



Al-Ashraf Primary School Newsletter February 2019

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Dear Parents

Alhumd. 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

The Great Al-Ashraf Staff Bake Off

This term, our talented staff at Al-Ashraf took part in a successful 'Bake-Off' competition and what an event it was! Over 3 weeks, we saw (and enjoyed!) beautiful cakes, delightful desserts and scrumptious savouries, MA.

Congratulations to all our winners for each of the different categories. The winners were:

Desserts:

1. Mrs Sahfiya Patel & Mrs Arefa Patel
2. Mrs Dukandar
3. Miss Asma Moosa

Savouries:

1. Mrs Sajida Garda
2. Mrs Naseem Veshmia & Mrs Khaleda Shaikh
3. Mrs Shamim Pandor

Cakes:

1. Mrs Asma Kathrada
2. Miss Maryam Ismail
3. Mrs Aisha Patel

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Arefa Patel for coordinating this fundraiser. The bakes were all sold during our home time bake sales and we collectively raised a tremendous **£900, MA!!!**



★ Fundraising Update ★

By MI Abdullah Patel – Deputy Head teacher

Alhamd., through the hard work and commitment of children, parents, staff and the entire community, we have managed to raise over **£70,000** (Yes! Over seventy thousand Pounds!).

Divided By Miles | United By Bakes

An example of the power of social media!

Alhamdulillah, an amazingly talented and selfless group of 70+ bakers and small businesses teamed up under the guidance of Maaria Moosajee (@cakeachanceonme) to raise an astonishing **£13,500+** for our school.

Maaria herself was a staff member at the school for 9 years and has led the fundraising efforts over the past 4 weeks. The bakers worked tirelessly to help raise the profile of the school, including our youngest baker, just 11 years old, MA!

Each Baker was a set a target and Alhumd many of them went above and beyond. The excitement on Instagram, Snapchat and WhatsApp has been uncontrollable, with so many well-wishers busy buying treats, donating and sharing! What a fantastic project to be a part of!

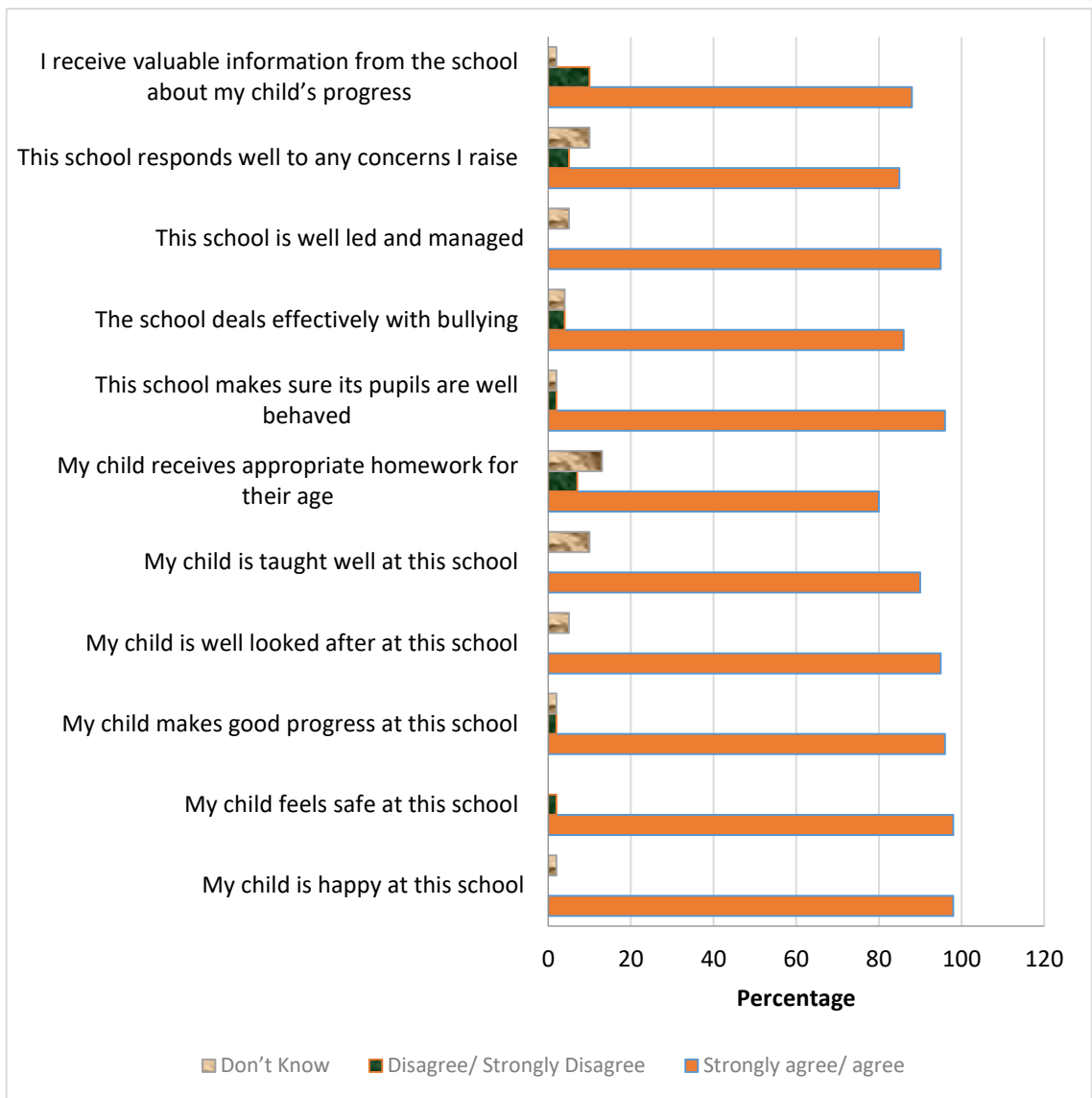
May the Almighty SWT reward everyone involved abundantly both in this life and the hereafter and make these efforts a means of our salvation and success. Ameen

We again request the parents, staff and community to continue to support the school and help us raise the £10,000 or so required to save the school for this academic year, InA.

