



Land of Learning Primary & Nursery School

Nurturing the seeds of knowledge



Message from the Head

Assalaamu alaikum

We have had an amazing Autumn Term. Multiple Ofsted inspections kept us very busy and we are very pleased with the judgements we were given. However we had no time to put our feet up as you will see from the many wonderful things we did this term. As Land of Learning goes from strength to strength I would like to particularly thank the children, parents and staff who make the school the warm friendly environment it is. Our core values of always being a good F-R-I-E-N-D is implemented in all we do.

The Ofsted inspector particularly picked up on this and commented each day on how peaceful and calm the school is. I pray that we continue to make our school a successful learning environment for our precious children. As we go into the new term there are certainly many challenges ahead but we are confident that with your support, the expertise of our school improvement partners and divine blessings we will continue to strive for excellence.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

**MACMILLAN IS ONE OF THE LARGEST
BRITISH CHARITIES WHO SUPPORT PEOPLE
AFFECTED BY CANCER.**

MacMillan provides specialist health care, information and financial support to those affected by cancer. 1 in 3 people know someone or has cancer.

At Land of Learning we wanted to do our part and held a Macmillan Coffee Morning which is The World's Biggest Coffee Morning held across UK to raise funds. This year's theme was "Hi Chaii", a high tea Indian style.

We had an amazing turn out and contribution from many parents and staff members who put in a lot of effort donating and baking delights such as cakes, samosas, onion bhaji, khaman, cupcakes, biscuits and much more.

We managed to raise an amazing £650! Thanks to all of you.

We hope this contribution will impact people's lives for the better! Insha'Allah.



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Izzah Sattar	3A
Hanzalah Natha	3A
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Adam Waraich	4B
Maryam Hukawala	5A
Ayaat Yasmeen	5B
Jibraeel Adam	6A
Aseil Al-Qattan	6A
Abdurahman Waraich	6B
Sa'arah Ahmedjee	6B

Inter-schools Maths competition- Snapathon.

MASTER MATHEMATICIANS! EXCELLENT EFFORT! SUPERB SPORTSMANSHIP!

The 4th of December was a morning of great fun and excitement; Land of Learning hosted the fourth annual Maths inter-school competition! Key Stage 2 children from four schools came together to compete in Snapathon 2018. The competition included a series of challenges – questions for each year group, quick-fire rounds and decoding questions. Children enjoyed the variety of challenges, not only helping to build their skills in problem-solving and working against the clock, but also teaching them vital skills of good sportsmanship and fairness.

Contestants from Land of Learning this year were:

Year 3: Haroon Mughal

Year 4: Dawud Uzair Bazawal

Year 5: Abdullah Yasin

Year 6: Ayaan Parekh



Well done to the Master Mathematicians from the following schools who took part in Land of Learning Snapathon 2018:

Whitehall Primary School – 1st place

Land of Learning Primary School – 2nd place

Evington Valley Primary School – 3rd place

Al-Islamia Primary School – 3rd place



Anti-Bullying Week

WE WANT ALL CHILDREN TO BE SAFE AT SCHOOL!

We recently held an anti-bullying week. Each year group looked at different types of bullying and discussed the effects bullying can have on a person.

We talked about the fact that in order for a person's actions to be called bullying they have to be repeated. Falling out with a friend one day and making up the next is not bullying. Being unkind to someone day after day is bullying.

The children came up with some ideas about how we can beat bullying and make Land of Learning a bully-free Zone:



- Look out for the other children in your class
- Tell a teacher or someone you trust about what is happening
- Talk to the bully and tell them to stop
- If you can, ignore the bully
- If your friend is being bullied, go over and ask them if they would like to play with you or tell a teacher what you think is happening.

People who are being bullied often feel very lonely. It can feel as if no-one cares or even that other people are on the bully's side if they don't speak up.

If you think your friend is being bullied, say something! Speak to your friend, to a teacher/teaching assistant/lunchtime supervisor.





