

QUWWAT-UL-ISLAM GIRLS' SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Ensuring every child achieves their best through high expectations for all, with a focus on
Respect-Aspiration-Responsibility

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HADITH OF THE WEEK: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "Charity does not decrease wealth, no one forgives another except that Allah increases his honor, and no one humbles himself for the sake of Allah except that Allah raises his status.." ~ Sahih Muslim

Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu

Dear Parent/Carers,

I pray you are in the best of health and Imaan, Insha Allah.

As we come to the end of our first term at Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School, I would like to take this opportunity to say JazakAllahu Khairan to all the students, parents and staff for making it a successful one.

The students have worked extremely hard this past term and have enjoyed various activities and events. InshaAllah, the term ahead will be full of rich learning and fun filled activities.

On behalf of Quwwat-ul-Islam, we would like to wish you a restful and safe break. InshaAllah, we will see you all back on **Monday 9th of January 2023** for our next term.

May Allah keep you and your families and all of us in His Mercy and Protection. Ameen.

**Kind Regards
Mrs Member**

Farewell and welcome

This term we say farewell to Ms Malik, our Year 5 teacher. Ms Malik has worked with us for over a year and has been a tremendous support to the school. She will be greatly missed by the staff and students but we wish her well as she moves on to pastures new, inshaAllah!
We welcome our new Year 5 teacher Ms Duha.

Ms Akhter, our Year 2 teacher and Primary lead is on maternity leave. We wish Ms Akhter all the very best with her new arrival inshaAllah!
We have welcomed Ms Islam who is our Year 2 teacher and Alhamdulillah, she has settled in very well.

We also welcome Ms Zaynab, our new admin worker.

May Allah bless us all with success, health, happiness, patience and strength. May all your dreams come true and may you live the life that you have always dreamed of. May Allah bless you with victory in this life and eternal life too. Ameen!

Drop down day

Drop Down Days, are 'off-timetable' days, which replace structured classroom lessons with activities used to strengthen students' practical application of skills and provide a deeper learning experience.

Drop Down Days provide students with the ability to be equipped in valuable life skills which extend beyond the classroom context, serving to promote overall health and well-being.

Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School arranged indoor and outdoor activities and trips for the whole school as part of Drop Down Day which took place today.

The following trips and activities were held:

Year groups	Location
EYFS/Year 1/Year 2	Discover Children's Centre
Year 3/Year 5	Natural History Museum
Year 4	Bank of England
Year 6	Imperial War Museum
Ks3/Ks4	The Problem solving Company

We will showcase the events and learning in our next newsletter and website in the coming weeks inshaAllah.

'Cozy' Day



The students of Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School dressed up in their cosy clothes last Friday as part of 'Cozy Day'. As well as having the opportunity to dress up in their warm clothes on a wintery day, they also helped to raise £145 towards Caritas Anchor House, a charity which helps support the homeless. Alhamdulillah!



Join the Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge is on at all Newham libraries for young people. Taking part is easy, pop into any Newham library from 1 December and ask to join. A member of the library team will give the young person their very own Gadgeteer Snowman Reading Folder, where they will write down and rate the books they have been reading.

You can collect a super-themed sticker for each book read and receive a certificate when you have read three books.

There are lots of amazing books to read in our libraries this festive season, so what are you waiting for?

The Challenge lasts until 20 February 2023!

WE ARE READING.

WE ARE NEWHAM.

Join the Gadgeteers for the Winter Mini Challenge
1 December 2022 - 20 February 2023

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BUILDING A FAIRER NEWHAM

Free advice and help with living costs

A few simple actions can help improve our chances of staying well and healthy this winter. Also, it's always good to know that there's lots of free advice and help available for living costs.

A new leaflet is available with a whole range of tips and contact details, headed by **Our Newham Money** who are the first port of call for help if you're not able to afford heating, food or other essentials. Copies can be picked up from any of the libraries, leisure centres and other places across the borough.

