

Paradise Primary

In the pursuit of excellence

Dear Respected Parents:

Assalamu alaikum and welcome to our
December 2017 Newsletter.

Fundraising for Rohingya

To cultivate a deeper understanding of compassion and gratitude, children have been looking at people in our world who are less fortunate than us and how we have to be grateful for all the blessings we have been bestowed with. Children learnt about the plight of the men, women and children in Burma, and in order to reinforce the importance of empathising and being charitable, children were prompted to get involved in a fundraising project to sponsor a Rohingya orphan through World Care Foundation. It was very heartening to see the fervour with which children, parents and staff came together to raise funds. An astonishing £887.64 was raised to sponsor not 1 but 2 orphan children! Jazakallah to everyone for their support and may the Almighty reward everyone in both the worlds. **Please remember to pray for the people of Burma.**

To show love, care and empathy for the Rohingya victims, Paradise children beautifully decorated a banner titled 'Together We Stand.' Positive messages and poems of hope and love were written for the children of Rohingya. The banner was sent with a few delegates from Zakaria Masjid who travelled to Bangladesh to deliver aid to the Rohingya Refugees.



Omar Esa visits Paradise

The children were delighted with a surprise visit from the Nash-eed Artist, Omar Esa. He talked to the children about performing arts; his choice of being a vocals only artist and using the power of his voice to sing and relay good messages and spread love and peace without the aid of any instruments. Omar Esa was pleasantly surprised that the children were familiar with a lot of his nasheeds and was enthused by the eager pupils who had a good sing along with him. A big thank you to Omar Esa for visiting our school and making it a memorable moment for the children.



Barnfield Residential Care Home

Year 4's thoroughly enjoyed planning and hosting a tea party for the residents of Barnfield. The tea party was themed around Fair Trade and the children baked scrumptious biscuits using Fair Trade ingredients. The children were complemented for their delicious biscuits and being the perfect hosts serving fair trade chocolates, biscuits and savouries. The residents were also entertained by the Year 4's with a nasheed performance. It was a delightful afternoon for all!



Dodgeball

Year 3/4 participated in a Level 2 dodge ball competition at Batley Sports Centre on Tuesday 28th November. The children had a great time competing against the other 11 schools. An excellent effort from the team who played with great zeal and enthusiasm.



Sports Hall Athletics -

The team of 18 from Year 5/6 had their first competitive athletic experience where they participated in obstacle races, relays and field events. The children showed a high level of teamwork, support and competitiveness which helped secure 3rd place! A great achievement from all involved and hopefully it will continue in to the finals!



Young Sports Leaders Training day

Some of our Year 5/6 children had the opportunity to spend the day training to lead games and coach team skills. The young leaders look forward to organising some of the games and activities for the rest of the school to play.



Football

On Wednesday 8th November, our Football team headed over to Batley Sports Centre after school to compete in a year 5/6 tournament. Despite the cold conditions the team played brilliantly. Team work, sportsmanship and determination were all on display as the boys took to the pitch for the first time together this year. Well done boys, you did us and yourselves proud!



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CROSS CURRICULAR DAYS

Pupils enjoyed a whole school cross curricular day themed around the tantalising topic of 'International Cuisine.'

The day was filled with an array of delectable foods being prepared, delicious aromas, and taster sessions tingling the taste buds!

The children learnt about Indian cuisine; and the history and origination of the many spices used in Indian cooking. The taster session was sensational where the children had the opportunity to savour many street foods of India!

Whilst looking at Moroccan cuisine, the children learnt about the different spices, colours, fla-



vours and cooking techniques, including looking at a tagine and how it is used in Moroccan cooking. The children explored the different types of Turkish food and its origination and had great fun using their 5 senses to describe the delicacies they tasted...especially enjoying the Turkish Delight!

