

# THE LIGHT

NEWSLETTER OF NOOR UL ISLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL  
spring 2 | MARCH 2024, ramadan 1445 AH



## Important Dates

Staff INSET Day  
Mon 15 April 2024

School Open for  
children  
Tue 16 April 2024

Eid Party  
Fri 19 April 2024

The Family Feast  
Sat 27 April 2024

Coffee Morning  
2 May 2024, 9am

End of 1st half of  
summer term  
Fri 24 May 2024

Parents Evening  
Fri 24 May 2024

Reopen on Mon 3 June

SPORTS DAY  
Tue 25 June 2024



## Blossoming of a Partnership

Jazakallah khayr to everyone for your support and hard work this term. Understanding our shared goals, listening to each other and following communication protocols, we have a trusting partnership between school and home. And through this partnership, learning across the school will thrive insha Allah. Particular thanks to the parents involved with the PTFA - for organising the Family Fun Day and the much anticipated Family Feast coming in April.

We have been focusing on developing our curriculum and teaching further with particular attention on PE, Islamic Studies and English. We are on target to meet all our strategic objectives in our school development plan alhamdulillah.

This newsletter will give you a taste of what the children have been doing this half term. May Allah bless you, accept the fasting in this month of Ramadan and Eid Mubarak !

**EID MUBARAK** Hussain Shefaar,  
Headteacher



## We're learning British Sign Language (BSL)

We were treated to a special assembly on British Sign Language (BSL) last week. This was led by Ustadh Mamoon (known as Muhammad Ali, the BSL boxer). We had a great time learning how to sign salams, good day, the letters of the alphabet and the five pillars. It helped us think about the deaf community and we hope it breaks down barriers between us.



## Ramadan at Noor ul Islam Primary School

KS2 children have been developing their connection to Ramadan by reading one Juzz a day. Each day we begin with a short reminder with a Hadith related to the Holy Qur'an.



Teaching the children how to interact with the Qur'an allows the children to feel the presence of Ramadan and helps them build confidence in reciting the Qur'an in public settings InshaAllah



During the blessed month of Ramadan, we have short reminders after Zuhr Salah regarding the elements of an accepted and good Dua' from the famous book of Ibnu Qayyim "Ad Daa Wad Dawaa". The following are some of the points we have been learning about:

The purpose of Dua'  
Dua' is a weapon for a believer  
Hadith number 10 of Imam An Nawawi(ra):  
The barriers of an accepted Dua'  
Dua' can push away Qadr–The 3 impacts of Dua'  
Who are we asking to? (Allah's limitless treasure)  
Having Yaqeen (full conviction) in Dua'  
The necessity to ask for Tawfeeq in making Dua'–The saying of Umar(ra) *إني لا أحمل هم الإجابة ولكن*  
Dua' brings humility and cleans oneself from kibr(arrogance).  
Sa'at (time) of acceptance  
Imploring with Allah's Beautiful Names (Asma Al Husna)  
The meaning of sincerity in Dua'  
The meaning of I'tiraaf in Dua'  
The meaning of Ilhaah (desperation)  
The etiquettes of Dua'

• And your Lord said: "Supplicate to Me, I will respond to your supplication. Verily, those who are too proud to worship Me, they will surely enter Hell in humiliation!"  
(Surah Al Ghaafir, Verse 60)





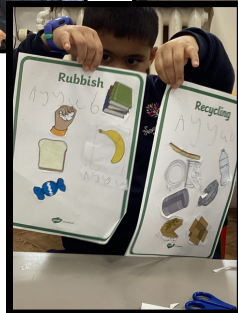
## RECEPTION

### PAPIER MACHE GLOBES

Creating three dimensional globes out of papier mache!



Reception have been exploring recycling by creating different objects using recycled materials.



Ramadan



We are developing our fine motor skills, through Ramadan craft activities. Children have been threading strings through their creations beautifully.

Story Time with Ustadh Mamoon, an EYFS specialist!

