



Alamiyah Pre-School

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Dates for your Diary: Coffee Mornings and Afternoons

Coffee Mornings and Afternoons for the Nursery:

Please find dates below for this half term and RSVP admin@alamiyahschool.org to request a date and await confirmation before attending.

Coffee Afternoon

Friday 8th February 2013
12:45pm-1:45pm

Coffee Morning

Friday 8th March 2013
9:15-10:15

Coffee Afternoon

Friday 22nd March 2013
12:45-1:45

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah,

Welcome to the Spring Term at Alamiyah Pre-School. Alhamdulillah last term saw the PTA grow from strength to strength with a wide group of parents coming together to work on fundraising initiatives for the school. We are delighted that the school is feeling more and more like a real community of parents, children and teachers with everyone collectively helping to move the school forward. We pray that this is a great sign of things to come, inshAllah, and take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their time and effort.

As we begin the second term of the year we remain focused on fundraising. Many initiatives are underway to help generate the necessary funds to enable us to secure a bigger site to meet our schools expansion requirements. The projects we are currently focusing on include the upcoming 'Winter Fete', school calendar initiative, donation boxes and bucket collections, Just Giving Sponsored activities by some of the primary children, ebay sales which donate a percentage of profits to the school, and regular standing orders and generous one-off donations. Please read on to find out more about these. The good news is that we have found a potential building for our growing school community and have submitted a bid to secure it. We ask for your duas that we are successful in acquiring this site and that our bid is accepted.

Our aspirations can only be achieved by the Permission of Allah and it is His Pleasure that we seek in this endeavor. May He grant us the ability to continue with this collective effort. Ameen

Fundraising Initiatives

Winter Fete



We are all excited about the upcoming Winter Fete on Sunday 17th February. The Pre-school parents, under the leadership of Humma (Yunus's mum), are busy organising a fun packed day for all the family. There will be something for every member of the family, please see the attached poster for more details. They hope to raise a substantial amount of money towards funding a new premises for the school. They can only do this with your support and generosity. Please invite your friends, family and neighbours to this wonderful occasion and help us to raise as much money as possible.

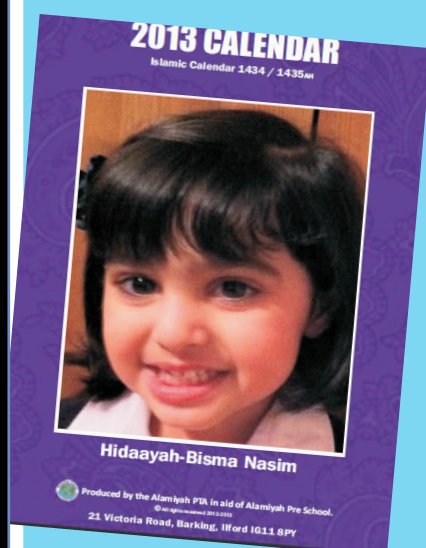
If you would like to volunteer your support before or on the day of the fete, please contact Humma on 07985142337.

Bag to School



The New Year is a great time to have a clear out by getting rid of clothes the children have grown out of, emptying out your drawers and linen cupboards and perhaps even think about changing your curtains! Following on from last year's successful textiles collection, we have arranged another collection for Friday 15th February. Please start collecting from now to make this collection a fundraising success. Please ask your friends and family to do the same and donate as much as possible and let's try and make this the biggest clothes collection yet inshAllah!

School Calendars



The school calendar initiative was a project initiated and run by the PTA to raise funds for the school. A photographer came into school to photograph the children, either individually or together with siblings to produce an A4 size calendar, which includes an annual prayer timetable, and some inspiring quotes about children and parenting. They will make a wonderful gift for family members and a lovely keepsake item for parents. The response has been great with 60 calendars on order and the project is on target to raise approximately £900, MashAllah! Many thanks to Safiyah Bi & Nida Kasam for all their hardwork in organising this project.

Workshop: Introduction to Montessori in the Early Years Part 2

**Monday 28th January 2013,
6:30pm-8pm**

By invitation (All Pre-school Parents must attend)

PTA Meetings

**Saturday 26th January 2013,
4.30-6pm**

**Tuesday 26th February
2013, 6.30-8pm**

RSVP admin@alamiyahschool.org

Bag2School

Bag to School Collection,
Friday 15th February 2013 at
9am

Winter Fete

**Winter Fete will be held on
Sunday 17th February**



Donation Boxes/Bucket Collections

Many of the parents have taken donation boxes home and to local businesses to collect as much spare change as possible. We are hoping to get them all back soon and emptied by the end of January. One mum raised £70 from a donation box placed at her local butcher, so we are hoping for similar results from the many boxes that have been distributed. There are many more boxes waiting to be taken. Please see Nadia (Rumaysa and Safiyya's Mother at the school gates) or email nads703@hotmail.com or call/ text 07515 531 847 if you would like to take a box to collect donations from friends and family or from local businesses that you know of.



