




HARMONY
Primary School

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An Enthusiastic Return Back to Class

This September, with great pleasure, we extended a very warm welcome to our returning and new parents in anticipation for a new academic year at Harmony Primary School. All of our students have settled in well and have worked exceptionally hard this half term. We would like to take this opportunity to share some of their achievements with you.



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Commemoration of The Birth of The Best of Creation

Friday 8th October 2021 was the first of Rabi- ul-Awwal. In this special month, the students have been learning about the life of Prophet Muhammad, صلى الله عليه وسلم and celebrating this honourable occasion by praising and thanking Allah for all the blessings and endowments of sending him as a mercy to mankind.

Our students prepared for a special assembly on Friday 16 th October, in which each year group presented different parts in the assembly including nasheeds praising Allah and praising the Prophet, صلى الله عليه وسلم .

They also learned about the birth, the life and the beautiful description of our beloved master Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم .

Fresh Opportunities

Year 5 have been learning about planting, growing and harvesting this term. They studied some of the factors that impact these processes to further their scientific understanding. We visited Harrow Garden Centre, where the students identified a number of the wide range of plants that were on display to enhance their studies in class. We were able to have a closer look at some of the tools that are used when planting and harvesting, and discuss their suitability for the different tasks. We discussed the importance of seasonality when sowing and harvesting fruits and vegetables and the children were especially excited to discover that some of their favourite vegetables are currently in season. We very much look forward to planting our own crops as part of our studies in this unit, thereby experiencing first-hand the sowing, growing and harvesting processes.



Reaching New Heights

Years 3 and 4 have been researching about mountains and hills across the world; learning about various aspects of physical and human characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges. This included a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shaped them and the land around them. Our school trip this half term to Northala Hills enriched their experience of learning about the topic and provided an opportunity to hone their art and design skills by building their own clay model of a mountain.



Neighbourhood Locality Walk

KS1 have been studying 'School Days' as our main themed topic this half term. The students have explored our school's features and its locality and compared it to Victorian schools and architecture. The local walk to Harrow School highlighted these differences and offered an opportunity for the children to reflect on changes in their local environment over time. Due to the rich heritage and listed buildings in the local area, the children had the opportunity to visit an array of different buildings, including some that were constructed in the Victorian era. This offered ample stimulus for an engaging study in both English and history. The children were fascinated by the differences in building structures and they were able to compare features with their more modern school. The visit enhanced their in-class learning and it provided many opportunities for them to deepen their understanding.



Social Development

The different trips that the children have undertaken this half term have enabled them to develop their social skills in public and they have grown in confidence when interacting with both the wider school community and with those they meet as part of the school's organised outings. The children have also used these activities as a means for them to consolidate skills relating to team-building, effective listening and co-operating with others.