To get regular email updates about the cost of living, join the **Cost of Living Champions** by emailing costoflivingresponse@newham.gov.uk

[Find more about help with living costs and staying well and healthy this winter](#)

FREE HELP WITH LIVING COSTS



Free help with money

- Our Newham Money: ☎ 020 8430 2041 ✉ ournewhammoney@newham.gov.uk
www.ournewhammoney.co.uk
- Money A+E: money advice & education to people in Newham
www.moneyaande.co.uk ☎ 020 8616 3750
- Community Links: for housing, debt, consumer and employment advice, free legal services from FreeLaw. www.community-links.org ☎ 020 7473 2270
- Bonny Downs: Welfare and Welfare Benefit Checks for over 65s ☎ 020 8586 7070



Free help with housing

- If you're having problems with a private landlord or letting agency, contact:
✉ privatehousing@newham.gov.uk ☎ 020 3373 1950
- If you're homeless, you can get support from our Homelessness Prevention service at:
www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/homelessness-prevention-advice.
- If you're threatened with homelessness, contact: ✉ hpas@newham.gov.uk
- Emergency help for families with children: MASH ☎ 020 3373 4600 during office hours (Mon-Thu, 9am-5.15pm or Fri 9am-5pm) ☎ 020 8430 2000 at any other time
- If you're pregnant and need immediate help or you're clinically or physically vulnerable.
✉ AccesstoAdultsSocialCareTeam@newham.gov.uk



Free help with food

- Newham Food Alliance ☎ 07790 975 086 ✉ frontdoor@newhamfoodalliance.org
www.newham.gov.uk/newhamfoodalliance



Free help with energy bills

- Our Newham Money: ☎ 020 8430 2041
- East End Citizens Advice: ☎ 020 8525 6379 Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10am-1pm
- Mayor of London Warmer Homes Programme: ☎ 0300 555 0195 ✉ shine@islington.gov.uk



Free help with work

- Our Newham Work: ☎ 020 3373 1101 ✉ ournewhamwork.engagementteam@newham.gov.uk
www.ournewhamwork.co.uk
- Employment Rights Hub for free confidential support and advice if someone is having problems at work ☎ 20 3373 6494
- Work Rights Centre for help with employment rights, CV building and benefits
☎ 0300 4000 100 (EN) 07437 110951 ✉ contact@workrightscentre.org



Free help with stress and emotional pressure

- Free and confidential psychological support for adults:
www.newhamtalkingtherapies.nhs.uk ☎ 020 8175 1770
- For children (under 18): Talk to your doctor or the school.
- For school health support ☎ 020 3373 9983
www.newham.gov.uk/schoolhealth
- Mental health crisis line for anyone: ☎ 0800 073 0066 anytime

costoflivingresponse@newham.gov.uk
www.newham.gov.uk/council/cost-living-response

WE ARE NEWHAM.

Know the risks to keep safe and warm this winter

Did you know that:

- More fires occur when it's colder.
Three fires a day are started by candles.
- You're around eight times more likely to die in a fire if you do not have a working smoke alarm in your home.
- Carbon monoxide is a silent killer. The fumes are highly poisonous and cause around 50 deaths and hundreds of injuries every year.
- About three fires a day are started by electric heaters, with those placed too close to flammable materials causing fires, burns and deaths.

[Find out more about fire risks to keep safe and warm this winter](#)

BOOK A FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT

You are far less likely to have a fire in your home if you have a home fire safety visit.



The London Fire Brigade (LFB) offers free home fire safety visits to all residents, where officers will provide fire safety advice and can fit smoke alarms, if required, and specialist alarms for people with visual or hearing impairments.

FREEPHONE: 0800 028 4428

EMAIL: smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk

Text: 07860 021319

Snow experiment

Students in reception and Y4 carried out a snow experiment with salt and snow, they sprinkled salt in one area and waited to see what would happen. They noticed where they had sprinkled the salt, the snow started to decrease. The next day as the temperatures fell to freezing point, reception students discovered the area where they had sprinkled salt on the snow had melted completely and the snow had started to turn to ice. Students took handfuls of ice and left it in the classroom overnight in a bowl, some students said the 'ice would melt' and some said 'it will stay the same', they were all pleasantly surprised when they arrived at school the next day to find the bowl of ice had melted.