Just Giving and other activities

Rumaysa continues to draw pictures to raise money for the school on her Just Giving page and has already raised over £1000! If you would like to make a donation to her page please visit www.justgiving.com/helpmyschool.

Amina is making handmade cards, which she hopes to sell at the school fete in February and Ruqayyah and Aafiyah plan to set up a stall after school and sell homemade lemonade to raise money. Please support all these children in their efforts.

Ebay Sales

A couple of parents have graciously offered their time to photograph and list items on ebay which have been donated to Alamiyah to raise money. This is a time consuming process and we are grateful for their efforts in this cause. If anyone would like to donate further excellent quality items, which could be sold on ebay to raise money for the school send an email to admin@alamiyahschool.org.



Standing Orders and One-off donations

We currently have new standing orders from two parents. One standing order was made for £10 a month, Jazakhallahu Khair and another was made for £100 a month. Regular income makes a big difference, simply asking 10 people who know and love your child, for a £5 or £10 donation a month as Sadaqah Jaariya, could be all it takes to make our Primary School a reality. If everyone did simply that, we would be able to do so much more for our children and benefit ourselves and our communities both here and in the next life.

If you would like to make a donation to the school or set up a direct debit mandate please use the attached form, see page 6. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteering Vacancies

Classroom After School Assistant (Job share)

We are currently in need of someone to organise, clean and tidy the contents of the Montessori activities in the classroom at the end of the day. There are particular items in each box/basket used for learning which are placed on the shelves in a set order. During the day these items may get jumbled up and need to be re-organised and tidied for the next day.

Required from 3.30pm daily. The task will take about 30 mins to 1 hour. This role can be a job share once a week or for however many days you are available.

Please contact Filiz (Volunteers Co-ordinator) on 07803843934 or filizbrown120@hotmail.co.uk

Morning Garden Sweep and Tidy Assistant

We are urgently in need of a volunteer who can regularly sweep and tidy the play area at the back of the school ensuring a hazard free and clean garden for the children to play in. Ideally this role would be suitable for a parent or group of parents since it could be done before or after dropping off the children to the school in the morning at 9am.

The role could be fulfilled on a rota basis, so the more volunteers who come forward, the easier it will be on those involved. It should take about 20-30 minutes maximum inshallah.

Please contact Filiz Brown (Volunteers Co-ordinator) on 07803843934 or filizbrown120@hotmail.co.uk



Come and join the exciting team of parents and teachers who are working hard to raise money for our school. If you would like to join the Parent Teacher Association or would like to find out more about the work that the PTA will be doing this year, please contact a member of staff at the school or email Safina@alamiyah-school.org

Special Quotes

The children at Alamiyah Pre-school are always surprising us with the wonderful things they say. Here are a few quotes :

Muhammad Mahdi, age 4 years said "when many people work together, it's teamwork."

Yusuf, age 7 years said "I'd like to do an activity that includes a pencil" expressing his keen desire to write.

Muhajiza, age 4 years made a seascape to show her classmates and explained that "the Basking shark, the Orca whale, dolphin, octopus, Beluga whale, White shark and the shells all live in the salty sea."

Muhammad Ali, age 4 years, during grace and courtesy on how to look after books said "I have something so important to tell you! I have so many books at home that my mum-mum reads to me!"

