

Paradise Primary

In the pursuit of excellence

Dear Respected Parents:

Assalamualaikum and welcome to our December 2021 Newsletter.

Young Sports Leader Training

Our Year 5/6 Sports Leaders had a great time training with Joe Edwards from St John Fishers where they spent the morning learning how to plan, organise and lead small games, both with their peers and with younger pupils. The Sports Leaders were taught skills such as communication, fair play, organising groups/teams and the STEP principle (space, task, equipment, people). They then had an opportunity to put what they had learnt into practice as they lead the KS1 Multi-skills event at Batley Sports and Tennis Centre.



Multi-skills festival

Some children had the opportunity to attend a multi-skills festival at Batley Sports Centre. They enjoyed participating in fun activities such as Curling, Balance Bikes, Target throwing etc. all of which helped to develop and challenge their physical skills further.



Sports Hall Athletics

This term Year 5/6 attended the Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Batley Sport Centre. The competition included track events and field events such as speed bounce, triple jump, long jump, vertical jump, balance bar, high stepper, chest push and javelin. Points were collated by all participants to give each school team an overall point score and final finishing position. Everyone who competed tried really hard and there were some nail-biting finishes! Well done to all the children who attended.



This Girl Can Cricket festival

Our KS2 Girls had the opportunity to be introduced to Cricket in a non-competitive environment. The girls practised on all 4 stations learning the key components of cricket; bowling, batting, fielding and catching; perfecting their hand eye coordination.



Football Yr5/6

Our football team attended the BSSA football match at Batley Sports Centre afterschool. The boys had great fun and played brilliantly despite the tough competition! There was some great teamwork and defending and the boys should be really proud of representing the school very well.



Tri Golf festival

KS2 children were introduced to Tri Golf where they rotated around eight different activity stations; learning how to putt the ball into target areas and chip the ball over rivers. The children had an excellent afternoon playing alongside children from other local schools. They learnt new skills including the importance of respecting one another, safety, good communication and encouragement.



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Visitors and Guest Speakers

Gym Induction

Paradise pupils thoroughly enjoyed participating in a fun filled day of Gym induction. They had great fun and were fully engaged in all aspects of the mini gym which was set up in the hall. To encourage children to remain active and fit, they have been given the opportunity to enjoy and utilise the various gym equipment including exercise bikes for the next few weeks. Enjoy and stay fit!



Warrior Fitness Session

As part of National Fitness Day, children enjoyed taking part in a Warrior fitness session where they spent the morning learning boxing, stacking, running and weight lifting skills. A big Thank you to Hannah for leading the warrior fitness activities and ensuring that the children had a great time and a fantastic fitness workout!



National Fitness day Assembly

A big Thank you to Joe Edwards for an inspiring assembly on raising awareness of healthy eating, fitness, being physically active and its importance in helping us lead healthier lifestyles. This was followed by some leadership training with Years 1- 6 playground buddies who had a fantastic time learning new skills.



Water Safety Assembly

Thank you to Yorkshire Water for the interactive live assembly on Water Safety. Pupils learnt how to stay safe when near water and what help is available for them when there are dangers around.



Kidz 4 kidz Jzk to the UWT representative who came to talk to the children about empathy, compassion, the importance of charity, and the rewards and benefits of helping the needy.

Paradise children participated in Ummah Welfare Trust's kidz4kidz initiative; raising money and reaching out to the vulnerable children around the world. They were prompted to fill up their kidz4kidz money boxes and had one week to raise as much money as they could.

Jzk to all the children and parents for their kind donations and may the Almighty reward everyone in both the worlds. Please remember to pray for the vulnerable people in the world.

'Whoever saves a life, it would be as if they have saved the lives of all Humanity'.



Plastic Surgeon

A special Thank you to our guest speaker Khawaja Gulraiz Rauf (Recipient of NHS Healthcare Hero Award), who inspired teachers and students alike, as he spoke about his profession, specialising in reconstructive surgery using a special technique known as tissue expansion. He also reminded us that the ultimate success is pleasing our creator....



Counsellor

A big Thank you to counsellor Sajeda for delivering an insightful assembly on mental well-being. She addressed with children the importance of looking after yourself and doing positive things which makes you feel good including when helping others.



Pharmacist

A big Thank you to Alaa Abdallah who visited the Reception children and spoke to them about her role as a pharmacist, and how she helps people. She also talked to the enthralled children about how to stay safe.



