Year 1: Zaydan Ali for paying attention to the present moment and always being ready to learn

Year 2: Muhammad Abdur Rahman for always being mindful of the people and things around him.

Year 3: Ammarah Shafique for her positive attitude at school and being thankful and grateful to peers and friends.

Year 4 Madinah: Iman-Aayah Tahir for trying her best to remain focused on task and her positive demeanour.

Year 4 Makkah: Khadidja Malek for always listening attentively and being present in the moment.

Year 5: Rayan Kiani for being mindful of his own actions during lesson.

Year 6: Aamina Bhatti for showing kindness and generosity.



ISLAMIC CERTIFICATES:

Year 1: Abdulaziz Ahmad for completing Qaidah Part 1.

Year 1 Eesa Ahmed for completing Juz Amma Part 2.

Year 2: Jeilani Jeilani for completing Juz Amma Part 2.



CLUBS

Baking Club



Children have been getting their hands sticky in our baking club, making lots of yummy bakes. Professional bakers incoming...!!



Art Club



Painting, drawing, calligraphy...we've had a lot of fun and learning in Art Club so far. Looking forward to more.



TERM DATES 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

Tue 3 Sep – Fri 20 Dec

Half Term: Mon 21 Oct – Fri 25 Oct

Inset day: Mon 2 Sep

Spring Term 2025

Tue 7 Jan – Fri 21 Mar

Half Term: Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb

Inset day: Mon 6 Jan

Summer Term 2025

Tue 8 Apr – Fri 18 Jul

Half Term: Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May

Inset day: Mon 7 Apr



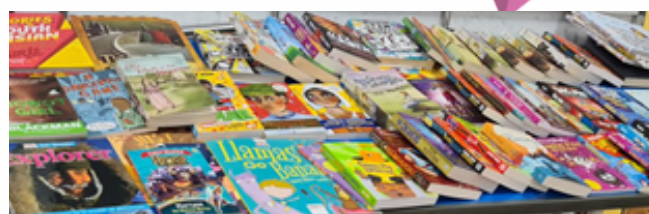
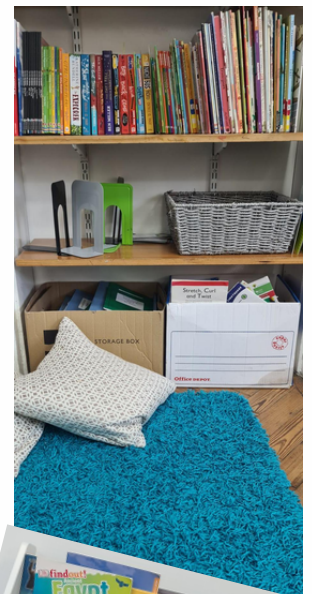
RAISING READERS CAMPAIGN



Huge JazaakAllah Khayr again to all our parents for contributing in making our vision a reality. The school has ordered hundreds of books to share amongst our eight classrooms. We ensured that we purchased books of different genres representing different cultures and backgrounds.

All the classrooms are now equipped with a mini library where children can pick up a book and be transported to new horizons!

A big thank you to our PTFA for organising the fundraising. We will focus on building the library next insha Allah.





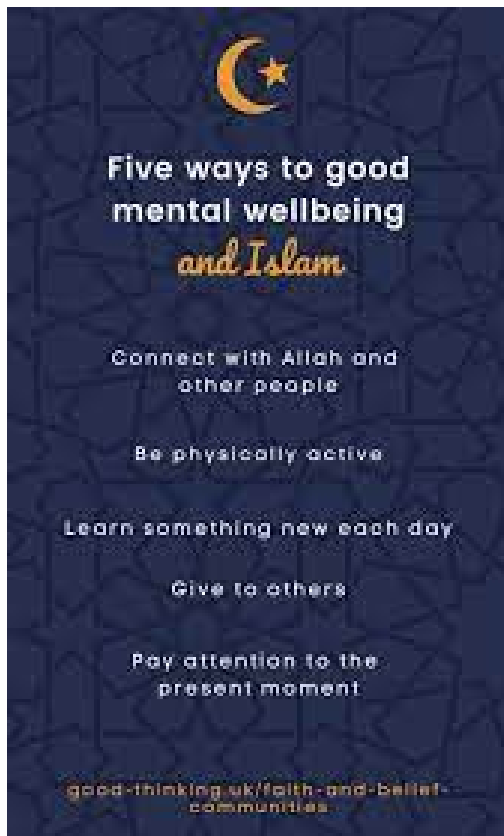
THAWBS AND ABAYAS

This half term's non-uniform theme was thawbs and abayas.

