



End of Summer 1 Newsletter



Welcome

Thank you for your support in this busy half term at school. We would like to share all the exciting activities we have been doing.

Earth Day – April 22 2021

Litter Less Campaign

- As part of our Eco school's affiliation run by Leicester City Council, we took part in the Litter Less Campaign. We organized a litter picking activity for our primary pupils. We collected over 20kg of Litter! We submitted a report to the council. **We have come third in the total weight submitted by the schools for litter-picking within the city!**
- In the month of Ramadhan, this activity was a great form of sadaqah on our behalf. The act of looking after our environment is extremely creditable. As the hadith states: Abu Hurairah RA reported that the Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: Faith has over seventy branches or over sixty branches, the most excellent of which is the declaration that there is no god but Allah, and the humblest of which is the removal of what is injurious from the path: and modesty is the branch of faith. [Muslim]
- Thereafter, we took part in a Newsroom event with the council where two of our pupils from Year 4 and 5 spoke about climate change and saving the environment.

Earth Day Careers Workshop

- Our secondary pupils took part in an online Careers workshop regarding Earth Day.



Year 4's Make a Difference Challenge

- Earlier this year in one of our Year 4 Science lessons, pupils took a walk around the area near our school. They conducted a local habitat survey and drew a sketch map of the area discussing and labelling environmental dangers to the local wildlife. They then recorded their findings in a table and gave suggestions for improvements.
- One of the key dangers pupils noted was excessive littering in and around Shaykh Adam Square. Pupils realised the desperate need for public bins in the area. They had written letters to Claudia Webbe MP requesting for help to have 1 or 2 public bins placed in the area. We believe this would encourage people to use the bins instead which would in turn reduce littering near our school.
- Since then, we have also contacted Leicester City Council as well as other local councillors. The councillors have been in touch and have said they will try to have the bins installed and may also visit our school in the near future.

One of the Pupil's Letters

I would like to raise the problem of litter on the road near our school.

I feel disgusted when I see the litter next to me so I pick it up. Did you know it has been suggested that £1billion that is spent picking up litter to keep streets clean could instead be used to fund the following:

- 38,644 social care workers
- 33,200 nurses
- 301,478 primary school workers
- 4,400 libraries

If an animal mistakes the litter for food, it could eat it and choke or get poisoned by it.

Could you please add 3 bins on Baggrave Street in Shaykh Adam Square to encourage people to use bins for their litter instead? I believe this will reduce litter in the area near our school. I look forward to hearing from you.

The replies from the local Councillors:

Thank you for the letters written by eight of your pupils. I read them all with keen interest and must say that the pupils are well informed and have researched well in this topic.

I'm also pleased that the pupils are taking keen interest in their local environment and both, Councillor Fonseca and I wish to thank them all for bringing this to our attention.

We'll definitely look into this matter and try to get the bins installed. Maybe we can visit the school in the near future.

Warm wishes.

Thank you for your enquiry regarding litter and rubbish in the Shaykh Adam Square. I will arrange for the area to be cleared and I am looking into the possibility of installing litter bins to help contain the problem.

