

# Daffodil Preparatory School School Newsletter

## September Wrap-Up

Assalamu Alaikum!

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of you as we embrace another exciting term at Daffodil Preparatory School. It has been truly inspiring to see our students settle in so well and immerse themselves in the vibrant life of the school. Our sense of community, kindness, and shared learning has been stronger than ever, and I am filled with pride watching our young learners grow both academically and personally. Together with our dedicated staff, we are committed to making this a year filled with enriching experiences and memorable moments. I look forward to working closely with each of you to ensure a successful and fulfilling term ahead.

Kindest regards,  
Sumayyah Ali

Headteacher, Daffodil Preparatory School



### Library Donations and Book Buzz

A special thank you to Clovis in Year 3 for the generous donation of books to our school library! This contribution has been a hit, with many students eagerly borrowing books.

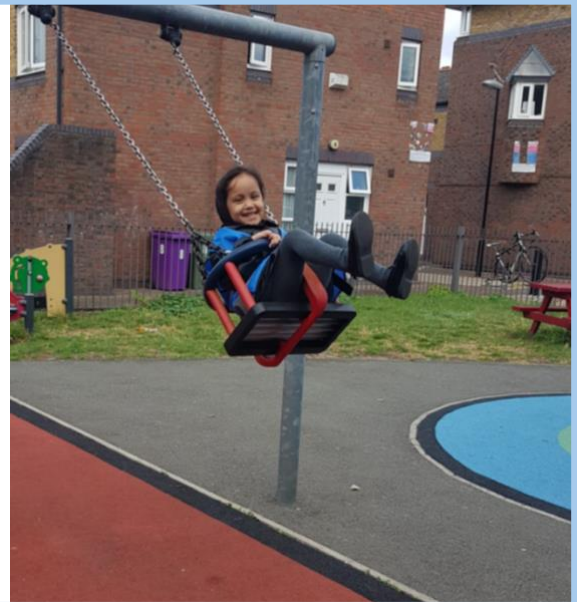
A shout-out to Mikayeel in Year 5, who read an entire book in just one afternoon!

If you have any book recommendations or would like to donate, please let us know.



## Playground Fun

Our playground has been a joyful addition to the daily timetable. Students are having a blast running around before returning to prayer and lessons. This month, we also introduced a mini playground with swings, slides, and football courts, which has been a huge hit!



## Lunchtime Menus

This month's lunchtime menus are now available! We're also excited to introduce a special Black History Month menu as we celebrate and honour this historic occasion.

**CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES**  
**LUNCH MENU**  
Apr 2024 - Oct 2024

Week 1	Monday "Planet Earth Day"	Tuesday "Street Food Day"	Wednesday "Traditional Day"	Thursday Turkish	Friday "Favourites"
Dates	15 April - 20 April • 13 May - 19 May • 24 June - 30 June • 07 July - 13 July • 18 Aug - 24 Aug • 29 Sept - 05 Oct • 14 Oct - 20 Oct				
Option 1	Vegetarian Penne Pasta Bolognese	Beef Chilli in Soft Tacos Served with Potatoes Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Kofta in Sweet Pepper & Tomato Sauce with Pita Bread or Rice & Tzatziki	Cod or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
Option 2	Chickpea & Vegetable Jambalaya	Red Pepper & Sweetcorn Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Tikka Masala with Rice	Turkish Vegetable Ratatouille (Turku Turku) with Rice	Battered Vegetable Sausage with Chips
On the side	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Green Beans & Roasted Cauliflower	Shredded Green Cabbage & Carrots	Peas & Baked Beans

**FREE FROM Main Allergens**

**Black History Month Menu**  
Thursday, 17 October 2024

Jamaican Jerk Chicken  
OR  
Butternut, Chickpea & Vegetable Curry  
with  
Rice & Peas  
Green Cabbage & Sweetcorn  
Chef's House Salad & Coleslaw  
Followed By  
Coconut Sponge with Custard  
Seasonal Fruit Platter

