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"The After School Learning Club"

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SPOTLIGHT STAR



Mohammed Imaan has been amazing this month, making **fantastic progress** in his interactions with other students. He has been engaging positively with others, participating **enthusiastically** in activities, and consistently putting in lots of effort. We are **incredibly proud** of his progress and the positive attitude he continues to demonstrate. Well done, **Mohammed Imaan!**





CREATIVE CORNER

This **October**, our **Creative Corner** has been filled with **autumn-inspired** creations, including colourful autumn leaves and **pumpkins.**

Taking part in arts and crafts activities encourages children to use their **imagination,** explore their creativity and express their ideas in their own unique ways. These activities also provide a fun opportunity to develop their c**reative skills and confidence.**



GROWING MINDS

At our **centre,** we believe that **learning** should be both enjoyable and rewarding. We aim to create a **positive environment** where students can develop their skills, build confidence, and have fun.

From **3:15 pm to 4:15 pm**, we dedicate time to completing homework to a high standard, with guidance and support from our staff.

This **allows students** to strengthen their understanding, develop independent learning skills and **feel confident** in their abilities, while knowing that support is always **available** when needed.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – CELEBRATING STORIES

This October, our young explorers are celebrating **Black History Month,** learning about the achievements and contributions of Black communities throughout history.

We've created **Black Muslims** Through Time, a **free** downloadable booklet sharing inspiring stories of **Black Muslims** who have made a difference. Through learning and storytelling, we aim to celebrate diversity, broaden young minds, and build a more inclusive **future!** Because every story matters, and every child deserves to learn from the people who **shaped our world.**





RAISING EXPLORERS TURNS 14

Celebrating **14 years** of **Raising Explorers!** Since opening our doors in 2012, we've grown across **Bradford, Leeds** and **Rochdale**, earning awards and recognition along the way. A huge **thank you** to our amazing families, staff and community for being part of our journey. Every **little explorer** has helped make our story so special! Together, we're building brighter futures and **creating memories** that last a lifetime. Here's to continuing to grow, inspire and **make a difference!**

SPOTLIGHT STAR

A huge **congratulations** to **Aidan**, our Student **Spotlight of the Month!** Aidan has been working hard at The Learning Hub, showing great dedication to his studies and a **positive attitude** towards learning. His commitment, willingness to take on new challenges, and determination to improve are qualities we're **incredibly proud** of. Keep up the fantastic work, Aidan! We're excited to see you continue growing in confidence and achieving great things on your **learning journey.**



ONE YEAR OF LITTLE STEPS - NURSERY



Raising Explorers Nursery Turns ONE! Can you believe it's been a **whole year** of **tiny footsteps, big smiles** and mountains of nappies and glitter? From first steps to first words, we've watched our **little explorers** grow, learn and discover the world around them. We've survived the tears, celebrated the **milestones** and cleaned up enough glitter and changed enough nappies to last a lifetime! A **huge thank you** to our amazing staff and wonderful families for being part of our journey. Here's to another year of fun, laughter, learning and **plenty** more **messy play!**



SCHOOL PICK-UPS!

Little Explorers, Safely on Their Way! We know how busy **family life** can be, so our dedicated, **fully compliant** and **first-aid-trained** childcare and pickup assistants are here to make your day that little bit easier! We collect our **Explorers** from their classrooms and bring them safely back to our centre, where a warm meal is waiting to fuel their **little bodies** and busy minds after a full day of learning! While you get on with your busy day, your little ones can relax, recharge and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with us. From **homework** and **games** to laughter and **new adventures**, there's always something to look forward to!

SPOTLIGHT STAR

A huge well done to **Zak**, our **Spotlight Student** of the Month! **Zak** is growing in confidence and bringing laughter and joy to the staff at the centre. He is showing growing **enthusiasm** for his **Madrassah studies**, particularly enjoying reading to his teacher. It's wonderful to see his confidence and love for learning grow every day. Keep it up, **Zak!**



CREATIVE CREATIONS

Every **Friday,** we get creative in the kitchen for our weekly **baking sessions!** To celebrate Space Week, we decided to make some **space-themed cookies,** and they were truly out of this world! The children let their imaginations run wild, using fondant and icing to decorate their cookies with **colourful planets,** swirling galaxies and invading aliens. It was a fantastic way to **combine baking** with our Space Week celebrations, and we loved seeing the children bring their very own **little universe** to life!