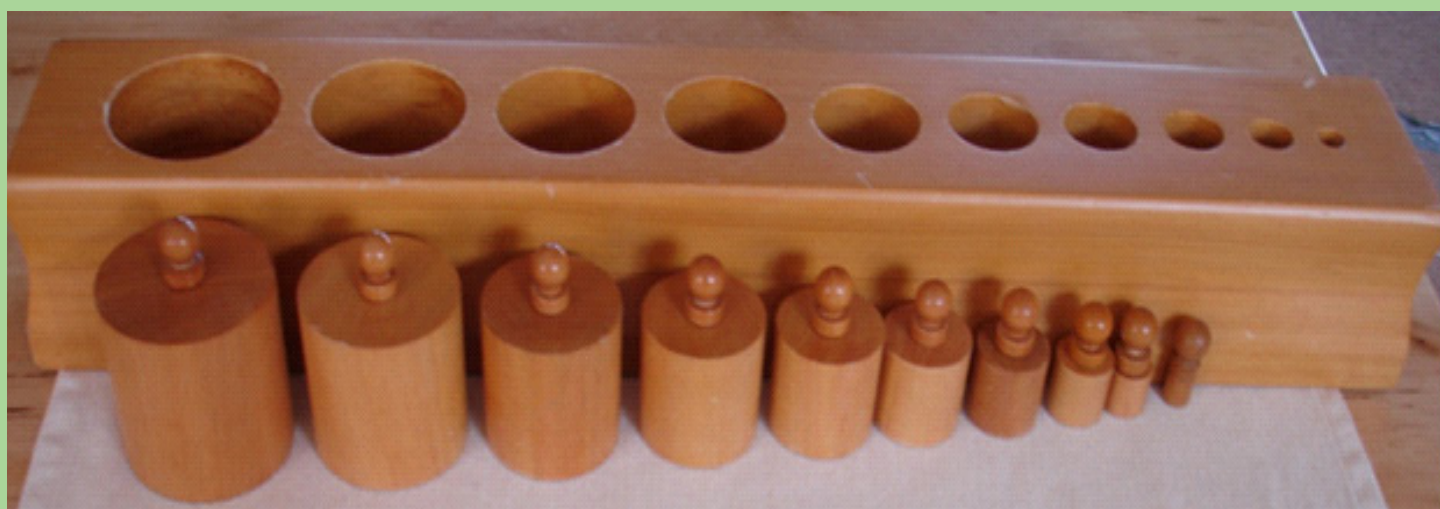
Dawud, age 3 and half years, whilst introducing a new child during circle time said "we have to show her how to do things in Alamiyah school."

An activity: //How we do it at Alamiyah Pre-School":

Knobbed Cylinders

The Knobbed Cylinders are the first set of sensorial activities presented to the child. There are four different types of knobbed cylinders ranging in various lengths and dimensions. The aim of this activity is for the child to grade according to dimension. The activity encourages independent learning since teacher intervention is not required. Once the child reaches the end of the task, he or she will realise if something is wrong and will naturally attempt to correct their own mistakes. This is referred to as a control of error.

Another aspect of development for the child comes from the design of the knobbed cylinders themselves. The knobs at the top of the cylinders are designed in such a way that a child is required to use their pincer grip in order to move the cylinders. This helps to strengthen the child's fingertips and develop their pincer grip for writing activities in the future.



Parent Tips

Giving children Choice

Children of pre-school age are seeking their independence and therefore want to be in control of themselves and what they do. They respond well to being able to make choices for themselves. One of the techniques we use at Alamiyah school to empower the child is to present them with choices and in doing so, giving them an opportunity to make the right decision for themselves. An example of this would be when the child may be distracted from the task of getting ready to go outside into the playground. At this point they can be offered a choice:

"Would you like to put your shoes on first or your coat?"

This technique avoids power struggles and tantrums and gives the child a sense of feeling in control of their situation. The key with this approach is that the child is being given a choice of their own, within your choice. Within the choice that is being offered to the child there should be a choice that is appealing to them or one that they have a positive connection with. This builds the child's capacity to make good choices, which in turn fosters discipline and independence and offers the child the means to work through a situation practically and logically.

Circle Times

Primary Seerah Sessions with Aunty Urja

Last term the children enjoyed Seerah lessons, which were accompanied by a tea party of warming herbal infusions. They covered a range of stories such as the Prophet (PBUH) and the blind man, the splitting of the moon, dividing of families, the sleepers of the cave, the freeing of Bilal, the martyrdom of Sumayah, the emigration to Abyssinia and the meeting with the Negus. They listened attentively and asked questions. They also enjoyed experiencing new flavours of tea each week. This term, the story of the Seerah will continue with Aunty Halima who will go over the signs of the coming of the Prophet (PBUH) up until his birth.

Here at Alamiyah Pre-school, the children learn to sing new songs in Arabic and English:

The children settled in really well last term and thoroughly enjoyed the circle times. They always showed a lot of enthusiasm to learn new songs and were keen to be picked to make the song choice. The songs we covered last term were:

- I have 10 little fingers
- It is raining
- Bala 'gal Ola bi kama lihi
- As-Salamu alaykum song
- The leaves on the trees
- The Winter Song

Songs that will be covered in the Spring term:

- Mowla Ya Sali wa Salim
- Friend Song
- Counting Song
- Ya Imam ar-Rosli
- 1,2 Buckle my Shoe
- Snow is falling on the ground

Announcements

G'Day and Goodbye

It is with warm wishes that we say goodbye to Nousheen Rehman who has been our short-term administrator this autumn. Nousheen is leaving this month to join Permaculture expert Geoff Lawton in Australia. She will be studying Permaculture from the pioneer and expert as well as seeing it's principles in practice. Nousheen will be actively involved in permaculture design and building projects during her 6 month stay. We wish her all the best in her adventure and hope she returns with ideas that can be applied to our school in the future.