**Fantastic FOOD IN SCHOOLS**

Week 2	Monday "Planet Earth Day"	Tuesday "Street Food Day"	Wednesday "Traditional Day"	Thursday Puerto Rican	Friday "Favourites"
Dates	22 April - 08 May • 20 May - 05 June • 17 June - 03 July • 15 July - 29 July • 12 Aug - 28 Aug • 9 Sept - 25 Sept • 7 Oct - 21 Oct				
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Southern Fried Chicken Burger with Cajun Potato Wedges	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Puerto Rican Chicken and Rice	Battered Pollock Fillet with Chips
Option 2	Bombay Vegetable Biryani	Honey & Ginger Veggie Sticks Served with Egg Noodles	Vegetable & Beans Chilli with Rice	Queen Carne Guisada with Garlic & Parsley Bread Slices	Cheese & Broccoli Quiche with Chips
On the side	Peas & Sweetcorn	Green Vegetable Medley	Carrots & Green Beans	Latina Broccoli & Baby Corn on the Cob	Peas & Baked Beans

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## Homework Reminder

A gentle reminder to all students: completing your homework each week is crucial for reinforcing what you've learned in class, particularly your Hifdh homework. As you will be tested on your memorisation, it's important to stay consistent in your practice. Any incomplete homework will be reported back to parents, and if homework is consistently missed, meetings with parents will be arranged. Homework is a vital part of your learning journey, helping you develop responsibility, time management, and mastery of your subjects. Let's stay committed to making the most of it!

## Flu Vaccinations Reminder

As we approach flu season, we strongly encourage all parents to consider getting their children vaccinated against the flu. Flu vaccinations are an important way to protect both individual health and the wellbeing of our entire school community. By getting vaccinated, we help reduce the spread of the virus and keep our students, staff, and families safe. Please see the flyer for more info.

### Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here: <https://london.acchosevacination.uk/?u=2024/towerhamlets>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

#### THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions)
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective
- ✓ Is free
- ✓ The nasal flu vaccine is very effective at reducing the spread of flu

#### THE IM FLU VACCINE

We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is gelatin-free. Please go to our website where you can find out more about the manufacturing of the flu vaccines, and then decide if the injection is more suited to your child.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you MUST return Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a lot of FAQs, as well as details of our community catch-up clinics. We also have some FAQs enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,  
Flu Lead Immunisation Team  
Vaccination UK

**Vaccination UK**  
**TOWER HAMLETS**  
Immunisation Team  
Contact Details  
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0207 613 9044  
WORKING ON BEHALF OF  
**NHS England**

**USEFUL INFO**

- ✓ We try to come to your child's school before 10am. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.
- ✗ PLEASE NOTE the flu vaccine will NOT be available to children under 5 years of age. If your child is under 5 years of age, you will need to complete a second form.
- ✓ Your consent will remain in place your child receives a first shot, you do not need to complete a second form.

**USEFUL LINKS**

- [www.acchosevacination.uk/what-is-the-flu-vaccine/](https://www.acchosevacination.uk/what-is-the-flu-vaccine/)
- [www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk](https://www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk)

**PRIVACY POLICY**  
Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: [www.acchosevacination.uk/privacy-policy/](https://www.acchosevacination.uk/privacy-policy/)  
For data protection queries, please contact: [dp@vaccinationuk.co.uk](mailto:dp@vaccinationuk.co.uk)

# A Visit From Members of the East London Mosque

## Exciting Visitors and Special Khutbah

We were honoured to welcome distinguished guests from East London Sh. Ashraf, who delivered a beautiful khutbah last Friday. Students engaged actively and enjoyed the inspiring talk on friendship and celebrating one another's successes. It was a heartwarming reminder of the power of kindness and unity within our school community.