We love reading in Reception class and we love listening to adults read to us. We had special guest Ustadh Mamoon read The Gruffalo to us. It was so much fun!



## YEAR 1

Science & P.E  
in the Park!



Year 1 had a fun science lesson in the park identifying garden and wild plants!



Noor ul Islam  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

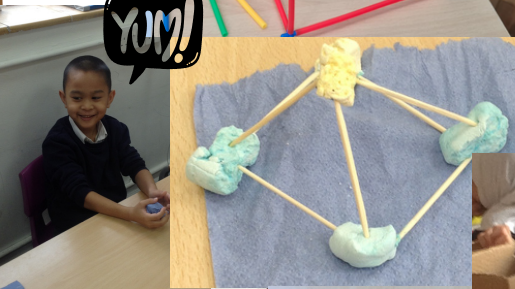
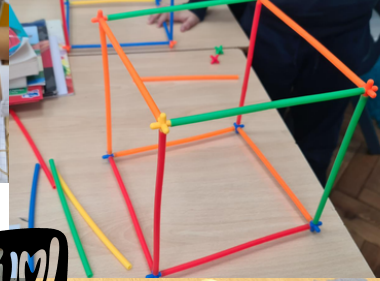
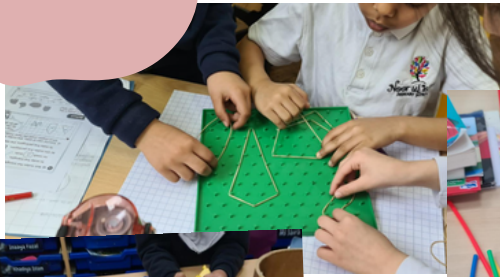
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## YEAR 2

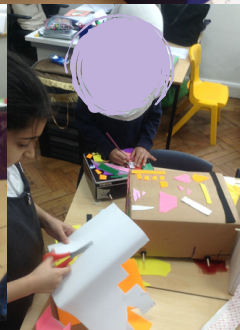
We had loads of fun using  
manipulatives, marshmallows

& Playdoh to explore  
different properties of  
shapes.



**"THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO."**

**DR. SEUSS**



**AS PART OF OUR ENGLISH LESSONS WE EXPLORED KALEIDOSCOPES**



**GO!**

## YEAR 3



We made Ramadan decorations and activities!

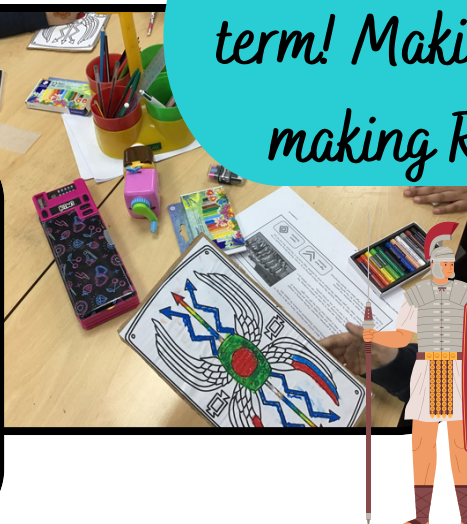


We had a wonderful World Book Day!



YUM!

Lots more fun activities this term! Making sandwiches to making Roman shields!





## YEAR 4 MAKKAH OUTDOOR FUN AT THE PARK!

YEAR 4 MAKKAH HAVE HAD PLENTY OF EXERCISE AND FUN AT SIDMOUTH PARK THIS TERM. FROM RACING, TO SKIPPING, TO USING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT! WE SHOWED OUR TEAM WORK SKILLS AND CONTEMPLATED OVER THE CREATION OF ALLAH.

