



# ABU BAKR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamualaykum

It has been wonderful to see and welcome all our pupils back this term. Although we have faced a few challenges we would like to thank you all for your support and co-operation.

It's been pleasing to see our Reception children settle into the school routine, enjoying their time and making new friends. We are very happy to see our pupils making a positive start to this term, they were asked to make rapid adjustments to their daily routine and managed this exceptionally well.

Our focus has been ensuring the continued mental and spiritual wellbeing of our pupils. To support this we have introduced a series of morning assemblies; weekly seerah sessions, planned Friday assemblies and Surah Kahaf and Durood on Fridays mornings. At the end of the day teachers use relaxation and meditation techniques to help teach pupils how they can best manage daily challenges. This has proved to be very beneficial amongst staff as well as pupils.

We have also re-launched our Asma-ul- Husna challenge. Last year we were unable to complete the challenge due to lockdown, but we are hopeful that the re-launch will allow pupils to resume from where they left off. Please support your child with memorising the 99 names of Allah (SWT).

Considering the challenging circumstances we are facing nationally, which in some areas have resulted in temporary school closures or some bubbles to self-isolate, it gives me great joy to share with you our attendance for the autumn half term which currently stands at 96% Masha'Allah. That is fantastic, I would like to commend our school community in helping and working with us in order to achieve this.

Please enjoy a well-deserved half-term break, continue to follow the Government guidance and stay safe.

### 100% Attendance



Week 1	Year 1 Lilies Year 3 Bluebells Year 3 Sunflowers	Week 5	Reception Daises Year 3 Bluebells Year 4 Poppies
Week 2	Reception Roses	Week 6	Reception Roses Year 1 Lilies Year 5 Marigolds Year 5 Lavenders
Week 3	Reception Daises	Week 7	Reception Roses Year 5 Lavenders
Week 4	Reception Daises		



## Stone Age – Year 3 Bluebells

This term we have been learning about the Stone Age period. We explored and identified key questions that we wanted to learn and develop on. Some questions were; How did they live? Who were they? What did they eat and how did they hunt? We had group and whole class discussions about Stone Age life and we discovered the importance of stone during the Stone Age period. They used stone for almost everything including tools and jewellery. The Stone Age



people were very illiterate and therefore they were only able to communicate using gestures and painting. We watched a video on making tools during the Stone Age period and we discovered that they used a special material called flint from stones to make tools.

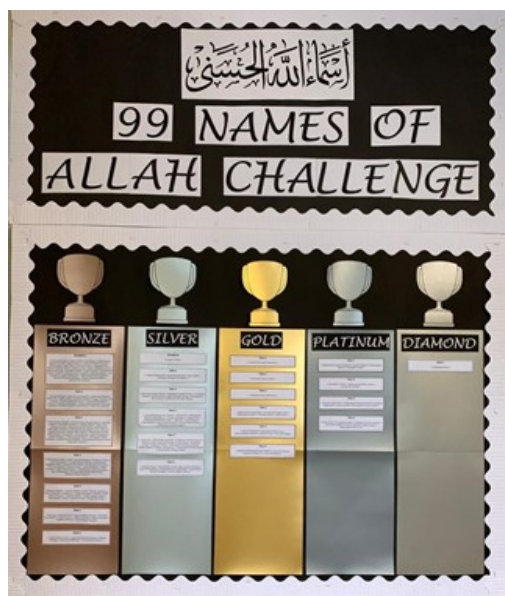
*Maseehullah- before they discovered spears, they used big stones to hunt animals down.*

*Hadi- they used fire for light, protection and cooking*

*Muskaan- they spent most of their time hunting for food and collecting sticks for fire.*

The children were so intrigued about this topic that they wanted to make their own 3D projects. The children worked really hard with their families to plan and make their own projects which they brought into school to share. Next term, we will use the projects to enhance and build on their knowledge about the topic.

## Asma ul Husna challenge



We have re-launched our Asma ul Husna challenge as we were unable to see it through in the last academic year due to lockdown.