SPORTS

Our **sports sessions** run every Tuesday and Thursday and we're always looking for new ways to keep things f**un and exciting!** To give our **warm-ups** a little upgrade, we've now introduced our **big speakers!** From star jumps, stretches and jogging to fun dance routines, our warm-ups have become a chance to get active while having a **great time!** The children love listening to their favourite songs, showing off their best dance moves and bringing **lots of energy** to each session. It's a fantastic way to get everyone moving, build confidence and **kick-start** our sports activities with a smile!

SPOTLIGHT STAR

This month, our **Spotlight Star** goes to **Raees** who has been making a real effort to get involved in the **activities** we offer at the Centre! Whether it's joining in with group games like musical chairs, getting creative during arts and crafts or giving his best during our **sports sessions,** he has been showing great **enthusiasm** and a positive attitude. It's wonderful to see him getting involved, trying different **activities** and making the most of his time with us. Keep up the **fantastic work!**



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Financial Support

You may be entitled to Goverment Funded Childcare!
Get in touch to find out more

UNIVERSAL CREDIT

- If you are a **working single parent** claiming Universal Credit, you are eligible for our **fully funded childcare services**.
- If you are part of a **joint claim**, one parent must be working, and the other must either be working, receiving **Carer's Allowance**, or claiming a **disability benefit (such as PIP)**. In this case, you are also eligible for our fully funded services.

STUDENT FINANCE CHILDCARE GRANT

- If you are a **full-time student with children**, you may be eligible for our **fully funded childcare services** through the **Childcare Grant from Student Finance England**.
- This grant helps cover childcare costs while you study and **does not need to be repaid**.

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

- Working families can open a Tax-Free Childcare account to receive a government top-up on childcare payments. This scheme is available to both employed and self-employed parents.

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

- If you joined a Childcare Voucher scheme through your employer before it closed to new applicants, you can continue to save on childcare costs. To remain eligible, you must stay with the same employer and not switch to the Tax-Free Childcare scheme.

GET IN TOUCH

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Term time after school club:

What We Have to Offer:

Childcare

We offer drop in childcare service 5 days a week for children aged 5-16 years old. Parents can also gain access to additional services for their child.

School pick up

We give working parents the opportunity for their child to be picked up from school and brought back to the centre for childcare. The pickup is offered from 3:00pm – 4:30pm.

Homework Support

Raising Explorers has a place for your child to work in a supportive environment with engaging staff who monitor and oversee the homework process and completion.

Sport activities / club

During the school week on Tuesdays and Thursdays the children get to enjoy a wide range of activities at the sports centre such as football, dodgeball, cricket, and much more.

Baking and cooking

Children have the opportunity to learn how to manage safety in the kitchen as well as how to make delicious treats.

Arts and craft

Raising Explorers allows the children to get hands on and take part in many art activities and make their imaginations come to life surrounded by their friends and supportive staff.

*Please note that different branches may offer different services

What Our Parents have to say:

Osman

Raising Explorer has huge range of activities for the children to enjoy. The staff are friendly and approachable. My kids have been attending the centre for a while now and absolutely love it. Keep up with the great work.



Katie

My children have had an absolutely fantastic time this week. The staff have been so great, especially with my daughter who does have a little anxiety. The children are looking forward to the next school holidays !











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FOR 5 - 16 YEAR OLDS

Winter Wonderland Holiday Club

21ST DEC – 31ST DEC

DON'T MISS OUT!

8:00AM – 7:00PM

REGISTER NOW!



OUR HOLIDAY CLUB INCLUDES FUN-PACKED ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM:

- LEGO COMPETITION
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- GAMES AND SPORTS
- GROUP GAMES
- BOWLING
- FESTIVE PAINTING
- CINEMA
- EXCITING TRIPS
- QUIZ CHAOS
- FLIP OUT
- BRACELET MAKING
- BAKING
- MUCH MORE!

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