



Term 3 NEWSLETTER

Al-Ashraf Primary School

Introduction

Term 3 has been super hectic but so productive, with so much going on, but I want to dedicate it to the amazing work our staffing team do re children's mental health through education and real life support. We creat initiatives to build resilience and give our pupils unique opportunities to showcase their talents, as they showed by qualifying for the Semi Finals of the National Debate Competition. We hosted a special guest in Qari Ziyaad Patel, and celebrated a fusion of our backgrounds in Culture Day.



Upcoming Events

Monday 3rd March - Wednesday 26th March 2025 - School Finishes at 3 pm
for Ramadhan Timings

Thursday 27th March - Tuesday 1st April 2025 - Eid Holidays

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 - Inset Day

Friday 4th April 2025 - Eid Party

Tuesday 8th April 2025 - Elm Class Trip

Thursday 10th April 2025 - Renishaw Assembly Internal (STEM)

Willow



This term, Willow class has been exploring the exciting topic of space! The children have had a fantastic time creating their own galaxy pictures using pastels and chucks, learning the names of the planets, and discovering what life is like on the International Space Station.

The highlight of the term was designing and creating our very own alien puppets! The children were thrilled to have their parents join in, helping to bring these imaginative creations to life. It was a wonderful experience, and we are so proud of all the creativity and enthusiasm shown by the children and parents.

Elm



We have had a great term! All children have made great progress and it is delightful to see them flourish.

We have been learning about the continents and have chosen one country to focus on from each continent. We learnt about the great wall of China, the city of Washington and the Amazing Amazon rainforest.

Year 2 have had a great time at forest school learning new skills through a variety of activities. We have very much enjoyed making bird feeders, mosaic tiles and smores!

In science we have been learning about materials and their properties. We thought about what objects would be like if they were made from a different material.

In Art we have been learning to use different tools to make different marks. We worked with string, cardboard and lollipop sticks. We used our paintbrush to make different brush strokes and created our own expressive paintings.



Cedar

This term we have enjoyed learning about a range of subjects. In Science, we discovered the scientific names for the parts of a flower and the reason bees are so important in pollination. Alhamdulillah! We then challenged ourselves to grow some plants of our own, and have enjoyed watching the cress shoot grow. We've enjoyed swimming lessons at GL1 and a play all about Internet Safety!



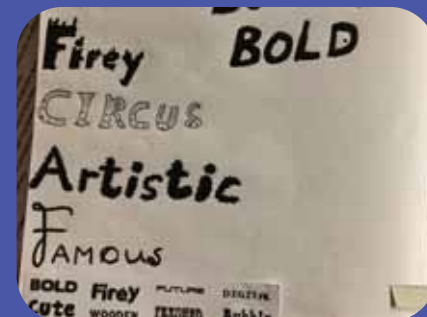
Oak

We have had a fantastic term in Oak Class! It is that time of year when you get to marvel at the progress the children have made, with nearly half the year gone!

My favourite part of this term has been working on our warning tales—the children have worked incredibly hard on them. Another highlight has been creating protest posters in art, exploring fonts, collage, and printing.

In science, we have delved into the wonderful world of forces and conducted several fair tests related to them. In geography, we have been reflecting on our actions and how humanity's decisions now can contribute to extreme weather conditions.

Lastly, we have had a fantastic experience with tag rugby—thank you to the Gloucester Rugby team for making it so memorable!





WELLBEING



Childrens Mental Health Week

3rd - 7th February



Know Yourself, Grow Yourself

Being self-aware means getting to know and understand what we are good at, what we find difficult, our likes and dislikes, what makes us feel JOY and what may cause us SADNESS. It is also about understanding what makes us unique and our fears, hopes and dreams. As we build a sense of self, we grow in our ability to connect with others, as well as develop our skills and talents. It is with this basis we can form strong and healthy relationships, from early childhood right through to adulthood and are equipped to cope with the challenges that life brings our way. At Al- Ashraf Primary School we have dedicated lessons, assemblies, daily check-ins, play therapy sessions, playing with Lego, playing through Art, and so much more.

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Mental Health Matters



NURSERY

Introduction

In Nursery this term, we have been learning about people who help us, starting with doctors, dentists, firefighters, and police officers. The children enjoyed pretending to be sick and helping their friends feel better. They also explored how police officers protect us and the essential work of firefighters. We introduced fire safety, teaching both the advantages and risks of fire. The children discovered the vital role of firefighters in keeping us safe. With the help of books, rhymes, games, movement activities, and interactive resources, the kids had a fun, educational experience, gaining valuable knowledge about these important community helpers.

During Aqsa week, activities included storytelling, building Al-Aqsa models, dressing in Palestinian-colored outfits, and showcasing educational content. We also enjoyed traditional foods like hummus, falafel, olives, and dates. Additionally, we created a winged horse, 'Buraq,' to discuss Prophet Muhammad's journey, hand-printed flag colors, and made traditional Palestinian bread, "Manakeesh."