Experiencing Art

A WEEK OF ART!

Students had a week wherein the focus was to study Islamic art in detail. Students were encouraged to express themselves and appreciate Allah's beauty through art. We organised an inspirational trip to Leicester University Botanical Gardens. We also held age appropriate workshops throughout the week with a local artist and an expert calligrapher.

The mastery mosaic project competition showcased the excellent range of aesthetically pleasing artistic talents we have.

Students experimented and worked with a variety of materials including air drying clay, colours, crayons, graphite pencils, calligraphy pens and many more! The week buzzed with excitement, curiosity and eagerness and we hope to have inspired the next generation of Islamic artists and demonstrated the beauty around us.



Pupils showcasing their new skills learnt working with local artists



Children's visiting to The Botanical Gardens



All the amazing entries showcased at the Mastery Mosaic Competition.

Diversity Week

WE ALL FIT TOGETHER!

This term Land of Learning held our exciting annual Diversity Week. Our theme was 'We all fit together' and celebrating what makes us unique. We learnt that 'Difference is amazing, so let's celebrate it.' Each year group was given a different country to learn about.

Allah swt mentions in The Quran:

"O mankind, indeed, We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted. (Sura-Hujurat, verse 13)"

Alhumdulillah throughout the week we explored various places and people from around the world without even having to leave the classroom. We marked the occasion by learning about the many different languages, cultures, religions, families, food etc. We also had the opportunity to investigate the daily routine of a child from another country.

The week encouraged everyone to confidently embrace who we are and to respect people for who they are. To celebrate the end of Diversity week we held a school assembly and parents had the opportunity to come and look at the exciting work we had done over the week during parents evening.



Eco Team

ECO NEWS

Alhumdulillah, as part of ECO Schools we have the chance to make a worthwhile difference to our health and environment. As Allah mentions in the Quran we are guardians over this world and we are held responsible for being wasteful.

We also had a visit from Katie France from Living Streets to talk to the whole school about the new WOW Travel Tracker-Walk theme: The Seasons. This new and easy online logging system allows the children to quickly and easily record how they get to school each day. Children can earn badges for being active travellers and at the end of every month the class with the most active travellers gets to keep the WOW Walker Star Trophy for that month. Well Done year 6B for being WOW Walkers in November.

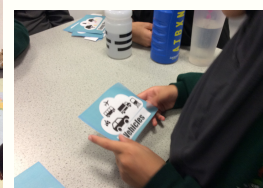
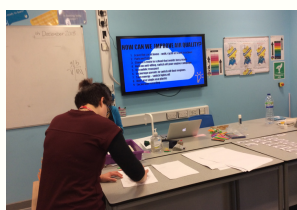
Our Eco Friends have been very busy this term. They had the opportunity to be involved with the Autumn/Winter parks programme at Spinney Hill Park. Our Eco Friends were eager and ready to assist for a spring litter pick at the park. Fifteen bags of litter were collected from the various areas around the park.

Among the litter were large numbers of cigarette butts, plastic bottles, crisp packets and cans. Our Eco Friends greatly improved this area for local residents, visitors and for those who use the park, as well as for wildlife. We would like to say a JazakaAllah to Mr. Faraji for inviting us. We are looking forward to working again with him in the spring.



Our Eco Friends also took part in the Eco Schools Roadshow at Moat Community College. The children enjoyed participating in the three workshops run by Severn Trent, Leicester Masaya Link Group and Air Quality. The workshops gave the children a greater understanding about sustainability, saving water, the pollution in the air and the impact these have on us and our environment.

We pray that this awareness will help our children understand the importance and blessing given by Allah swt to us and will carry this knowledge throughout their lifetime.



Early Birds

This term in order for parents to become more involved with their children's learning, we invited F1 & F2 parents to weekly 'Early Bird' sessions. The aim of these sessions was to give parents an idea of how to help their children progress at home and to understand the methods used to enhance children's experiences. Alhamdulillah... the sessions proved to be a great success and parents were pleasantly surprised with the progress their children are making.



