

IQRA Academy Newsletter February 2018

Foundation Stage

Nursery: Our topic has been Peace at Last. We have enjoyed learning about different sounds and going on our 'sound walks'.

Through our mini bus trips we have visited many places including the Media Museum and Yeadon Tarn. Umar says: "We went to Yeadon Tarn and we saw two aeroplanes!"

We have also been learning about Chinese New Year and trying different Chinese foods. Aleeyah said "I liked eating prawn crackers because they were tasty."

Reception: We have enjoyed our mini bus trips, especially our visit to the Media Museum. Mairah liked the Wonderlab "it was awesome!" Abdul-Wahab said "I liked playing the Mario game."

Next term we will be making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and have a special Mother's Day assembly planned. Further information regarding the Mother's Day assembly will follow.

We are pleased to say that we have had many comments from members of the public saying how well behaved our pupils are whilst out on mini bus trips. Well done children and thank you to our parents.

Year 1

Our favourite author this term is Julia Donaldson. We enjoyed writing stories linking to Julia's book Superworm. "Hip hip hooray for superworm! My favourite lesson is English. I like to write stories and watch stories on the whiteboard." – Sara.

Miss Austick is extremely proud of how hard all of Year 1 are working on their adding and subtraction. Keep up the good work.

Year 2

We have been learning about the Great Fire of London. Mrs Sitti would like to thank all the parents for helping their children make amazing model houses as part of their homework. Next term we will be making fire engines!

In Maths we enjoyed making pizzas whilst learning all about fractions.

Message from Mrs Gilpin "thank you for attending the Year 2 SATs meetings, I hope you found the sessions helpful. We appreciate your support"

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Year 3

The weather was a bit chilly during our recent trip to Nell Bank but we had a lovely time hunting for giants and reporting the news. Next term we will be learning about volcanoes and trying to build our own volcanoes.

As part of our religious studies we will be visiting a local Synagogue and Rev. Helm will be visiting Year 3 at school.

We have really enjoyed our music lessons.

"The children look forward to their weekly drumming lessons and are beginning to make some amazing musical pieces. Keep up the good work" – Miss Harding.

Year 4

The boys have really enjoyed swimming, overcoming fears and achieving fantastic individual results. It is great to hear that most children have started going swimming with their families too.

"My favourite time is when we play games" – Sudais

"I really enjoyed swimming & the lessons have helped me learn how to swim quick" Ammar.

After half term the girls will begin their swimming lessons.

We enjoyed our trip to Chester Zoo linking to our work on All Living Things and their Habitat.

Next term we will be learning about World War 2 and have a trip to Murton Park planned!

Year 5

Class 5O enjoyed their school linking project with Giggleswick, Hellifield and Long Preston schools. Next term class 5O will be taking part in activities at their schools.

As part of our Science work we have been learning about different time zones, planets and comparing the northern and southern hemispheres. We will be continuing this topic next term.

We have been learning about Islam and the different stories from the prophets. We will be learning about Christianity and Judaism after half term.

"The children have really matured this term and have been working extremely hard" – Miss O'Connell.

Year 6

Miss Williams says "well done to all the children for their hard work during assessment week. Keep up the good work. Parents please can you encourage your children to continue working in their revision books. Thank you."

We enjoyed making poison dart frog bean bags as part of our topic on the rainforest.

Next term we will be investigating the Titanic and have an exciting drama day planned!



Attendance

For the second term running 6K (Miss Kousar) have achieved the highest class attendance with 98%! Well done to class 6K. Come on other classes, let's see who can achieve the best attendance next term.

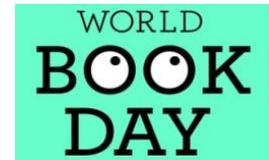
Thank you for your support and hard work ensuring your children arrive to school promptly even in the icy conditions.

Key Maths Facts

Message from Mrs Shovlin: "To improve maths throughout the school we have introduced Key Maths Facts for each year group. These can be found in the back of your child's maths learning logs and are also available on the website under the year group pages. Please help your child practice these at home. Thank you for your continued support."

World Book Day

Iqra will once again be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. Pupils and staff are welcome to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. We look forward to seeing your favourite characters!



Parents Week

Our Learning Leaders are organising a Parent's Week next term. Further information will follow, but if you would be interested in volunteering please leave your details with the school office. Thank you.

Extended Leave

Unfortunately we have seen an increase in the number of families requesting leave during term time. We appreciate that flights are cheaper outside of the school holidays, but as we're sure you appreciate, regular school attendance is essential if your child is to maximise their educational opportunities. Interruptions in school attendance disrupt continuity of learning and have a negative impact on attainment. Parents can and have been fined by Bradford council for taking their children out of school during term time. The fine is a minimum of £60 per parent, per child. Children can also lose their places at our Academy. Since September 2017 six children have lost their places at our Academy for taking extended leave during term time. Please ensure holidays and family visits are arranged during the school holidays.



Important Diary Dates

Friday 9 th February 2018	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 19 th February 2018	School re-opens
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 th March 2018	Parent Consultations EYFS – Year 3
Wednesday 7 th March 2018	Parent Consultations Year 4 – Year 6
Monday 12 th February 2018	World Maths Day
Tuesday 20 th March 2018	Year 3 parents Scarborough residential meeting @ 3pm
Thursday 29 th March 2018	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays
Monday 16 th April 2018	School re-opens
Thursday 19 th April – Friday 20 th April 2018	Year 3 Scarborough residential
Monday 23 rd , Tuesday 24 th & Wednesday 25 th April	Year 4 visits to Murton Park
Thursday 3 rd May 2018	School is closed for one day (Teacher Training Day)
Monday 7 th May 2018	School is closed for one day (May Bank holiday)
W/C 14 th May 2018	Year 6 SATs week
W/C 21 st May 2018	Year 2 SATs week
Wednesday 23 rd May 2018	Year 5 visit to Magna Museum
Friday 25 th May 2018	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 4 th June 2018	School re-opens
W/C 11 th June 2018	Year 1 Phonics screening



Please visit our website for further diary dates. Good work assemblies will be held on Thursdays. Notification will be sent home via the children and through text message.