



## The Lantern of Knowledge Academic Year 2015/6 in Review

Below are just some of the highlights of a very busy 2015/6 academic year at Lantern of Knowledge School!

- A record number of school trips, sporting events and externally lead activities conducted (over 30 during the academic year), including increased participation in the Arts
- More extra-curricular sporting activities organised with the UK Prime Minister's Award Winning SalaamPeace organisation
- Continuing our yearly joint workshops and activities with St. Bon's Catholic School in Forest Gate
- A number of high profile dignitaries have visited our school, including the Mayor of Waltham Forest, Leader of Waltham Forest Council, the Bishop of Barking and Rabbi Herschel Gluck OBE
- Introduction of colourful termly newsletters written by pupils
- Upgrading of the ICT room, network systems and computers.
- Introduction of the Tuck Shop - very popular amongst students!
- Addition of Statistics as an additional GCSE subject taken by all pupils
- Strengthening of the school's management team with the recruitment of the Assistant Head Teacher
- Excellent GCSE results and Government Performance Table position maintained in the Summer 2014/5 GCSE exams
- More pupils then ever going to a top Grammar Sixth Form College (Ilford County) after completing their GCSEs.

And of course the award of Outstanding School by Government Ofsted Inspectors in all categories - Alhamdulillah!

by A. Keekeebhai  
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Senior student Zain M. describes the ceremony celebrated by millions around the world. Did you know the Queen celebrates two birthdays a year?



### Basketballs And Cycling Fun

Organized by Salaam Peace, students of Lantern of knowledge split into teams of two, experiencing games of basketball & teamwork whilst the rest went on a safe cycling training.



### Hitting Sixes & Bowling Dots

Winners of the Salaam Peace Cricket tournament earlier this year, students of Lantern of Knowledge return to the pitch for another game of interfaith sports - but did they win?

# Salaam Peace Cricket tournament - did we win?

by Samir D. (Y7)



TEAM CAPTAIN SAMIR D. REPRESENTING LOK SCHOOL IN A GROUP PHOTO

The sun was shining bright in the sky and we were ready to take on some talented cricketers. Our teacher Sir Wahid escorted us to the Salam Peace cricket tournament. It was a 15 minute walk - although the route was tricky we eventually got there.

We practiced for a few minutes before the game. For our first match, I set my players in their positions. I, as the captain opened the match as the bowler and then bowled a second over, resulting in a wicket and no unfortunately no runs.

A quick fact for your cricketing knowledge; an over without runs is called a maiden. They showed 86 runs on the score board made by the opponents - we managed to chase it down and win the round!

The next game began. After winning the previous game, it boosted our confidence. The opposition put up a very good score of 86 runs, but we took it to a whole new level. Sahil was smacking the ball everywhere; Yusuf was bowling right on the dot and I was taking wickets like dominos! Wali was running them out; Eisa was bowling accurately and Uzair with dots and maidens. It was just exceptional!

We were confident that we made it through to the final, just hoping and praying that we made it. Our emotions changed after it was announced that after all that hard work, we made it! We're through to the finals!

We prepared for the finals; this was an opportunity to win yet another Salam Peace tournament. I gathered the team together and said, "Let's go out there, give it our very best and show them what we are made of!"

So the finals began. I selected who was going to be batting and who was going to be bowling. They changed the rules a little bit so you had to hit a four or six so you don't run for ones, twos or threes. We tried extremely hard but just could not get it past the boundary line, because they pushed the boundary further. We struggled and struggled but it seemed impossible to hit the ball that hard! Frustration grew within us as we could not find out what we scored.

All we knew was that we did not score that much, I chose to bowl last. On my first bowl the batsman hit the ball and it went through a fielder's legs, giving away 4 runs. I replaced that fielder and the same thing happened again immediately. The team was not happy. I was especially annoyed when one of the fielders dropped the catch due to pressure, but I knew mistakes happen in games and controlled myself with a smile.

Disappointedly, we lost by only 2 runs. If the fielder had caught that ball, we could have made them loose 6 runs. But it was okay; we had fun and learnt our lesson.

## QUICK CRICKET FACTS:

- Cricket is a 165 years old sport in India, it was first played in India in 1848
- An over without runs is called a maiden
- When a batsman scores 100 runs, it called a century and is considered an achievement.
- A cricket game has two umpires in the field and one off the field.