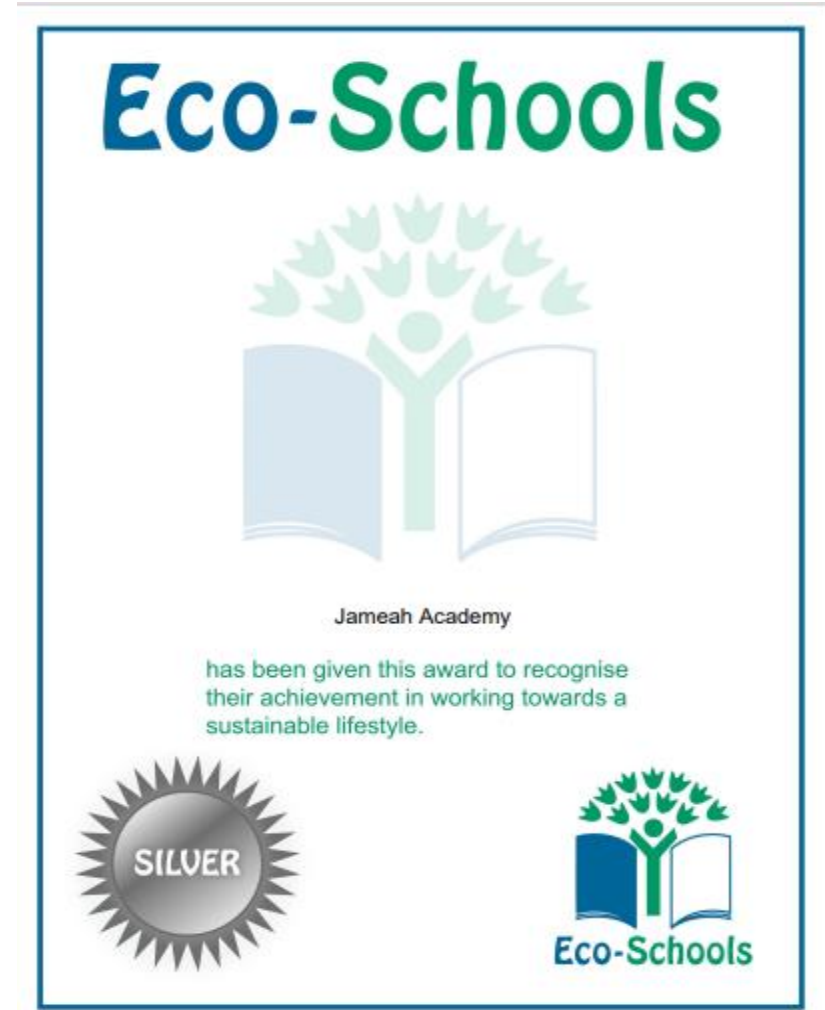
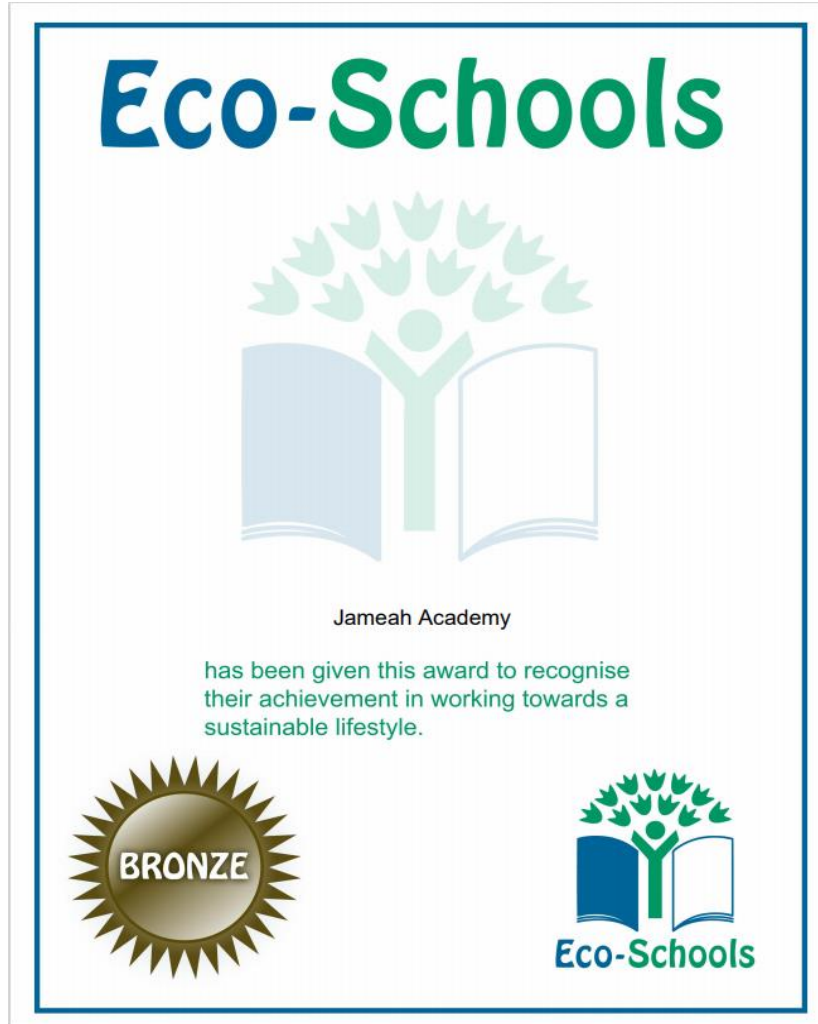
I do hope your pupils see an improvement in the area in the near future and thank them for highlighting the matter,