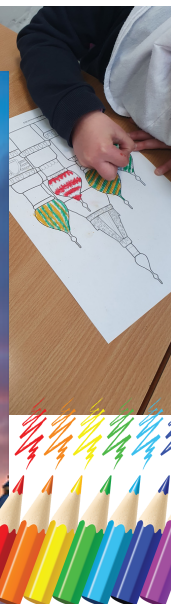
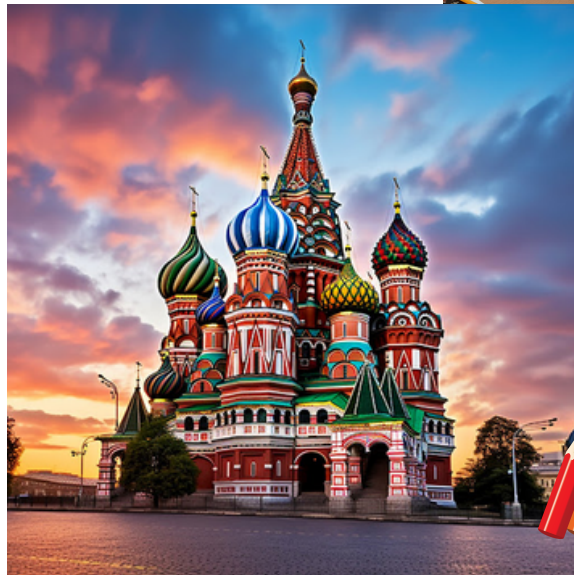


✨ FUN ✨

## YEAR 4 MADINAH

## ST. BASIL'S CATHEDRAL ART!

YEAR 4 MADINAH USED OIL PASTELS TO RECREATE A FAMOUS BUILDING CALLED 'ST BASIL'S CATHEDRAL.' IT IS FOUND IN THE RED SQUARE OF MOSCOW, AND IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR CULTURAL SYMBOLS OF RUSSIA. WE WERE SUPER CREATIVE"





## YEAR 4 MAKKAH & MADINAH

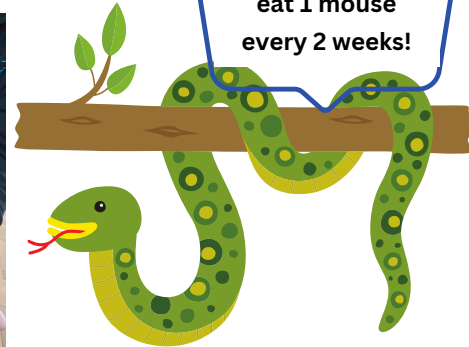
### DID YOU KNOW?

Giant African Land Snails do not have teeth! They grind off their food using slimy plates!



### DID YOU KNOW?

Corn snakes only eat 1 mouse every 2 weeks!



# ANIMAL HANDLING WORKSHOP!

## CARING FOR LIVING THINGS

YEAR 4 CLASSES HAD AN ANIMAL HANDLING WORKSHOP AT SCHOOL TO LEARN ABOUT CARING FOR LIVING THINGS & ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS.

THEY HAD A CHANCE TO GET HANDS-ON WITH SOME ANIMALS.

THESE INCLUDED A COCKROACH, CORN SNAKE, GIANT AFRICAN LAND SNAIL, AMAZONIAN TREE FROG, GIANT MILLIPEDE & A TARANTULA!

THIS WORKSHOP WAS A PRECURSOR TO THEIR BIOLOGY UNIT IN SUMMER TERM ABOUT ANIMALS AND DIGESTION.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Millipedes have lived on this planet for more than 400 million years!



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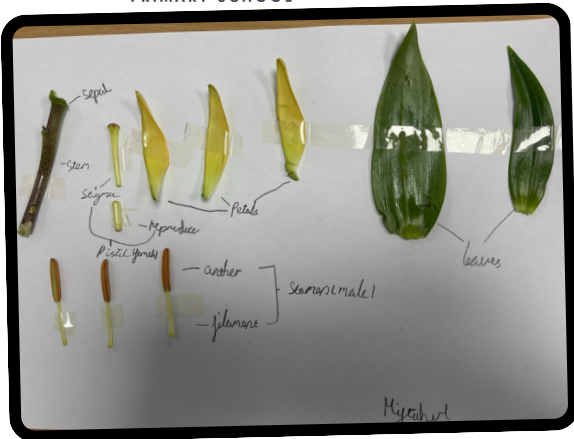
Tree frogs digest their food by pushing their food down using their eyeballs!