The children also took an adventure through the fascinating Italian, Mexican and Chinese cuisines, exploring the culture and history of the traditional foods of these countries. Children thoroughly enjoyed making and eating their own pizza, pasta and cheesy nachos. For some eating the Chowmein with chopsticks proved to be quite a challenge!



OUR RIGHTS

This term's cross curricular day covered the particularly relevant and important topic of 'Our Rights.' The children looked at basic human rights; food, water, shelter, clothing and education and created a banner as a whole school project outlining the different human rights we are all entitled to. They then drew comparisons between their standards of living and that of children from less economically developed countries; whilst brainstorming ideas about how we can help to improve the lives of the less fortunate children including raising money and making duaa for them. Children also explored their right to 'Love, Care and Protection' and acknowledge



the importance of having the right to be cared for, along with the right to go to school, to be protected from abuse and neglect and the right to protection from exploitative work.

To further explore the right to education, children learnt about impoverished children with no access to education and the struggles of women to gain education in some parts of the world. They looked at the profile of "Malala" who is famously known for her struggle to gain education for herself and other young girls. Children enjoyed practising writing and reading their names in the Chinese language in order to empathise with the people who



are unable to read and write. Children also learnt about rights in Islam and created a 'tree of rights' outlining the different rights of men, women, children and animals that one is required to fulfil. Additionally, children explored Freedom of Expression using Amnesty International as their inspiration. Children read and discussed the right to free speech using key communication and critical thinking skills, with a mixture of film and informative text. Children took part in a host of campaigning activities for Johan Teterissa and Mahendra who were arrested for leading peaceful protests in Indonesia, which included designing a colourful patchwork to show their solidarity.



Learn to ride instructors

A Learn to ride/Level 1 cycle training session was run at School for Year 6 pupils. The session consisted of: understanding of safety equipment and clothing, carrying out simple bike checks and getting on and off the bike, starting off, pedalling and stopping without help. After that they were taught how to ride along without help, make the bike go where they want, use gears, stop quickly with control, manoeuvre safely to avoid objects, look all around, including behind, without loss of control and control the bike with one hand. Our non-riders can now ride and are prepared for L1 and L2 Bikeability.



Bikeability Balance

Our non-riders in ks1 were given the opportunity to experience two wheels with the aim of achieving balance, stimulated through games and exercises. The pupils developed motor skills, spatial awareness, balance, agility, core strength and co-ordination. It also helped to increase and maintain children's confidence as they were in control of the bike. All this....without a stabiliser in sight!



Road Safety

2 police officers came to visit the Reception class children during road safety week. They talked about the green cross code and how to keep safe. The children listened to the different jobs the police officers do and had the opportunity to ask questions. A big Thank you to PC Julie, and PC Adam. It was a great learning experience for the children especially since their role play area is currently a police station!!



During road safety week, Year 3 had the opportunity to work with the road safety team from Kirklees council. They learnt about the importance of using and crossing the roads safely, safe places to cross from and the Green Cross code. The road safety team brought along fun packed activities and helped the students cross the road outside school safely. Please remember to drive safely whilst outside and close to school, and ensure children are belted up!



Out of Space

In science Year 5 have been exploring Space and beyond! They learnt how day and night occurs by observing the orbit of the Earth. Also the children experimented the moon phases by using Oreo biscuits. An opportunity was given to the children to create their own space models at home. The children created fantastic and imaginative models; the whole school was in awe! This topic amazed the children on the wonders of Almighty's creation and makes you think about 'So which of the favours of your Lord would you deny?'



Tropical Rainforest

This term in Geography Year 4's explored the beautiful Topical Rainforests. The children learnt about the location, climate and different layers of the Rainforest. They were given an opportunity to create their own rainforest model. The competition was fierce as all entries were spectacular and imaginative with great creative skills at play! This topic highlighted the immense beauty of the almighty's creation.



Year 3's have been learning about the "Pointillism" art movement and the prominent artist named George Seurat who used this technique in his work. The children practised this technique and eventually created their own lovely piece of art.