Regards

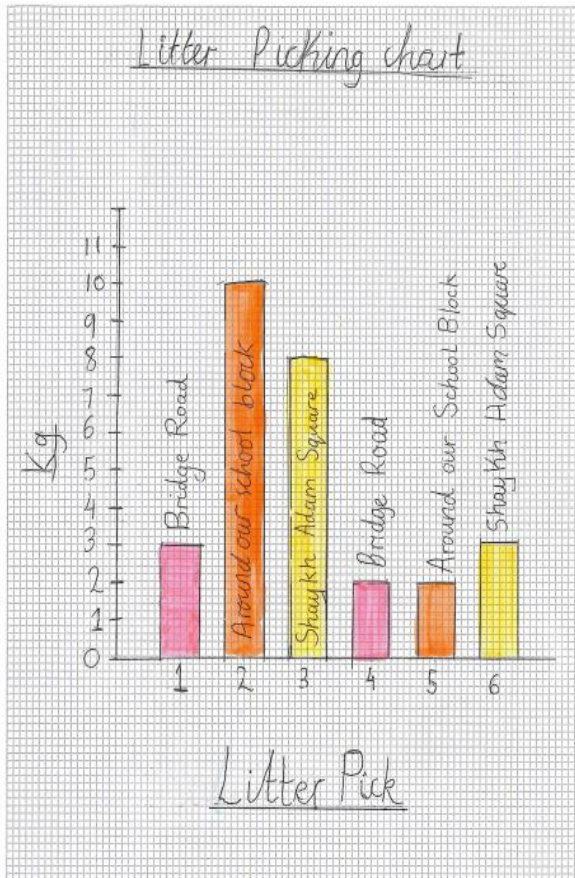
Eco Schools: Our Bronze and Silver Award Achievement

Jameah Girls Academy is now officially an Eco School!

Eco-Schools is a seven-step framework that thousands of schools, nurseries and colleges around the world use to introduce, manage and complete environmental actions in their organisation and local community. Uniquely, the Seven Steps aim to place young people at the heart of these environmental actions. This approach engages, motivates and empowers young people to care for our planet now and throughout their lifetimes. We are absolutely delighted to have achieved our Silver Award – Alhamdulillah. Congratulations to all the staff and pupils who have worked so hard towards this scheme.



Step 6



**Our Eco-Committee
will be sharing tips with
the school community**

**Tip #1: Try to reuse
your paper
as much as possible
and not just
throw it away after
using one side.
A.M (Year 6)**

JGA Eco-Code

ENVIRONMENT

Eco-Awareness, Encourage others to recycle

Never give up

Value your planet

Internationally work together

Recycle, reuse, reduce

Our planet

Needs us

Many of us are

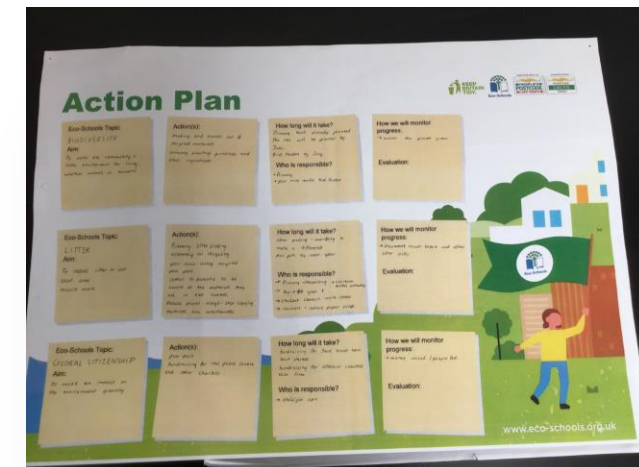
Excited to

Nationally work

Together

Remember to
plant, recycle and
protect the
ENVIRONMENT
(we love our
environment!)

Step 3



TODAY'S WORKSHOP... Tuesday 4th May 2021
4/05
يوم الأربعاء

Learn the 3 Mental Health Champion Messages

Help reduce the spread
You must maintain a distance of 2 metres between yourself and others

Coronavirus Wash your hands. Don't touch your face.
To help prevent infection, keep your hands away from your face, eyes, nose, and mouth. For more information go to: gov.uk/coronavirus

Reflect on your own mental health and discover your Mental Health Champion score.