Dentist

A big Thankyou to the Dentists from Batley Carr Dental Surgery who gave lots of helpful information and advice to the children on how to keep their teeth clean and healthy. Children looked at models of sets of teeth which were both clean and unclean and then attempted to brush the teeth in order to get them clean. Children also learned about plaque, tar, rot, fillings and extractions!



Firefighters

Paradise children had a special visit from the local fire department. The firemen showed the children around their fire engine and gave them children a chance to use their equipment. A morning that the children thoroughly enjoyed and some were inspired to become firefighters themselves!



Police

A big Thank you to PC Anette & PC Julie who visited the children to talk about their job and the different transport and animals they use. Children had a great time exploring the police van and enjoyed looking at the different compartments inside. As part of Road Safety Week, PC Annette and PC Julie talked to the children about road safety. They discussed the dangers of being a passenger and pedestrian and shared some excellent tips on how to stay safe on the roads and how to travel in a car with the correct safety measures.



Year 1 children had a fun time going out onto the road for a practical demonstration. They learnt about the importance of using and crossing the roads safely, safe places to cross from and the Green Cross code.



Cross curricular Days

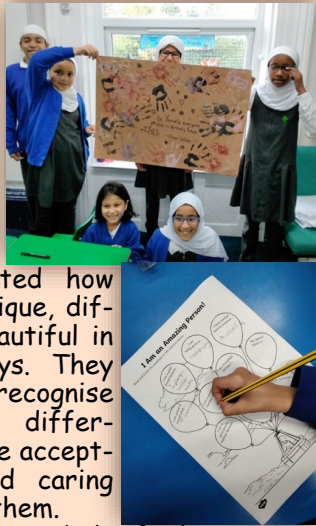
Same but different

On Cross curricular day children celebrated being 'same but different'.

Through various discussions and activities, children appreciated how everyone is unique, different and beautiful in their own ways. They were able to recognise each other's differences and to be accepting, loving and caring regardless of them.

Pupils were reminded of the verses from the Quran where the Almighty has addressed how he is the ultimate creator of all and the differences of race, colour, language, country, and nationality are a sign of his greatness and power.

"And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the difference of your languages and colours. Verily, in that are indeed signs for men of sound knowledge." Human beings, We created you all from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes so that you may know one another. Verily the noblest of you in the sight of Allah is the most God-fearing of you. Surely



Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware."(49:13)

Pupils identified and discussed different races, cultures and festivals such as Eid, Christmas, Diwali, Hanukkah, Vaisakhi, Burns Night, Chinese New Year and many more festivals and how they are celebrated around the world. Pupils enjoyed creating their own Rangoli pattern using scratch art and using a range of 2D shapes and lines of symmetry to create their creative and beautiful art pieces.

Children explored the different religions of the world including the importance of respect and unity. They wrote down all the words that they could think of to make the world a better place and added their own illustrations. They also wrote down in thought bubbles how one can help to unite the world and make it a better place.

Children also enjoyed learning about traditional clothing from all over the world. They looked at what the other cultures may identify as special clothing, where the different types of clothing have originated from and the history behind it. Children designed their very own Japanese kimono using pencil crayons, geometric patterns and other different designs around



them. Children thoroughly enjoyed learning and sampling the different types of dishes from

around the world. There was an assortment of foods for the children to experience and had fun tasting and discussing their likes and dislikes from the food sampled.

They enjoyed exploring what the other cultures may identify as a special dish and where the different foods originated from. They also discussed healthy and unhealthy foods; the food groups each of the item belonged to and its benefits.

Children had a great time learning how to say 'hello' in different languages and increasing their multilingual skills.

Children also appreciated how the renowned greeting of 'salaam' is used as a universal greeting by every

Muslim around the world despite language, race and cultural barriers.



COP26 - (26th Conference of the Parties)

This terms cross curricular day was themed around 'COP26'; the 26th big conference where leaders from all over the world came together in Glasgow to discuss how climate change is going to be tackled and agree on actions that could help slow down climate change. Throughout the day children had various opportunities to learn about climate change, the factors that are contributing to global warming, greenhouse gases and its effect on the environment.

The children had fun learning about the effects of climate change through carrying out Greenhouse gas experiment. They learnt how the energy needed for our everyday simple routines where we use electricity, fuel, etc. produces a gas called carbon dioxide also known as a 'greenhouse' gas because it traps

heat, causing the Earth to warm up. The more carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere, the worse it is for the environment.

