



NEWSLETTER QUARTERLY UPDATE

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

NEW BEGINNINGS, NURTURING YOUNG MINDS

We are delighted to announce the start of the new academic year 2024-2025 at Dar al Zahra Charitable Schools on September 16, 2024. As we welcome our students back to the classroom, we are filled with excitement and renewed energy for the year ahead.

At Dar al Zahra we are committed to providing our students with an exceptional educational experience. We are dedicated to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every orphan child feels valued and empowered.

Message from Principal SAFA HAMEED

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer break. We extend a warm welcome to the new primary 1 students.

This year promises to be filled with exciting opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and develop their full potential. We have fully upgraded our classrooms with smart boards. We believe that this will be a valuable tool for our school.

I also congratulate our graduating class of 2024. I am incredibly proud of them and look forward to them pursuing their passions with the same enthusiasm and determination.



97
New Students

82%
Orphans

35
Sponsored

45
Not Sponsored

Data Reference: Primary 1 only

Welcoming Our Newest Primary 1 Students!

We're thrilled to announce that our school family has grown by 100 new Primary 1 students! It's a privilege to welcome these bright-eyed and eager learners into our community. We're committed to providing a nurturing and supportive environment where these orphans can thrive. Sponsor an orphan's education today and invest in their future giving them the gift of education.



Sensory Room Expands to Reach More Students!

Our sensory room has been a resounding success in promoting mental well-being and learning among our students. Recognizing its benefits, we've expanded its reach to Primary 1, 2, and 3 classes as part of our Early Childhood Development (ECD) project.

The ECD project is seamlessly integrating with our existing curriculum, offering a harmonious blend of play-based learning and structured lessons. This approach is fostering core competencies in literacy, numeracy, and life skills. Over 300 students per week are benefiting from these initiatives.

We're particularly proud of 8 success stories, where students with emotional issues, learning difficulties, behavior challenges, and even domestic violence backgrounds have shown remarkable progress. These positive developments are a testament to our commitment to providing holistic education and support for our students.



**300 STUDENTS
PER WEEK**

Attendance Intervention Program a Success!

In an effort to address the issue of low attendance, the school implemented a series of interventions that included calling, counseling, and informing parents about the potential consequences of their child's absence. We are pleased to report that these efforts have yielded significant results. Student attendance has increased by a remarkable 20%! This is a testament to the commitment of our school community and the importance of regular attendance in ensuring academic success and overall well-being.

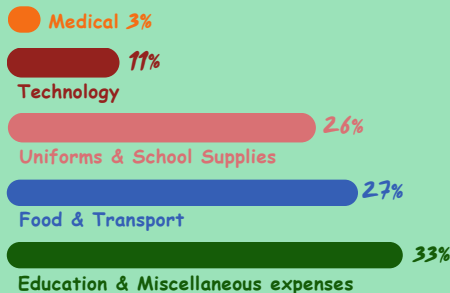


Students Shine at English Course

Congratulations to our 23 secondary students who successfully completed an intensive English language course organized by Nudbah Group over the summer! The course was designed to enhance their English speaking skills, covering essential aspects like grammar, pronunciation, listening, and vocabulary. Our students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in a language-rich environment. This valuable experience not only improved their language proficiency but also boosted their confidence in communicating effectively. This English course has undoubtedly equipped them with the tools they need to excel in their academic pursuits and future endeavors.



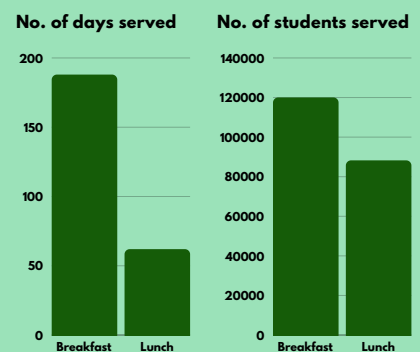
Making a Difference: Quarterly Update on Your Donations



We're excited to share the impact your generous donation has had during the past quarter. Your support has made a significant difference in the lives of orphans in the holy city of Najaf.

- Medical (3%)
- Technology (11%)
- Uniforms and School Supplies (26%)
- Food & Transport (27%)
- Education & Miscellaneous expenses (33%)

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our generous donors, sponsors and organizations whose continuous support makes our work possible. Your contributions enable us to provide essential resources, educational materials, and opportunities for our students. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff who are committed to providing exceptional care and instruction to our students. Their passion and dedication are invaluable in creating a safe place for these vulnerable orphan children.



Data Reference: January 2024 till date



School Supplies Distribution

To ensure that our students are fully equipped for their educational endeavors, we have provided them with a generous supply of essential school materials. These include:

- School bag & Water Bottle
- Stationery
- Textbooks and School Notebooks
- Two sets of School Uniforms
- School Shoes
- Sports Uniforms and Sports Shoes
- Sweaters

We are incredibly grateful to ISIJ-Toronto for their generous financial assistance in providing our students with school uniforms for the year. Their support has made a significant difference in ensuring that all of our students have the necessary resources to succeed.



