

Friday 26th March 2021

RE: End of Spring Term Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

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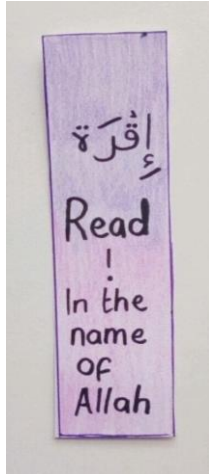
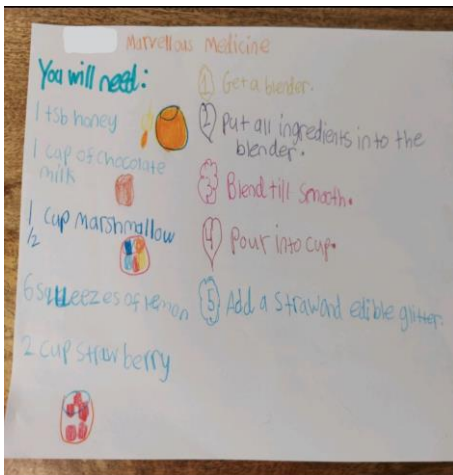
We pray you are all well. Alhamdulillah, we have reached the end of the Spring term.

We began the term online and then we were able to welcome our pupils back on-site on the 8th of March. Return to school has been really busy but such an exciting time. We have taken a guided approach to help our pupils to settle back into school and establish routines and systems to ensure strong outcomes for our pupils. We would like to thank you for your support.

We would like to share some important notices with you and some of the activities our pupils have been taking part in:

Friday 5th March: World Book Day

World Book Day is a very important day in our calendar. It is a day to establish and nurture our love of books.



Week 8th-12th March Activities

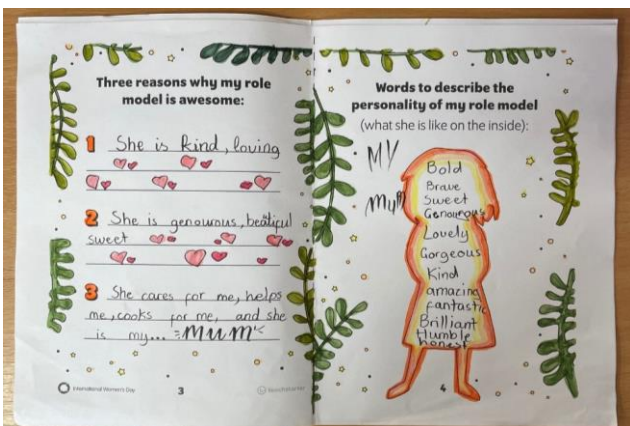
On our first day back to school, we marked the day with a series of wellbeing activities to help pupils express themselves and consolidate their feelings over the lockdown. Pupils had a special assembly in the morning and through the day created a lockdown memory tree, hope rainbows, gratitude collages and poems about their return to school.



The exciting activities continued throughout the first week where we marked several important events:

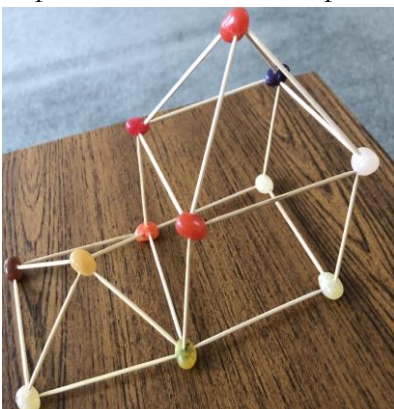
International Women's Day

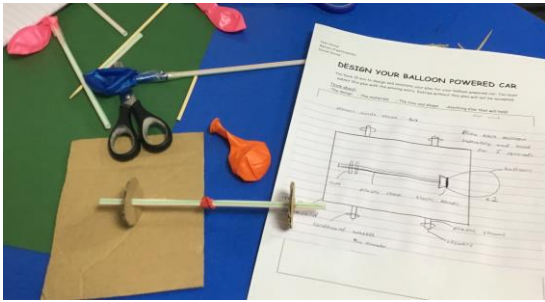
8th March 2021 was also International Women's Day with this year's theme 'Choose to Challenge'. The afternoon was spent marking this day with pupils discussing the empowerment of women in Islam. The equality Islam has shown to women and how Islam has challenged inequalities. Pupils created female role model booklets which explored what role models are, what inspired them and the lessons they have learnt.