Primary Muslimahs of Autumn Term

Sofia Gani

(EYFS)

Sofia has been chosen as Muslimah of the term as Sofia has shown lot's of enthusiasm and perseverance in all aspects of learning, at times it has been challenging for Sofia, however she has persevered and remained exceptionally patient and has worked very hard to complete all tasks. Sofia comes to school everyday ready to learn and continues to push herself to the best of her ability. Sofia is a very polite member of the class and always speaks to her teachers and her peers in a very polite manner, Sofia's mannerism are exceptional and something to be proud of, Sofia is a friend to everyone and her smile never leaves her face, May Allah keep her steadfast in all that she does and grant her success in both worlds, Ameen!

Eesha khan

(Year 1)

Eesha has been chosen as 'Muslimah of the term' as Eesha is an enthusiastic learner and shows perseverance in all that she does. Eesha has started to make good choices throughout her school day and demonstrates good behaviour. Through her hard work she can produce work of good quality and when a task is not understood, Eesha ensures she is keen to get a better understanding. Eesha has strived to achieve her best in both Islamic and Quranic studies also. Eesha is very polite and well mannered who shows beautiful akhlaaq at all times. Well done Eesha! May the Almighty grant her success in both worlds Ameen.

Amaanah Bint Amin

(Year 2)

Amaanah has been chosen as 'Muslimah of the Term' for her consistent enthusiasm and keenness to learn. Amaanah demonstrates beautiful adaab and akhlaaq; as she always looks out for her peers. She has shown dedication to her learning and this is reflected in her classwork. Amaanah is always polite and shows an eagerness to improve herself further and make more progress in other areas of learning. Keep up the amazing work Amaanah!

Tasmiya Islam

(Year 3)

Tasmiya has been chosen as muslimah of the term due to her exceptional effort in lessons. Tasmiya has shown excellent progress especially in her Numeracy lessons. She is able to complete her work without assistance. She has also been working incredibly hard in her fiqh lessons. Tasmiya is a respectful student who willingly takes on responsibilities and shows fantastic behaviour at all times. She is a very enthusiastic student who always shows a positive attitude towards learning. Tasmiya must maintain her good conduct and continue to thrive in her learning. Well done Tasmiya and keep up the great work. May The Almighty always be pleased with her!

Aisha Bint Kamal

(Year 4)

Aisha has been an exceptional student this term. Aisha has shown enthusiasm in all her lessons and has shown great progress in her islamic studies lessons. She is always very eager to answer questions in class and puts in a lot of effort when completing her work. Aisha is a very bright student who tries to achieve her best at all times. She has excellent akhlaaq in class and is respectful to all her peers and teachers. Well done to Aisha!

Fatima Mohamed

(Year 5)

Fatima is a very polite, well mannered shy girl, whos confidence has grown. Since the beginning of the academic year, Fatima has made outstanding progress in all her subjects. She puts all her effort and dedication in all her work and does it to the best of her ability. She has beautiful Aqlaak and gets along with her peers. Well Done! May Allah SWT grant her success Ameen !

Maryam Mahmood

(Year 6)

Maryam is a committed and dedicated student in all areas of Islamic Studies. Maryam has portrayed excellent traits and manners around the school and willingly supports her peers. Maryam is dedicated to producing exceptional work which is evident in her classwork and assessment. Maryam preservers to meet her targets to improve further. Maryam has made significant improvement in her Quraanic studies which is evident in her recitation. May the Almighty grant Maryam all the success in this world and the hereafter. Ameen.

