

# AL AMEEN

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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### Solidarity with the people of Palestine

Alhamdulillah! We raised £1925 for our appeal for Palestine! Thank you for your support!

## WELCOME FROM THE HEAD

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah

I am delighted to share how wonderful the start of this term has been for our school community. The children have settled in beautifully, demonstrating enthusiasm, focus, and a remarkable commitment to their learning.

Our classrooms have been buzzing with curiosity and creativity as pupils embrace new challenges and opportunities to grow. It has been heartwarming to see friendships flourish, kindness shared, and our core values reflected in every corner of the school.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated staff, who continue to inspire and nurture our children with unwavering passion and care. Your support as parents and carers has also been invaluable in helping us foster a positive and productive learning environment.

In this newsletter, we have shared a glimpse of what we have been doing in school.

Ustaadh Amin (Head Teacher)

### Parent Workshops

Alhamdulillah, this term we ran two workshops for parents.

#### Palestine workshop

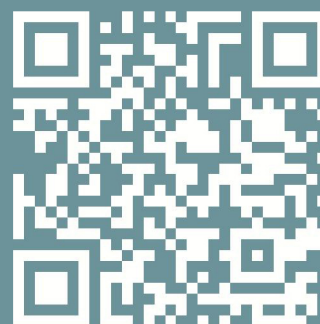
In this workshop, we went through the history of Palestine. We managed to cover a decent amount and hope to complete this in the future.

#### SATS workshop

We ran a workshop for year 6 parents where we covered what the SATs tests entail.

Unfortunately, we didn't send out a confirmation regarding this workshop and there were a few changes to the dates and we sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused anyone who wanted to attend, but was unable to do so. We will contact year 6 parents in the new term and offer to run this workshop again.

In the meantime, you may view our previous SATS workshop by visiting:  
<https://vimeo.com/626960283?share=copy#t=0> or by scanning the QR code below:



## IMPORTANT DATES

**6th Jan 2025** - Teacher Training

**7th Jan 2025** - Children return

**17th - 21st Feb** - Half term break

**24th Feb** - Children return to school

**2nd Mar** - Ramadhan begins

**21st Mar** - School iftaar event

**26th Mar** - Half day school

**27th Mar - 1st Apr** - Eid holiday

**2nd Apr** - Children return to school

**4th Apr** - Eid party

**14th - 25th Apr** - End of term break

**28th Apr** - Children return to school

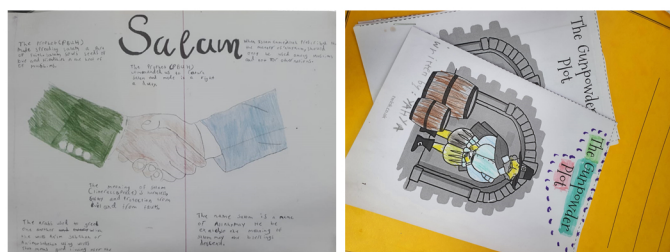
## Year 1



In Art, children explored their creativity by sketching their own designs and bringing them to life as moving pictures inspired by the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

In Science, children had fun designing their own imaginative pets. They considered their pet's unique features and thought about how to care for them to ensure they stay happy and healthy.

## Year 2



This term, children learned about the importance of saying Salaam. They also explored different animal habitats, such as underground, desert, forest, and the North Pole, and recreated these environments in their work.

Additionally, they studied The Gunpowder Plot and learned about the story of Guy Fawkes.

## Year 3



This term, year 3 looked at the topic, The Great British Bake Off in DT. As a class they measured the ingredients and followed the bread roll recipe to bake their own breads. They had a go at designing their breads into different shapes.

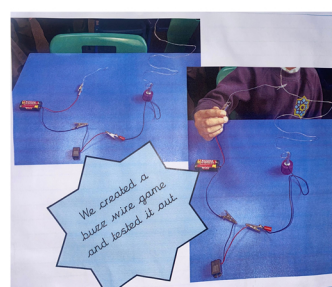
We also looked at the topic of Ancient Egypt. We visited the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery for a workshop on the Mummification process. The children were shown different objects from

ancient Egyptian times and they discussed who they belonged to and who made them? We had a practical activity looking at the process of Mummification and why it takes place.

In computing we looked at animation. Children used an app called iMotion to create their own animations. They worked in pairs planning their scenes and creating their characters and backgrounds. Each picture was taken in frames and put together to create their animations.

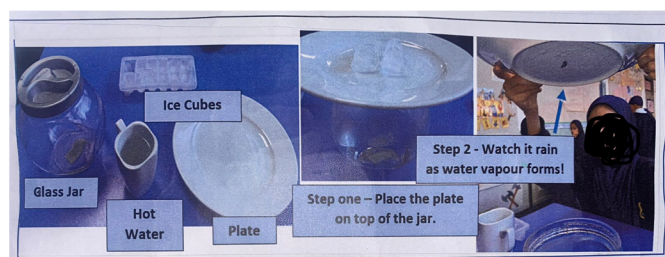


## Year 4



In science, pupils have been learning about circuits and the components that make them work, as well as exploring insulators and conductors. To put their knowledge into

practice, they designed and built their own buzz wire games. This hands-on project allowed them to test their understanding while developing problem-solving skills. It was fantastic to see their creativity & excitement as they worked on their designs and tested their games!

