



Al-Ashraf Primary School Newsletter February 2020

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Dear Parents

Alhumdulillah. We have reached the end of another successful term here at Al-Ashraf. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few school matters.

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Mrs Zainab Patel

Hiba at Al-Ashraf!

Our children were super-excited to be visited by Hiba, St James' Farm's very own pony, along with her owner on Friday 17 January 2020. The assembly informed us about different types of horses and children were all given a chance to ask questions. By the end of the session, each child took home a voucher entitling them to a free 20-minute pony-riding session at St James' Farm.

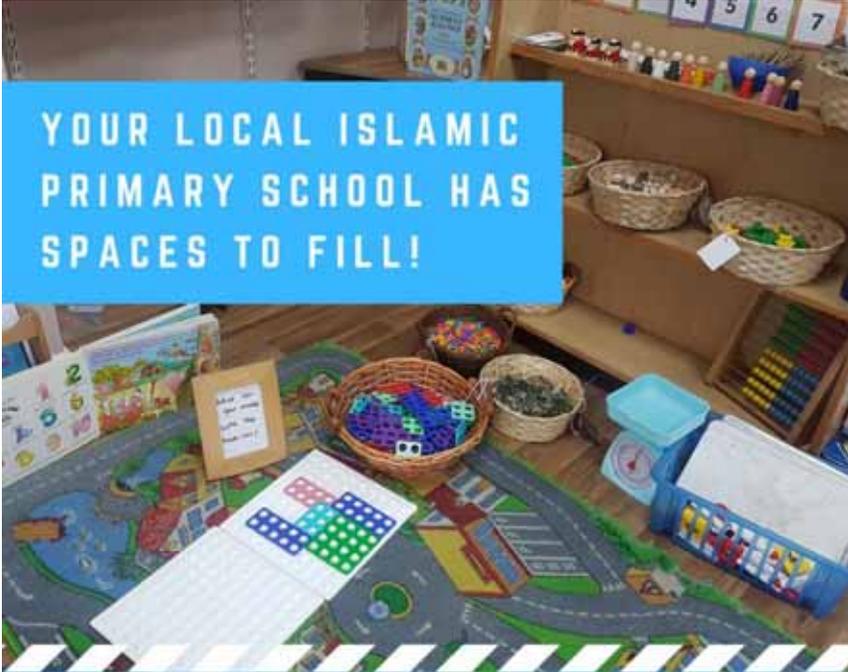
We would like to thank Imran and Bronte who facilitated the visit for us and for providing opportunities for our children which they would otherwise not receive. We hope all the parents can make use of the voucher.



★ New pupils ★

I would like to welcome all the children who have joined us in term 3 and those who will be joining us after the half-term. Our family is growing alhamdulillah, and there are still a few spaces left to fill. If you are aware of anybody who is looking to join our school community, in any year group below, please let us know. Based on availability, we will be happy to consider their application.

Alhamdulillah, we have received 15 applications for our Reception Class of 2020. We are thankful to the parents who continue to put their trust in the school. Any further applicants will be placed on a waiting list.



**YOUR LOCAL ISLAMIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS
SPACES TO FILL!**

AL-ASHRAF PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION (WILLOW) - 4
YEAR 1/2 (ELM) - FULL
YEAR 3/4 (CEDAR) - FULL
YEAR 5/6 (OAK) - 3



The Primary aim of our Islamic school is to safeguard the iman of our young Muslims, helping them discover their Islamic identities in a world of uncertainty. Our pupils also historically perform excellently well in National Exams. If you are interested in sending your child/ren to Al-Ashraf, please visit the school between 8:15 - 3:45; or contact us on 01452-503533. Alternatively, email us on padmin@al-ashraf.gloucs.sch.uk. We will be happy to accommodate you. Prospectus available on request. Jzk

Always Club

This is an incentive we have introduced this year to reward and celebrate children who 'Always' do what their teachers expect of them.

The following children were treated to a pizza lunch with the Headteacher this term-

Reception – Muhammad Adil Alam
Year 1 – Hadia Harman
Year 2 – Asim Shera
Year 3 – Khadeejah Patel
Year 4 – Uzayr Tai
Year 5 – Mehjabeen Ahmad
Year 6 – Wadi Rahman

Readers Reward

The following children made an excellent effort and read 3 times per week, every week in this term –

Reception – Ibrahim, Aisha Meah, Muhammad Amin, Musa Gora

Elm – Zahra Bobat, Khadija, Yusra, Hamza Razaq, Ahmed Salehbhai, Zaynab Tai, Umair, Zainab Amin, Bilal, Jaabir, Maimunah, Maryam Hassanjee, Asim Shera and Ahmad Veshmia.