Create your own 4 step plan to boost your own mental health

CATCH IT

THE 2ND MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPION MESSAGE Tuesday 4th May 2021
4/05
يوم الأربعاء

Help reduce the spread
You must maintain a distance of 2 metres between yourself and others

The power to shape my own mental health is within me.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
شَرِّفْ قَلْبَ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ
وَفِي السَّمِيعِ الْعَلِيِّ

Health of the week
أفشوا السلام
بينكم
"Spread peace amongst you"
(Muslim)

Primary Mental Health Workshop Online

THE MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPION SCORECARD

Answer all the questions below to calculate your mental health champion score. It's also really important to be honest about the scores you give yourself.

NO SOMETIMES YES!

2 4 6 8 10

I understand what mental health is and why it's important.

I always have a positive and kind attitude towards myself.

4 STEPS TO BOOST YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Use this worksheet to create your own 4 step plan to boosting your own mental health. Always remember, you have the power within yourself to shape and improve your own mental health

Think more positive
Lets try again
Think more positives
Give yourself a compliment

Move your body more
Go on a run
Play football
Do at least 30 star jumps

Student Leadership Council

We have introduced various initiatives to nurture the leadership skills of our pupils and build a pupil voice.

Built on a foundation of respect, integrity and collaboration, we have a group of pupils who form a council that adopt lead roles in various aspects of school life and represent the voice of their peers at the same time as nurturing the skills and enabling the participation of other pupils. We encourage our student leaders to exemplify the leadership traits of our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW. He says in a hadith: "...Every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock". (Sahih al-Bukhari 6719, Sahih Muslim 1829).

Our student leadership programme places great emphasis on the concepts of:

- service to others and building a sense of community
- nurturing resilience and courage
- giving pupils ownership and the initiative to take responsibility for their actions
- communication and consultation
- influencing and implementing decisions
- leading by example

Members of SLC

The SLC consists of a Head Girl, House Captains and Form Captains.

Knife Crime Awareness Workshop for Secondary

A local campaign is seeking to raise awareness of **Knife Crime**, the impact this can have on everybody involved, the community, what knife crime is and where young people can go for advice and reporting. To support this campaign, we participated in a **Leicestershire Police facilitated workshop via Microsoft Teams** aimed at children and young people.



Step into the NHS Careers Competition

<https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/>

- Students were challenged to research and choose an NHS career that interests them. Once chosen, they created materials to promote it, starting with a job description to capture key responsibilities, along with any qualifications, skills and experience needed.
- This learning was then used to create a fun and lively job advert to appeal to their peers. We have submitted some excellent entries which you can view on our website on [NHS Competition | jgacademy \(jameahgirlsacademy.com\)](https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/)



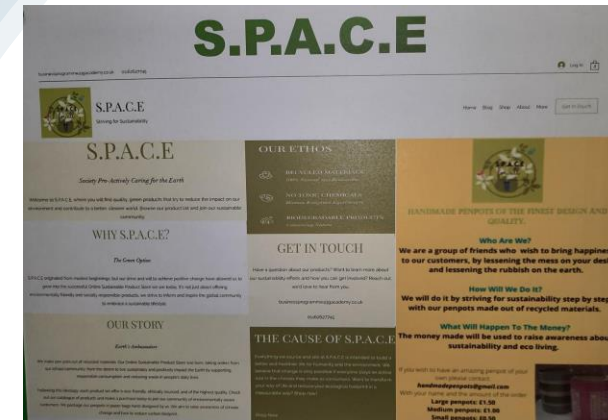


S.P.A.C.E
Striving for Sustainability

<https://www.strivingforsustainability.org/>

Society Pro-Actively Caring for the Earth

- A group of our Year 7s have embarked on an exciting journey that combines enterprise and eco-sense. Check out their website for their first product and their blog!
- At S.P.A.C.E, you will find quality, green products that try to reduce the impact on our environment and contribute to a better, cleaner world.



Ramadhan and Eid Activities and Fundraiser

- We had an exciting and productive Ramadhan programme at JGA alhamdulillah.
- We had theme of the day every week which focussed on Quran, Salah, charity and Seerah.
- **Quranic Verse of the Day** were posted everyday which proved an amazing source of inspiration.
- **House Captain speeches** took place on Hope, Mercy, Gratitude and Peace.
- **Mothers Halaqahs** took place weekly.
- **Hadith of the Week**
- We had a 30-day **Quran challenge** that culminated with a Quiz
- **Ramadhan Challenge**
- We spent the last Friday enjoying some Eid preparation making cards and decorations.
- Pupils enjoyed an Eid lunch of Pizza and Chips.