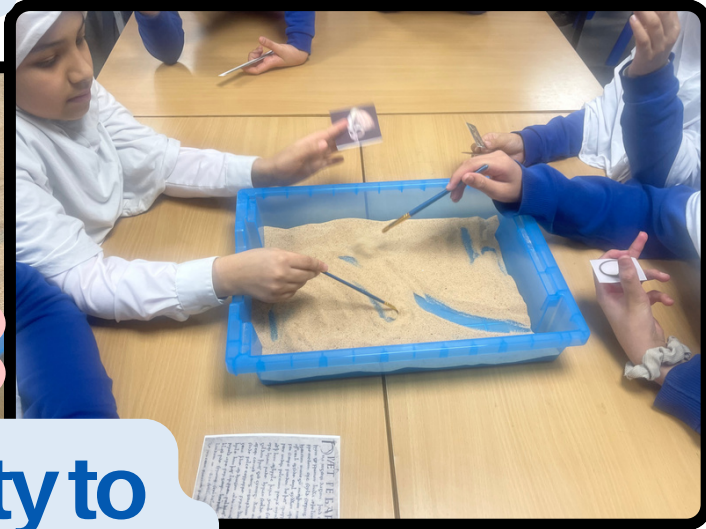
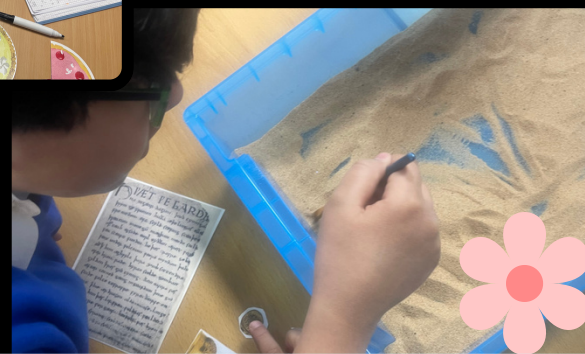
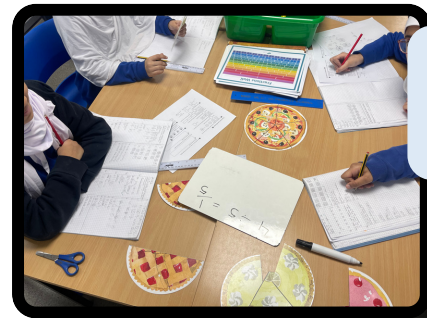


## YEAR 5

In Science this term,  
we investigated  
different plants



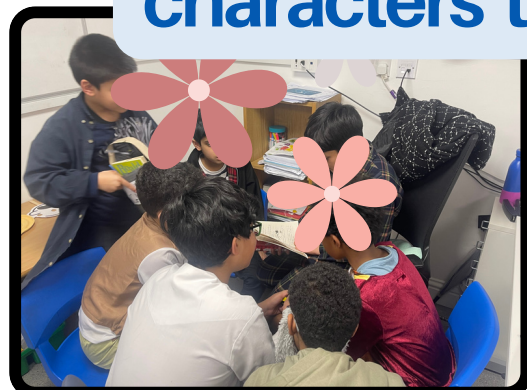
We completed the longest unit in  
Maths- Fraction!



We had the opportunity to  
be archaeologists. We dug  
out Beowulf artefacts.



We really enjoyed  
our World Book  
Day- bringing our  
favourite  
characters to life.





## YEAR 6



*We love our local library!*



HMMM, I WONDER WHICH BOOK I SHOULD CHOOSE?

WE GOT OUR OWN LIBRARY CARDS!



VISITING THE LIBRARY MAKES ME HAPPY!