Circle Times

Last term we covered many different topics including spiders, the emergency services, stingrays, deserts, vultures, shells, Hajj, leaves, kangaroos, Eid, polar bears, pandas, camping and penguins. The children were particularly interested in the Hajj and polar bears.



Circle Times with Aunty Zainab

Here is an extract from of our circle time on Polar bears:

"Polar bears are the largest land predator and largest bear. Polar bears live in the Arctic; it is very cold there, but underneath their fur they have lots of blubber to keep them warm. Polar bears have transparent fur on the surface but underneath they have black fur. They look white because their transparent fur reflects light from the snow and ice. It is the largest carnivore – meat eater on land and they love to eat seals. They live along the icy shores and spend much of their time at sea - they can swim very well. They can also run quite fast too. Their fur is oily so water drips off it very easily."



Circle Times with Aunty Urja

Last term we covered topics including feathers, aeroplanes and snakes.

Here is an extract from our circle time on snakes:

"A snake's body is covered with scales. It has a thick skin. They need a thick skin to move over rough surfaces like tree bark, rocks and hot desert sand. Their scales are also nearly waterproof. The jaws of the snake are not stuck together. This makes it possible for them to eat very big meals, bigger than their own head. They have a small notch in their lips that they can stick their tongues through so they don't need to open their mouths."

The children have taken a keen interest in presenting circle times of their own during the previous half term, choosing a topic and inviting friends to join them as they explore the pictures and models together relaying what they remember.

In the Spring term we will be covering topics such as kinesiology, snowflakes, stones and the importance of eating breakfast.

Primary Arts and Craft with Aunty Nasima

Last term we looked at art and recycling, using newspaper and magazine sheets to create straw reed pots. The children had a particularly skilled learning journey as they discovered how to roll deftly, gluing with one hand whilst holding on tightly to the freshly rolled reed to make sure it stuck securely. They learnt how to position the self-chosen magazine for maximum paper coverage to bring out the best colour and design on their straw reeds. They were delighted with their completed pots and interested that through recycling they had created something both usable and pleasing to look at.

This term the children will continue working on a papier mache bird. They have chosen to design their birds after discussing ones they have seen or could see in their own neighbourhoods. They have been using newspaper and flour glue to build up layers in order to create the structure of the bird. They completed their designs with a final coating of coloured paper which they cut into strips. They then painted the model to create their own individual birds.



This term we will continue looking at recycled materials, 3d construction and paper manipulation. We will learn the art of quilling, making a box from scratch and refining painting skills using contour designs and progress on to colour mixing and shading. We will also be experimenting with bead weaving.

Snack Schedule

	Week 1 & 4	Week 2 & 5	Week 3 & 6
Monday	Breadsticks Strawberries Carrots Water	Breadsticks Strawberries Raisins Water	Breadsticks Apples Sweet-corn Water
Tuesday	Grapes Apples Water	Blueberries Pear Water	Strawberries Grapes Water
Wednesday	Toast with Butter Pear Sweet-corn Water	Toast with Butter Melon Carrots Water	Toast with Butter Melon Cucumber Water
Thursday	Toast with butter Blueberries Cucumber Water	Breadsticks Apples Sweet-corn Water	Toast with Butter Strawberries Raisins Water
Friday	Breadsticks Melon Raisins Water	Toast with butter Grapes Cucumber Water	Breadsticks Melon Carrots Water



Donations

Donations can be made online or by monthly standing order to:
Alamiyah Institue Pre-school, HSBC Account Number 92287145 , Sort Code 40-25-27
<http://www.justgiving.com/alamiyah/donate> , Jazakum Allahu khayran!

Donation Form

Standing Orders or One-Off Donations

PLEASE COMPLETE in BLOCK CAPITALS

Standing order instruction:



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- The ONE-OFF payment of: (please tick)

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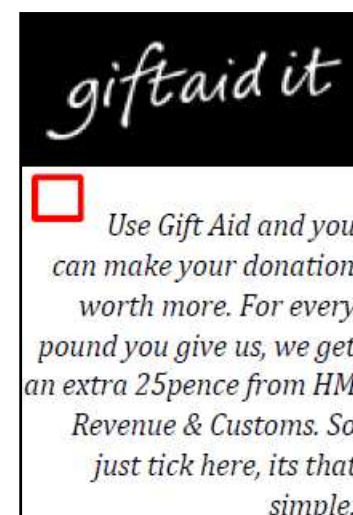
Date of the final payment (or until further notice/UFN) : _____

My Reference for this standing order will be: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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