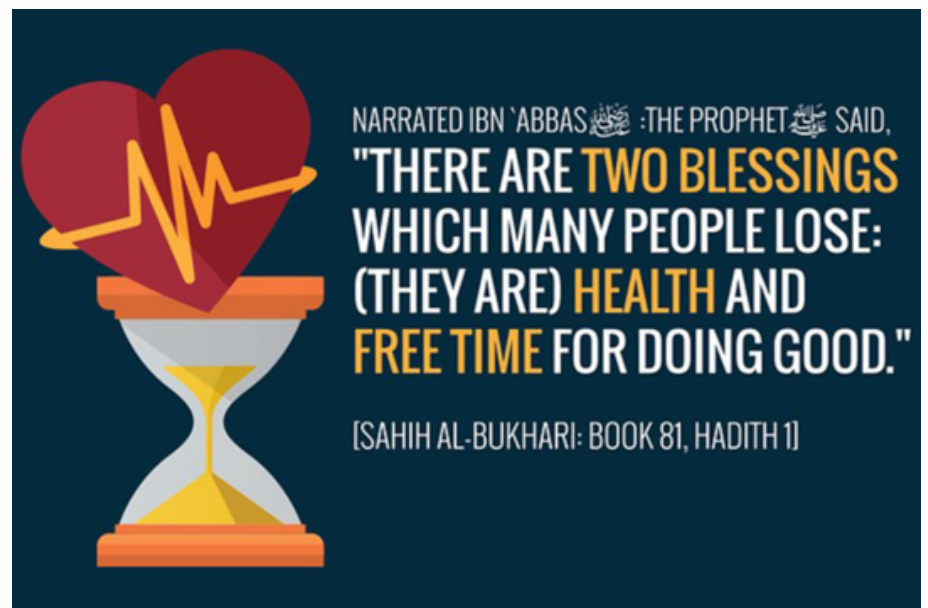
DID YOU KNOW?

Thawb or thobe (Arabic: ثَوْب lit. 'dress' or 'garment') is an Arab dress for the inhabitants of the Arabian Peninsula, also called dishdashah, and kandurah, kandoora or gandurah in varieties of Arabic. A long-sleeved ankle-length traditional robe, it is mainly worn by men in the Arabian Peninsula, Jordan, Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, North Africa, and some countries in East and West Africa, with regional variations in name and style. It is also worn by Muslim men in the Indian subcontinent due to its modest appearance, and is referred to as jubbah.

COFFEE AFTERNOON WITH PARENTS MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



This half term, children learnt about the 5 ways to mental wellbeing and Islam as part of their tarbiyyah. We also covered this as part of coffee afternoon with parents and hope to have more parents engage with this and on Jumma Notices.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Spring Term 1

Attendance

Rank	Class	%
1st	Year 1	93.1%
2nd	Year 5	92.3%
3rd	Reception	91.7%
4th	Year 4 Makkah	91.2%
5th	Year 3	90.6%
6th	Year 2	89.5%
7th	Year 4 Madinah	88.8%
8th	Year 6	88.8%

Punctuality

Rank	Class	%
1st	Year 1	98.2%
2nd	Year 6	98.1%
3rd	Year 4 Makkah	97.9%
4th	Year 5	97.3%
5th	Year 3	97.1%
6th	Year 2	97.0%
7th	Year 4 Madinah	96.0%
8th	Reception	95.6%

MEET OUR GOVERNORS

DR AFSHAN KILEDER

I have been a parent at Noor Ul Islam Primary School since 2018, when my eldest daughter joined.

