

# THE AL-ASHRAF TIMES

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**Another Amazing Term!**

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Dear Parents, Teachers, and Children!

As we near the end of another academic term, we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt JazakAllah to all our staff who have worked tirelessly to help our students achieve their academic goals. Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and we appreciate all that you do.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to our children, who have shown remarkable resilience and a positive attitude towards learning, despite this term being a long one. Your hard work, perseverance, and enthusiasm have been inspiring, and we are proud of each and every one of you.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere thanks to all the parents and members of our school community who generously donated towards the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal. Your contributions will inshaAllah make a significant impact to those who have been displaced out of their homes. Our small school community has Alhumdulillah shown the power of coming together to support those in need.

We hope that everyone enjoys a restful and rejuvenating break and we look forward to more learning adventures next term, InshaAllah.

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Mrs Patel

## HONESTY

The value of this term has been **honesty**. Our children have learnt about being honest to each other, particularly with adults in school and at home. We focused on, remaining honest online and with our parents when using the internet, and how Allah loves those who are honest. The children were regularly asked about examples of their own honest interactions and were reminded to stay away from the temptations of Shaytan. Alhamdulillah, a lesson well learnt

***"Believers! Be wary of Allah, and be with the Truthful"*** Qur'an [9:119]

***"You must be truthful. Verily, truthfulness leads to righteousness and righteousness leads to Paradise. A man continues to be truthful and encourages honesty until he is recorded with Allah as truthful. And beware of falsehood. Verily, falsehood leads to wickedness and wickedness leads to the Hellfire. A man continues tell lies and encourages falsehood until he is recorded with Allah as a liar."*** Hadith of Prophet Muhammad sall-Allahu alayhi wa-sallam



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 27 Feb – School restarts  
Thurs 2 March – World book day  
Friday 17 March – Red Nose Day  
Monday 20 March – Elm Farm Trip  
21/22 March – Ramadhan starts

## KIDZ 4 KIDZ WITH UWT

We had an astonishing response to our Kidz 4 Kidz campaign, our children raising a stunning **£2020.21** for less fortunate children around the world. That is an average of just under £20 per child. A fantastic effort by all, particularly those who came in the top 3 for funds raised:

1. Ahmad V (Oak)
2. Suleman P (Elm)
3. Umair A (Oak)

## TURKEY AND SYRIA APPEAL

As we united for Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Kidz 4 Kidz campaign, our school family came together again to fundraise for the families affected by the devastating earthquake which hit Turkey and Syria last week. We all brought in something for the Bake sale, held a non-uniform day, fed our staff some Biryani, and many generous parents also donated via ParentMail. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **more than a mammoth £2150**, mashaAllah. This goes to show the huge impact of a little effort. May Allah protect all those affected, give them well-being, patience, courage, and grant all those who have passed away a special place in Jannah. May He accept our generosity and du'as for them, and continue to protect us and our families. Ameen



THE STORY OF PROPHET NUH AS  
Year 2 Islamic Studies

This term, the year 2s have been learning about the story of Prophet Nuh عليه السلام. His tireless efforts, tawakkul, patience and perseverance. He invited his people to the oneness of Allah, individually, collectively, publicly, privately, for 950 years, only to see his family members reject the one he loved the most, Allah. The children were asked to place themselves in Prophet Nuh’s AS shoes. How would they feel if they were being laughed at, mocked, taunted, threatened to be hurt? What would Prophet Nuh AS had felt at that time when he was building an ark, without even knowing why?!

We then recreated the scene of the flood. The children used their creative skills to display the morals they learnt from Prophet Nuh’s AS story and discussed that nobody can escape the decree of Allah. It was Prophet Nuh AS who chose to reject Allah, while his father called out to him to come into the ark and be saved, he chose to climb the mountain. It was Allah’s choice that a prophet’s wife was distant from the true religion and it was Allah’s choice that Prophet Nuh AS would spread the call for 950 years despite only a handful accepting, for surely Allah does whatever He wills.

He is highly praised by the almighty sending peace and blessings to him in the Quran. May Allah make his story a means of our steadfastness on Deen, just as he stayed steadfast despite being broken hearted and give us the ability to adopt his qualities in our lives. **Ameen.**



SAFER INTERNET DAY – 7th Feb

As part of our commitment to safeguarding children, we learnt about how to use technology safely and how to avoid trouble on the internet, be it through games consoles, Social Media apps, or chatrooms. We spoke about dishonesty online and being wary of people we do not know! We cannot stress enough the need for parental vigilance in this regard. Our KS2 children were given a lesson in online safety by our resident IT geek, who was impressed by how engaged they were last Friday



ANIMAL PETTING – WILLOW

We have been extremely fortunate to have built a strong relationship with The Friendship Café, and in particular, the City Farm. Over the past few weeks, I have been taking a few Willow (Reception) class children to the farm for animal petting sessions. We’ve had great fun feeding and petting the rabbits, the goats, the chickens, the sheep, lambs and ponies. It has been an unforgettable experience. We hope that the qualities of compassion, care and gentles they learn with animals are transferred into the classroom and in their relationships with each other.



NURSERY UPDATES

Term 3 was all about transportation. Have you ever painted with cars? The children loved observing the marks they made as they pulled car wheels through paint.

Islamic Studies

In our Preschool session, we learnt the tasbeeh which is lightest on the tongue and heavy on the scales. Can you guess the words?

Crackerjacks

Nursery raised funds in support of those differently abled and held a teddy bear's picnic. As the children distributed snacks to their teddies, they practised counting and sharing. The children evenly distributed a variety of treats among our fluffy guests.

Our **nursery rhyme** this term has been 'Wheels on the bus' which is terrific for speech & language development and gross movement.

Adding to that, we have transformed our Madinah room reading area into a **reading garden**. It is a comfortable space which invites children to read and encourages them to spend more time reading in a cosy corner.

**Internet safety Day in EYFS:** We had conversations with children about online safety when at home.



HOUSE POINTS

House	Points
Abu Bakr	46
Umar	49
Uthman	43
Ali	46