

Our first term has been very busy at Iqra Academy. Pupils and staff have been involved in community work, charitable donations, fund raising and competitions!



Muhammad (4C) won the Lords Mayor's Christmas Card Competition with his fabulous festive art work. Muhammad's design was sent to hundreds of organisations as the Lord Mayor, Councillor Doreen Lee's Christmas card for 2019!

Musa (Dewberry) won bronze in the international Sambo competition held in Berlin in November. Sambo is a martial arts sport that originates from Russia. Musa was the youngest person in the competition!



Mrs Mehrin (6M Teacher) recently won recently won the Channel 4 cookery competition 'Cooking Up A Fortune'. Mrs Mehrin took part in the show along with her sister and blew the competition away with their delicious cooking.

Pupils and staff did not want to miss the opportunity to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge when they visited Bradford. We were lucky enough to be at the front and pupils got to speak to Prince William whilst handing him cards and flowers!



Do something brilliant for Bradford

Bradford Hospitals' Charity

Once again, over the festive period Iqra Academy donated gifts and toys to the Children's departments at B.R.I. Here is a snippet from the lovely thank you letter we received from Bradford Hospitals' Charity:

"Being in hospital is always a difficult time for both our children and their loved ones especially over Christmas time, therefore your donations were gratefully received. Toys and books are a wonderful distraction and help to give a little normality in a strange environment which helps to reassure the babies and children we help support. Your donations certainly helped to raise a little smile this Christmas. Thank you."

Cancer Support Yorkshire

Pupils and staff raised £501.00 in a recent non uniform day which was donated to Cancer Support Yorkshire. Staff also helped out a family fun day event organised by the charity in Bradford. Here is an extract from a lovely thank you letter we received:

"I wholeheartedly thank you and your wonderful staff who did a fantastic job for our family day event which made a big difference in reducing the anti-social behaviour within Girdlington. You and your team's passion and commitment, especially from your school Iqra Academy, has been exemplary and is highly appreciated. You the volunteers are amazing true community champions. I look forward to welcoming you and the staff and the lovely children to our offices and working long term with the school."

Story Time with Zain Bhikha

The performance was held at Regency Hall on 28th December. It was an amazing experience for our pupils who got to meet renowned comedian Omar Regan and Zain Bhikha, and perform live in front of a sell out crowd of over 800 people! I'm sure this will be an experience they will cherish forever.

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank all the parents and helpers who gave up their time to support this event. We couldn't have done this without your help.

Thank You

Royal Radio Bradford

On 6th & 13th February pupils will get the chance to become radio stars as we team up with Royal Radio Bradford, a station that has 84 countries tuning in! Children will be talking about their goals and reading poems and short stories.

18 children will be involved across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Reading Records

We are enjoying reading parents comments in pupil's new reading records which were sent home on 17th January. Thank you for supporting your child in becoming a confident reader and encouraging them to develop a love of reading.

Do something to help others

Harvest Donations

Thank you to all parents and staff who donated items of food during last term's harvest donation. Your generous donations were greatly received by three local food banks: Save the Mothers Trust, Bradford North Foodbank and Horton Housing Association.



PE Tournaments

Mr Beeley and Mr Towler have been busy preparing pupils for a number of upcoming tournaments including: cross country, orienteering, multi-skills, archery, dodge ball, tag ruby and a panathlon! Good luck to all the pupils who are involved in these tournaments.

Well done to:

Humairah Wajid (Rainbow) & Anayah Hussain (Sunbeam) for growing in confidence.

Muhammad-Ismaeel Asim (Purple) for working so hard in everything he does.

Ruqayya Mohammed (Dewberry) for showing heaps of improvement and having a great attitude to work.

Mustafa Nadeem (Lilac) for making amazing progress and becoming more confident.

Muhammad-Hadi Yasir (1M), Abdullah Mohammad (1H), Zunairah Zaynab (1B) who have all been working hard and more independently.

Aleena Kauser (2S) who has worked hard to improve her handwriting.

Maryam Ehsan (2B) for being a good role model.

Faizan Faisal (2GK) for his super home learning.

Aadam Shiraz (2GK) who has made excellent progress in reading, writing and maths.



Well done to:

Afraz Akram (3DB) who has been trying really hard in maths & English, making good progress.

Umme Khulsoom (3H) for making amazing progress in reading.

Haris Erfan (3M) who has made great progress in maths.

Muhammad Shah (4C), Abdur Munir (4A), Jamal Adnan (4N) for their continuous hard work and amazing creative writing.

Amina Abbas (5W) for always putting 100% effort into everything she does.

Ishaq Khan (5D) who has been making a huge effort to improve his behaviour.

Ramzan Ahmed (5N) for his amazing enthusiasm for reading.

Aleena Awan (6M) for constantly working hard.

Haadiyah Butt (6S) who is dedicated to improving all her work.

Sabeehah Tariq (6C) for improving her attitude towards learning.



Parking

We have 2 disabled parking bays on Drummond Road and a number of pupils with severe mobility issues.

Please be considerate and leave these spaces for families who need them the most.

Please note: Blue disabled parking badges must be displayed when using these parking bays.

To keep our pupils (and your children) safe please do not park on yellow lines/zig-zags or in the bus stop. Please do not stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off (even for a few seconds). Please do not do U-turns in the middle of the road. Please be considerate of others and do not block the road.

Punctuality – Important Change

Our school starts at 9.00am and children should all be in school ready to learn by 9.00am. Currently the external doors/gates are not closed until 9.05am.

As from Monday 10th February the external doors/gates will be closed at 9.00am prompt.

If you arrive after 9.00am you must take your child(ren) to the main reception where they will be recorded as late.

The doors are opened at 8.50am which will give parents 10 minutes in which to drop their children at school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Important Diary Dates

Friday 14 th February	School closes to pupils @ 3.30pm for February half term
Monday 24 th February	School re-opens to pupils
Tuesday 25 th February	Pancake making activities for parents
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5 th March	Online safety & Gaming session for parents @ 9.15am
Wednesday 25 th March	Parent consultations (Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2)
Thursday 26 th March	Parent consultations (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)

Please visit our website for further diary dates. Class assemblies are held on Thursdays. Notification of your child's assembly will be sent home via the children and through the School Ping messaging system