



Dear Parent/Guardian,

4th March 2023

Assalamu Alaykum (may peace and blessings be with you)

The blessed month of Ramadhaan is fast approaching and in line with our faith ethos, we will be acknowledging the magnanimity of this month with a variety of stimulating activities. An overview of our Ramadhaan provision has been outlined below:

- **Qur’aan Word of the Day**

The month of Ramadhaan is a time to reconnect with the Almighty through the Noble Qur’aan. As a result, we will be holding a Qur’aan Word of the Day series. Alongside the morning prayers, pupils will be learning one word from the Qur’aan, the translation to the verse in which the word appears and the story/explanation behind the verse. A link will be sent each day to all parents with the Word of the Day.

- **Qur’aan Completion Challenge (Years 3-6)**

This year again, we would like to set our KS2 pupils a challenge of reciting 2 Juz (chapters) from the Qur’aan, totalling 24 Qur’aan completions – with the intention of benefiting all those who have passed away. We will then mark this achievement with a special completion du’aa (prayer) during one of the final blessed days.

- **Daily checklist**

All pupils will be provided with an A3 planner with daily goals. Parental engagement is encouraged, and we request a signature from a responsible adult acknowledging the deeds being performed.

Daily Goal
Begin your day by reciting Surah Yaseen
Listen to the Qur’aan Word of the Day <i>(a link will be sent home daily to view this)</i>
Listen to the Spoken Word Poetry <i>(a link will be sent home daily to view this)</i>
Complete the daily Good Deed Challenge <i>(a calendar will be sent home with your child/ren)</i>
Complete 2-page recitation from the Qur’aan
Remember to say Bismillaah in each action
Make du’aa to the Almighty
Recite SubhaanAllaah x 100
Recite Alhamdulillah x 100
Recite Allaahu akbar x 100
Help my parents/carers/family at home
Use a Miswaak

All pupils who complete their daily goals will receive a special treat post Ramadhaan!

- **Daily Good Deed Challenge**

A bespoke calendar will be provided to all pupils before the end of term, with a daily set goal of undertaking good deeds. Please send in example(s) of your child/ren engaging in kindness acts via the following email address: competition@oliveblackburn.staracademies.org

Each class holds a Ramadhaan calendar and within this, upon your child’s return after the Easter holiday, one good deed per day will be inserted as well as a special treat!





- **Olive's Got Faith Talent**

Historically, we have held a special annual talent competition, and this has always been a huge success with all involved! Pupils will audition Nasheeds/Qur'aan recitation and one winner per class will be selected to perform on finals day.

Internal auditions in each class will be held on *Thursday 30th March 2023*.

Grand Final – *Wednesday 19th April 2023 @ 9:00 am*.

- **Cooking with a Character-Building Twist**

We would like to develop our children's character and life skills through cooking. This will be included in the Good Deed Challenge calendar and separately communicated at the time. Delicious food is not the only thing that will be created as your children navigate through this. Whether inspiring moments of self-care, encouraging neighbourliness or empowering children to be creative with a small budget, there's an opportunity for growth throughout! An example of 'Cooking with Character' can be seen as follows: <https://bit.ly/cookingcharacter>

- **Ramadhaan 10-day theme**

We will be acknowledging the following three key themes of Ramadhaan: Days of Mercy, Days of Forgiveness and Gaining Entry into Paradise. The following stand-alone RE lessons will be delivered:

Lesson 1 – To be able to understand the meaning of the first 10 days of Ramadhaan (Days of Mercy)

Lesson 2 – To understand the purpose of the second 10 days of Ramadhaan (Asking for Forgiveness)

Lesson 3 - To be able to understand the purpose of the last 10 days of Ramadhaan (Seeking Entry into Paradise)

- **Ramadhaan Gift Bags**

All pupils will be provided with a goody bag to take home on the final day before the Easter holiday. The contents of the bag will include ZamZam (holy water), dates, finger counter, honey and a Ramadhaan balloon.

- **Daily Hadeeth Circles (Years 5 & 6)**

Since the beginning of this academic year, our U-KS2 pupils have been engaging in daily Hadeeth teaching and learning circles, with character building at the heart of the lessons. Recently, we have focused on pupil well-being and developing one's self-esteem in light of the Qur'aan and Sunnah (practices of our beloved Prophet PBUH). The focus of the Hadeeth circles in Ramadhaan will be on connecting ourselves to the Qur'aan.

We will also be holding Qur'aan clubs every lunch time for Y5-6 on a voluntary basis.

- **Manners Cards**

Ramadhaan is an opportunity to work on ourselves. We will be sending manners cards digitally for our pupils to practise, as our Prophet Muhammad PBUH said: "The best amongst you is he who shows the best of manners and character." Character development is at the heart of our school's FCE provision, hence the focus on this area.





May the month of Ramadhaan become a means of goodness for our pupils, families, staff, The Olive School community and entire humanity at large. May we gain maximum benefit from this month. May the Almighty cure those who are ill, grant patience and comfort to those who have lost loved ones and safeguard all of us from harm. We pray that the objective of our FCE provision is achieved, re-connecting us all with our Creator. May the Almighty reward all staff members involved in devising and delivering the Ramadhaan plan.

Please continue to remember our school community in your pious prayers.

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