After spending five happy years at the school, she has moved on to high school. I have another daughter in year 2 and a son starting at the pre-school. As a GP, I have knowledge and experience in safeguarding and children's health and wellbeing and I believe it puts me in good stead for my role as Safeguarding governor.

I became a governor because I wanted to offer my skills, expertise and parental insight to help contribute to our school and community. I wanted the school to thrive and prosper, not only for our children, but for the generations to come, Inshallah.

I know we are all very passionate about Islamic education, but it is also how we teach these values in our children that can have the greatest impact on their understanding of our Deen and enable them to feel confident in their faith in greater society. I really feel like this is an indispensable quality of our school and our children are truly fortunate to have this opportunity at NUIPS.



As a safeguarding governor, one of my core responsibilities is to ensure that the school's safeguarding systems and procedures are effective and all staff understand and adhere to them. I have had regular meetings with the DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) and School Leadership Team (SLT) within which we review policies, provide strategic support and monitor safeguarding actions, i.e., ensure cases are being managed and recorded appropriately. We also ensure that our hardworking Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL- Ms Hawa) and her fantastic team are well supported in their roles. We have had a productive start to the year and we have established a strong safeguarding team and ethos at the school.

Alhamdulillah, our school has always been blessed with amazing staff, but now we also have a new, dynamic and strong SLT who are determined to achieve and excel. It is an exciting time at our school and I look forward to working with the SLT, school staff, parents and, of course, our children, over the coming year and growing the school from strength to strength.

Some of the work undertaken by the Governing Board this term:

- Finance and Fees Review
- Playground development
- Safeguarding audit
- Curriculum development



Help us

REBUILD

our playground

The playground surface has worn out and while it's still safe, it needs urgent repairs.

The cost has been estimated to be around **£25,000**.



Where do the children play?

Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. - [Fred Rogers]

How can you help!

We urge our community to take this once in a generation opportunity to contribute towards the rebuilding of the playground.

Bank Name: Barclays Bank
Account Name: Noor Ul Islam Primary School
Account Number: 60852813
Sort Code: 20-53-00
Reference: School Playground



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"When a person dies, their deeds come to an end, except for three: ongoing charity (Sadaqah Jariyah), knowledge that is benefited from, and a righteous child who prays for them." (Sahih Muslim)



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PRIMARY SCHOOL



Even if
you're late



DON'T PARK



NEAR OUR GATE!



DRIVE SLOWLY, MIND THE CHILD!



27,860 civilians have been killed since the weekend of 7th October 2023, according to local officials. 11,500 of these are innocent children.

More than half of family dwellings in Gaza have been destroyed or damaged – that's 360,000 families without homes to return to.

13 out of 35 hospitals in Gaza are partially functioning. All are dangerously overcrowded.

267 places of worship have been damaged.