They learnt how over the years our world has seen a huge increase in the world's population, increase in human consumption, industrialisation, urbanisation and global trade has led to the increase of gases that is causing temperatures to rise around the world. Global warming is harming the environment in several ways and the Earth's resources being used more than what can be replenished naturally. Children enjoyed building the tallest tower comprising of different materials whilst looking at industrialisation and engineering. Children understood that everything



we do has an impact on the environment and for the well-being and sustainability of all living things, it becomes imperative for us to protect our earth and its environment.

Children were encouraged to look at ways of making small changes to their daily routine, where they could **reduce** their **carbon footprint** and have a **positive** effect on the environment.


They understood the importance of helping and looking after our environment by keeping it clean from pollution, recycling waste items, reducing energy consumption, conserving water and forestation.

Overall, it was an enjoyable and informative day where children appreciated the beauty of our planet and understood the importance of our responsibility to take care of it.




Grand Parents Day -Year 1's travelled back in time to gain an insight into the changes in daily life since the 1950s with their very special guests; their grandparents, who were invited as guests to talk about their lives as children. The children had an interesting afternoon asking questions and gaining a better understanding of their grandparents' childhood. Children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the tales of their grandparents and were amazed at the differences compared to their own childhood! A big Thank you to all the grandparents for attending and enlightening the children about what life was like when they were growing up.





World Smile Day was celebrated with lots of smiles, activities and a reminder that it is sunnah to smile! There were lots of discussions on what makes us smile and how we can make others smile. Children had great fun making smiley face emojis, smiling sock puppets and smiley DIY fridge magnets. They also made cards including pockets of kindness and decorated cupcakes with big smiley faces!


Some children wrote down a few actions that they wanted to do over the weekend for their parents, which we hope brought smiles on everyone's faces!



World Kindness Day On World Kindness Day, kindness in all its forms was promoted and children were encouraged to make kindness the norm. Children were reminded of the beautiful character of our Prophet(saw) and how we should strive to follow his example of showing respect and kindness to everyone around us. Children wrote about the strengths of their peers and had a chance to explain why choosing kindness is important and how it can impact someone's life. Children also enjoyed making origami cards to put a smile on a loved one's face.

As a token of kindness, Reception children wrapped chocolates bars for the adults around school. They created their own labels and enjoyed delivering them to the adults bringing a smile to their faces! A big thankyou to the Reception class for the sweet treat!


A little bit of kindness goes a long way. Let's make our world a better and happier place through kindness!



World Mental Health Day Mental Health Day was marked with children and staff showing their support with green ribbons symbolising awareness of mental health. The various activities children participated in and around school, enabled them to understand and think about the importance of healthy minds and that mental health is just as important as physical health.

Children created posters expressing different emotions and feelings and looked at how reading, exercising, meditating, talking to someone or taking part in a personal hobby can help one remain positive and healthy. They also looked at how praying and prostration helps to maintain our health physically and mentally.

They learnt about the importance of perseverance and how various situations may cause several differing emotional reactions for different individuals. It is normal and healthy to feel all kinds of emotions, even negative feelings, so long as it does not get overwhelming, and it is not suppressed.



Dyslexia Awareness Week For Dyslexia awareness week children had thoughtful discussions surrounding dyslexia using some interactive cards. They learnt about how people affected with this condition struggle with skills involved with reading, writing and spelling. They discussed what makes each individual unique, their own strengths and how they may help someone in their class who may be struggling with dyslexia. The children came up with some fantastic, helpful ideas. Children enjoyed participating in various activities to raise awareness of dyslexia, including designing their own T-shirts.



Anti-Bullying Week 2021 During Anti-Bullying week, children and staff wore odd socks to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and uniqueness. Children were reminded that the odd socks signified everyone being different, yet equal and the importance of accepting one another, showing respect, kindness and consideration towards others.

The theme of 'One Kind Word' was reiterated to children that being mean or teasing someone is NOT cool!

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Set a positive example by choosing to respect, tolerate and be kind towards each other. Be the reason to make someone smile!


Children were reminded of the importance of respect and kindness in Islam, the characteristics of our Prophet (saw) and how




World Science Day On World Science Day, there were lots of inspiring activities and exciting experiments to enthuse and engage the children. They enjoyed exploring magnets enhancing their understanding that there are forces that occur on Earth which cannot be seen. They enjoyed experimenting with soap bubbles learning why they stick together and how they are just air wrapped in soap film. Children also enjoyed creating their own fabulous crystal balls!