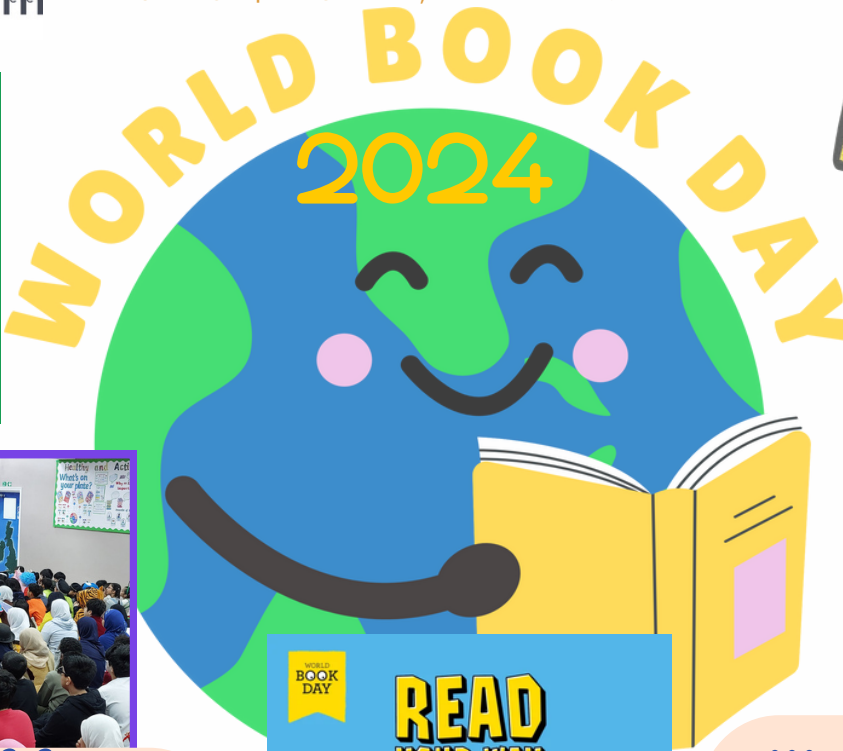
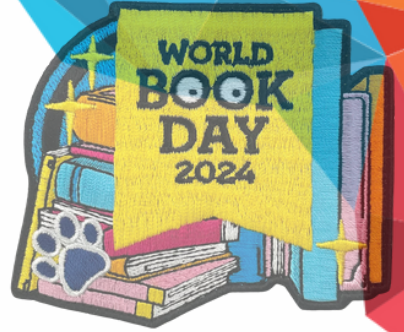
AAISHAH AND MARIAM ENJOYED READING TOGETHER.



ZAKI ENJOYED WRITING A BOOK REVIEW.



LIBRARY



*Lots of fun activities in class & in assemblies!*

*We presented our costumes in class*



*Authors visited the school*

*We dressed up as our favourite characters...*



*Even our teachers dressed up!*





### **Drop Everything and Read!**

Drop Everything and Read is a great way to create fun and excitement around reading for pleasure. It sends a message that reading for pleasure is important, and something everyone should make time for.

We will be starting 'DEAR Time' in the Summer term to develop a culture of reading across the school. Any class, group or individual can Drop Everything and Read at certain times of the day. We encourage parents to continue using this initiative at home too! Choose a regular time that suits you, let everyone know, and at the appropriate time, just Drop Everything and Read!

# SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Pupils' Voice

## GOLDEN TIME

We were very excited to get to decide on the Golden Time structure. Based on feedback from our classmates, we represented their views during our meeting. Altogether, we came to a solution that keeps everyone happy!

## PLAYGROUND

We have been thinking deeply about ways to improve our playground. These are some of our suggestions: friendship bench, basketball hoops, fake grass, etc



VOTE!

## VOTING

As school councillors, we get to vote and make decisions about different aspects of school life such as choosing a name for our newsletter or to continue the tradition of giving Eid gifts to each other on Eid Party Day! We have voted on continuing with the tradition on sharing gifts for Eid. We will be calling it 'Bundles of Barakah'!

