



# Little Gems Foundation Unit & Al-Huda Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11th  
July 2014

## A message from our Communication Champions

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### Five activities, five minutes

#### In the garden or the park

- ◆ **Walk through the garden or park together. Name some objects you can see. E.g. washing line, flower pot, tree.**
- ◆ **Sit down together, then ask your child to run and touch a tree, a bench, a flower, a stone. See if your child can ask you to touch something they name.**
- ◆ **Find six different toys or objects and ask your child to hide them. Then ask him/her to find each object again.**
- ◆ **Move around in different ways and say how you are moving, e.g. run, hop, walk, skip, jump, tip-toe.**
- ◆ **Talk to your child about what you did, and what you saw when you were outside together.**

## This is what we have been learning in nursery

As part of our Islamic Curriculum we have been learning about the importance of looking after animals. We are aware that the Almighty made all living things, humans, plants and animals. The children have also been learning about the story of Suleiman (AS) and the ants.

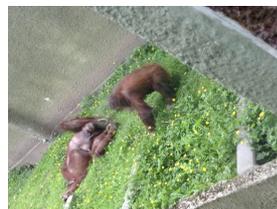


The three and four year old children had an opportunity to Chester Zoo, to see the beauty of

Allah's creation. The children enjoyed this experience and learnt about lots of different types of animals.

In baking we have been making sandwiches with a variety of fillings. This gave children the chance to learn about being independent, turn taking and shapes.

As we come towards the end of the year, some of our Little Gems children are going to be moving up to Reception. Therefore, in Nursery we have developed a small school area for the children to role play in. This is to help and support children with their next transition.



Our 2 year olds have been doing lots of interesting things over the last few weeks.

We went to the Farm and got to feed a variety of different animals. The children really enjoyed this trip!

We have also been making ice with the children exploring how it freezes and melts.

The children really enjoyed Sports Day as they got to do different activities in the hall and received certificates at the end.

In the two year old room we have also had parents activity day. This was a good interactive day for parents to come in and work with staff and their child to do an activity. The children had a lot of fun getting messy decorating a Ramadan road map. Jazakallah to all the parents for attending.

## Our Reception Class

In Reception this week the children have been learning about length, height and capacity. They have been using real life objects in their Numeracy lesson to help them identify heavy and light when weighing. In Phonics the children have been looking at all the different sounds that they have learnt throughout the year and are using this knowledge to practice sentence writing.



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## Al-Huda Primary School Update

This term in Literacy Year 1 have been working on nature poems. Children have learnt how the Almighty has created all things big and small around them. In Year 2 we have been learning about books from the same Author, we also looked at the Holy Quran and how these are the Almighty's words.

In IPC KS1 have been learning about the commonwealth games and the Olympics. Children were given the opportunity to participate in our School Sports Day which gave the children a feel of what it is like to be part of a race.

This term in Islamic Studies we have been focusing on the Holy month of Ramadan, the virtues, and benefits of fasting and different types of Ibadah we can do in this month. We made our own Ramadan bookmarks and have also prepared an Assembly for our parent's.

For our end of year trip we went to Martin Mere. The children enjoyed pond dipping as they had the chance to find living things in the water. Children also had the chance to have a look at different types of birds. Black swan was the children's favourite.



### Important Notice for all children

From September all children who stay for lunches and bring a packed lunch, are only allowed to bring a cold lunch, for example sandwiches. Packed lunches should no longer consist of hot food. We will no longer be able to warm lunches up.

### Important Notice for Primary School

From September as we have half day every Friday, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be having their lunch at home on Fridays. So, there will be no school dinners and packed lunches do not need to be provided.

## Appointment of New Headteacher

It is with great pleasure that we write to inform you about the successful appointment of our new Headteacher. Following an extremely thorough interview process we are pleased to announce that we have appointed Moulana Tajammul Islam. Moulana has a very successful track record of school improvement.

We look forward to the school moving forwards successfully for the benefit of your children and the local community.

## *Pearls of Wisdom*

Nurturing the love of Allah into our children

All too often we can find ourselves as parents losing our patience with children's misbehavior very quickly. Some parents often use Allah's name in vain and anger as a way to control their children's behavior into submission. Little do parents know the long term consequences of the negative use of Allah's name on a child's emotional and psychological development.

An interesting fact that is often not known by parents, is that 90% of a child's brain develops during the first 5 years of their life. The time of an infant's brain development is vital for preparing the child's intelligence, emotional stability, and personality.

Children are in need of their parent's support in order to guide and nurture them towards healthy development. Young children do not have the capacity to discern between right and wrong. Hence, it is up to their parents to guide and nurture their emotions in a beneficial and helpful manner.

One of the ways parents can shape their child's behavior, while still maintain a positive and true view of Allah is to associate doing good with Allah (swt). For example, "Allah loves those who are good to their parents" or "Allah is most pleased with you when you are doing your homework so you can learn because Allah loves his creation to gain knowledge through education". These are simple, but highly effective ways that honor Allah's Divine characteristics without misusing Allah's name for a personal gain. By honoring Allah's name and loving characteristics, you are aligning the love of Allah and encouraging good in a way that makes sense to a young child. In this way, a child's brain can be nurtured with love, good thoughts, and the cultivation of good and righteous behavior.

## Key Dates and information

**Wednesday 16th July 2014**  
Nursery and Primary will close

**Tuesday 26th August 2014**  
Primary (Year 1 -3) will open

Please note, there will be NO SCHOOL DINNERS for the first week. Children are required to bring packed lunch.

**Monday 2nd September 2014**

Nursery and Primary will be closed for INSET

**Tuesday 3rd September 2014**  
Nursery will open