We are very proud of the achievements of our pupils as every pupil is actively participating in the whole school challenge as you can see on the achievement table.

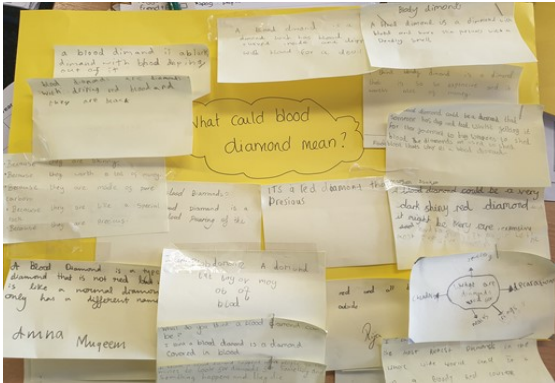
A special mention for our pupils who have reached Platinum (memorised the 99 names of Allah in Arabic) and an extra special mention for **Muhammad Ali - Year 3 Bluebells**, who has managed to achieve Diamond (memorising the 99 names of Allah in Arabic including the translation) Masha`Allah.

We look forward to seeing our pupils move up the stages in the run up to the December deadline, Insha`Allah.

## Black History

Pupils explored the concept of blood diamond and then compared it to what they initially had thought. We went through a PowerPoint and identified on a map where it took place and discussed how living conditions were like during that time. We compared it to our lives and how slavery still continues today.

Pupils showcased great understanding when reflecting on the story about the Prophet and his challenging neighbour, many were able to recall in detail and answer relevant questions. We also looked at the fact that although we may all be different we are all very special.



This year in Black History month we have looked at many inspirational black people. We have studied the history of: Mary Seacole, Rosa Parks, Maya Angela and many others. It has been a wonderful experience to learn about the enslaved people and how they had no rights. In year 6 we learnt how the slave trade started and how they were treated. We were fortunate to do an assembly on Black History and the slave trade and perform in front of the school.

Maryam Hassan Year 6

## Protest

Once we heard about slavery we made a class decision to do a protest. We made banners that said stop child labour and children deserve a happy life and lots more. Some of us made a letter and some of us made banners. In our classroom there was a carpet made in India so we used it and we marched behind it.

Zahra Hussain

We had been learning about modern day slavery for Black History Month and we did not like what was happening so we protested. We designed banners and practiced a speech. My saying on the poster was 'Children Deserve Love and Care not Hate.' In my class room there was a rug made in India and we used that too to show what children were being used for.

Iqra Mohammed





## Year 6 Head Boy & Head Girl

Head Girl – Naeela Awal

“I am extremely grateful that I got such an amazing opportunity. I am honoured to be chosen for such an important role. When I first got the letter, I felt excited. It convinced me that I have the skills and ability to be a leader. I submitted my application form and prayed I would go through into the interview process, Alhumdulliah which I did. When they were about to announce who would be head girl my heart skipped a beat. Who would get the role? And it turned out that it was me! I was so happy! I felt honoured to have this big role! Thank you to my teachers as well as my family and friends. I am extremely grateful.”

Head boy – Musaab Bin Umair

When I got elected for head boy I felt my heart pulse so fast like it was coming out of my body. The moment Miss put the badge on I felt so happy. I know it will be hard to be head boy as I'm the role model for the school; I need to be working hard and to have much harder tasks to accomplish. I am so grateful. When I came home my mum, dad and my brother were so happy. When Miss said 'Musab is the head boy' In my brain I was so grateful to Allah that he made the head-teacher (Mrs Anisa) appoint me as the head boy. (Credit: Mrs Yasmin, Mrs Robina, my mum, dad, brother and my closest friends.)



### Staff changes

We welcome to the school Mrs Ruby to our Admin team, Mrs Alia and Mrs Rubi to teach in Year 4. Also Mrs Khan, Mrs Ferdouse and Mrs Jamila to our lunchtime team.

### Key Dates

Half term – *Monday 26th October 20120 to Friday 30th October 2020*

Inset day – *Monday 2nd November 2020*

School open to pupils – *Tuesday 3rd November 2020*