JGA Ramadhan Charity Project

- This was the first project for our newly appointed Student Leaders.
- Alhamdulillah, we raised £702 for the Peace Centre in Leicester who distribute food packs to local residents who are in need. A great project to contribute towards!
- May Allah reward all those who contributed.



Cookie Decorating

Some of our pupils took part in a cookie decorating activity in Ramadhan.

Computing

Apps for Good

During the spring and summer term, Year 8 pupils have been designing and planning their very own app ideas using the Apps for Good platform. Students identified a real-life problem they care about. They researched the problem so that they understand fully both the problem and who is affected by it, then designed a solution to the problem using an app. They covered the impact of technology, understanding user needs, UX design, use of flowcharts/pseudocode and pitching ideas.

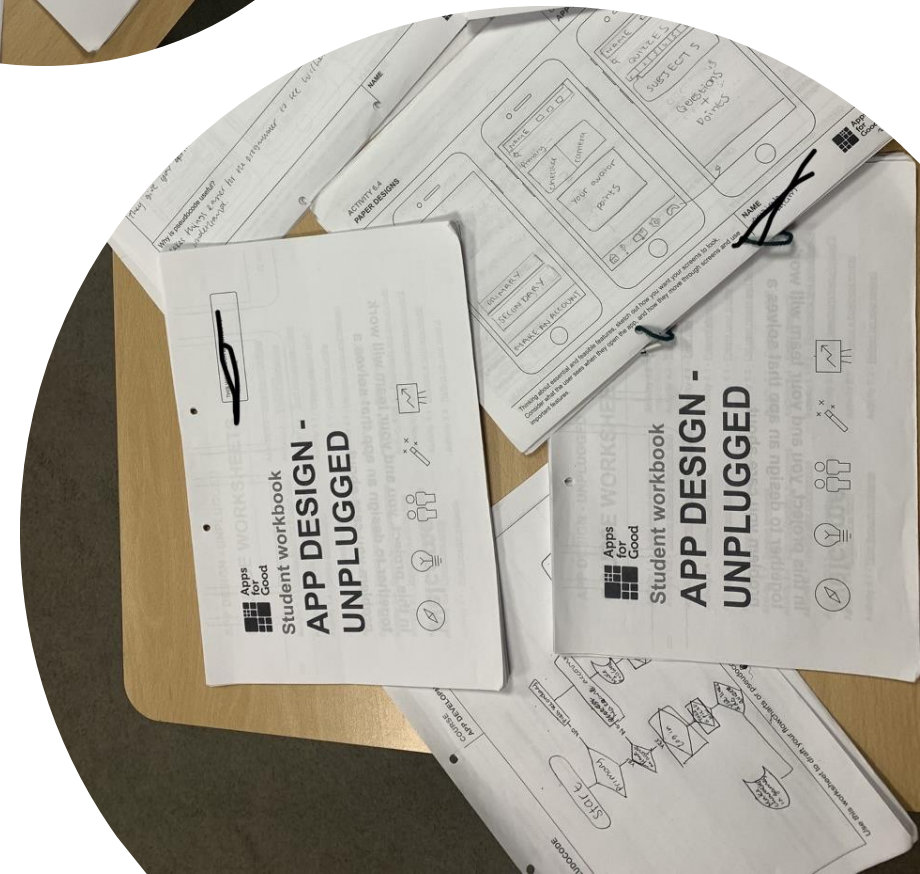
The 4 app ideas were:

- Homework Help
- Oplik - Entertainment while on hold on phone calls
- Cipher - an app to help employees and employers gain expert knowledge in their field
- Fitcheck- fitness app

Micro:bit

Pupils in year 9 have been using the BBC Micro:bit to program and expand their digital skills learning. The BBC Micro:bit is a pocket-sized computer that introduces you to how software and hardware work together. It has an LED light display, buttons, sensors, and many input/output features that you can program and physically interact with.

Much like a tiny, pocket-sized computer, the BBC micro:bit encourages kids to learn basic coding and programming skills to prepare them for today's tech-savvy world. The micro:bit can be programmed to do a number of different things, it can be a digital watch, fitness tracker or a games console.