Secondary Muslimahs of Autumn Term

Faizah Zaman

(Year 7)

Faizah Zaman has been chosen as muslimah of the term because she has worked incredibly hard in islamic studies lessons. Faizah participates in lesson and encourages those around her to do the same. She has phenomenal character and always shows respect towards everyone at all times. Faizah has produced exceptional work this entire term and I pray she continues with this throughout the remainder of her years. Well done Faizah, keep up the great effort.

Khadija Hussain.

(Year 8)

Khadija has been chosen as Muslimah of the term for her continuous effort throughout this term in Islamic studies. Khadija is polite, respectful and has ensured to stay on top of all her learning. She is prompt in completing her Hadeeth and dua'a memorisation and has done exceptionally well in her assessments. May Allah Ta'ala continue to guide her and grant her every success in this world and the next.

Aarosh Amir

(Year 9)

Aarosh has been chosen as muslimah of the term for her dedication towards her Islamic and Quranic Studies. Aarosh has improved significantly in both areas and tries her best to understand each lesson. Aarosh has excellent akhlaaq and is a great role model for her peers. InshaAllah she continues to flourish in her studies.
Aameen.

Hajra Nasim

(Year 10)

Hajra has been chosen as Muslimah of the Term. Hajra has consistently demonstrated hard and exceptional standards of work this term. She has actively taken a keen interest in her learning which has contributed to her growth spiritually and academically. Hajra's inquisitive nature has initiated interesting discussions in the classroom. She has also exerted a great deal of effort in implementing the Sunnah's of the Month throughout the term. May Allah accept all her efforts and hard work, Ameen!

Fahmida Miah

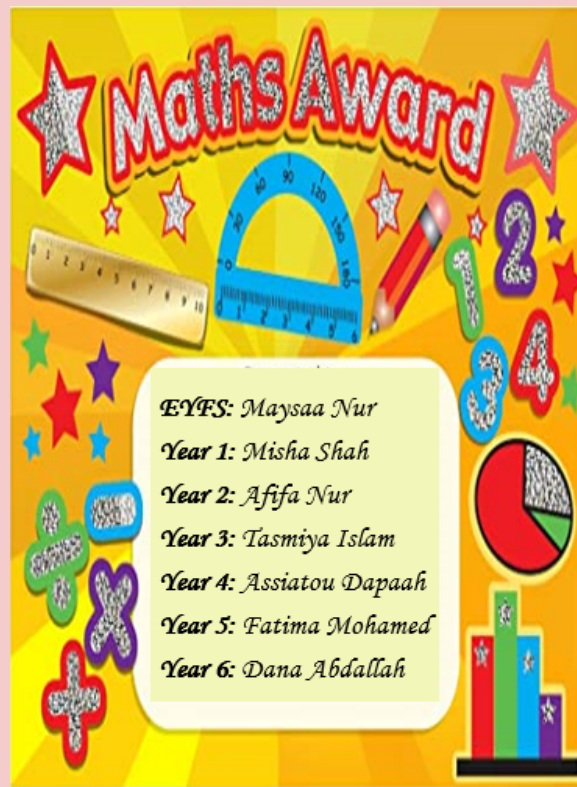
(Year 11)

Fahmida Miah has been chosen Muslimah of the week for her outstanding performance in her Islamic and Quranic Studies. Fahmida is a hard working student who is always open to constructive criticism. She has also performed very well in her IGCSE Islamic Studies mock exam! Fahmida carries herself well and addresses her teachers and peers with the utmost level of respect. I pray Allah (SWT) encompasses her with His infinite mercy, and grants her eternal success in both worlds. Aameen.

End of term Certificate Assembly

All the students have worked extremely hard over the past term. The staff of Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School are very proud of all of you!