Students Achieve Remarkable Success!

We are proud to announce the successful completion of our Preparatory 6 (Grade 12) students!

After years of dedication, hard work, and support these 43 students have achieved remarkable results and are now poised to embark on the next chapter of their academic journeys to pursue their dreams. As they transition to university we are confident that they will continue to excel in their chosen fields.



Top Students - Girls

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| 1. Ruqayya Haider Kazim | 95.7% |
| 2. Fatima Zahra Yousuf | 95% |



Top Students - Boys

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| 1. Hussain Najam Abd Hussain | 87.5% |
| 2. Mujtaba Ali Jasim | 77.14% |



ANNUAL TEACHER'S TRAINING

We're delighted to welcome 35 new teachers to our team. Their expertise and passion for education will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of our students.

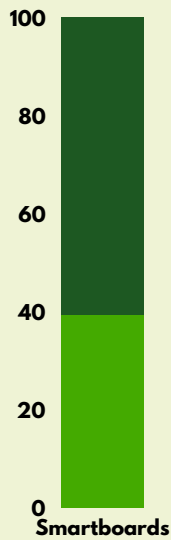
To ensure our teachers are equipped with the latest pedagogical tools and strategies, we held our annual teacher training. This comprehensive program focused on the following key areas:

- Lesson Planning & Teaching Methodology
- Information Process
- World of Emotions
- Use of Smart Boards
- Teachers Evaluation

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION WITH TECHNOLOGY

We are pleased to announce that our school has recently received a generous grant from The Mainstay Foundation of the UK! This grant has funded the additional purchase of 34 smartboards for our classrooms, in addition to 22 funded by them earlier, bringing our total number of smart boards to 56. With this upgrade, our school is now fully equipped with cutting-edge technology.

We thank TMF for the incredible gift that is already making a significant impact on both teaching and learning experiences across the school including, Interactive lessons making learning more fun and engaging for students working together on projects and sharing ideas in real time.



DAZ STUDENTS JOURNEY OF LOVE

أعظم الله أجورنا وأجوركم بمصاب الحسين عليه السلام

During the mourning months of Muharram and Safar, students of Dar al Zahra converted their homes into hussainiyas and commemorated the dignified martyrdom of Imam Hussain (a.s) and his companions with their families.

In addition to holding majlises and reciting poems and latmiyas, students also served zawar of Imam Hussain (a.s.) during Arbaeen. Students prepared and distributed food and drinks to zawar on their journey from Najaf to .Karbala



MILAD UN NABI SAWW

Dar al Zahra school students came together to celebrate the birth anniversary of the beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAWW). Students, teachers, and staff adorned the school with beautiful decorations, creating a festive atmosphere.

The celebration was marked by heartfelt speeches and melodious nasheeds recited by the talented students. Sheikh Ali Al-Najafi, graced the occasion with his insightful address. His words inspired the students to emulate the Prophet's teachings and strive for excellence in their lives.



DAR AL ZAHRA MEDICAL CLINICS

Stay informed about the Updates

Our in-house school clinics, in girls and boys school provide comprehensive healthcare services to our children. Our clinics are equipped to handle a variety of medical needs, ensuring the students's well-being throughout the school day.

We are on hand to provide immediate first aid and address minor injuries or illnesses. We give in-patient care for students who require more intensive medical attention, including insulin for diabetic students and inhalers for asthmatics. We assist selected students with nutritional needs to support their overall health and development. We conduct regular health screenings to identify potential issues early and ensure prompt referrals when necessary.



On average

30 students per day in the Boys' Clinic
40 students per day in the Girls' Clinic



Most common health issues

Sore throat
Abdominal pain
Abrasions due to falls



Pharmacy

Well-stocked pharmacy allows us to dispense medication as required.

2200+

Boys Clinic
Visits

3300+

Girls Clinic
Visits

1400+

Common Diseases
Boys Clinic

1400+

Common Diseases
Girls Clinic

31

Major Diseases
Boys Clinic

48

Major Diseases
Girls Clinic

Reference date: January 2024 till date

Prominent Cases of the Quarter

We are happy to share some positive news about a Primary 2 student. In a regular screening, he was diagnosed with hydrocele. This condition, particularly at such a young age, can significantly impact a child's mobility and overall well-being. He underwent a successful surgery during summer vacation. He is now on the road to recovery and is able to participate more fully in school activities.

During a recent routine screening, a 12-year-old student from the girls' school was identified as having an unsteady gait. After further investigation, it was discovered that she was diagnosed with Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip at birth, which had been surgically addressed but had not fully resolved.

Unfortunately, recent radiological tests revealed that she has developed avascular necrosis of the femoral head, requiring additional surgical intervention. We are committed to ensuring that she receives the necessary care and support to recover fully.

Any financial contribution, no matter how small, will make a significant difference in helping her family cover the medical expenses associated with her surgery and recovery.