National Science Week

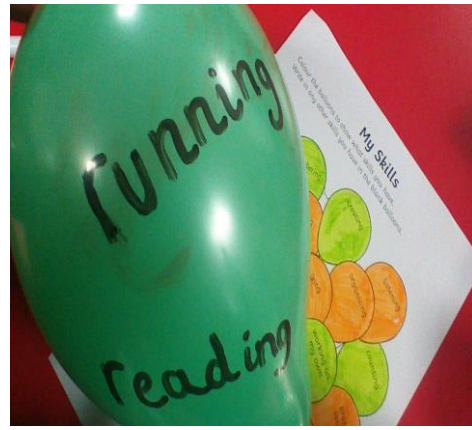
We were able to partake in British Science Week where the pupils participated in several different STEM activities over 2 days. We can definitely say pupils really enjoyed Science Week 2021, activities ranged from building a balloon car, designing and building a straw bridge to building a chair from just cardboard. The pupils also had the chance to understand the place of science within Islam and look at the different ayahs relating to important scientific concepts.





Careers Week

National Careers week activities gave pupils a chance to think about and explore the world of work. This was done through a range of games and workshops by the National Careers Week and Barclays Life Skills. Pupils in KS3 learnt about skills and career goals, whilst KS4 did a workshop on managing money and the working environment. We also launched the NHS careers competition which we hope to present in the Summer term. Pupils also had lessons on career opportunities within their subject lessons which generated interesting discussion on the passions and aspirations of our girls. Over the course of the two days pupils were given an insight into the ocean of work and opportunity to help inspire how they can make a difference and that there is opportunity for every kind of learner whatever your strengths, skills and passions.

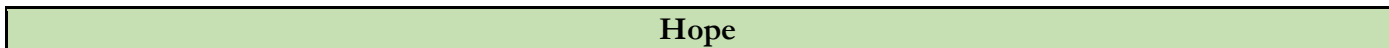


I am sure you will join me in recognising the amazing efforts of our teachers in planning these activities and seeing the excitement of our pupils was so special, masha'Allah.

House Rewards News

Our house points and rewards system is up and running alhamdulillah! We had leadership speeches delivered by pupils of each house this week. All the candidates did really well. Pupils had the opportunity to vote for their House Captain.

The house in the lead this term with 644 points is:



We are hoping that each term the leading house will be given a small token of congratulations insha'Allah.

Primary Learning

National Assembly

On Friday 19th March, our Primary pupils took part in an innovative live assembly regarding online safety.



Our Year 5s have been learning about Vikings in the last term. Please see a sample of the work below:



STEAM Competition

We submitted entries to the Independent Schools Association competition for 'Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths'. All pupils who took part have received participation certificates and the entries that were chosen for submission received prizes.



ISA Essay Competition

We have submitted entries for this competition. I am sharing an excellent entry written by one of our Year 9 pupils:

A stitch in time* by H.M

The fabric of time is worn and weary for me,
 The wrinkled hands of my clock,
 And the rusted Coggs,
 The wheezes that escape my strained lungs,
 The slowed timer of my beating heart.
 Yet however impossible for me,
 My only desire is to just have a little more time,

