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We wish you all a very relaxing
half-term holiday!

Please find detailed below headteacher updates for your information. If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.

Dear Children,

This week I have seen some more wonderful artwork from the children in Class 4 who have been studying the South American artist Beatriz Milhazes over the last couple of weeks - you have all really captured her style in your own creative ways and all your final pieces are really impressive. Miss Gallagher really loves history and I can tell that her enthusiasm has really worn off on all of you in Class 3 with all the fabulous history work that is going on at home - I've seen homemade shields and helmets, homemade action films (amazing Scarlett and Jarvis!) and some excellent writing too.

I really must commend all of Class 2 on their beautiful handwriting! Every piece of written work that I see on the class emails shows me the very good progress that you are all making with your continuous cursive writing and your presentation whilst working at home.

Finally, what busy bees you all are in Class 1! Every time I look at the class emails I see all the super activities you're up to - so much baking too, which all looks delicious and makes me feel very hungry!!

I'm really missing being able to hold our special Lothersdale Legend assemblies on a Friday and for us to be able to celebrate all your hard work together. Because of this I'm sending you all a Lothersdale Legend certificate in your next work pack as I think each and every one of you (including your mummies and daddies) deserves to be congratulated for keeping working so hard during this time of home learning. In return I'd really like you to ask your mums and dads to fill in the certificate telling me something that you've done that you're all most proud of at this time (you could even stick a photo on the certificate too) and then send me a photograph of you holding your certificate (via your class email) so that we can share your achievements with your friends in the Friday News.

So it's half term next week and time for you to take a break, and hopefully enjoy lots more time playing outdoors in the sunshine. If I get chance I'm hoping to be able to go on some extra-long dog walks with Maisie and also spend some time gardening too!



Please stay safe, look after each other, be kind and have fun too!

I'm really missing you all

Lots of love
x Mrs Robinson x

The Governing Body Update

Mr Eddie Cullen ~ after almost ten years we are really sad to say 'goodbye' to Mr Eddie Cullen, as one of our key governors. As many of you will know, Eddie is hoping to move down to Cornwall as soon as the current restrictions have been lifted. Over the years Eddie has contributed significantly to the governance of the school, notably in his roles supporting EYFS, ICT and SEND. In addition Eddie has regularly bought books for the school, made generous donations to our extra-curricular activities and made a significant contribution to the school library. He will be greatly missed by all of us and we wish Eddie and his wife, Sue, all the best for the future in their new home and their lives on the south coast.

Mr Andrew Twigg ~ we are very pleased to announce that Mr Andrew Twigg has been appointed as a co-opted governor to the school's Governing Body. Andrew's three children all previously attended Lothersdale Primary School and he understands how the school works and brings a wealth of experience from his career in finance and industry. Andrew has already joined the recent Governing Body meeting and we look forward to working with him.

Potential Phased Re-opening of School ~ 1 June 2020

A Parent Information Guide regarding the potential phased re-opening of school on 1 June, has been emailed home for all families today and a hard copy has been placed in the work packs of all children who are potentially coming back into school on 1 June. The guide will help you understand the safety measures the school has put in place to protect your children, school staff and visitors and how different the school day will look and operate on your child's return. If your child is due back in school on 1 June, please use this guide to explain these new procedures so they will not be as overwhelmed when they return.

School and Home Learning Work Packs

Work packs for the first three weeks of the next half term will be ready for collection from Wednesday 27 May 2020 at 5pm next week. If the wider opening of school is confirmed for the 1 June then all children returning on this date **must** bring their work packs with them.

Blue Tits Update



Our Blue Tits are thriving in their nest box and now have feathers and are getting bigger by the day! They are currently waiting for mummy Blue Tit to bring them their breakfast.

We originally thought there were six chicks in the nest but now we are not sure and it may be between 6 to 9 chicks. Watch this space!

Mickey's Plant Stall



Mickey (Aaron's brother) has been growing lots of various varieties of plants and, as his family cannot use all of them, he has come up with a fantastic idea to sell them outside his house for people to buy. Not only that, but he would like to donate the money he raises to Lothersdale Primary School, which is really kind and thoughtful.



If you are passing, please stop and have a look (respecting social distancing) as he is selling:

Lupins	Lettuce
Cornflowers	Coriander
Pansies	Carrots
Sunflowers	Beetroots

GOOD LUCK MICKEY!