Science - Habitats project

As part of Year 2's science topic - 'Living things and their habitats' the children were given a project to complete in their own time. Their task was to create a habitat for their chosen animal. The class produced some excellent homes for their animals and should be proud of themselves!



Nursery children visited Dewsbury Library as part of their 'I love books' topic and were thrilled to choose their own books from the shelves and going through them. They particularly enjoyed listening to the 'Hungry Caterpillar' story and the colouring activities and were excited to bring a pack of goodies home from the library.



As part of our topic work this term, Year 2's visited Eureka-The National Children's Museum, to support their learning and to inspire them to find out about themselves and the world around them. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the different galleries throughout the day.



As part of Year 6's History topic 'Crime and Punishment' they visited Ripon Museum. They explored the Workhouse, which provided a harsh touch of reality, gaining an insight into poverty. They found the Prison and Courthouse museum interesting and looked at how crime was detected during the Victorian period. Visiting an old police station gave them an insight into the kind of punishments that were handed out and what it was like to be sentenced and transported thousands of miles across the oceans to a strange land where survival was not guaranteed. The children enjoyed re-enacting a court case in the building that was once used as a court house. The host was amazed at the children's excellent speaking and listening skills! Overall it was a lovely learning experience!



Quran Club Trips.....Kids had amazing time at both Maize Maze and Tree Top Nets this term. This was an opportunity for both fun and applying concepts learnt from an Islamic perspective.



pets at home

As part of Year 1's Science topic 'Our Pets' they visited Pets at Home to have a look at the different pets people keep. They thoroughly enjoyed looking at the fish, rabbits, gerbils and even a bearded dragon and discussed how we should look after them.



Year 4's visited Magna Museum as part of their science topic. They explored and investigated the pavilions dedicated to each of the four natural elements water, fire, air and earth. As they walked through the dark, cold and natural corridors of Magna, the children researched different inventors and famous people in the field of science. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing in the water pavilion with their friends. It was a tiring but certainly an exciting day!



In History, Year 1's have been learning about changes within daily life and to consolidate their learning they visited Tolson Museum in Huddersfield. Throughout the day, the children took part in various activities that reflected the past and had great fun re-enacting a school day from the 1900s to understand what school was like during that time.



Grandparents Day - Year 1's travelled back in time to gain an insight into the changes in daily life since the 1950s. The children invited very special guests; their grandparents, to come into school to talk about their childhood. The children had an interesting afternoon asking their grandparents how they travelled to school, what they did in school and most importantly, what games they played (if they were allowed to play a game that is!)



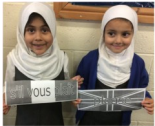
A big Thank you to all the grandparents for attending and enlightening the children about what life was like when they were children.

Head Boy and Head Girl - Congratulations to Haadia Shoaib and Eesa Dawood for being elected as Head girl and Head boy at Paradise.

Student Council -The following children were elected to make a representation in student council meetings held fortnightly to discuss class suggestions, ideas and respond to concerns around school.

- Year 1 - Safaa Patel & Isa Khurshid
 - Year 2 - Aisha A Patel & Talha Ladha
 - Year 3 - Aisha Bodhanian & M Yusha Dawood
 - Year 4 - Fatima Gebi & M Ayaan Kadia
 - Year 5 - Khadija Ibrahim & Abu Bakr Polli
 - Year 6 - Azraa Akudi & Umar Hazi
- Masha'allah, Well done to the elected children. We wish you all the best in fulfilling your role.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS - Our exciting lunch clubs have been running again and children have had the opportunity to explore their linguistic skills by attending the French Club as well as tapping into their creative side with crochet, henna painting and crafts club. Alongside these clubs, children will also be able to learn the art of Macrame and get knotty in the Macrame club next term!




