

Good afternoon parents and carers,

Our pupils have had a successful half term. They have improved their reading and mathematical skills and are enjoying different activities in all lessons. PE continues to be their favourite subject. Thank you to Mr Beeley and Mr Towler for making these lessons so enjoyable.

I am sure that you will also join me in saying a special thankyou to all staff who have risen to every challenge, no matter what has been thrown their way this half term.

We'd also like to say congratulations to Mrs Stocks and Miss Crown who are both now mums to baby boys and wish Mrs Moore good luck as she starts her maternity leave today.

Attendance Updates

Whilst our attendance has been very good this half term, we are still looking for ways to improve this and reach the ambitious target of 97% that we've set for our school.

A special mention needs to go to the two classes with the best attendance this half term and they are Moonlight Class (99%) and 6D (97.6%).



Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent consultations have been scheduled for week beginning the 9th November. You will be given a telephone consultation and further details will follow after the holidays.



Updates on Remote Learning

Firstly, we would like say a big thank you to all parents and carers who have worked with their children at home this half term. We have recently welcomed classes 4A, 1M and 1H back into school and have been amazed at some of the work that the children have completed during their absence.

If your child is isolating, their class teacher will send some work home for them to complete. All children have their own home learning books to complete their learning in and this should be sent back to school when your child returns.

Nursery, Reception and Year One are using Seesaw to set work online for pupils. If your child is in another year group, work will be set on Microsoft Teams and you have been sent login details for this. Please look at these platforms if your child's class is closed and also for weekly homework.

Online Safety

Online safety is something which we all need to take seriously when children are working remotely. Using the internet is a fantastic way for your child to keep in touch with their teacher and complete their homework and it's really important that we all work together to keep them safe when working online.

We have chosen to use Microsoft Teams for online learning because it is a secure way for children to learn at home. It will allow teachers to provide relevant online learning for their classes and also allows them to give children feedback on the work they complete.

As a school, we've ensured that the correct online safety features are in place to make it a safe learning environment for your child. This includes not allowing children to chat privately to anyone and limiting access to the online classrooms so that they can only see work which is relevant to them.

Things you can do to make use of Teams even safer:

- Monitor what your child is doing at all times, as you would normally when they use the internet.
- Make sure your child does not share their login information with anyone.

More details about what we do in school to promote online safety can be found here:

<https://www.iqraprimary.co.uk/parents/e-safety/>

There are lots of links to some really useful websites on our academy website. One in particular which you may find useful is a guide from the NSPCC which can be found here:

<https://www.net-aware.org.>

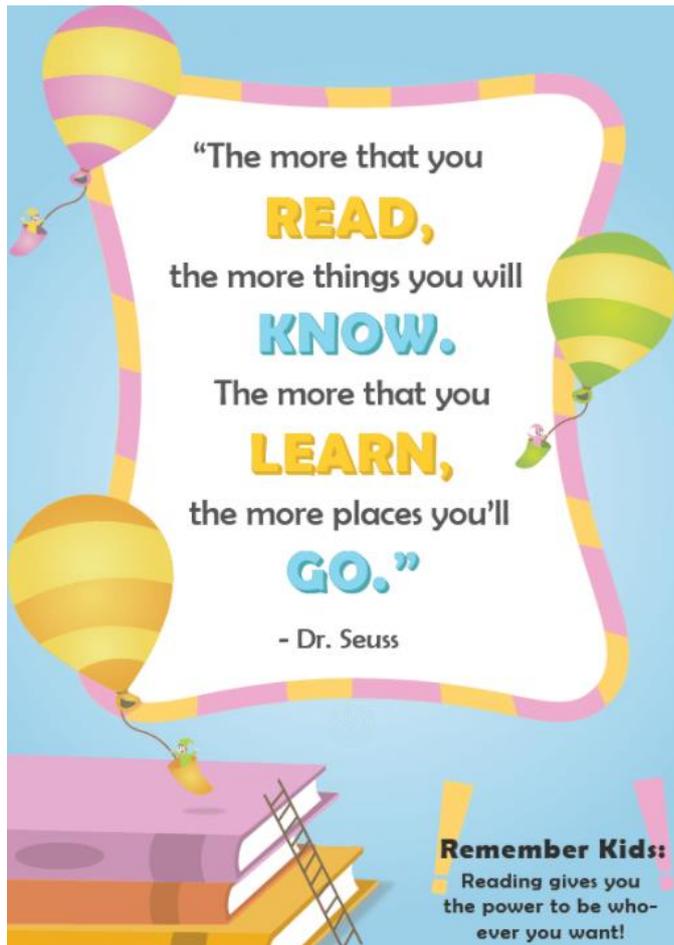
Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any further questions about this.



