

Hello/Salam to our Iqra family

All of your teachers would like to say a massive hello and they are wishing you well. We are all missing you and hoping to see you soon. We want to hear about the great things you have been doing at home.

Take care and keep positive.

Finally Ramzan Mubarak to all our families. Please remember us all and people around the world in your prayers.

Kindest regards

Mrs Anwar-Bleem

Principal



World Book Day, The Readathon and the Scholastic Book Fair

As always, World Book Day was celebrated throughout school with lots of fun reading activities. It was particularly exciting to see the children dressed up in their pyjamas for the day. We'd like to say a big thank you to all of the children who participated in our Readathon and managed to raise the great total of £316.15 for the charity Read for Good. Yahya Jangir (1B), Ibrahim Dad (3M), Imaan Ahmed (3H) and Faaris (3H) did especially well with their fundraising efforts. Finally a big thank you to all of those people who visited the book fair. A staggering £1083.35 was spent on books, ensuring that school will receive £650 worth of vouchers to spend on books for school.



We'd like to extend our thanks to all parents who made donations towards Sport Relief. The pupils really enjoyed taking part in the activities organised by Mr Beeley and Mr Towler which included a penalty shoot-out and a sumo suit assault course. In total we raised a massive £1677.43 which will go to help a range of charities in both the UK and abroad.

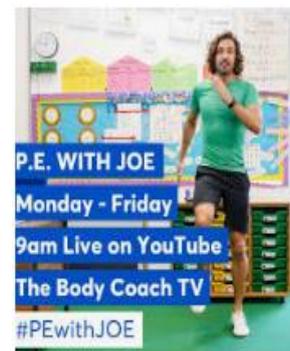
PE Tournaments and keeping fit

Two shouts out for this term! Well done to the Year 5 children who participated in a dodgeball tournament and came in 3rd place. Mr Towler and Mr Beeley would also like a special mention for the members of their running club who did a great job helping to raise sponsorship money for Sport Relief by participating in a 5K run!

Keeping fit at home

Please check the Academy's Home Learning tab for information on a PE challenge which provides activities to improve all areas of fitness. You can also now visit The PE Hub for parents at <https://pehubportal.co.uk/>

This site doesn't require a password and you'll be able to find a range of short activities to follow which are suitable for all ages. The site also contains games and problem solving challenges that pupils can complete at home. If you're really looking for a challenge, The Body Coach, Joe Wicks, is doing a 30 minute live PE session each morning at 9.00am. This can be found on Youtube www.youtube.co



SATs and Phonics Assessments

Thank you to all parents who attended the workshops and meetings about KS1 and KS2 SATs and the Phonics Screening Assessment for Year One. We know how hard your children were working towards these tests which have now, sadly, be cancelled nationwide. We are waiting on further government advice about how to grade all pupils for their efforts in these assessments as well as the Year Four Multiplication Tables Check. We will send you more information as soon as we can.

Home Learning

We understand what a difficult task this is but providing your children with some structure will help them adapt to being at home. Use the tips below to help you make this work for your household:

- Build a simple timetable of what you are going to do each day. This could include a short session of daily exercise and it should also include some reading or storytelling and maths activities. Involve your children in setting the timetable and put it somewhere visible in the house if you can. Make the weekend routine different to the week day routine to separate learning time from time with the family.
- Stick to a routine if you can. This is what children are used to. For example, eat breakfast at the same time and make sure they're dressed before starting the 'school' day – avoid staying in pyjamas! Try and allocate a 'working' space in the house and have a cut off time to signal when this 'school time' is over.
- Keep taking stock of the activities your children are doing. Think about what's working and what isn't and make changes if you need to. Be flexible. Remember to ask your child what they think as well.
- Share the load if you can. If there is more than one adult in the house, try and split the day into shifts.
- Consider asking your children to start a diary and write in this at the end of each day explaining what they have learnt.

Maths at home

There are lots of opportunities for children to develop their maths skills around the home. For example, helping with cooking and developing a daily timetable. Some online resources are no available for free such as <https://pages.sumdog.com/> and The White Rose Maths Hub has online learning suitable for each year groups. Visit <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>



Times Table Rock Stars

Well done to the children who've been using this website regularly and have built up their speed when recalling times table and division facts. The current Top 5 pupils are:

Pupil	Class	Average time to answer a question.
Alyaan Haider	4C	0.39 seconds
Omaan Naveed	5N	0.41 seconds
Talha Khan	4A	0.44 seconds
Safah-Noor Naveed	6C	0.49 seconds
Yahya Ali	5N	0.53 seconds

Please let us know if your child has forgotten their login details.

English resources to help at home

One of our children's favourite authors, David Walliams, is releasing 30 online stories for children to listen to. Visit <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/> at 11.00am each day for the latest release.

You can keep practising spellings at home with lots of spelling games on the following link: https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/spelling_games.html

Also visit

<https://www.englishmaven.org/Pages/Reading%20Comprehension.htm> for some great resources for developing reading comprehension.



Cross Curricular learning from home

Encourage your children to help with daily tasks in the home eg cooking, making shopping lists, tidying their bedroom etc.

There are website links and ideas on the home learning page of our website too. Another great resource is <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> who are hosting daily lessons and have a range of activities to cover other topics including art and Spanish!

Wellbeing



This will be new for your entire family and we fully understand how stressful the current situation is. Take time to look after your own wellbeing as well as that of your children.

The home learning page of our website has many useful contacts if you do feel that you need some support at this time.

The government website has more information about keeping safe. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The main advice is to:

- Stay at home – only go outside for food reasons, health reasons or to go to work if necessary. You should not be visiting friends and family.
- If you do go, aim to stay at least 2 metres from other people. If you visit the supermarket or pharmacist, go alone if possible and avoid large family trips anywhere.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.



Handwashing

The NHS says we should wash our hands with warm water and soap for as long as it takes to sing the song 'Happy Birthday' twice.

That's about 20 seconds, if you'd rather count.

1. First up, wet your hands with warm water, then apply enough soap to cover all of your hands (three pumps should do the trick).
2. Next, rub your hands together swiftly ensuring you clean the back of each hand with the palm of the other hand, and paying attention to getting soap between the fingers.
3. Rub your palms together and clean in between your fingers again. Make sure you clean each of your thumbs, too. Then rub the tips of your fingers on your palms, almost like you're lightly scratching each palm with the other hand, and rinse.
4. Dry your hands completely. If you used a paper towel to dry them, use the towel to turn off the tap (if it's not an automatic one), and throw the towel in the bin.

For further advice, the government recommend the following online resources:

- The Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families

<https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/anna-freud-learning-network/coronavirus/>

- The British Psychological Society

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/bps-offers-advice-schools-parents-and-carers-help-children-through-uncertainty>

- MINDed

<https://www.minded.org.uk/>