*Giving gifts in Islam is not just a customary practice; it is deeply rooted in the Sunnah (traditions) of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him, Abu Hurairah narrated that the prophet (peace be upon him) said: "Give each other gifts and you will love each other."*

## CERTIFICATES

The School Council Certificates, designed by our very own Zaynab Saqib is proving to be very popular amongst pupils and teachers. Each week we look forward to know who are the chosen ones who will be awarded our school council certificate!

Zaynab Bint Saqib: I feel very excited and happy that people receive the certificate designed by me every Friday!

## INDOOR GAMES

After doing a survey in class about what indoor games they would like, we purchased games for all the classes to play on rainy days such as scrabble, Connect4, Uno and much more.



## LIBRARY

We have pledged to look after the school library and ensure it stays neatly organised this half term.

The new librarians are:

Monday- Ibrahim Ahmad & Maryam Patel

Tuesday- Lana Khan & Ibrahim Bin Saeef

Wednesday- Safwaan Mayet & Sumayyah Jiwani

Thursday- Hafsa Wilson & Zaynab Bint Saqib

Friday- Zara Chowdhury & Ayman Ilbn Tahir

JazaakAllah Khayr

# Life of Taqwa

*Tarbiyyah of the half term*

"Oh You Who Believe,  
I Give You  
And Prescribe To You  
Fasting.  
Maybe You Will  
Gain Taqwa (Piety)"  
Quran Chapter 2  
Verse 183



**Who is fasting prescribed for?** e.g.  
Adult Muslims

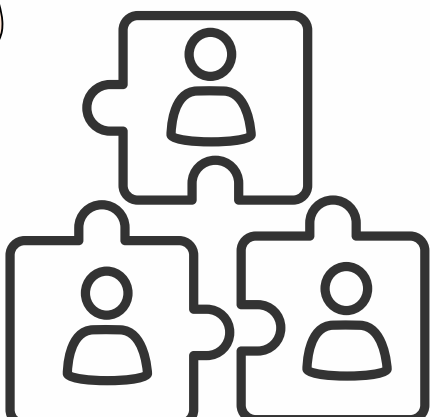
**What is the main purpose of fasting?**  
e.g. Taqwa

**What have you done so far to gain taqwa?** e.g. fasted, have tried to make right choices in behaviour

## Dua



O Allah! I ask you for guidance,  
piety, purity and contentment.



**Next term:**  
Productive  
Relationships



## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

**Reception:** Fatima Haque for always being polite and having an excellent work ethic everyday at school.

Ryaan Khan for his exceptional mannerism, behaviour, attitude to learning and kindness at all times.

**Year 1:** Abdullah Bin Saeef for consistently upholding our school values.  
Abdulaziz Ahmad for consistently upholding our school values.

**Year 2:** Ilyaas Khan for showing excellence in his work & always trying his best in all lessons.

Sumayyah Jiwani for being respectful towards her teachers and peers, and always offering to help everyone.

**Year 3:** Aliza Butt for always showing respect to her peers and teachers, always listening carefully and speaking politely. Excellent behaviour and manners!

Aaliyah Malik for always being eager to help teachers and peers, being honest, and showing mature and responsible behaviour. What great character!

**Year 4 Makkah:** Maariya Haseeb for showing mercy by being kind and compassionate towards others.

Ibrahim Bin Saeef for his excellent behaviour and always trying his best!

**Year 4 Madinah:** Mariam Chowdhury for developing an excellent character through respecting her teachers, peers and environment!

Salma Omar for striving for excellence in her lessons and having a growth mindset!

**Year 5:** Sakeena Mushtaq for excelling in the school values and being an excellent role model.

Umar Mustafa for excelling in the school values and being an excellent role model.

**Year 6:** Zubaydah Zaman for always living by the school's values.

Aaishah Hafeji for always living by the school's values.

Ibrahim Shahid for always living by the school's values.



## COFFEE MORNING WITH PARENTS

### TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. Review of homework
2. Feedback on progress of school development plan
3. Website for the school
4. PTFA activities



We are thrilled to share some of our refurbishment work to enhance our school building! Library is getting a facelift as above!

