



# Al-Ashraf: Newsletter

## "Branches in the Sky"

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15<sup>th</sup> Rabi-ul-Awwal 1432

Dear Parents.

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As we come to the end of another very busy and productive term I would like to share some of the highlights and information with you.

### Year 3 Lunches

The lunches provided by the year 3 mums have been a huge success and over 3 sessions managed to raise £651 - JK to all involved. A digital camera has been purchased with the money raised to take photos of children's work and we are hoping to install an interactive facility in all classes by the end of the year. We commend the effort and commitment shown by mums to enhance school resources. Keep it up!!

### Intercom

An intercom system has now been set up for use in the school. I.A this will provide added security for our children.

### Courses for Parents

Following on from the success of the Yr 2 mothers course Fun with Numbers we have now made a same course available for the Yr3 mothers.

Shamim Apa has kindly offered to teach mothers the correct pronunciation of the Quraan. This takes place at the school on Monday 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Both these courses will help you to support your child's progress.

### Wudhu.

The Yr 4 children have been taught practically how to perform wudhu correctly. As this was done on a one-to-one basis the teacher invested a lot of time and effort behind this. We request that you encourage your child to perform wudhu correctly to reinforce what they have learnt.

### Madrasah Interim Reports

In addition to regular on-going assessments throughout the year, all children have been assessed by either Mufti Abdullah or myself and reports are being sent out today. They contain both assessment feedback as well as teacher's comments. Please do not hesitate to contact myself if you would like to discuss your child's progress.

### Swimming

Yr4 have also started a 12 week swimming course with the Yr3's eagerly waiting for them to finish so they can start theirs.

### Gifted and Talented

We are currently in the process of developing Literacy sessions for the Gifted & Talented children in order to encourage Yr. 3 & 4 pupils to achieve their maximum potential. By giving these children this opportunity we hope to maximise their learning and experience and enable them to widen their horizons and thrive academically.

### After school sports sessions

The teachers have kindly offered to run after school netball sessions which will be open to all girls. Spaces are limited to 28 and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. These will take place after the holidays on Tuesdays between 3.45pm and 4.15pm. Please register your interest at the school office.

### Sponsor Money

The year 2's sponsored walk in early January raised a total of £1045. A fantastic achievement - well done Year 2. The most sponsors were collected by Suhayb Qureshi with a magnificent £200. He was rewarded by Miss Bhaimia for his efforts. Masha-allah.

### Iqra show

I am sure you will have heard Al Ashraf pupils perform on radio. Mash-allah we have amongst our children some budding qarees and nasheed artists!

### Snack

Please continue to provide your child with healthy snacks to eat at break time. In the event that your child forgets his/her snack please ring the school and we will provide a fruit for them at a charge of 20p.

### Morning drop off

Parents are reminded that the school is not responsible for any child dropped off before the doors open at 8.30. Children arriving before this time need to be supervised by their parents. Also please **DO NOT** send your children unaccompanied. We also request that you do not enter the school building at drop off time. This applies to Reception parents whose children will shortly begin their fourth term so this will promote independence.

Mothers attending courses at Al-Ashraf are requested to avoid talking to their children or the teacher. If you need to speak to the teachers please make a separate appointment or ask at home time if they are to be able to speak to them

### Cutlery

If your child needs any cutlery for lunch please make sure you provide it for them as it will **not** be provided by the school.

### Lunch Duty.

We are indebted to those mothers who carry out their lunch duty regularly - may Allah reward them. Mothers are humbly requested to make a note of their duty in the Rota that Khaleda Apa meticulously prepares. Your support is of paramount importance in ensuring the safety of our children. Please only consider cancelling your duty in the event of an emergency. There have however recently been a lot of late cancellations and this puts a severe burden on the staff and affects child security, therefore if attendance for lunch time duties does not improve soon, regrettably a fee will be introduced to employ additional supervisors.

### Final Thank you

Finally I would like to thank parents for their continued support with the running of the school and also in helping to reinforce within their children the Islamic morals and values, which we endeavour to deliver at Al Ashraf, Jazakumullah Khayran.

**School is closed for the holidays from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February and re-open on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

On behalf of the school we hope you have an enjoyable holiday.

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