The following **primary** students have achieved the following awards:



The following **secondary** students, for each subject and class, have been awarded end of term certificates:

Maths award

*Khadeejah Bint-Kamal
Hafsa Tahir
Zainab Emiola
Inaaya Hussain
Humaira Wadood*

Science award

*Fatima Kothia
Khadija Saimah
Hafsa Abdul Gaffar
Fatimah Tuj-Jamilah
Huda Abdullahi*

English award

*Manal Said
Samiya Abdirahman
Fatimah Siddiqah
Rayanne Farrugia
Huda Abdullahi*

Geography award

*Adeena Afsheen
Inaya Shah
Shifa Rayhan
Maryam Kamal
Inaaya Ahmed*

History award

*Aaishah Patel
Najma Cimark
Aniqa Rahman
Hannah Qurbani
Zahra Khan*

R.E award

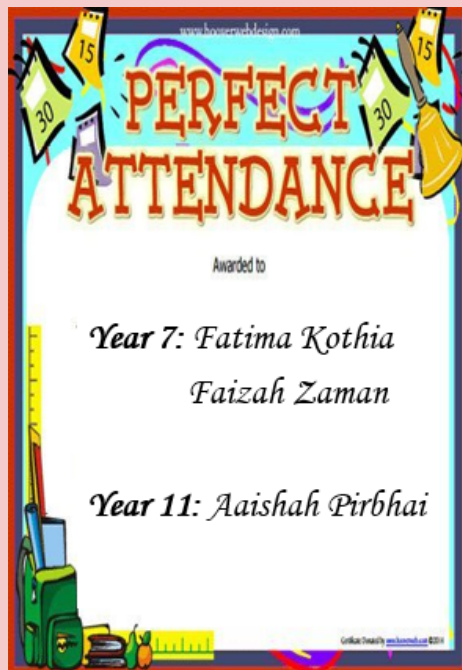
*Anwaar Hassan
Nazmin Ahmed
Sara Hussain
Jumera Ahmed
Hidaayah Baker*

Citizenship award

*Tasneem Ibrahim
Sumayya Khan
Maryam Hussain
Ayesha Osmani
Khadija Yasmin*

Computing award

*Tafhim Tanshi
Aisha Din
Hamimah Tayyibah
Sanzida Uddin*



End of Autumn term Islamic studies Award

Primary



Secondary



Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 21st December 2022

- Drop Down Day/Last day of term

Thursday 22nd December 2022 - Friday 6th January 2023

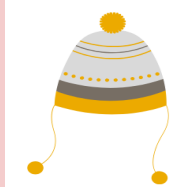
- School holiday (School closed)

Monday 9th January 2023

- Return to school

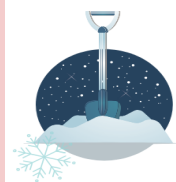
Please be aware that these dates will be updated regularly.

Winter weather safety tips



LAYER UP!

Stay warm by layering your clothes and wearing warm, rubber-soled footwear



CLEAR A PATH

When possible, make sure walkways are cleared or walk in the grass to avoid hidden slick spots



STEP LIKE YOU MEAN IT

Take small, deliberate steps and keep your hands out of your pockets



TIME IT OUT

Go slow and give yourself extra time to get to where you need to be

Assemblies

Primary

Date	Year Group	Topic
4/11/22	Ms Zainab	Guy Fawkes Night
11/11/22	Ms Hafsa	Inter Faith Week
18/11/22	Ms Chowdhury	Anti-Bullying Week
25/11/22	Ms Raisah	Road Safety Week
02/12/22	Ms Mahfuza	Human Rights Day
9/12/22	Ms Zainab	Love for Reading
16/12/22	Ms Hafsa	Isa (as) - Islamic belief

Secondary

Date	Year Group	Topic
02/11/2022	Ms S Begum/Ms Ismati	Inter Faith Week
16/11/2022	Ms Anwara/Ms Munshi	Anti-bullying week
07/12/2022	Ms Siraj	The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
14/12/2022	Ms Fitch/Ms Kabay	Human Rights Day
21/12/2022	SY Teachers	Drop down day

Absences before or after a school holiday

If your child is absent before or after a school holiday, you must provide evidence explaining the absence. This may be medical evidence if your child is unwell or evidence of flight delays or circumstances beyond your control.

Without this evidence you risk being issued with a penalty notice.