*A special thank you to Brother Nabil for leading duhr here at Daffodil Prep and supporting the students and guiding them through their salah. (Pic)*

## Upcoming Events and Activities

Stay tuned for this month's exciting events and activities, including the Al Khair Qiraat competition run in partnership with East London Mosque. A huge thank you to Ms. Rahman, Ms. Fatima, and Ms. Selma for helping our students prepare for the competition. You can follow along with the competition live at the link below or on SKY (channel TBC).

## Friday Thobe and Abaya

As part of our Jummah tradition and to make the day extra special, students are welcome to come to school wearing a thobe or abaya every Friday. It's a privilege to have amazing guest speakers deliver the khutbah at Daffodil, and we encourage students to embrace this day in a meaningful way. Please remember to wear your Daffodil jumper on top for a complete and tidy look.

## Upcoming Parent Meetings

We are pleased to announce our upcoming parents' meetings. The first set of meetings with Arabic teachers will take place on 9th October, followed by meetings with class teachers on 24th October. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress and ways to support their learning further. We look forward to meeting with you and working together to ensure your child's success.

## A Thoughtful Reminder from Umair in Year 1

We often learn as much from our students as they do from us. Recently, Umair in Year 1 shared a beautiful reflection with his classmates. After a hot day of running around, a cool breeze swept through the playground, and Umair exclaimed, "Look, a cool breeze! I didn't even ask Allah for the breeze, He sent it to us anyway. He knows what we need." This touching reminder helps us reflect on Allah's kindness and provision in all aspects of life. Thank you, Umair, for your thoughtful words, Alhamdulillah!

## Star of the Week!

We are thrilled to announce our Stars of the Week for this month! This recognition celebrates students who have gone above and beyond, showing not only academic excellence but also personal growth, kindness, and leadership within our school community.

- Sumaya (Year 2): Sumaya has consistently demonstrated kindness and a helpful attitude throughout the month. Whether she is assisting her classmates, tidying up after activities, or showing readiness for her Arabic learning sessions, Sumaya is always prepared and engaged. Her positive energy has made a big difference in her class, and her teachers are so proud of her initiative. Keep up the fantastic work, Sumaya!

- Yahya B (Year 3): Yahya has been recognized for his excellent behaviour and inquisitive mind. He is always asking thoughtful questions in class, showing a genuine curiosity for learning. His good behaviour and respect towards his peers and teachers have been exemplary. Yahya's enthusiasm and dedication are inspiring, and he continues to set a great example for his classmates. Well done, Yahya!

At Daffodil, we believe in celebrating the whole child – not just their academic achievements, but also the values they bring to our school community. Our lovely students don't just learn from us, but we learn from them too. We are so proud of Sumaya and Yahya for leading by example this month, and we can't wait to see who will shine next!



### School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure you are wearing your full school uniform each day, including on PE days. On PE days, students are expected to wear their uniform over their PE kits. Dressing smartly and consistently following the uniform policy helps create a sense of belonging, pride, and respect for our school community. Let's make sure we are all looking sharp and representing Daffodil Preparatory School in the best way

This is a gentle reminder to make sure your child comes fully equipped with the correct uniform as well as PE kits for their lessons.

Students are permitted to wear their PE kits with a Daffodil jumper/cardigan on allocated PE days. Lack of uniform on any other day will receive a phone call home.

The days are as follow:

Year 1: Monday + Wednesday

Year 2: Tuesday + Thursday

Year 3: Tuesday + Thursday

Year 4: Tuesday + Thursday

Year 5: Tuesday + Thursday

# School Calendar 2024/25

September 2024							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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October 2024							
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November 2024							
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December 2024							
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March 2025							
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April 2025							
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June 2025							
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July 2025							
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## Key

	Eid Holidays		INSET days		Parent – Teacher – Meetings
	Bank Holidays		Holidays	Eid Al-Fitr: 30/31 March (approx.)	
				Eid Al-Adha: 7 June (approx.)	
				Ramadan: 28 Feb-30 March 2025 (approx.)	