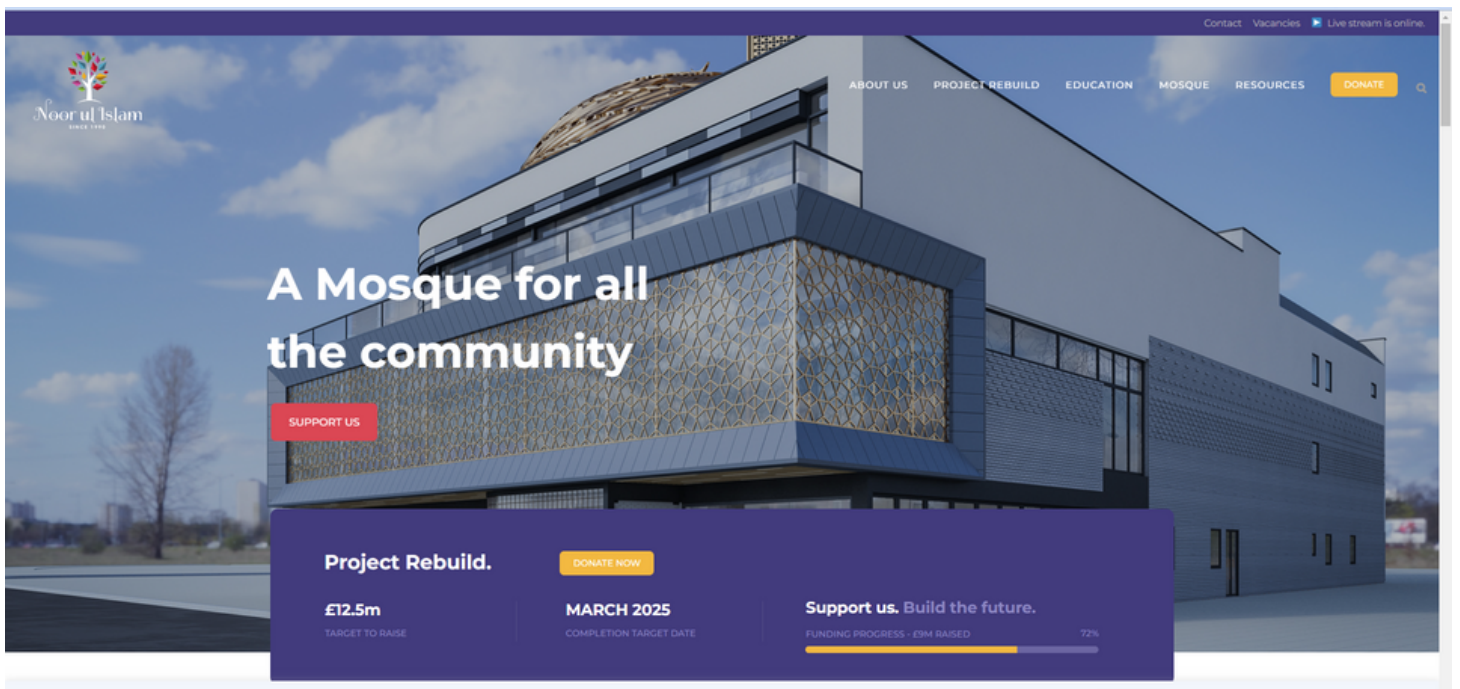
390 schools and colleges are beyond repair.

The people of Gaza are tired, hungry and scared. They need our support now. With food and medical supplies are scarce, fuel to power hospitals and shelters has running out. The short to medium term outlook is bleak.

We are working with our local partners in Jordan – the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization – to deliver humanitarian aid where the need is greatest, when humanitarian corridors open and it is safe for us to do so. Delivery operations are overseen by our Jordanian office, to ensure that aid is delivered in the safest and most effective way, where it is needed most.

As with all our aid delivery, we endeavour to source all goods as locally as possible, ensuring that your donations are not just benefitting those who are the greatest need but also the local economy.

HRF Human
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Foundation



The screenshot shows the Noor ul Islam website with a header navigation bar including 'Contact', 'Vacancies', 'Live stream is online', 'ABOUT US', 'PROJECT REBUILD', 'EDUCATION', 'MOSQUE', 'RESOURCES', and a 'DONATE' button. The main banner features a 3D architectural rendering of a modern mosque with a large, ornate golden dome and a facade of intricate geometric patterns. The text 'A Mosque for all the community' is prominently displayed in white. Below this, a red 'SUPPORT US' button is visible. A dark blue section at the bottom contains fundraising details: 'Project Rebuild.' with a 'DONATE NOW' button, a progress bar showing '£12.5m' target to raise, 'MARCH 2025' completion target date, and a 'Support us. Build the future.' section with a 'FUNDING PROGRESS - £9M RAISED' bar at 72%.

SINCE 1990

Noor Ul Islam

Since 1990 we have provided a wide range of activities and services for the entire community. We soon came to realise that our old buildings were no longer fit for purpose. With continual repairs, sharing of spaces and limited facilities, our buildings were in urgent need of more than just an upgrade.

Noor Ul Islam has always been forward thinking and so we had to plan to ensure whatever we built was suitable for the growing needs of our community in the 21st Century.

£9m

Already raised

Through donations and interest-free loans

£3.5m

Still needed

To complete Noor Ul Islam's Project Rebuild

[Tell me more about the sadaqah jaariyah appeal \(kohl noor wall\)](#)

To be part of the legacy, donate here:
www.noorulislam.org.uk/donate

