

# Madni EXPRESS



Madni Academy  
PRIMARY

## **'Term 1's special visitors from Blackburn'**

The CEO of Al-Imdaad Foundation UK; brother **Hafiz Abdussamad Mulla**, and brother **Mansoor Wasway** very kindly attended a 'special presentation assembly' to present certificates and gifts to the children that helped raise the most money from last year's 'build a shelter project for Syrian families.'

We would like to express our appreciation to them for their informative visit which was enjoyed by all the children and staff. When returning to class, children shared their enthusiasm and interest in what they had learnt through their assembly. Some children described this assembly as **'one of the best ever!'**

*JazakaA—ah Khayr to the brothers for taking their time out & inspiring our children. May A—ah accept their efforts- Aameen.*

The brothers also raised awareness of the situation the Rohingya families are in and children were inspired by the talk to help raise funds. Parents, children and teachers came together to raise money through non uniform day and collections.

A special well done to everyone for contributing and raising **£220.00**  
*May A--h SWT accept everyone's efforts and ease the suffering around the world- Aameen*



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Dear Parents, Students and friends of Madni Primary,

A very warm welcome to all parents, new and old. The beginning of this academic year is a very exciting time for us here at Madni. The school celebrated 30 successful years of MMGHS with a total rebrand, and we are now proud to be known as **Madni Academy**. We also have a chic new logo and a jazzy new website to complete our new look, please do take the time to have a quick browse through our website.

As usual, it has been a busy first term at Madni, however I'm very pleased at the number of mums who were able to join us for the Parent Forum Meeting in November. The Maths and Key Stage 2 workshops were also a success. IA there are plans to run further workshops next term- watch out for details.

I do hope that you are able to join us for our Banquet Meal on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 as we celebrate Inspirational women. Finally, wrap up well and keep warm, the winter months look set to welcome us with a big freeze! Enjoy the break and IA we shall see you all back safely in 2018.

Your Servant in Islam,  
**Shakera Mirza**

# "Highlights In Term 1"

## Victorian Adventure at Thackray Museum!

Thackray Museum hosted a fantastic 'Victorians Alive' workshop to the students of **Primary 3**. We were fashionably greeted by a stern Victorian teacher and travelled back in time to 1842. After investigating many different characters and getting into role, we actually travelled the Victorians streets, amazed by the sights and awful odours. Students were eager to come back to 2017, after understanding the difficult and unpleasant living conditions of the poor Victorians.

Here is an insight into what our children thought:

*'Thackray was an amazing experience and the role play was a very creative way of teaching facts you would normally forget.'* **Saara Kathrada**

*'Thackray Victorian streets were very realistic. We had an awesome time at the Museum. It was the best education trip!'* **Ayesha Shahzad**

*'I really enjoyed it at the museum. The models looked very realistic and so were the smells. It was an amazing experience.'* **Fatima Abdul Kabir**

*'The Victorian street was an excellent experience. I felt like I was back in 1842. I thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.'* **Fathima Imran**

*'I loved the role play which made me feel like I was a child in 1842. I felt like I was in their shoes and sharing their experience!'* **Liyana Ishtiyag**



opportunity to nominate themselves for Student Shura. Students enthusiastically wrote letters to the head teacher, outlining their strengths and positive contributions to Primary.

We now have a team of 10 pupils representing their classes:-

### **Primary 1 -**

**Aasiyah Annsary**

**Hafsah Saleem**

### **Primary 2**

**Aima Malik**

**Khadeejah Salaam**

**Fatima Malik**

**Roqayyah Ziaullah**

### **Primary 3**

**Hannah Asif**

**Khadijah Gulraiz**

**Tasmeeya Gulraiz**

**Zainab Saiyed**

The student shura meet with Raeesa Apa on Fridays and discuss ideas for Primary.

Please have a look at the student Shura board for weekly minutes.

## Interfaith Week

Primary students thoroughly enjoyed the various activities in Religious studies and our superb assembly linked to interfaith. We learnt how to appreciate and tolerate the differences in religion as well as show respect to people from different backgrounds and ethnic groups.

**Well done to all of Primary, who worked superbly throughout the week.**



### Primary Parent Forum Meeting

A huge Jzk to all the mothers that attended the Parent Forum meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, it was heart-warming to see so many mums take a positive interest in the future of our school.

Items on the agenda included: highlights of the Autumn term and sharing our priorities for the academic year. Generally there was very positive feedback from mums on the development of the school and parents commended staff on their professionalism and positive relationships with both parents and children.

Discussion focussed around the school uniform; the school is considering a change to the current uniform for September 2018. The Student Shura will consult with all stakeholders; suggestions will then be submitted to the Head teacher for approval. Proposals from the parents included: relooking at the lunch menu- to offer more variety and healthier options, more playground activities.



### A Gift of Prayers from Primary

2016-17 saw Primary partake in the Al-Mubarak Radio show winning some excellent prizes for their Qiraat and Nasheed performances. Sadly our host **Mr Al- Mubarak** fell ill in October, and as a token of our appreciation and prayers, we gifted him this beautiful hand-made frame written by all our Primary children. We hope he has a healthy and speedy recovery.

### Lunch Clubs

Children have thoroughly enjoyed the lunch clubs that have taken place every Thursday this half term. Children have had the opportunity to partake in 'Origami Club' - experimenting and making the most use of paper, as well as 'Classic Games Club'. Primary 3's 'Bus Stop' game session proved superbly popular as children became aware of how easy rainy day entertainment was. The new term brings many new lunch activities which we all look forward to!

Introduced in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half term, Friday 'Homework Club' has been hugely successful as children are able to take advantage of the half an hour session to get a head start on homework. The popularity of it is steadily increasing and we will be continuing the sessions in the next term InshaA--h.



