

Dear Parent, Carers, and Friends of Iqra Primary School,

**Assalam u Alaikum.**

It seems almost incredible to believe that we are at the end of the Spring Term and what a busy term it has been! It has been a productive time, with all the children and staff working incredibly hard. Here is a roundup of some of what has been taking place at Iqra.

Best wishes

Dr Mineza Maher (Headteacher)

## World Book Day

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, the children took part in the World Book Day. The week kicked off with interactive assemblies and activities aimed at reading.

A variety of much loved book characters came through the Iqra school gates on the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> ready for some book-related **mufti** fun! The World Book Day theme this year was 'Share a Story' and the children all had an opportunity to do a speech to their classes about their favourite books, characters and authors. We were also lucky to have a visit from Paw Patrol's 'Chase' and Rupert the Bear that the younger children loved!



The World Book week concluded in a fantastic **Book Swap Fayre** where the children swapped books that they no longer wanted. The event was great fun and all the children participating went home with a book to enjoy.



It was lovely to see so many of our children enthusiastic about their favourite stories and reading. Thank you for your mufti day donations. We will be using the monies raised to buy books for the children to enjoy.

Quote of the month:

"No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted"

(Aesop)



## Super star

**Harris Malik** in 1.1 for working hard in all lessons and making incredible progress

**Zahra Abbas** in 3.1 for always trying her best and making great progress throughout this term. She is also a good role model for her friends

**Ahsaan Khan** in 3.3 for excellent mannerisms and always being polite to adults and children

**Mohammed Zia Hassan** 3.3 for continuously trying his best in all subjects

**Umar Yakub** in 4.1 for an amazing attitude to learning

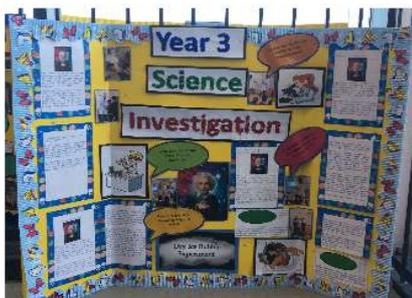
## Year 4 visits Hampton Court Palace

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March, our lucky Year 4 children visited Hampton Court Palace. There was plenty of hands on learning sessions as the children learnt about Henry VIII and life in a Tudor court. The children enjoyed exploring Henry's Great Hall, the famous Haunted Gallery, the Tudor Kitchens and the stunning gardens. The day was a great success, and allowed the children to deepen their knowledge of the past, the present and the world around them.



## British Science Week at Iqra

11<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March saw our children involved with various activities as part of the Iqra Science Week celebrating science, technology, engineering and maths. The children had a chance to study famous British scientists and produced some fantastic boards displaying what they had learnt.



The school also hosted some exciting science investigations and external workshops through which children learnt about neurons, making things fly, healthy hearts and heart dissection, habitats, living things and much more!

Whilst science week may be over, the children can still take part by getting creative and entering the British Science Association's annual poster competition, on the theme of journeys. The competition closes on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. Further information can be found on <https://www.britishsienceweek.org/>



## Year 6 children visit a Synagogue

On the 11<sup>th</sup> March, a group of Year 6 children ventured out to The Central Synagogue in London as part of their studies of all major religions. During a tour, the children received an introduction to Judaism, the Torah and the religious festivals. The children also had an opportunity to learn about the significance of the Synagogue and explore the interior design. The trip was very informative and brought the theory the children have been learning to life. Everyone also enjoyed travelling on the public transport, including the underground. The teachers were very impressed with the children's exemplary behaviour during the day – well done!



## Year 3 trip to Woburn Safari Park

This month, Year 3, embarked on an exciting adventure to Woburn Safari Park. The children had the opportunity to learn about the animals and their senses as well as take a wild road safari and see some Lions, Giraffes and Rhinos. The children also adored seeing the penguins and sea lions. Best of all was the huge indoor soft play adventure area, which was lots of fun. It was a great day out and enjoyed by all.

## **Go - Ape Adventure**



**Go Ape!**  
LIVE LIFE  
ADVENTUROUSLY



"Wow", we climbed, bounced, slid and explored high up in the trees it was amazing. Go Ape is based in Black park and they kindly opened for the school to visit and take part on their Nets Kingdom Course. All the pupils were apprehensive to start but after a little while found their confidence and over came their fears. All the pupils had a fantastic time and wanted to stay for longer.

"We are on top of the world!"

"At first I was really scared, then after a little while I had so much fun"



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Don't forget to check our monthly sports newsletter for a roundup off all the latest sporting news at Iqra!

## RED NOSE DAY

### Red Nose Day

Everyone dressed up in as much red as possible and accessorised with their red noses! Thank you to everyone for buying their red noses and donating to this worthy cause, which supports vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally so that everyone can live a life free from poverty. We sold 17 boxes of red noses and raised an amazing £860. Well done everyone!

### Stepping back in time

Some Year 4's had the opportunity to step back in time and visit Leeds Castle as part of their learning on the Tudors. The children were overjoyed to visit the castle of King Henry VIII and explore the magnificent castles interior and the vast gardens. They particularly enjoyed challenging themselves to escape the maze and underground grotto.



### Attendance

#### **Great News!**

Iqra School's attendance is currently 95.8% and puts us in line with the national average. This has been predominantly due to parents making sure that the children are getting to school as much as possible and ensuring that they are not taking holiday leave in term time.

Iqra School places a lot of importance on our children being at school and we value your continued support in ensuring that children are accessing their education and are receiving as much opportunity as possible to achieve their full potential.

This month, the classes with the best attendance were 3.2 and 4.3 with 99.0%. **Congratulations!** Not far behind was 5.3 with 98.8% and 6.1 with 98.6%.

## Handy Active movement Tips for SATS

These simple changes are to help support the fantastic work by the teachers to prepare your children for tests and exams. They may not work for all – but Active Movement is always about giving everyone small changes that could make a big difference. Good luck to you all!



# Active SATS



Getting ready for your SATS can be tiring and hard work.

Some special active movements ideas have been prepared especially to help you.

## Active Walking

Walking between lessons or at home can refresh you and give you more energy. See the special walk for Year 6s

## Active Breakfast

A good diet is good for your energy and digestion. Add a piece of fruit to your first meal of the day. Swap a sugary cereal for porridge or a boiled egg some days

## Active Drinking

Plenty of water to drink is good for your body and your brain. Make sure you regularly have some.

## Active Sleeping

Go to bed at the same time and not too late. Screens such as TVs and mobiles keep you awake so keep them out of the bedroom. Read a little if you cannot go off to sleep

## Active Revising

Standing up can help you remember things. Have a short break after 20 minutes of revising by standing or walking about for a few minutes. Test what you have learned standing up with your mum and dad or a friend

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## Important dates for the diary

### Term 5:

Term starts on:	Tuesday 23 April 2019
Term ends on:	Friday 24 May 2019
Half term Holiday	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2019

### Term 6:

*School closure for Eid	Monday 3 June – Wednesday 5 June 2019
Term starts on:	Thursday 6 June 2019
Term ends on:	Monday 22 July 2019