

AL Khair Preparatory School Newsletter



Friday 17th January 2020

As Salaamu alaikum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuh

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed spending time together as a family.

Al Khair Prep, will be holding their annual 'International Day' on Monday 20th January 2020. We will be celebrating the fantastic diversity of people. Children and staff will be asked to come into school dressed in traditional clothes from their Class 'country' or the colours of their 'countries' national flag. In preparation, children were asked to enter an 'International Day' competition. Lots of entries were received, and will be on display in the school for all to see. Winners of the competition are detailed in side this week's newsletter

At Al Khair Prep, we love reading. Book Week, is fast approaching and this term we have lots of exciting events and activities to look forward to. The PTA have been working very hard in ensuring that the new school library is not only a room filled with lots of books, but an area where children can express their creativity and enjoy 'quite time'. We look forward to the launch of the new library, during book week, working in partnership with Usborne books, we hope to have lots of fun in reading week.

We are also pleased to announce the commencement of 'Homework Club', next week, An email will be sent to all parents with more details.

JUMU'AH REMINDER

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Alhamdulillah! Today is Blessed day of Jumu'ah (Friday). Don't forget to recite Surah Al-Kahf (Chapter 18) and enlighten up your whole week.



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Adhan Recitation

Each Week, the school will be asking a child-from Years 4,5 and 6 to recite the Adhan before Zohr Salaah and Jumma Salaah. In-shallah all children who have learnt the adhan will be chosen to perform.

Umar Farook Mahmood 4A

Yahya Sharieff 4B

'May Allah accept our efforts and make us from among those who are at the service of Allah every single day.'

Important dates for your diary

International Day 20/01/2020

Al Khair Prep Book Week

27th January –31st January 2020

Internet Safety Day 07/02/2020

End of Term 14/02/2020

Class of the week 7/1/20

KS1 2A

KS2 5A

Class of the week 13/1/20

KS1 2B

KS2 6B



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Phonics

KS1 Phonics

A new system of teaching phonics has been introduced at Al Khair Prep. All children in KS1 are going to receive guided reading lessons every day. This will be specific to your child's needs.

- Phase/Level 2 Budgies Group
- Phase/Level 3 Parrots Group
- Phase/Level 3 Guinea Pigs
- Phase/Level 3 Fish Group
- Phase/Level 4 Rabbit Group
- Phase/Level 5 Hamster Group
- Phase/Level 6 Cats Group

How can I help my child with Phonics at home.

Right from the start **talk, talk and talk!** As a parent, you are the model of good speaking and listening. Regularly introduce new words (vocabulary) e.g. for the word *big* you could also introduce *large, huge, enormous* and encourage them to say the word too. This is not about reading the words but about your child hearing and saying them.

Play simple phonics word games

Play '**Speedy Speak**'. Make or buy small flashcards with the speech sounds on them. Keep a set in your bag to play while waiting for a sibling, or going to a café. Using the timer on your mobile phone, select the sounds and letters you child has been taught so far. Place them in a pile. Start the timer (set to whatever time you wish e.g. 30 secs). Ask your child to turn over the cards one at a time and say the sound clearly. (If they get to the end of the pile before the timer stops, they keep turning over the same cards). Count how many times they say a sound correctly. Keep a note and next time tell them that you're going to see if they can beat their record!

Year 5 visit to St Cyprians School



Year 5 took part in an exciting opportunity to Link with St Cyprian's Greek Orthodox Primary Academy in Norbury, facilitated by the charity F&BF (The Faith and Belief Forum). The children were able to interact positively with children of different backgrounds and beliefs in a safe and supported environment.

They were the most welcoming school I have ever to St Cyprians was really well stocked; the classrooms had biscuits, squash and a kitchen! The children had a few fun games. We played and they blew my mind. Zakariya Farouk 5A



My visit to Cyprians was outstanding, every single student was very polite, well mannered towards us. Maryam Ashraf 5A



"The school really organised and I felt welcomed because of all of the displays"- Mustafa Ali 5B



"The school tours was well organised and they were giving interesting information"- Khadijah Din 5B



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Book Week

Al Khair Prep school are getting ready for an exciting week of activities and fundraising for books. We hope all parents support this fantastic week, as they have done so in the past.