Parent Satisfaction Survey

Alhumd. We are pleased to share the results of the parent satisfaction survey conducted recently. This is testament to the hard work of all staff who work tirelessly to contribute to the smooth running of Al-Ashraf Primary School. We are pleased to report that **88%** of parents would recommend our school to another parent.

Please take a look at the graph below which demonstrates the overwhelming majority of parents are pleased with the school, Alhumd...!



Dental Hygienist Visit

By Aqsa Darai, Yusairah Patel and Mohamed Bhaiyat

This term, the children at Al-Ashraf were visited by a dental hygienist from St James Dental Practice. We learnt many ways to keep teeth healthy and clean. This was an excellent experience for the children as we need to take care of our teeth and we learnt how to make good choices when eating snacks. We learnt that having healthy teeth = beautiful smiles!

Safer Internet Day 2019

Al-Ashraf Primary School was proud to sponsor the worldwide Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 5th February 2019. 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/>

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 7th March 2019** and bring that book into school too.

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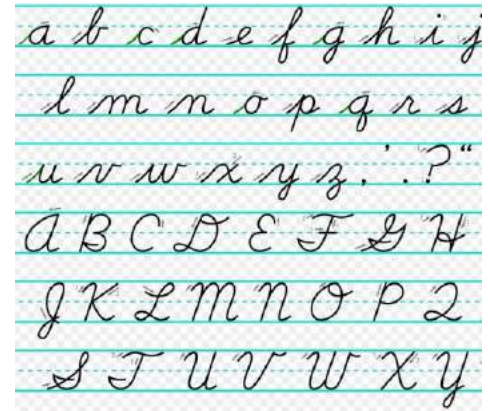


Penguin Presentation Week

Next term, we will be starting the term with 'Penguin Presentation Week'. This has been arranged to improve the children's handwriting and presentation.

We will start the week off with an exciting assembly highlighting the importance of this essential skill. During this week, our staff will support children with this aspect of their work and at the end of the week, their achievement and progress will be celebrated in a whole school assembly.

Please encourage your children to practice this skill at home. Studies have shown that good handwriting has a positive impact on grades.



Comic Relief 2019

We will be supporting Comic Relief this year on **Friday 15th March 2019**. 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.**

**COMIC
RELIEF**

Inset Days

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Monday 17th June 2019

Friday 12th July 2019



RE Event – Judaism

On Tuesday 26th March 2019, children will learn and participate in activities related to Judaism as part of their RE lesson.

Parents Evening

We have arranged parents evening on **2nd May 2019**. Further details will be sent closer to the time. Please note that school will close at the earlier time of 12 pm on this day.



Dates for your Diary

World Book Day - **Thursday 7th March 2019**

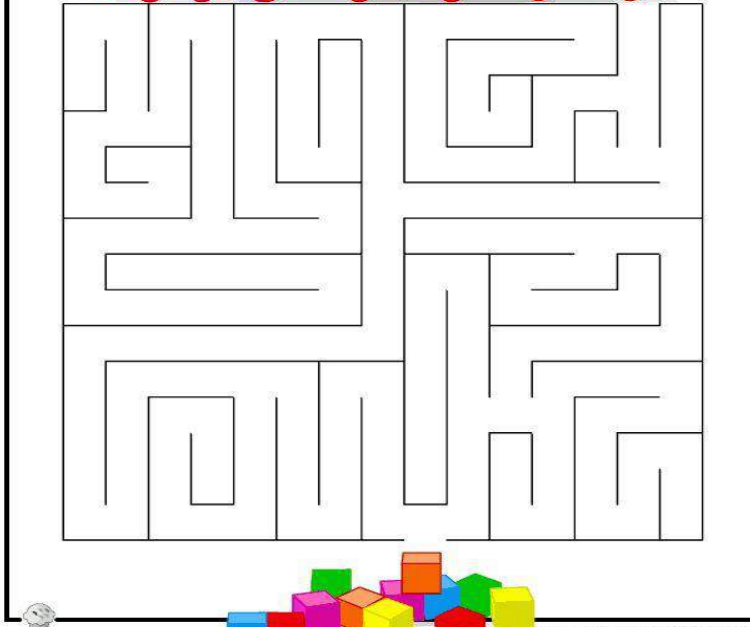
Sport Relief - **Friday 15th March 2019**

Mums & Munchies – **Saturday 30th March 2019**

RE event- Judaism - **Tuesday 26th March 2019**

Parents Evening - **Thursday 2nd May 2019**

HELP THE TRAIN FIND THE CARGO OF BLOCKS!



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Space wordsearch

Can you find all the space-themed words in the wordsearch below? The words go forwards, backwards and diagonally.

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