### Children's Universal Day

We celebrated Universal Children's Day and held a competition on why Universal Children's Day is so special and why children should be celebrated.

We had some super fantastic entries which was a challenge for the staff to choose a winner from.

A huge well done to everyone who participated!!

The winner is Aasiya Arif (P3)

**Attendance:- P1: 96% P2: 95% P3: 98% (Overall: 96%)**

# Primary 1



Primary 1 went on a city journey in Geography, studying maps and exploring some features of a number of different cities. They learnt about some human and physical features of cities and explored some of the different landmarks in Edinburgh and Cape Town. We enjoyed learning about cities around the world and used our ICT skills to make fantastic posters!!

In science Primary 1 have identified and named a variety of common UK animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. They have learnt how to group animals using the scientific terms herbivores, carnivores and omnivores as well as the type of food each group eats.

Children performed fantastic role plays being vets and advising on how to look after pets so they are happy



We went back in time and discovered the history of the medieval castle and explored the timeline of their uses in Britain. We learnt about the Normans and how they introduced the skill of building castles to Britain.

Primary 1 became fantastic artists in designing and building a castle using various materials. Some built a motte and bailey type castle, others a more traditional stone castle. Each design was unique!!

It was a challenge for staff to choose the winners.

The winner for Year 1 is **Aaminah Akhtar** and for Year 2 is **Saarah Amin**.



Students became fantastic authors and wrote a short narrative story. They put their excellent creative skills to work and produced some fascinating pieces.

A huge well done to Yusra whose descriptive ending had us hooked on.

*'Ali looked at the bottom of the bed and saw a big dark shadow. Ali jumped out of his bed and ran to his grandma's bedroom but grandma wasn't there. Then Ali turned around to go out but the big dark shadow was coming to Ali. Then Ali got a bashing stick and he bashed the shadow. He saw the spotty pants it was Jamal.'* (Yusra- Year



# Primary 2

## ICT- Creating A Magazine

Primary 2 students have been creating their very own magazine in ICT lessons. Using Microsoft Word they got creative adding areas including; puzzles, healthy eating, competition, history, children's section, science, travel and fiction stories.

## Science- States Of Matter

P2's have been experimenting with Solids, Liquids and Gases and they explored which materials melt at different temperatures. Students experimented using balloons. They blew up one balloon and hung it to one side of the hanger and another balloon which wasn't blown up. They had to see which one weighed the more. Many students thought the blown up balloon would weigh more.



## Art- Pop Up Books

P2s got creative using various mechanisms they have studied to create a Pop up book. Students have had fun making amazing and colourful pop up books!!

## Islam - Christianity

Students have been learning about the similarities between Christianity and Islam. Exploring different places of worship and analysing the features of a church and its purpose.

# Primary 3

## Which animal makes the toughest migration?

Our non-fiction topic 'Animals on the Move', had students holding onto their seats in anticipation of unveiling the toughest migration. In search of our key question, groups of students set out to research a chosen animal understanding their migration and dangers faced to make each journey difficult. With their persuasive arguments and excellently thought of points, **'Team Arctic Tern'** and **'Team Monarch Butterfly'** took the lead in persuading the class that they had made the toughest journey. Well done!

## Half term Project!

Masha....h some fantastic projects were produced over the half term holidays, from inventive light-filled stage boxes to creative books. The wide array of projects, based on animal migration, caught teachers and children with amazement and interest as each student presented them to the class. A special mention to the following students for their effort:

**Hannah Asif** for writing the longest collection of books!

**Zainab Saiyed** for a brilliantly funky background and funfilled PowerPoint

**Ameena Mohammed** for superbly artistic posters

**Hafsah Saleem** for an inventive light stage box.

**Ayesha Shahzad** for an excellently themed enormous poster!

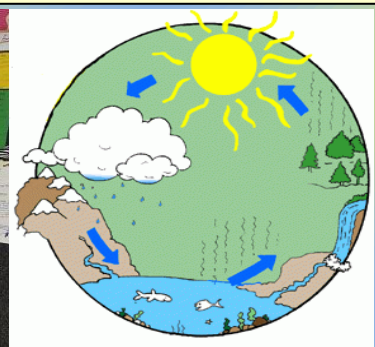
*A huge well done to all of Primary 3 for their effort and enthusiasm!*

## Water World

Primary 3 were 'washed' away by the fantastic facts introduced about water in the world.

From understanding the hydrological cycle to familiarisation of the water treatment process, each lesson was thoroughly enjoyed by the class. We enjoyed some excellent water cycle role plays presented by the different groups! In addition to this, the 'Hydropower Debate' brought out the best speaking skills in our students. Students quickly became interested and developed a proposition and opposition for the proposal! After much deliberation, our judge Afira Apa reached the decision that the proposition had won with their fighting answers.

A special mention to **Asiya Arif** for being such an enthusiastic learner throughout the whole topic!





# Art 'wow' Day...

## Appreciating the natural world



The first wow day, on 1<sup>st</sup> December, was a celebration of the naturally existing wonders that A--h has created. Focusing on the theme 'Appreciating the

natural world', students had a choice of 4 activities focusing on natural landscapes - Sunset Silhouette, Pastel Power, Funky



Backgrounds and Creative Collages. The day held a brilliant opportunity for students to experiment with different mediums and resources available, ranging from soft pastels to bubble wrap painting. Staff were wowed with the excellent artistic talent that Primary displayed. Well done to all children for their enthusiasm and fantastic behaviour!

# Our Achievements



Universal children's day competition

winner:-

Aasiyah Arif- P3

P1 Fruit Winner-

Maryam S



## House Points

Masjid e Aqsa- 1444

Masjid e Nabwi- 1382

Masjid e Haram- 1420