We would like to say a big well done to the following star pupils who have been trying their best at all times this half term...

Nursery	Zunaira Gul Musa Rahim	Year 3	Zahra Hussain and Muhammad Hussain Dadabhai in 3DB Ayden Soliman in 3M Muzaina Khan in 3GK
Reception	Ayaan Arfaan and Hammam Elbita in Lilac Safaa Choudry and Kyme Hussain in Dewberry Rayyan Ali and Mustafaa Khan in Purple	Year 4	Amira Bennadji and Aiza Rehman in 4H Alqamah Mohammed and Abdur- Raheem Hafeez in 4A Kaif Mahboob and Husna Ali in 4C
Year 1	Sarush Ahmed and Mohammed Eesa in 1H Maleeha Rahman and Safaa Malik in 1M Zakariyya Mahmood and Nafeesa Mahmood in 1BL	Year 5	Alishba Ahmed and Muhammed Issa in 5A Mariam Zahir and Mohammed Yousaf Kamran in 5N Aniq Ali and Eiliyah Aftab in 5M
Year 2	Iqra Abbas and Imaan Rabbani in 2A Eesa Hussain and Zunairah Zaynab in 2T Inaya Khalid and Musa Ali in 2S	Year 6	Saeeda Nafisa and Murtaza Ali 6D Zahra Ikram and Ibrahim Hussain in 6W Subhaani Saiyad and Nafisa Hussain in 6N
Busy Bees	Syed Umar and Ikhlas Ahmed		





Reading

We know that parents have been supporting children with reading at home. Just 10 minutes a day of reading can make a huge difference to children's fluency and confidence.

Please make sure your child reads daily during the upcoming half term.

If your child has any school reading books at home from last year, please return them to school.

Times Table Rock Stars

Times tables are the building blocks for maths. If pupils have multiplication and division facts at their fingertips they can access all other topics such as division and working with fractions.

In class, we provide children with different strategies to help them memorise and recall them.

We are also lucky enough to have access to a fantastic website to help pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 learn and practise recall of these facts. Please make sure your child logs on at home and uses the website regularly. If your child cannot remember their password, please ask their class teacher.

As part of Maths Week 2020, the website is hosting a Rock Out competition from Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November.



During that week, children will earn points for their class for every correct answer on any game on the website. The winning class will be the class with the highest average marks.

Only games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm will count towards the competition. **Please get your child involved to earn points for their class and also to help them learn their times tables.**

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/ttrs/dashboard>

Secondary School Applications

Please remember the deadline to complete secondary school applications for pupils in current Year 6 is 31st October.



Holidays

School will be closing on Friday 23rd October for half term and will reopen to all pupils on Monday 2nd November.

Please stay safe and take care over the holidays.

If you or someone in the family has a positive COVID test, please inform the school immediately using the following email address:

office@iqra.bradford.sch.uk

Hometime

We would like to thank all parents for adhering to the new one way system at home time.

We feel that this is running smoothly and we've had some really positive feedback from you.

Can we politely remind you that facemasks should be worn at all times inside the school gates for everyone's safety as rates of infection are still rising?

Could all parents help by being thoughtful drivers especially when dropping off and picking children up?

Please remember that school closes at 2.15pm every Friday to allow for a deep clean.

Mrs S Anwar-Bleem

Principal