Fun Valley

As part of Islamic art and geometry week the Nursery children went for a trip to Fun Valley to explore shapes in our environment. All the children played independently, and with the advantage of a sensory soft play area, They took risks in their play, using the opportunities they were presented with in a safe, caring and supportive space. Two hours didn't seem enough for them, as they were reluctant to leave after their fun filled adventures!



Brocks Hill Fun Time

This term the children in Nursery and Reception had the pleasure of visiting Brocks Hill Park, to support the children's learning and enable them to experience the natural environment in the great outdoors. The children benefited greatly as it kept them active, opened up their imagination and pushed them to think critically. They were very observant and looked forward to the sessions every week. As the weeks went on they were able to share their experiences and broadened their vocabulary from what they saw.



Behaviour and Welfare

"OUTSTANDING" ~ OFSTED

Alhumdulillah, through the infinite grace and favour of Allah Ta'aala the school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare was recognised as 'outstanding'.

Ofsted inspectors were very impressed with our core values "FRIEND" through which our children know how to be a good friend and understand where they align and overlap with British values as well as Islamic values, seeing similarities rather than differences.

We recognise that Ofsted is only one way of measuring the success of the school. However the result of this latest inspection is testimony to the unwavering commitment and hard work of a fantastic team of staff, supported by a strong governing body and parent body.

We are also extremely proud of our pupils who make Land of Learning Primary a very special school.



Flight Plans & Curriculum

Land of Learning aims to deliver an inspiring and enriching curriculum that promotes a positive growth mind-set which reflects the world the children live in today. Through inclusive cross-curricular and engaging experiences we aim for our children to foster a passion for learning and to develop a can-do attitude.

We also believe that assessment including target setting, recording and reporting, are an important part of a continuous educational journey. This forms the key elements on the delivery, planning and on-going evaluation of an effective curriculum that is relevant to all pupils.

Individual flight paths have been created for each child from F1 to Year 6. These give clear pathways of progress.

The Flight Paths set end of year targets for core and foundation subjects that your child will work towards. We will in partnership with parents/guardians track progress whilst also highlighting strengths and areas of improvement for individual children.

Not only will this develop a stronger partnership but also helps to bridge any gaps in our children's knowledge.

The end of term reports for the Autumn term showed your child's current progress and end of year target.

Please feel free to discuss these with your class teacher.

REMINDERS

- Please park considerately. The school gates should never be obstructed in order to allow emergency vehicles access to the building.
- Punctuality is an essential part of life please instil this in children by always being on time.
- All children must have correct size plimsolls for the first day back
- All uniform must be labelled

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| • 08/01/19..... | School Re-opens |
| • 10/01/19..... | Deadline for F2 Admission Forms |
| • 15/01/19..... | Warning Zone (Year 6 Only) |
| • 17/01/19..... | SATS Tester Session for Parents (Year 6 Only) |
| • 21/01/19..... | PAP Session - Year 1 & Year 2 |
| • 22/01/19..... | PAP Session - Year 4 & Year 6 |
| • 24/01/19..... | PAP Session - Year 3 & Year 5 |
| • 11/02/19 - 14/02/19..... | Assessment Week |
| • 18/02/19..... | Half Term |
| • 04/03/19 - 8/03/19..... | Book Week |
| • 11/03/18..... | STEM Week |
| • 13/03/18..... | F2 Welcome Meeting |
| • 14/03/19..... | Spelling Bee |
| • 21/03/18..... | STEM Exhibition (TBC) |
| • 01/04/19..... | Whole School Assessment |
| • 10/04/19..... | Parents Meeting Early Years & KS1 |
| • 11/04/19..... | Parents Meeting KS2 |
| • 12/04/19..... | School Closes |

We are an eco-friendly school and are therefore reducing our use of paper. All communication will be by text message, email and/or our website, which is:

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