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Dear parents, students and friends of Madni Primary,

It has been an honour to rejoin the primary team again. A warm welcome to the new pupils that have become part of the Madni Academy Family. It has been an exciting term at Madni Primary.

The children received an educational workshop from the fire service and NSPCC. This has been further enhanced with visits to Eureka and Tropical world, which the children thoroughly enjoyed and returned with wonderful stories and were eager to share all the new skills they have gained.

Several workshops have taken place throughout primary to aid parents to understand how they can support their child. Some of the workshops were well attended and feedback has been positive.

The parent's forum meeting took place in November. We received valuable feedback; it was a productive and positive meeting. It would be lovely to see more mums attending the meetings. It is not only an opportunity to receive details on upcoming school plans but also an opportunity to partake in discussions and decision making for forthcoming developments. Please do look out for the next meet which is scheduled to take place in March 2019.

It has been an educational fun packed term in the primary school, filled with enrichment and learning. The children have produced superb work and have been enthusiastic to part in extracurricular activities all of which I look forward to sharing with you in this terms newsletter.

Mehnaz Kauser - Primary Manager

'Water Sanitation Project's Feedback Assembly'

Prophet Muhammad SAW said: *"The best charity is giving water to drink"* and he was the most generous in giving charity. (As narrated in Ahmad)

A warm JazakAllah Khayr to **Mr AbdusSamad Mulla** for visiting us during a special assembly to personally update us on the water well project that we participated in with Al-Imdaad UK in Ramadhan 2018.

Mr Mulla reminded us of water poverty which affects millions of people around the globe, these people lack easy access to clean drinking water or even any water at all. Sri Lanka and Malawi are amongst those countries affected, where the residents have to walk for many miles to carry back water for their daily needs. We must be thankful for the facilities and the resources that Allah SWT has gifted to us in the UK, but at the same time fulfill our obligation to humanity by helping others in need.

Alhamdulillah, staff, students and parents contributed generously to this project and we raised **£10,815.29** to help build over 72 water pumps and water wells in Sri Lanka and Malawi. MashaAllah this total is the highest raised by any school in 2018, may Allah accept it from us. Aameen.

You can watch a short clip on Madni Academy's participation in the project by visiting: the You Tube website, type the following in the search box: *'Al-Imdaad Madni Academy Global Water Project'* or alternatively click the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tb6vFjY-EYs>

Mr Mulla added: *"Special thanks to Madni Academy for supporting our global water sanitation projects, the achievements made are outstanding and are changing lives around the world. Hundreds of families are benefiting on a daily basis in Sri Lanka and Malawi thanks to the sterling efforts made by the students, parents and staff. We pray for acceptance and pray that everyone involved at Madni Academy is blessed always, Aameen."* - *Hafiz AbdusSamad Mulla - Al-Imdaad Foundation UK Country Director.*



School Council

I am pleased to announce the new school council have been appointed. The elections took place in October and the children wrote well thought out applications to convince their peers to vote for them.

The team is made up of:-

Fatima Imran (chair)
Maryam Ali (Secretary)
Amani Amankwah
Saarah Amin
Maryam Saleem
Safa Ali

There was a special assembly to introduce them to the rest of the primary school. A number of meetings have been held with the school council. The projects currently been work on are:

To have a small play area including swings/frames and benches in the playground

Lunch clubs activities

Helping the homeless project

There is a school council notice board in the primary corridor; it has a profile of the school council along minutes from the weekly meetings.

DIY String Art

Over the past few weeks, P2 & P3 have been busy experimenting with string art during their lunch club. String art is very popular and fun. It's a great way to express your creativity.

P2 have been using wool to create a 2D effect using a leaf template. P3 used embroidery thread to create a different effect on card using a heart shaped template.

NOTE:-

Well done to the parents and children for making every effort to attend school every day.

There have been concerns with pupils arriving late at the start of the day, please be reminded the school starts at **8.25am**, children must arrive by that time and be seating in the prayer room for the morning Taleem.

Residential Nursing Home

We had a wonderful time visiting the elderly residents at Manorcroft. The residents enjoyed the puppet show prepared by Urooj, Liyana, Aminah and Maryam from P3. The staff became very emotional and tearful when the girls were singing the nasheed 'One Big Family' by Maher Zain as the lyrics resonated deeply with them. The girls enjoyed interacting with the residents and were treated to snacks and drinks.

The Prophet S.A.W has narrated to the nearest meaning, 'Allah Subhaana Wa Ta'alah does not have mercy on a person who does not have mercy on others'. We have so many weak, vulnerable and elderly people in hospitals, nursing homes and our neighbourhoods that we should care about regardless of their background. Visits such as these help to build bridges within the community.