Rohingya Charity Dinner Paradise Pupils had the privilege of playing a prominent role in entertaining guests with nasheeds and quran recitation at a charity dinner organised in aid of the Rohingya victims by the World Care Foundation. The children had a great time singing alongside well known nasheed artists; Omar Esa, Ehsaan of Labbayk and Imtiaz Seedat. Well done to all our shining stars for their brilliant performance and a big shout out to Br Iqbal Bhana who hosted the event with great vivacity, the nasheed artists and the organisers of the event who made it all happen!



Anti-Bullying Week this year was themed around 'all different, all equal' where children were reminded of what the Quran tells us, 'O Mankind, we have created you male and female, and we have made you into nations and tribes so that you may know one another.' Through various activities around school; children celebrated 'difference' by exploring what makes them and others unique as well as embracing equality and how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, be able to be themselves, without fear of bullying. Children were encouraged to take individual and collective action to prevent bullying, creating safe environments where children can be themselves. Well done to all the children who participated in the Anti-Bullying competition and for creating lovely posters. The winners' masterpieces will be showcased on our Anti-Bullying wall.





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Paradise Primary School 2017 Results

Best in Kirklees for % Achieved in All 3 and % Greater Depth

Comparing with local schools	Progress Score (VA)				1st 3rd 1st		
	Expected Standard in All 3, 100+ SS	Greater Depth SS = 110+	Average SS Reading	Average SS Maths	Writing	Reading	Maths
Kirklees 2017	57%	6%	103	104	-1.2	-1.3	-0.5
National 2017	61%	9%	104	104	0	0	0
Paradise 2017	90%	26%	106	109	7.3	3.7	6.1
Headfield	58%	7%	102	104	-0.5	-2.8	-0.6
Thornhill	44%	5%	101	101	-1.2	-0.5	-0.9
Crossley Fields	69%	9%	103	105	-2.5	-3.6	-1.4
Crowlees	74%	8%	109	107	-2.4	2.3	0.5
Bywell	71%	11%	106	105	1	2	1.2

1st
in writing progress

1st
in maths progress

3rd
in reading progress

In KIRKLEES out of 121 schools

Massive well done to our 2017 Year 6 students for once again topping the tables compared to the Kirklees state schools. Department of Education released the SATS results just last week of the externally marked exams from June 2017 and Paradise has excelled! This is an accumulation of the hard work and dedication of the children, staff and our Head Teacher Hafsa Patel. May the Almighty reward everyone immensely for their sacrifice and efforts. Ameen.

Safeguarding/E-Safety Workshop for Parents

We would like to thank all parents who attended the compulsory Safeguarding / E-safety workshop held on the 14th, 15th, & 16th November 2017. It is imperative that school-parent links are kept strong to ensure that the best outcomes are achieved for our children. Our children are the first e-generation kids who are born and raised with the Internet as an integral part of their everyday lives. It opens up so many educational and social opportunities, giving them access to, quite literally, a world of information and experiences. However on the flipside to the benefits, there are many dangers encountered by children well before they reach the social and psychological maturity to protect themselves from harm. We are first-generation Internet Parents and the aim of the workshop was to create awareness of the detrimental effect and impact it is having on our children and to ensure that children are using the internet safely and wisely.

PARENT ASSEMBLIES— Following on from the previous week's anti-bullying theme, Yr 4 's performed an assembly for their parents on 'Protecting our hands and tongues' ; whilst Yr 2's presented an assembly on 'gratitude'. We would like to thank all the mums and dads who attended their child's assembly and hope you all enjoyed it as much as the children and staff did. Well done to all the children for inspiring assembly performances.

PARENT WORKSHOP— Jazakallah to all the parents who attended their child's year group workshop. It's a great opportunity for parents to receive practical ideas and gain knowledge of different strategies to help support their child at home.

PARENT FORUM— We would like to thank parents for taking the time out to attend the Parents Forum meeting held on the 18th of December 2017 . It is an excellent opportunity for parents to express their views and make a direct and positive impact in the continual improvement of the school.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Deputy Head Sabiha Apa Musa, who joined our school community in September.