They learnt about solids, liquids and gases and a reaction of a base and acid through the Lava lamp experiment which was fun.


The younger children enjoyed creating a burst of vibrant colours by carrying out their own rainbow colour mixing experiment. Overall children had a great time and appreciated that science is all around us and is a part of everybody's life.



UK Parliament Week For UK Parliament Week, children learnt about the UK Government, the house of commons and Lords and what do members of parliament do. The justice and law system was also explored giving an insight of why we need laws, how it affects us and how laws are implemented giving everyone access to equal rights. Children enjoyed the various activities including the debates and voting in an election.



Black History Month During Black History Month, children recognised and commemorated the triumphs and accomplishments of prominent and inspiring black figures from the past and present. Children enjoyed discovering some amazing facts about the history, triumphs and contributions of many key Black figures like Mary Seacole, Claudia Jones, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Mohammed Ali etc. They acknowledged and appreciated how their achievements has impacted society and the contributions they have made to shape history.



World Teachers Day To celebrate World Teachers Day and in appreciation of their dedication, the teachers were treated to food and an extra 30 minutes of lunch. A huge Thank You to all the teachers and staff for their hard work, effort and valued contribution to our school.

we should use the Quran and the sunnah as a moral guide to make the correct choices.

During the week, key points were conveyed to children about good healthy relationships with strong emphasis on bullying being totally unacceptable and contrary to our ethos. It is wrong, should be taken seriously and will not be tolerated in any form.

As the theme for Anti bullying week was 'one kind word' the children wrote kind words about their peers and linked all the chains together to create a paper chain. It was wonderful to see how their kind words had impacted each individual.

They explored how the school approaches bullying, how to deal with bullies and what steps to take if someone is being bullied.

Congratulations to all the competition winners who have had their winning art work displayed on our Anti-Bullying wall.

Primary Reading Challenge-

Reading is a huge priority for us at Paradise as it is the key to learning and successful fulfilment in all areas of life. We see it as an important partnership between school, parent and child. To help fulfil our aim of promoting a reading culture; we are running a Reading Challenge for Primary children from 17th December 2021 till Sunday 21st of February 2022. Children are invited to immerse themselves into the world of reading and travel around without moving their feet! The challenge is to read and quiz as many books as they can from their year group reading list over the next half term. Keep those pages turning!

Reception Reading Challenge

Reception children have been challenged to read 10 books with their parents, over the next few weeks.

Nursery Reading Challenge -

A challenge has also been set for Nursery children to read at least 10 books with a grown up.

We advise younger children to spend a minimum of 10 minutes a day reading at home and a minimum of 20 minutes for older children. Whether you love fiction or non-fiction, get those pages turning: read alone, read aloud, read to each other!

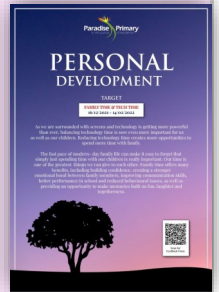


PD TARGET As part of our vision to nurture today's young people and inspire tomorrow's leaders, we understand that personal development is just as important as pupils progress and academic success. We acknowledge Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as the perfect example and role model for us to progress in our personal development.

A new initiative has been introduced to build on student's personal development within school as well as extending this beyond school life.

The student's will be given short-term targets to demonstrate certain qualities and actions within their home lives.

To measure the outcome of these targets, parents will have to complete a simple 'Personal Development Feedback Survey' which will enable us to reward the students according to their success of fulfilling these targets.

**Reading Buddies**

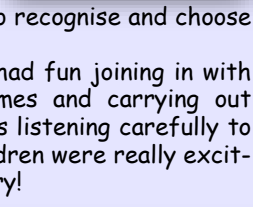
Every week, Year 6 children have been visiting Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 to read a story to the class. Well done to the Year 6's who have been exceptional role models. It has been a pleasure listening to them reading and using super expression to add excitement to the stories.



LIBRARY VISIT - Year 1 and Early Years children had a fun filled morning visiting Dewsbury library. They experienced a day of singing, reading, listening to stories, arts and crafts and learning how to take out books!