A school sponsored read

Monday 27th to Friday 31st January

To encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running some Usborne book events in conjunction with our local Usborne representative, Michelle Dalby. All the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school library.

Author Visit to Al Khair Prep School

On Thursday 30th January, author Matt Brown will be visiting the school to talk to the children about his Dreary Inkling School books, a fabulously funny series which follows the (mis)adventures of Dreary Inkling-Primary School's Year 6 class.

An Usborne Book Fair

Thursday 30th /Friday 31st January

The children will come along to the book fair at school and be able to tell you about some of the exciting books they've seen. Parents will be able to order any book fair books, and they will arrive within 2-3 weeks.

An Usborne Book Stall

Friday 31st January at 2.30pm

There will be a stall of Usborne titles available to purchase on the day, including sale books! Please come and have a browse.

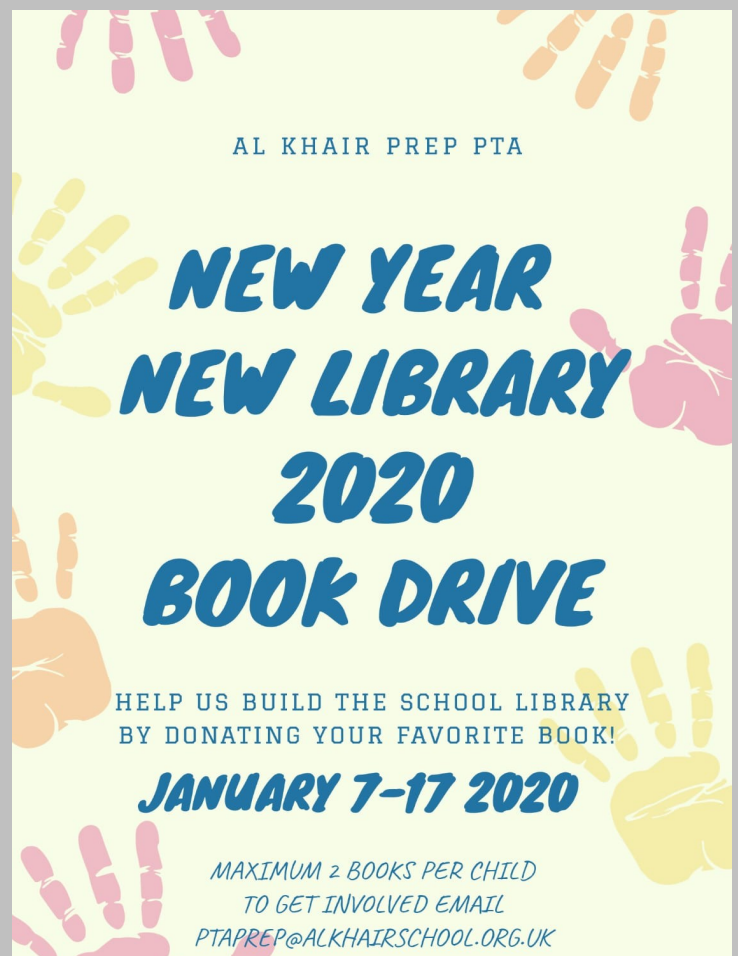
The money raised from all 3 events will be used to buy new books for the school library, and in addition Usborne also will donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. **So for every £600 raised we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!**

PTA Book Drive

The PTA have committed to establishing the school library Insha'Allah. Alhamdulillah with the help of a handful of dedicated mums this project is well under way but it is far from complete.

They have spent weeks sorting through the old school books, organizing them into reading levels. In doing so there are a few gaps on the shelves. This is why the PTA are hosting a book drive from January 7-17 2020.

Pick two books to donate and send them in with your child to give to their class teacher. A comprehensive list of books has already been via email to ALL parents. If you have any questions or would like to get involved please contact the team at ptaprep@alkhairschool.org.uk



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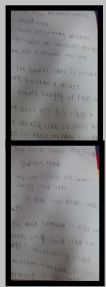
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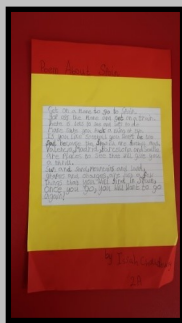