Take Action, Get Active

Take Action, Get Active ran throughout the month of May, where people are encouraged to take part in half an hour of exercise a day, outdoors to support the Mental Health Foundation. The 30 minutes a day can be a run, jog, walk or skip.

The theme for Mental Health Awareness Week this year is nature. Spending quality time with nature can reduce stress, balance your mood and help you feel more positive. The important thing is to switch on your senses and really connect – whether that's noticing nature on your daily jog or listening to the birds on your woodland walk.

Our pupils have been doing some amazing activities to mark Mental Health Week 4th-7th May.

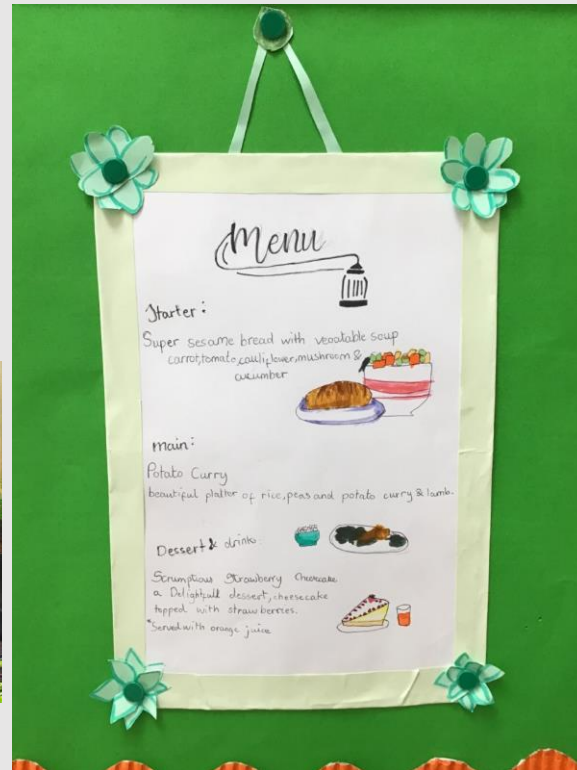
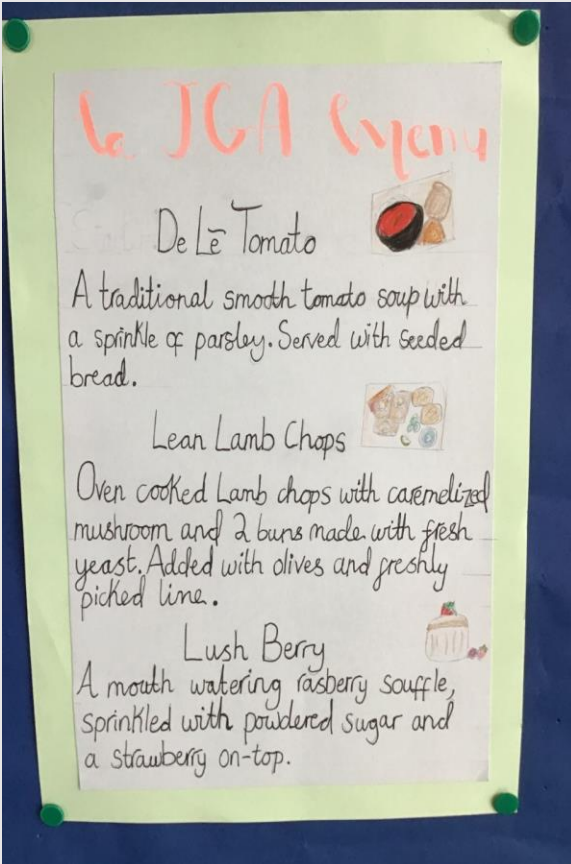
Our Year 7s designed these excellent presentations! Take a look!