Cedar – Atiya, Zainab, Zulfa, Khadeejah, Amna Amin, Saarah Hamid, Hamza Nakhuda, Kulthum Daya and Hifza.

Oak – Aqsa Dariai, Ahmad I Patel, Yusuf Al Rashid, Amirah, Asem, Hannah, Abdullah, Wadi Rahman, Jareer Patel, Unais, Ahmad M Patel, Nu'man and Umair

We will be having a special reader's party in the first week back next term IA.

Safer Internet Day 2020

Al-Ashraf Primary School was proud to sponsor the worldwide Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February 2020 ending with a whole school assembly. The aim of this day was to raise awareness and to make online computing safe for everyone. Please remember to have open conversations with your children about their online habits. For more information on how to help your child stay safe online, please visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Gloucester Rugby partnership

Alhmd. We are pleased to inform parents of an upcoming opportunity for our Oak Class to build a partnership with Gloucester Rugby club. We have already welcomed a couple of ex-professional players who delivered an assembly to the whole school and answered their questions. The children were fascinated by the insight they provided and the flags which they distributed to the children. Those who did not receive one, will Insha Allah receive one after they deliver some more.

The Oak class are fortunate enough to receive Tag Rugby sessions during their PE lessons in term 4, led by ex-pros and apprentices from Gloucester Rugby.

Keep your eyes peeled for a potential opportunity to visit Kingsholm, home of Gloucester Rugby for a pitch parade and to watch a game.



Our PSQM Journey!

Fizz Pop Science

This term, our children received an entertaining and exhilarating assembly delivered by Fizz Pop science. The scientist was called 'Rocket' and he had all the children absolutely gripped by the fun experiments!

Fizz pop science will be running a 5 week after school club at Al-Ashraf designed to inspire children towards gaining an interest in the Sciences. They will run after-school clubs on:

- Tuesday 3rd march 2020
- Tuesday 10th march 2020
- Tuesday 17th march 2020
- Tuesday 24th march 2020
- Tuesday 31st march 2020

The sessions will run from 3.35-4.35 pm and will cost £40. Please book online at www.fizzpopscience.co.uk before Wednesday 26th February 2020. Places are limited and will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

FIZZ POP SCIENCE
Experiment! Discover! Inspire!

40 Ashraf Road, Centre, Stroud, Wiltshire, GL5 2JH
0117 251 0495
www.fizzpopscience.co.uk

Online sign up only

School: Al-Ashraf Primary School
Day and Time: Tuesdays - 1:35 - 4:35
Dates: 3/3, 10/3, 17/3, 24/3, 31/3
5 Week Programme Cost: £40

Our After School Programmes are designed to inspire our children towards gaining an interest in the Sciences. Our workshops are a mixture of exciting demonstrations and thought provoking hands-on experiments and tasks.

'Out of Our Senses' - Sensational Science!

TASTE BUDDIES
Fiddling with about flavour is the aim of this session, we explore the reasons why we like some food and drinks, but not others. We will even make after bet to help investigate what makes our drinks fizzy and taste good!

GO WITH MY GUT
Follow food down into the belly as we enter the guts and digest the inner workings of our body from dinner plates to toilet bowl. Find out how the body gets as much as we can by eating and what waste we leave behind!

'SNOTTY SCIENCE'
The body is under attack from dangerous germs and we must protect it! Find out about the mucus that must have mucus and how it protects us from the dangerous invaders all around us. Just in case, take some extra home with you as well.

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES
Seeing is not always believing! We open our eyes to the wonderful world of optics and the workings of the brain. We will see how our brain plays tricks on us to see things as not really there!