International Day Competition Winners

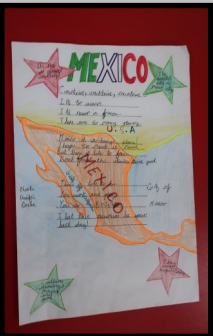
At the end of last term, children were asked to write about the countries of their Year Group. Well done to all those who entered the competition, it was a difficult decision, but the winners of the each Year group are:



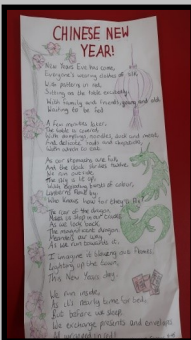
Year 1A
Jibreel Akande



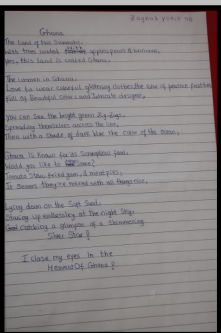
Year 2A
Issah Chaudhury



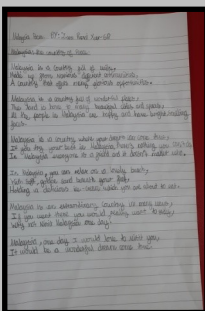
Year 3A
Muaaz Siddiqui



Year 4B
Hawwa Sacoer



Year 5B
Zaynab Younis



Year 6B
Zara Rizvi

Termly Book Review Winner

Congratulations to Umm Kulthum 4B, for her wonderful entry. We would like parents to keep encouraging their children to send in book reviews.



Year 5 STEMLink Trinity School Visit

Some children in Year 5 were chosen to take part in a design and build exercise. They used their engineering skills to make models to race and take home. Below are some highlights of the morning.



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PTA News

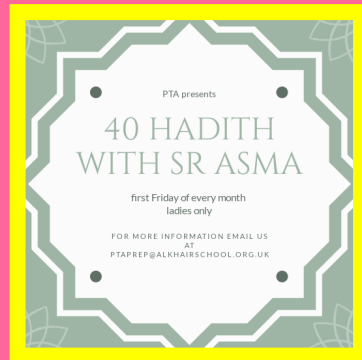
Islamic Reminder

Sister Asma has started her monthly Islamic reminders. The next one will be held in February 2020. These reminders take place at the Prep school from 8.45-10am In Sha Allah. Please note that these classes are for sisters only. Any Sister who would like to join please look out for reminder emails from the school before each class or contact

Mishal Ismail on **07875223278**

Homework Club

Al Khair Prep School are excited to announce that four Home Work Clubs will start next week. Parents will be able to book their child, for a nominal fee, into the clubs via Parent Pay. As there are only 15 places available for each Homework club session, we advise you to book quickly to avoid disappointment.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Al Khair Prep After School Clubs have commenced this week. As a school, we try to offer a variety of after school clubs to allow children to experience new challenges and enjoy broadening their skills, participating in activities they have an interest in. To achieve this, we have both internally and externally managed clubs available. There are a few remaining places in some of the clubs. Parents are encouraged to book, to avoid disappointment.

Al Khair Prep school
After school clubs
Spring Term 2020



Monday

Debating Club (KS2)

Tuesday

TeachSport Drumming Club (KS2)

Skillz/Crystal Palace Foundation Club

Football Club (Yrs 4-6)

Wednesday

TeachSport Gymnastics Club (Reception and KS1)

Skillz Football Club (Yrs 4-6)

Thursday

TeachSport Taekwondo Club (All Years)

Skillz Football Club (Yrs 2-3)

Friday

Mad Science Club (Yrs1—Yrs6)

AL Khair Prep School Homework Club



Reception and KS 1 Homework Club
Monday 3.45pm-4.45pm

KS 2 Homework Club
Monday 3.45pm-4.45pm

Reception and KS 1 Arabic Homework Club
Tuesday 3.45pm-4.45pm

KS 2 Arabic Homework Club
Tuesday 3.45pm-4.45pm

Reception and KS 1 Homework Club
Thursday 3.45pm-4.45pm

KS 2 Homework Club
Thursday 3.45pm-4.45pm

Does your child need some help or support in their homework?

Each Home work Club will be run by a school teacher. Please book your child's place via Sims Parent Pay. Bookings will made half termly and will be on a 'first come first serve basis'. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Cost: £4 per session
Time: 3.45pm-4.35pm
Venue: Al Khair Prep School

Bookings are non refundable



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