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Stop wasting plastic and help save the environment.	https://sway.office.com/YrKD8FW1JFPwe8Qa?ref=Link
Recycling	https://sway.office.com/ASbGCKCDCKyBFkkT?ref=Link
Donate For Cancer Cure	https://sway.office.com/2xYo8aFoMjfc501S?ref=Link
Pollution	https://sway.office.com/S0xNwltP75JQT3vE?ref=Link
Mental health awareness	https://sway.office.com/hivyDwlBEJtm6L4S?ref=Link
Animal Cruelty	https://sway.office.com/9escXQQnMj0vL1oS?ref=Link
Charity for kids in hospitals	https://sway.office.com/7P9kP9HVNoWF7kAI?ref=Link
Recycling	https://sway.office.com/II0CBFAGbVFxRE0H
Pollution	https://sway.office.com/oaoU551EbhTgOVNm

Grow your own Grub Competition

The Mealbarrow competition is a great way to encourage food growing in the school community. Schools participate by creating a 'mealbarrow' - a meal in a wheelbarrow!



Leicester's Mealbarrow Extravaganza



The Mealbarrow competition is a great way to encourage food growing in the school community. Schools participate by creating a 'mealbarrow', so even if you don't have a designated growing area you can still enter. The competition is open to any Leicester school and can be done with an individual class or gardening club.

FREE Training course: Thursday 11 March 2020, 4.00 - 5.30pm
Online via Microsoft Teams

Who would benefit from this project: All schools interested in growing and cooking



School commitments

- Attend a free virtual food growing training **4.00 - 5.30pm - 11 March 2021** (recording available if you can't attend)
- You will need to provide compost, seeds and/or plug plants (some seeds provided after the training)
- You will need to reuse the wheelbarrow from last year, or upcycle an old wheelbarrow (ask around in school or get in touch if you are struggling)
- Design and submit a healthy 3 course menu by **19 May 2021** (judging takes place on **Thursday 20 May 2021**)
- Grow at least 5 of your ingredients in the **Mealbarrow**
- Deliver and collect the **Mealbarrow** the event venue for the celebration day (Covid permitting) - **Saturday 3 July 2021** (support will be available)
- Host the judging team during your site visit to view your **Mealbarrow** and extended growing area (where available). Visits (or virtual filming) will be arranged for between **7-11 June 2020**.
- Advertise the competition and the celebration day to parents & families via school newsletters and the school's social media channels

Why participate?

- Combine creative culinary skills and gardening, your school is challenged to design a three course menu and grow a minimum of 5 ingredients in your Mealbarrow along with your own growing area. Mealbarrows are then showcased (Covid permitting).
- Raise awareness of healthy eating and cooking in your school. Use as part of your Food for Life and Eco-Schools Awards
- Receive recognition with **Bronze, Silver or Gold Grow your Own Grub Award** for published criteria on your extended growing area



Supports your Eco-Schools healthy living, school grounds and biodiversity topics & Food for Life Award criteria
This free event is free and open to all schools in Leicester



Deadline for entries is Friday 26 February 2021 and will be filled on a first come basis
Book your school's place via this [eForm](#) as soon as possible to confirm.
Any questions please email GrowYourOwnGrub@Leicester.gov.uk

What is Beat the Street?

Leicester

Beat the Street

- Beat the Street is a fun, free initiative that will see Leicester transformed into a giant game!
- See how far you can walk, cycle, run, scoot and roll in just 6 weeks. There are great challenges to enjoy and prizes up for grabs.
- The game will start on 26 May and end on 7 July 2021.



Dear Parent or Carer,

Leicester is being transformed into a giant community-wide challenge. Join your child's school team and help them earn points, get active and win prizes in this fun, free, six-week walking, running, cycling, scooting and rolling game!

The game runs from 26 May to 7 July – visit our website beaththestreet.me/leicester to find out more.

Let's kickstart our physical and mental health

As a parent/carer you will know - better than most – the impact the pandemic, lockdowns and restrictions have had on children's mental, physical and emotional health.

Played outdoors in the local community, Beat the Street is the perfect way to get you and your children safely off screens and out of the house, having fun and exercising together.

Being physically active improves physical and mental health and boosts our body's natural immunity to fight off viruses, including COVID-19.

Beat the Street: COVID safe

- Beat the Street is low-risk
- Our Beat Boxes are contactless
- It is easy to play whilst maintaining social distancing

It is created by Intelligent Health, a team of physical health experts led by Dr William Bird, a GP working on the NHS frontline against COVID-19. The game has been carefully planned alongside Leicester's public health advisors.