Year 1 children had fun searching the library for different types of books. Using their knowledge of non-fiction and fiction features, they were able to recognise and choose books.

Early Year children had fun joining in with singing nursery rhymes and carrying out the actions as well as listening carefully to the stories. The children were really excited to be at the library!

**Tolson Museum**

- Year 1's visited Tolson Museum where they travelled back in time and experienced a day in the life of a Victorian child. Throughout the day, the children participated in various activities that reflected the past and had great fun re-enacting a school day from the 1900s to understand what Victorian classrooms were like during that time. The children had fun using dip pens to write, which was interesting. The teacher was very strict and lessons were very boring!

They also participated in peg doll making and were thankful that they did not have to make their own toys from materials they found in the house!

They enjoyed looking at Victorian costumes, toys and various artefacts. It was a very interesting and informative day.



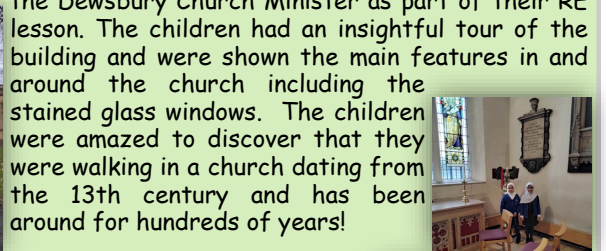
Canal walk Reception children went exploring near the canal and were excited to see the bridge. They looked at the bridge from below observing the traffic go past and then went on the bridge to enjoy the view down below. The children were excited to find the name of the bridge and the year it was built.



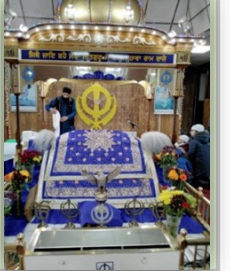
Mosque visit Year 1 children visited a local mosque Masjid Umar whilst learning about places of worship. They were given a tour of the wudhu area, salaah area where the salaah is led by the Imam and the madressah classrooms. They were also shown lots of interesting features of a mosque. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and children can't wait to visit again.



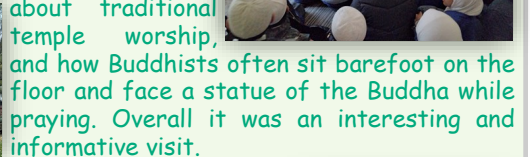
Dewsbury Minister Church visit Year 2 children visited the Dewsbury Church Minister as part of their RE lesson. The children had an insightful tour of the building and were shown the main features in and around the church including the stained glass windows. The children were amazed to discover that they were walking in a church dating from the 13th century and has been around for hundreds of years!



Gurdwara visit Year 4 children visited a Gurdwara where they learnt about Sikhism, including the 5K's and the history of the religion. During the tour of the Gurdwara, children were explained the reasoning behind different areas and rooms within the gurdwara and also how there were no idols, statues, religious pictures or other ritualistic devices in the Gurdwara. It was an insightful and informative trip.



Temple visit Whilst learning about places of worship, the children in Year 5's visited the Wat Buddharama Temple in Leeds; a Thai Buddhist temple that has six monks in residence. The children had a tour of the temple where they learnt about traditional temple worship, and how Buddhists often sit barefoot on the floor and face a statue of the Buddha while praying. Overall it was an interesting and informative visit.

**Canal walk**

Year 4 children enjoyed their scenic walk to the canal as part of their English lesson. The children used their 5 senses and wrote descriptive phrases using key features such as fronted adverbials, adjectives and ly adverbs. Well done to

**Metal Recycling visit**

Year 6 visited the metal recycling centre during their English lesson to learn about the process in which materials are recycled. They used this information to produce excellent persuasive posters, highlighting the importance of recycling.



Head Boy and Head Girl -

Congratulations to **Muhammed Mitha** and **Zahraa Afroz** for embracing their elected roles of Head boy and Head Girl with great zeal and dedication.

Deputy Head Boy and Girl -

Well done to **Aisha Y Patel** and **Qaasim Majid** for playing a supportive role as Deputy Head girl and Head boy.

Student Council -

Well done to the following children who were elected as representatives from their class to bring forward class suggestions/ ideas, voice their needs and respond to concerns around school during the fortnightly student council meetings.



