

Imam Muhammad Zakariya School

Enriching our Curriculum with Sport and Activity

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Setting the Scene for our Madrassah

What led us to make adjustments to our Madrassah Curriculum:

- Children were lacking in opportunities for physical movement.
- We hoped to introduce a wider range of sports and activities.
- The students were displaying lower levels of engagement in lessons.
- We understood that children should be moving for 60 minutes per day, we were aiming to provide further opportunities to our students for more movement.

What changed?

- We began with an after school Archery Club.
- This then progressed into Archery being integrated into the PE curriculum across the entire school.
- The Pony Club Curriculum added to the syllabus.

How did we change it?

- We were able to achieve this through undertaking the Archery Instructor Training.
- Following on from the session delivered by the Pony Club, we are now including this as a part of the syllabus, annually for year 4 students.
- These developments have been achieved through planned meetings, staff training, and phased implementation.
- A barrier we faced was staff to take the children out on activities, we are able to overcome this barrier by recruiting volunteers and having additional staff on standby.
- Another barrier was lack of space for Archery sessions, we overcame this by reducing group sizes across various sessions.

- ✓ Relationship Building
- ✓ Doing Things Differently
- ✓ Connecting
- ✓ Investing in Strengths
- ✓ Brave Leadership

✓ Learning Together

Outcomes

- Increasing sports and adding interactive activities to the curriculum have created an opportunity for growth in the children's skills and social, emotional and physical wellbeing.
- The children enjoy Madrassah much more now and engage better in lessons.
- The children enjoy school and are more engaged.

What next?

We intend to introduce a diverse range of physical activities - this will enhance our PE curriculum. This includes archery, tag wrestling, dynamos cricket and soccer size.

Introduce movement into the classroom following on from the Active Learning Training.

We hope to monitor and measure the impact with changes in behaviour, such as reduced incidents of misbehaviour or increased engagement during class.



The students have really enjoyed the newly introduced activities and this has helped overall with them having a positive experience at school.
Madrassah Teacher

We really love doing archery and trying all the new and fun sports!
Madrassah Student



The Change in me

Networking with a wide range of individuals provided valuable opportunities to exchange ideas, share experiences, and explore diverse approaches to problem-solving. Through open communication and collaboration, challenges and obstacles were identified and addressed effectively. This resulted in stronger relationships between our female Madrassah leaders who participated in the Female Leadership Academy.