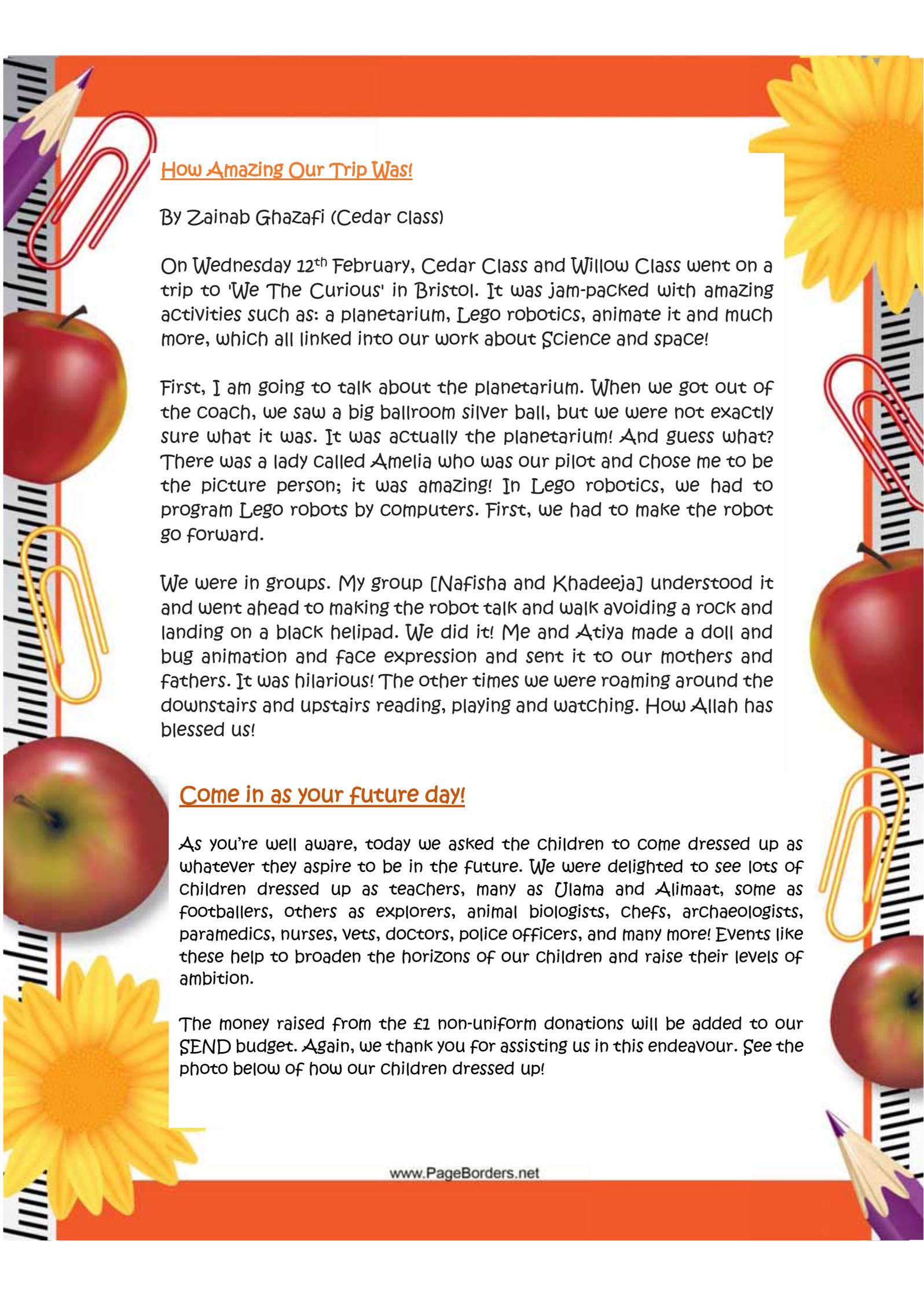
SHED THE VIBES
Become illuminated as we split apart light into rainbows. Discover how light travels and how it can be used every day. Discover invisible messages that are hidden in plain sight to help keep us all safe.

FUN GRADUATION!
Hopefully we have opened your eyes to the world around us! You will be rewarded with a certificate and a special gift in this fun-filled SOUND session.

ONLINE SIGN UP ONLY
Visit our website...
WWW.FIZZPOPSCIENCE.CO.UK
Click on the  at top right of web page

Terms and Conditions: Children can only be given the certificate when they have attended all 5 sessions. Any cancellations and refunds within the period will be charged £5.00 administration fee. No cancellations will be given for any child asked to drop the programme due to local sickness. Refunds can not be given for children missing sessions. Programmes may change without prior notice, however every effort is made to keep all workshops as those stated above.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday 26th February. If your child requires 3NE please call us on 0117 251 0495



How Amazing Our Trip Was!