- Yr 1 - Zakariyah Khurshid & Fatima Mubashiar
- Yr 2 - Muhammad Umerji & Ammaarah Habib
- Yr 3 - Ibraaheem Ali & Safiyyah Umarji
- Yr 4 - M. Yusuf Sayed & Aliza Ehtisham
- Yr 5 - Muhammad Umar Rasool & Sawdah Khan
- Yr 6 - Ammaar Patel & Zaynab Patel

Playground Buddies

Our playground buddy scheme plays an important part in creating a safe, happy and thriving atmosphere for children during lunchtimes and break time. Well done to the following children who were elected by their peers!



- Yr 1 - Safaa Patel & Ahmad Umarji
- Yr 2 - Abdurrahman Patel & Aamina Mitha
- Yr 3 - Khalid Nadat & Aasiyah Patel
- Yr 4 - Maryam Patel & Yahya Yahya
- Yr 5 - Eliza Dalal & Hussain Mulla
- Yr 6 - Maariya Hazi & Qaasim Majid

All the best in fulfilling your role and carrying out your responsibilities this year.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS - To the excitement of the children, lunch time clubs have resumed again. They have had the opportunity to explore their creative side with henna painting and Arts & Crafts club. Reading club has been a very popular choice and it has been very heartening to see children immersed in reading!

Out of Space - "Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding."



Year 5 's have been exploring Space and beyond! They learnt how day and night occurs by observing the orbit of the Earth. They looked at the different phases of the moon and the movement of the moon in relation to Earth. Children carved Oreo biscuits to illustrate their understanding of the moon phases. Whilst exploring our beautiful galaxy and appreciating the wonders of our Almighty's creation, children were given the opportunity to create their own space models at home. They created imaginative and ingenious models of the space and beyond! Well done to all the children for their beautiful, out of this world masterpieces!

Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners

STAR OF THE TERM

Nursery— Khadeejah Shaikh

Reception— Muhammad Ahmad Patel

Year 1— Inaaya Naveed— For excellent effort, good behaviour and great participation in all lessons.

Year 2— Saarah Umerji— For great participation and effort in all of her subjects.

Year 3— Muhammad Zayd Polli— For always exemplary manners and behaviour towards his Apas and peers.

Year 4— Hamzah Patel— For showing excellent attitude towards his learning all term and working fantastically with his peers.

Year 5— Safaa Patel— For excellent behaviour and progress in all her lessons.

Year 6— Aisha Y Patel— For displaying excellent mannerisms and a good work ethic.

STAR READERS

Yr 1	Highest 100% in Quizzes - Maariyah Patel Most read books - Aaminah Yusuf
Yr 2	Highest 100% in Quizzes - Ammaarah Habib, Anayah Dalal Most read books - Yusuf Umerji, Aysha Rasool
Yr 3	Highest 100% in Quizzes - Ismaeel Hazi Most read books - Hafsa Bawani
Yr 4	Highest 100% in Quizzes - Umaymah Patel Most read books - Abdelrahman Elshafey
Yr 5	Highest 100% in Quizzes - Aaminah Hussain Most read books - Isa Khurshid
Yr 6	Highest 100% in Quizzes - Khadija Tukur Most read books - Juwayriya Patel

Well done to our Super Readers in Reception Class -
Saarah Habib & Fatima Patel

Well done to all the children who received their Excellent Behaviour certificates and the 100% Attendance certificates

Mountains Project -

Year 3's have been learning about mountains and its formation and have enjoyed creating beautiful 3D models of their own chosen mountains. They looked at how the Earth is made up of four layers; the crust, mantle, outer core and inner core. They learnt how there are tectonic plates in the Earth's mantle which crash together sometimes forming Mountains on the crust. Well done to all the children for their beautiful models!



PARKING - During the school drop off and pick up times, some parents have unfortunately not been adhering to the parking rules, causing congestion and jeopardising the safety of our children. Please do not stop in the middle of the road to pick children up and take care whilst turning cars around in the car park. Also please do not cause inconvenience to our neighbours by parking or blocking the residents parking bays and entrances. We strongly urge Parents support and cooperation with this matter. Jazakallah to all the parents who are complying with the parking rules to ensure the safety of our children.

PARENT WORKSHOP -

Jazakallah to all the parents who attended the English, Maths, Reading and Phonics workshops. We hope it was beneficial in aiding you to support your child at home.

ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP - Jazakallah to the Parents who attended the online safety workshop. We hope it was insightful and empowering and will equip parents with the knowledge to understand the potential risks associated with keeping children safe online.

