

AL Khair Preparatory School Newsletter



Friday 20th March 2020

As Salaamu alaikum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuh

It has been a very eventful two weeks at school.

Ofsted introduced a new inspection process in September 2019 and the way they inspect and judge schools now is different to how they were previously inspected. Last week we were inspected by Ofsted. We will share the results of the inspection as soon as it becomes available.

As well the Ofsted inspection, we have been monitoring the current situation with regards to Covid 19 pandemic. Following the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the school made the decision to close last week, followed by a government decision to shut all schools. Al Khair Prep School did not take this decision lightly and has been following the advice of the government and Public Health very closely. Due to an increased number of children and staff needing to self isolate and the need to take into account that we have not reached the peak of this pandemic, the decision was made by the trustees, governors and executive Heads, to close the school.

The school has put into place a distant learning strategy for children to benefit from remote learning. Parents should have received guidance on accessing the remote learning and 'workbooks' needed for each child.

These are unprecedented times for us all and we are proud of all the staff, children and parents who support us through these difficult times

Adhan Recitation

Each Week, the school will be asking a child from Years 4,5 and 6 to recite the Adhan before Zohr Salaah and Jumma Salaah. In-shallah all children who have learnt the adhan will be chosen to perform.

Ayman Dahir

4B

'May Allah accept our efforts and make us from among those who are at the service of Allah every single day.'

- SAFE**: Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- MEETING**: Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- ACCEPTING**: Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- RELIABLE**: Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.
- TELL**: Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

Class of the week 09/03/20

KS1 2B

KS2 4B

Class of the week 16/03/20

KS1 n/a

KS2 n/a



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Handwashing Workshop

We were very fortunate to have Dr Ferha came to visit us to teach us all about the importance of hand washing.

We learnt:

- Good hand washing contributes to reducing illnesses and how they or others may become ill from ineffective hand washing.
- The key times hands should be washed.
- How quickly and how far germs can spread.
- How to wash hands effectively using good techniques.



Tips for effectively working from home during the corona-virus outbreak, when you have children.

Remote learning is a brave new world for all of us, parents are left with a dual challenge: managing new ways of working, while not allowing their kids to disappear into social media and video games for weeks or months. To minimise disruption to children's education, keep a strict schedule and a list of goals to meet. That will keep expectations clear.

As a family you can have a discussion: what do you think will be the biggest challenges? What are the strengths that we each have as an individual family member that can help out? Discussing concerns and expectations about the quarantine, and what role each person can play to make it better, can be helpful.

Al Khair Prep School has provided your child with a schedule or timetable for their learning. This will include regular breaks for activity, eating and drinking. In the activity breaks, it is important that children get up and move around.

From the first day you will need to establish routines and expectations. You should use the timetable or schedule provided by your school to set regular hours for school work.

Keep normal bedtime routines for younger children and expect the same from your older school-aged children too.

It is important that you set these expectations as soon as distance learning is implemented, not several days later after it becomes apparent a child is struggling with the absence of routine.



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PTA News

Ladies Only Quiz Night

In light of recent developments regarding COVID19 the PTA have decided to cancel Quiz Night. Refunds will be issued to those who have purchased tickets. JazakAllah Khair for your support and understanding.



Preparing for Ramadan

This is an opportunity to reconnect and get closer to our Lord, Insh'allah and gain many rewards. It isn't practical to assume we can achieve this overnight as soon as Ramadan begins if we haven't been slowly working on increasing our acts of Ibadah before hand. Right now is the perfect time to start to work on improving our Eman (faith) and Taqwa (closeness to Allah (swt)) in order to reap as many benefits for the full duration of the month.

Read the Qur'an Daily

The month of Ramadan is the month in which the Qur'an was completed and sent down, so make sure to set some time to focus on it everyday.

"Ramadan is the month in which the Qur'an was sent down as a guide for humanity with clear proofs of guidance and to tell apart between right and wrong."

{Surah 2, Ayah 185}

Set Ramadan goals

Ramadan flies by so fast every year, so if you do not want to have that feeling of being lost during the month of Ramadan or not doing enough, you should set out clear goals from the very beginning.

For example, how much Qur'an do you want to read daily? How much charity do you want to give? What things do you want to engage in with your kids and teach them? Etc. These two are just some of the several things that anyone can set out to achieve in Ramadan.



On Friday 6th March 2020, the Jumma Stall raised £164.11, and on Friday 13th March 2020, it raised £191.10.

JazakAllaahu Khair to all parents for continuing to support the Jumma Stall throughout the year.



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