

Headteacher's Reflection

"The past is a place of reference, not a place of residence; the past is a place of learning, not a place of living."

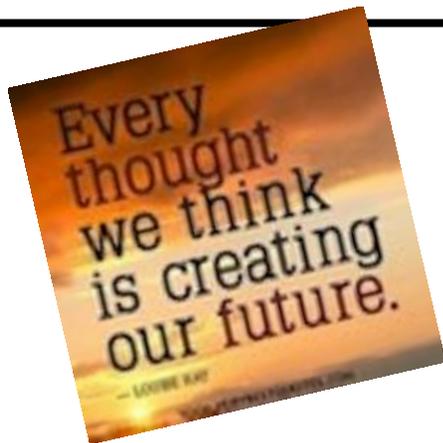
With the above quote in mind, we start this new year with a positive mindset and use the past as a reference of what we can change and adjust to improve and become even better.

Alhamdulillah our school term has started successfully and smoothly. The children are settled and enjoying school. They are getting used to the systems and routines very quickly.

This academic year, we are focusing on:

spellings, reading, handwriting, Assessment/ Tracking and Islamic Values.

We will also be offering a yearly programme of workshops which I hope will be attended by you all!



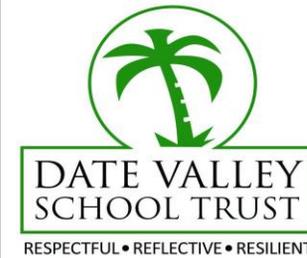
Date Valley School Autumn term (Sept) Newsletter



Dates for the Diary

We are very excited to announce a whole programme of workshops that will be running this year for parents. Please mark these dates in your diary now! Letters will be sent closer to each workshop with further information about the content. The dates of all workshops can also be found on our website within our yearly calendar of events.

Autumn Parent Workshops 2019	
Whole school Focus area	Dates for the Diary
Handwriting	25 th September
Phonics – Early Years and Key Stage One	10 th October
Maths - Number and Place value	30 th October
Reading	7 th November
Quran memorisation	27 th November
Quran reading	12 th December



"At Date Valley we are respectful, resilient and reflective learners."

Behaviour and Ethos.

Our focus for this term is to revisit the 'Core Values.'

In our first whole school assembly we looked at these powerful words very carefully. The children are aware of our three Core Values and can explain what they mean. They can share examples of each Core Value. Our next step is to refer to them during the day in everything we do. We are ready now to ensure that everyone is following the Core Values, especially at play time.

Our mission is to remind everyone about these Core Values when they are NOT being followed. It is our responsibility to support and advise each other to do the right thing and using the Core Values to help make the right decision is a BIG step in the right direction. Please discuss this at home with your child.

Children are aware if they are seen supporting and advising others to use the Core Values in play ground situations or in the classroom, Muthira will award these children with a sticker or a prize.

Headteacher Focus

Our staff meeting focus for the Autumn Term:-

- Spellings
- Reading
- Assessment
- Handwriting using Magic-Link scheme
- Being Eco-friendly
- Making marking purposeful to have an impact on standards
- Behaviour for learning
- Building good character/Islamic Values

PTFC News

We are proud to announce that this year the PTFC will be lead by Raeesa Nurani, Juveria Ahmed and Bushra Hussain. The PTFC are essential in supporting the school achieve its wish list and help provide our children with the resources they need to excel. Allhumdillah, they have a busy calendar of activities to keep us all entertained and they cannot do this without parents. Please volunteer to be a class representative for your year.

The team invite you to join them for a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 25th September to learn more.

Pupil Voice

Pupil voice is a key aspect of school life. It is about the children playing an active role in the running and decision making of the school. It is a chance for the child's view to be valued and listened to by all adults in the school.

At Date Valley we provide a range of roles and responsibilities which have been outlined below:

- Year 3 - Playground Pals (Starting shortly)
- Year 4 - Eco Warriors (New Position)
- Year 5 - Lead learners (Observing in lessons)
- Year 6 - School Council (Election will take place as part of Parliament Week in November)

Attendance

Let's start the new academic year with a mission! Nationally attendance figures are at 96.5%. As a school we are currently at 94%.

In order to obtain a *GOOD* in our next Ofsted we need to be at 96%. How can we achieve this? Please ensure your child attends school every day. Please note holiday requests will not be granted. Authorised absences are usually for illness and exceptional circumstances. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter

Curriculum Corner

Our Autumn term Weekly Assembly themes are the following: -

1. What are the Core values of the School/ Islamic Values
2. Respect through Kindness - Smiling is good for you
3. Respect through Friendship - Choosing a friend carefully
4. Respect through your words - Wrinkled heart
5. Respect for our Environment - Al Khaliq
6. Respect for our School and Classroom- Can I help you?
7. Resilience - Self-belief - You are a star
8. Resilience - Trying again and again even when it seems tough
9. Resilience - Being confident and thinking positively
10. Reflecting - Deep thinking leads to change
11. Reflecting - Thinking and making changes in behaviour or habits -Making a small difference

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