Assessments

Term 1 assessments took place during the last week of November. I am pleased to see nearly all the pupils met the targets set at the start of term1. Pupils have now been set term 2 targets. JazakAllah to all the parents that attended the review day.

Parents Forum Meeting

The parent's forum meeting was in held in November, minutes for the meeting are available upon request. Some of the areas discussed were as follows:

- 1-change of holiday policy following consultation with parents
- 2- Governor vacancies to be filled in term 2
- 3- Encouraging your child to read more and increase the depth of reading as this is a particular focus in the primary school
- 4- To have an open evening for the primary school
- 5- Future workshops for parents
- 6- To set up a buddy system for those pupils who are may not have anyone to play with during break and lunch

The next meeting will take place in March, please do make the effort to attend, if however you unable to attend and would like to make a contribution please do let the primary manager know.

Attendance:- 96%

Extended Learning Day

MashaAllah we had our first WOW day of the academic year. Our WOW day theme was about Healthy Eating. Our activities ranged from Chopping up a fruit salad, to a healthy bingo and word search, designing your own lunch box and also some physical activities. All the children thoroughly enjoyed it, lots of beaming faces as they went around the different tables in their house groups. Mums were involved with their children and got to join in with the activities. To finish off our WOW day we played a game of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire - The Healthy Eating Addition." The children seemed to know a lot about healthy eating, but when there was a question they didn't know the answer to, they were able to "call any parent" to ask for help, so even the mums were able to be involved. All in all a really fun filled morning and InshaAllah we will have an even better WOW day next term!



Visit From The Dentist

Primary 1 had a dentist come to visit on Thursday 13th of December. Children were able to learn different facts about their teeth. We had a visiting dentist that came from Dewsbury Dental Clinic. Joe the dentist was assisted by his dental nurse Paige. We watched a lovely Power Point presentation which explained how important it is to keep our teeth nice and healthy and also the foods that can cause teeth decay. Children were able to demonstrate how they should brush their teeth after being given an explanation by the dentist himself! Primary 1 were all given a face mask to try on and even had a look at the special blue gloves that dentists wear! At the end of the visit children were each given a sticker for their good behaviour and for listening attentively.

Lunch Club

At Madni Academy we hold a Lunch Club every week on a Wednesday during the lunch hour for the Primary. Children from each of the 3 primary classes are able to participate in a variety of activities. The activities range from decorating cupcakes, paper weaving, colouring in pictures with glitter, playing board games and much more. Here is some of the feedback from children "I like lunch club because we get to make crafts like rabbit faces or we get to play games. Sometimes we do painting. We have played games in lunch club such as 'four in a row', 'hangman', and 'noughts and crosses'. I like to go to lunch club when the weather is cold

outside." - **Khadeejah P2**

"I enjoy lunch club because you can do fun things and play games." - **Aima P2**

"Lunch club is so fun; I think Apa is so creative. I am going to come to lunch club every week." - **Mariam P3**

"I like lunch club because we get to make creative things" - **Hafsah S P1**

"My favourite activity was the cupcakes. First we put icing on and then sprinkles." - **Abdur Rahman P1**



Primary 1

Tropical World Visit

Primary 1 went on a trip to Tropical World in Leeds as part of their Science Curriculum.

MashaAllah it was a really lovely trip and the children all thoroughly enjoyed it. With bags packed and coats on we were ready to board the coach! For some children it was their first trip to Tropical World so they were very excited to see the different types of animals there.

It was especially fascinating when we first stepped into Tropical World where the butterflies were living. It was so warm! walking along the wooden bridge we were able to observe all the different types of animals, from fish to water turtles and butterflies flying over our heads. As we kept walking we even spotted a couple of Banana trees that were growing!

While venturing through the different segments we saw so many other fascinating creatures, there were lots of tropical fish, some big and some really small, a flock of very beautiful birds perched up really high, (we even got up and close with a couple of really chatty parrots eating their lunch!), lots of interesting insects and creepy crawlies like spiders and frogs, not forgetting the meerkats in their open den and bats in the dark underground!

All in all a lovely first trip with lots of learning and fun. Fantastic behaviour Primary 1. Well done.



So, what did Primary 1 like most at Tropical World?