Here's more to come:

**Technology Integration:** We're going to upgrade the projector in the hall so there is much better projections for our assemblies and performances.

**Aesthetic Upgrades:** From fresh coats of paint to upgrading our existing decorations, we will endeavour to revitalize the appearance of our school to create a welcoming atmosphere for everyone. Wait for a surprise new look...




## 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

**School will close at 12pm at the end of every half term**

NOOR UL ISLAM PTFA PRESENTS



# THE FAMILY FEAST

Ramadan

## for a cause



SAT  
27<sup>TH</sup>  
APRIL

FEATURING



DR. WAJEED AKHTER



ALIYAH UMM  
RAIYAAN



MIKHAEL MALA  
NASHEED ARTIST



SHEIKH SALIM  
AZHARI



THE AZHARIS

### 3 COURSE MEAL RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL & GAZA

0-3 YEAR (FREE ENTRY) | \*SINGLE TICKET - £25  
TABLE FOR 10 - £200 | \*FAMILY TICKET £90

### ETERNITY HALL VENUE

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00

1ST FLOOR PETER MAY CTR, 135 WADHAM RD,  
LONDON E17 4HR



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## MEET OUR GOVERNORS

### USMAN VAWDA

Dates



#### VICE CHAIR AND CHAIR OF FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE

It is my honour to be a community/trust governor for the past twelve years. It is my passion for education that has drawn me to be a governor of my local school, even though I have no connection to the school as my children did not attend Noor Ul Islam Primary School.

I became a governor as I wanted to help my local school through my knowledge of finance, to assist the school to thrive which, benefits the children of local and surrounding areas. Over the years, I have seen many challenges that our school has faced. Alhamdulillah by the blessings of Allah swt, the school has come through leaps and bounds. The challenges the school has faced were changes in leadership, covid, and cost of living to name a few. With all the adversity, there is always a silver lining to focus on and look for a solution for the betterment of our children.

With the responsibility of chair of the finance, I believe it is not one of the easiest tasks. The school had been running in deficit for a number of years since its inception and had been supported by the Trust. One of my goals when I became a governor was that the school cannot afford to run in deficit and be reliant on the Trust to function. Our school is a non-profit making institution and this has always been our focal point. Alhamdulillah, over the last few years, we have achieved our goal and school finance is running on breakeven. To achieve this, it requires a lot of planning by the Headteacher and the finance team.

Our parents recognise their responsibilities and pay their children's fees on time but there are always a few who default on payments. Naturally this impacts on the school finance as we are working on a very tight budget. Parents' support and cooperation in this is vital to keep the school running and ensure the real focus is on education and not on following up on non-payment of fees.

Our aim is always to provide the best education to our children in a safe environment and provide value for money. Our budget is planned as a vehicle for delivering great outcomes for children. This can only be achieved with continuous support of parents.

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

- Review of LEA safeguarding audit
- First Aid and Attendance & Punctuality Policies
- Admissions
- Fees and Admission Policies
- Budget planning for 2024-25

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY SEP 2023 – MAR 2024

Important  
Dates

**WHOLE SCHOOL**  
**ATTENDANCE: 92.8%**  
**PUNCTUALITY: 97.5%**

Attendance		
Rank	Class	%
1st	Year 4 Makkah	94.6%
2nd	Year 3	94.2%
3rd	Year 6	94.0%
4th	Year 5	93.6%
5th	Year 1	92.5%
6th	Year 2	92.0%
7th	Year 4 Madinah	91.8%
8th	Reception	90.8%

Punctuality		
Rank	Class	%
1st	Year 5	98.4%
2nd	Year 6	98.0%
3rd	Year 3	97.9%
4th	Year 1	97.7%
5th	Year 4 Makkah	97.5%
6th	Year 2	97.3%
7th	Year 4 Madinah	96.8%
8th	Reception	96.5%



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.

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



"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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Eid Mubarak

May Allah bless and reward you  
for your efforts this Ramadan,

**Ameen!**