# A Fun Day of Cycling & Basketball

by Abdihafid A. (Y8)



Cycling is an awe-inspiring sport that helps you get fit. The sheer joy of being outdoors and taking the time to enjoy nature at its best is simply majestic. However, you need to master the techniques of riding to stay safe on the road and Salaam Peace gave us expert guidance on how to do just that.

At Leyton Jubilee, we had a 45 minute session for cycling and basketball. The class was split into two, with half doing basketball first and the other half doing cycling. We were to swap activities half way through the session. I was in the first cycling group supervised by teacher Sabbir and teacher Habeel.

We got our bikes and set off in a fixed line riding on the cycling route.

Our teachers taught us how to change gears; higher for a faster pace and lower gears for a low pace. We had to go ride through different obstacles including a ramp. Even though it was challenging we got through it aided with the assistance of our teachers. We enjoyed the great sight of the Hackney Marshes as we passed by and we enjoyed the view a lot.

During the ride, I was cycling at a fast pace and was slow to react as we came to a sharp bend. I lost control and fell into a bush of stinging nettles. Alhamdulillah I was all right but I had learnt my lesson. Nobody is perfect and as they say, "No gain, no pain."

After we had completed our turn with the bikes, we took a quick photo with our teachers and then swapped with the other group. We had a quick 10 to 15 minutes playing Basketball with instructor; Sir Nugent. We learnt to control the ball and tried to score a basket.

To be honest, basketball is one of my least favourite sports but we played a quick game called 21 which is basically seeing which teams score 7 baskets first. Amazingly, I was quite good and I was the top scorer.



Using teamwork to score through the hoops - Group B in action!

Eventually, we had to leave and I really appreciated the dedication and hard work Salaam Peace went through for us. I was very grateful that I had a chance to take part in such an incredible opportunity. I thank LoK School once again for arranging this opportunity for us to build on vital life skills.



# Her Majesty Celebrates 90th Birthday!



A beautiful sight: Beacons light up skies around the world (Center) & Muslim GBBO Winner Nadiya Hussain bakes the Queen's Cake!

**O**n Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, the day before her birthday, Queen Elizabeth carried out two official engagements, both in Windsor.

Together with the Duke of Edinburgh, she visited the town's Royal Mail delivery office to mark the 500th Anniversary of the postal service.

Later in the day, she officially opened the new bandstand in Windsor's Alexandra Gardens. The Queen spent her birthday, on Thursday 21 April, at Windsor Castle.

She also gave well-wishers the chance to wish her many happy returns as she unveiled a plaque on the Queen's Walkway, which was opened last year.

Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party was to be a celebration of The Queen's life, her love of horses, her dedication to the Commonwealth and international affairs and her deep involvement with the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Over 90 minutes, 900 horses and more than 1,500 participants from around the United Kingdom and the World created a joyful event for The Queen. The 90-year journey took us from the excitement of her birth, through to World War Two, her marriage, the coronation and a reign of more than 60 years.

The celebration was created by the team that organised the successful Diamond Jubilee Pageant in Windsor in 2012. They used horses, actors, bands and dancers to tell the story. This time, technology also played an important part in the celebration. The 90-minute experience was a fusion of the latest video projection, LED effects and theatrical lighting.

Her Majesty then went on a journey with the Duke of Edinburgh to meet members of the public. Then, at 12:00 BST, gun salutes were held at saluting stations across the UK, including Hillsborough Castle, Cardiff Castle, and Edinburgh Castle.

In the evening, she lit the first of almost 1,000 beacons across the UK to mark her birthday. Members of the Army cadet force took beacons to the top of the highest peaks of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The following day, on 22 April, the Queen hosted US President Barack Obama at Windsor Castle for a private lunch.

by Zain M. (Y10)

## PARTICIPATE IN GOOD WORK AND REWARDS

LoK Trust runs a number of charitable projects including: Feeding the homeless in (London), support for vulnerable sisters and their children (London), and university student scholarships. (UK wide).

We appeal to parents to contribute their Lillah, Sadaqah and Zakat funds to these very important causes. Contributions can be made in person at the office, via bank transfer (details below) or by sending a cheque to our usual address payable to: Lantern of Knowledge Educational Trust.

### Bank Details:

Account Name: Lantern of Knowledge Educational Trust  
Bank: HSBC  
Sort Code: 40-06-27  
Account No: 21416669

“Charity does not in any way decrease the wealth and the servant who forgives, Allah adds to his respect; and the one who shows humility, Allah elevates him in the estimation (of the people).” (Muslim)