"I liked the butterflies because they were pretty and colourful. My favourite one was the black and blue butterfly." - **Amani. A - P1.**

"I liked it when we saw the fish because they were a bit scaly" - **Umamah. N - P1**

"The crocodile was my favourite animal because he was in the water" - **Abdullah. S - P1**

"I liked everything" - **Jamila. K - P1**

"I liked the bats because they were hanging upside down" - **Hafsah. S - P1**

"I liked the meerkats because they were cute" - **Fatima. I - P1**

Primary 2



Famous Buildings

In Art, children investigated a variety of the world's most famous buildings thinking about what makes a building aesthetically pleasing. They explored how architectural styles have changed over time. Children recreated some famous buildings which included the Taj Mahal, St Paul's Cathedral and the Sydney Opera House. Children also went to Dewsbury Town Centre where they looked at different designs and styles of buildings and the purpose of each building.

Who Killed Tutankhamen?

In Literacy, children explored the Big Question: Who Killed Tutankhamen? They read the interactive eBook, retrieving and collating information and identifying evidence in the text to support their theories. Children produced fantastic writing tasks where they wrote letters and composed an explanation text in response to the Big Question. Children also performed a play in assembly about Tutankhamen where they got to dress up and play important roles.



Visit From The Fire Services

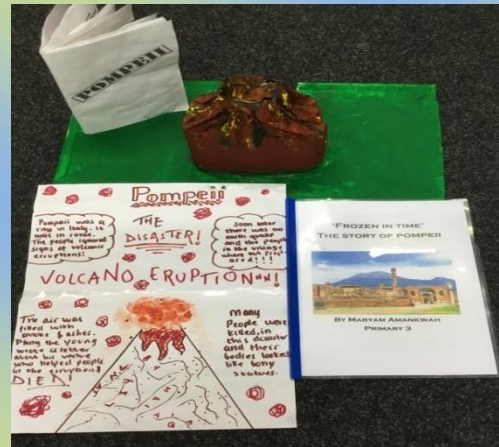
With a big, red fire truck, the fire-fighters entertained and educated the children in Primary about the importance of fire safety. The children learned safety awareness tips and got an up-close-and-personal look at the fire truck. They also got the chance to sit inside the truck and see the important equipment the fire fighters use in case of emergencies.



Primary 3

Pompeii- Half term project

Masha....h some fantastic projects were produced over the half term holidays,; from powerpoint presentations to real life models of volcanoes. The wide array of projects, based on what happened in Pompeii, caught teachers and children with amazement and interest as each student presented them to the class. They were hugely informative and factual. Well done to Primary 3 for the fantastic effort.



D&T- Biscuits

In Design and Technology P3 had the opportunity to not only taste some scrumptious biscuits, but also had a go at designing and making their own! They used their creativity to create biscuits for a variety of occasions including Eid parties and sleepovers!

Trip to Eureka

On Friday the 9th of November Primary 2 and 3 visited Eureka as part of their Science curriculum. They explored the different galleries on healthy eating, sound and light and much more. They also took part in a fun and engaging workshop where it was demonstrated how food is digested in our bodies.

'I found the trip outstanding as there were lots of great resources such as a real shower that I could control at the touch of a button. Also at the bank the staff was very kind he gave me a Eureka bank card! I absolutely loved it!' **Aishah I**

'I think the trip to Eureka was one ecstatic trip full of thrill and excitement. The different areas were very interesting and cool. I really loved it there!' **Fathima.I (Year 6)**

'I thought the trip was very fun, interesting and entertaining!' **Safa (Year 4)**



What To Expect In Term 2?

There will be visits to Ponderosa farm, York Chocolate Museum and Krispy Krème in Birstall. We are hoping for visits from Warburtons.

Both the visits and visitors are tied in with the curriculum being covered over term 2. Please ensure your child's partake to enhance their learning.

Extra Curricular

We are in the process of arranging swimming/martial arts/ boxing/archery sessions for the primary children to enhance the PE curriculum. Further details will be sent out to parents once dates have been confirmed.

We will be having a special guest speaker from West Yorkshire Police to talk to children in assembly about their job and how to stay safe. They will also do a small workshop with the children.

The school council will be organising a community project working alongside 'food drive' to collect food to serve the homeless around the Dewsbury area.

Madni Academy Banquet

Madni Academy Banquet will take place in term 2, it will be an exciting fun packed and entertaining event for females. Please do look out for promotions and leaflets in term 2.

Our Achievements



P1 Super Speller Winner:

Hafsah S

P2 Super Speller Winner:

Saara & Safa

P3 Super Speller Winner:

Afeefa Najeeb



House Points

Masjid e Aqsa- 2004

Masjid e Nabwi- 2052

Masjid e Haram- 1994



Year 1:-

*Maymounah
Khan*

Year 2:-

*Umainah
Ziaullah*

Year 3:-

Aasiyah

Year 4:-

Aima

Year 5:-

Urooj Allahditta

Year 6:-

Afeefa Najeeb

KEEP IT UP