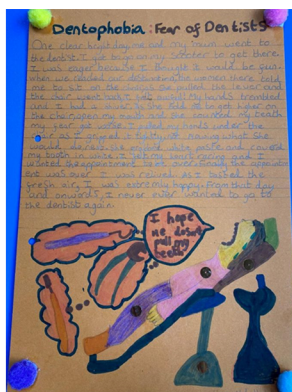
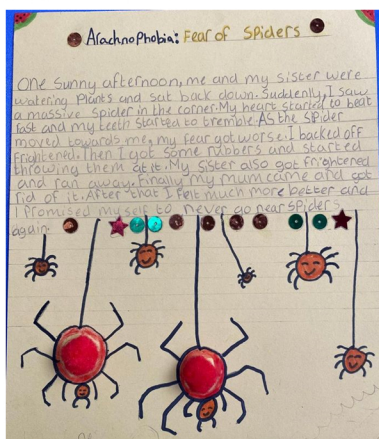


In science, pupils explored how water changes state from gas to a liquid. To demonstrate this, we conducted an experiment where hot water was poured, allowing the children to observe how water vapor forms and then cools into tiny droplets. This hands-on activity helped them understand the process of condensation in a fun and engaging way, sparking curiosity and discussion!





## Year 4 (continued)



In English, Year 4 pupils created a fantastic scrapbook inspired by 'Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears' by Emily Gravett.

This creative task allowed children to explore and express their emotions through storytelling and art, resulting in a deeply personal and imaginative collection.



In art, pupils have been learning about the evolution of lighting, from the use of fire to modern battery-operated lights. They combined creativity with science by designing and creating their own lamps. Using battery-operated lights,

they tested complete circuits to make their lamps work. This project not only showcased their artistic skills but also deepened their understanding of how technology has transformed over time!

## Year 5

This term, Year 5 engaged in an exciting and diverse range of activities that showcased their creativity and curiosity across subjects:

**Computing and English:** The children planned storyboards for a short film to record an interview with the main character, Aya, from No Ballet Shoes in Syria, delving into the themes of the book while integrating digital storytelling skills.



**Science:** In their Forces unit, they conducted two fascinating experiments. First, they tested air resistance by designing and creating parachutes, observing how different variables affected their performance. In another experiment, they explored the effects of friction, analyzing how surfaces influence motion.

**Design and Technology (DT):** The class showcased their problem-solving and engineering skills by designing and building marble runners, combining creativity with practical application to construct engaging and functional designs.

## Year 6



**D&T:** Make an automata animal mechanism. Over the span of two lessons, year 6 created their automata animal moving mechanism. They needed to stick to their own design criteria and follow instructions to create their mechanism safely. This was a very exciting and challenging

process. A lot of trial and error was involved but it was great to see the children overcoming flaws in their mechanism through thinking through problems logically. Well done to all!

## Trip to Bewdley Museum

Year 5 and 6 had a lovely trip to Bewdley Museum where they explored what it would have felt like to be an evacuee, learnt about preparations for war and visited a genuine World War II Air Raid Shelter located in the museum grounds. They got to experience what it would have been like to be in an air raid shelter and even got to wear gas masks. They learnt about the Blackout and the changing roles of women. This was a truly educational trip!



## Year 6 (continued)



**Computing:** 'Communication and collaboration'  
The topic for computing this term was 'Communication and collaboration,' and year 6 learnt about the following topics: the importance of internet addresses, recognising how data is transferred across the internet, evaluating different ways of working together online (via scratch) and evaluated different methods of online communication.



**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH  
COMPETITION WINNER  
SAHAR IN YEAR 6!**

## Minibus Appeal

Alhamdulillah, at the beginning of this academic year, we purchased a minibus for the school which will be used to provide a range of opportunities to go on external visits. We still have not collected the full amount required to pay for the minibus and our appeal remains open for the minibus. If you would like to donate, please see details on poster.

### AL AMEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL MINIBUS APPEAL

Our school is in need of a minibus so that we can provide children more access to local services and recreation opportunities.

Donate Now: [campaigns.givebrite.com/minibus](https://campaigns.givebrite.com/minibus)



## A BIG THANK YOU!

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your continuous support. We had a lovely fundraiser yesterday for the winter wonderland sale and the fundraiser for Palestine was also a great success.

We know that these are difficult times and we are grateful for the support parents continue to provide. The additional fees parents will have to pay due to the application of VAT by the government is understandably going to have a great impact on many, but inshaAllah this investment of yours in your child's education and upbringing, will bring rewards many fold.

Alongside the VAT on fees, there is an additional cost to the school which is the removal of business rates relief. This is costing the school in excess of £55,000 per year! We haven't added this on to the fees at the moment as we are trying to see if we can manage this through other ways. If parents are in a financial position to do so, please speak to us regarding making a donation. Jazaakumullaahu Khairan.