To say goodbye to my costly possessions,
To stop my world in its tracks and adore my polished medals of idleness,
Silk and satin to coarse thread,
To not be able to recall vivid memories of joy,
From sunrise to sunset,
Staring blankly at the colours smeared across the painted skies,
Unable to feel,
Only vacant and unoccupied,
To make a home of the hole I had dug myself in,
My mind confined by these walls that surround me,
A potent mindset was created,
Painted with gold and false glory,
To look like great architecture but was ready to fall at any given second,
All the lies seeped into the gnawed wood, the only thing holding it up,
Its foundation was corrupt so the building followed in suit,
I was spiteful,
I was greedy,
Yet I do not care,
And I decide to turn to those who I despise,
For them to fuel me and to hand me a blade,
With the intent to create scars that will never erase,
My hardened sorrows at hand sharpened,
Ready and armed,
I look at time,
And demanded back what I already spent,
I slashed and sliced it open,
It cried and began to plead,
As the wound decided to bleed,
I wanted more time,
But there was nothing to loan,
As it had been wasted,
Waned every second, every breath,
In this case lost than used,
They say time is money,
Well, what if you are broke,
Squandered on what was thought to be worthwhile,
A brief smile,
And then my face morphs back to sneer, taunt and jeer,
As my time unravels before my eyes and became threadbare,
Realisation arises that I had lost something I did not even own,
Nothing to invest in, nothing fruitful, nothing of complete value,
My barely flickering candle smothered,
My last breath desperately escaped, the twisted branches corroded and decayed,
The barbed wire melted away to reveal a hollow gap,
And like a clumsy seamstress time began to stitch itself up,
Looped and weaved a weary fabric as the sour old man began to disappear to the next stop,
Time commenced to fix what unravelled apart,
Left to repair what others afflict,
Needle and thread,
As tears of pain were shed,
The burn to disinfect,
The only way to sterilize of a grim experience to heal,
And not to escalate; a little pain to avoid an infection,
A little sting a faint memory,

The needlecraft,
Each time the wound was pierced by the dear, old friend the needle,
The satin thread weaved,
In and out,
To and fro,
The skin and the wound,
The injured and the healthy,
The victim and the survivors,
The grey-haired man with an acidic mind so narrow like peering through dear old needle's eye,
There were many countless weathered scars from foolish old men with ridiculous tall orders,
Their sense blurred as they are too close to the end as panic fills,
Their mind clouded with an unquenchable yearning for what they had already spent and what was not theirs,
Their chest stuck out full of their delusional entitlement,
Their cost of their inanity something left to us.

*Please Note: This poem may not be published without due consent from Jameah Girls Academy.

Skillsbuilder

This term we have made great strides in implementing our Skillsbuilder program across the school. Pupils were given a chance to work on their skills in an offline afternoon in February. We continue to encourage pupils to keep focussed on this initiative.

Reminders

- Mothers' Online Monthly Halaqahs are continuing – look out for messages on Dojo.
- Please ensure that the parent Dojo accounts are monitored by parents and checked for messages regularly as Dojo has become a very important and useful form of communication.
- Check the school website for new pages

Announcements

- RSE Consultation letters, presentations and feedback survey are being sent out today. Please kindly read and respond.
- JGA Spelling Bee: Key Stage 3 will be taking part in a Spelling Bee competition in the coming weeks. Pupils will be receiving more information with dates and resource materials. Please do encourage your daughter to take part as we believe this competition will be a great way to contribute to the development of Literacy and communication of our pupils within our Curriculum.
- Art Competition for the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Competition will be taking place. Details will be shared in the new term.

Covid-19 Notice

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

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.

New Term

The Summer term will begin on Monday 12th April insha'Allah. Please see the Ramadhan Timings below for our adjusted times.

From **Monday 12th April 2021 the following timings will be implemented:**

		Start time	Entrance/Exit	Finish time
Primary	Year 3 and 4	8.05 am	Rolleston street entrance	3.45 pm
	Year 6 and 5	8.10 am	Rolleston street entrance	3.50 pm
		11.40 - 12.20	Lunch & outdoor break	

Secondary	<u>Year 7 and 8</u>	8.00 am	Baggrave Street	3.50 pm
	Year 9	8.10	Sports hall door	3.55
	Year 10	8.05	Sports hall door	3.50
	Year 11	8.00	Sports hall door	3.45
		12.00 to 12.40	Lunch & outdoor break	

We all look forward to Ramadhan and request that you remember us in your duas that Allah grants us all a fruitful month. We would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. We hope you have a peaceful break.

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