By Zainab Ghazafi (Cedar Class)

On Wednesday 12th February, Cedar Class and Willow Class went on a trip to 'We The Curious' in Bristol. It was jam-packed with amazing activities such as: a planetarium, Lego robotics, animate it and much more, which all linked into our work about Science and space!

First, I am going to talk about the planetarium. When we got out of the coach, we saw a big ballroom silver ball, but we were not exactly sure what it was. It was actually the planetarium! And guess what? There was a lady called Amelia who was our pilot and chose me to be the picture person; it was amazing! In Lego robotics, we had to program Lego robots by computers. First, we had to make the robot go forward.

We were in groups. My group [Nafisha and Khadeeja] understood it and went ahead to making the robot talk and walk avoiding a rock and landing on a black helipad. We did it! Me and Atiya made a doll and bug animation and face expression and sent it to our mothers and fathers. It was hilarious! The other times we were roaming around the downstairs and upstairs reading, playing and watching. How Allah has blessed us!

Come in as your future day!

As you're well aware, today we asked the children to come dressed up as whatever they aspire to be in the future. We were delighted to see lots of children dressed up as teachers, many as Ulama and Alimaat, some as footballers, others as explorers, animal biologists, chefs, archaeologists, paramedics, nurses, vets, doctors, police officers, and many more! Events like these help to broaden the horizons of our children and raise their levels of ambition.

The money raised from the £1 non-uniform donations will be added to our SEND budget. Again, we thank you for assisting us in this endeavour. See the photo below of how our children dressed up!



World Book Day

This is an annual event aimed at children and adults alike. The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and involve them in reading, by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. With Ofsted's continuous drive to raise standards in reading, this is an initiative we are very keen to support. Therefore, we will be sending home a book voucher for your child which can be taken to a local bookseller and be used to pick one of TEN (exclusive, new and completely free) books. Or they can use it to get £1 off any other book.

This year we are encouraging children to dress up as one of the characters from their favourite book on **Thursday 5th March 2020** and bring that book into school too.

Sport Relief 2020

We will be supporting Sport Relief this year on **Friday 13th March 2020**. The money raised will help real people living incredibly difficult lives both here in the UK and across the world's poorest communities. We, as Muslims, should make use of every opportunity to help the needy and less fortunate. It is hoped that participation in this fundraising event will increase the children's awareness of the poor and the importance and great reward of helping such people. **Pupils are being asked to donate £1 for the privilege of attending school in non-uniform items of clothing.**

Whats new in our nursery!

Healthy eating

The children thoroughly enjoyed our healthy eating topic as they creatively drew fruits and vegetables! As an extension to this, the children independently prepared their own healthy snack, a fruit cocktail stick, which was enjoyed by all. The children were very proud of their achievement; preparing their own snack and this is something we will continue to implement in our daily routine as it helps children improve on their hand – eye co-ordination as well as their fine motor skills.

On Tuesday 4th February, we went to our local Sainsbury's to look at all the healthy food available to purchase. We really enjoyed our walk there and we discussed all the things we saw along the way that is part of the environment. We made sure we practiced all the safety rules and how we carefully cross roads.



Crackerjacks

On Thursday 13th February, we held a sponsored pyjama fun day to help raise funds for a disabled children's charity. Crackerjacks, supply vital equipment and respite break to disabled children. Alhamdulillah the nursery parents have helped us to raise £465.80. We are still receiving donations and will Insha Allah update parents with the grand total after the half term holidays. The children and staff in nursery showed off their fabulous night time attire in aid of Crackerjacks.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th February – Inset Day

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March – Sports for Schools assembly

Friday 13th March – Water Canal Trust assembly

Friday 13th March – Sport Relief Day – Non-uniform

Friday 20th March – Sport for Schools Athlete Visit

Thursday 2nd April – Elm class assembly

As you can see, we have a jam-packed schedule lined up,

Parental support

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their support this academic year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation and backing.

We thus held a parent forum in which we updated parents on the school's progress and direction, which we feel was received quite well. As a community school, we are reliant on parental support, either as volunteers in the classroom, or to lead fundraising initiatives and work in tandem with the school community to raise the profile of the school, especially through initiatives like **Mums and Munchies**, which is led by parents, particularly the mothers.

If you are interested in taking part, or are happy to take lead of the parental efforts, please visit us in the school office so we can start making preparations for the events, inshaAllah

Happy Holidays

Have a wonderful winter break and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 25th February, Insha'Allah!**