Skillsbuilder

Research has shown that building these eight essential skills can support the emotional wellbeing and academic success of children and young people, as well as preparing them for life beyond school. Skillsbuilder has developed a Universal Framework to teach and practice each of the eight skills at the appropriate level throughout school life. We have been posting challenges weekly from the skills builder framework on ClassDojo which students can take part in at home to supplement and support their learning further. Please check back regularly for new challenges and encourage your children to partake in them to develop their key skills. For those making a commitment to high-quality essential skills education.

We are working towards our Bronze Award. These skills have been embedded in our P.E, Computer Science, Citizenship, English and Art lessons.

The Bronze award criteria that we have worked towards is:

- Started embedding the Skills Builder Principles
- Some teachers are using a common language for essential skills
- Plans for further development will be in place to embed skillsbuilder holistically across the whole school.



Industry-recognised Awards


With enough points, you can win industry-recognised Awards, and unlock Special Achievements.

- The school has signed up to the **Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award**. This initiative is an international award-winning programme that helps develop digital, enterprise and employability skills.
- Through a series of online challenges, pupils can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised Awards that help students stand out from the crowd.
- As well as being fun, the badges on iDEA provide a visual acknowledgement of achievement
- iDEA can help learners:
 - Enhance their skills and knowledge
 - Improve their digital literacy
 - Learn about staying safe online
 - Discover talents they didn't know they had
 - Get more confident with technology
- With enough points, pupils can win industry-recognised Awards, and unlock Special Achievements.
- Our pupils have achieved 684 badges and 4 bronze awards by our secondary pupils to date.

Rewards and House News

Lots of pupils have started to hit the first milestone of 40 reward points. These pupils receive a postcard to take home to mark their achievement.

Leading House at the end of Summer 1 with 1403 points is...House of HOPE! Well done to the Hopefuls!



Congratulations

Name Surname

has reached
40 house points

WELL DONE!

Miss Surname
Address line 1
Postcode
Leicester
England, UK

JAMEAH GIRLS ACADEMY | 49 ROLLESTON STREET, LEICESTER LE5 3SD

Exams!



24th–28th May 2021

Madrasah Exams



7th–11th June 2021

School Exams

Coming up in
Summer
Term 2!

Spelling Bee Competition

Royal Mail NHS Heroes
Stamp
Design Competition

We will be having an end
of year Awards Ceremony
to acknowledge the
achievement of our
pupils.

Mothers' Halaqah

Covid-19 Notices

Please note: If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms during the holidays or is required to isolate please email the office with the following information: safeguarding@jgacademy.co.uk

- -Full Name
- -Year group
- -Date of symptoms onset and/or date of positive test result
- -Date of isolation period end
- -Names of siblings at the school

We continue to promote regular hand washing, good hygiene and distancing where possible.

Home Testing for Covid-19

We encourage all our pupils to take part in the government's rapid home-testing programme to help stop the spread of Covid-19. Parents can consent to receiving test kits from school by telephoning the office. Pupils will be given a box with test-kits. Follow the instructions in the box and register your result with school using the link below and with NHS Test and Trace. In the event of a positive test, please phone the school as soon as possible.

Use this link for reporting the result of your home test to the school: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Q5-qs2zEukebkT5HP98RRRj2ayoJbIFOVa3BJocuVI1UN0RZMIILMEw1SUK2VIFROU5CWDEyM1pOUi4u>

Reminders

Attendance

We would like to remind parents of the importance of having good attendance. Research shows that low school attendance is linked to lower academic achievement. It is vital that we work together with our pupils, parents and carers so that we all aim to have excellent attendance at school. Our minimum requirement for attendance is 95%. Any pupils whose attendance drops below 95% is classed as a 'persistent absentee'. The school office and Senior Leadership team work with parents and pupils whose attendance drops below this; we hope that we can encourage all pupils to have an attendance rate which is considerably higher than 95%.

Uniform

Every pupil is expected to always adhere to the school uniform, without exception. Please take some time to look carefully at pages 17 and 18 of your daughter's planner, which details the requirements of the Academy's school uniform. If a pupil comes to school in the incorrect uniform, school staff will call home and a parent/carer will be asked to kindly bring in the correct uniform on that day.

Safeguarding

During the school holidays if there are any Safeguarding concerns to report or discuss, please contact the school on the following email address: safeguarding@jgacademy.co.uk.

Dojo

Please ensure that parents' Dojo accounts are monitored by parents and checked for messages regularly as Dojo has become a very important and useful form of communication. Pupils should be logged into Dojo using their pupil account only.