Reading Planet

This week we have sourced another online learning reading platform called Reading Planet for all our pupils. Look out for an email coming soon from your child's teacher containing your child's login details and the link to get started!

Spellzone

All parents/carers should have now signed up your child/children to the Spellzone programme as this will form part of our learning after the half term holiday. The existing code expired yesterday and if you did not get chance to sign up your child, then please use the new login details below to ensure you are up and running from 1 June 2020. Thank you very much.



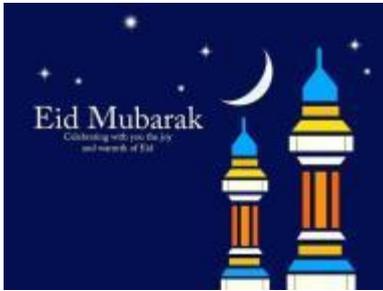
TO SIGN UP

Copy and paste the link:

spellzone.com/invite/code-GBH47F

or navigate to

spellzone.com/invite and input the code GBH47F



Ramadan and Eid

Imran Kotwal from Muslim Learner Services has kindly sent in some information for all our pupils about the end of Ramadan and the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, which we detail below for parents/carers to talk about with their children.

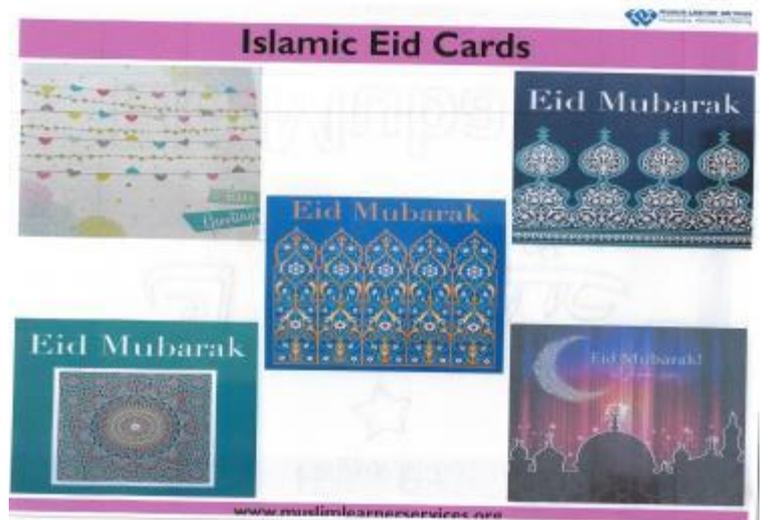
The Night of Power

For Muslims, the last ten days of Ramadan are the most sacred as they search for the night of power (Laylat-al-qadr - which the Qur'an describes as a night equal to a thousand months).

Eid-ul-Fitr

At the end of Ramadan, Muslims will be celebrating the festival of Eid-ul Fitr, which takes place this year on Sunday 24 May 2020. Traditionally Muslims wish each other Eid Mubarak (Happy Eid) on the day of Eid.

Eid Card activities are attached to this newsletter so that pupils can see samples of Eid cards to help them colour in, or create, their own cards and we look forward to seeing photographs of your work.



Reading Books

Please continue with structured reading at home as follows:

Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3

'Oxford Owls E-Books' are in line with the reading schemes that the children follow in school and parents can keep selecting books at the correct reading level. Please contact the class teachers through the class emails if you need any support with this programme,

Class 4

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 should continue to access the Reading Plus programme to maintain progress and improvement in their reading skills.

Class 1 have been watching clips where Muslim children explain the holy month of Ramadan and Eid celebrations. Ramadan started on 24th April this year and finishes with Eid celebrations on 24th May. If you have not had chance to already, you can follow the Cbeebies link below to learn about Eid. A girl called Amirah will show you how she prepares for Eid and how she celebrates with her family. When you've watched and listened, don't forget to do the quiz!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/lets-celebrate-eid>

Evelyn used Purple Mash to create beautiful mosque pictures and to decorate her hands with mehndi patterns.

We have also continued the 'healthy choices' learning - Emily has been skipping which has impressed her mummy and daddy as well as baking delicious treats! Aravon has remembered lots of information about our paramedic visit at school and she has been making a Rosie Glitter Girl Corn!

Penny wrote and illustrated a thoughtful book review this week and Lily has been busy using sound buttons to read lots of words.



Mrs Bateman and Mrs Gallagher ~ Nature Watch!

What have I seen this week?



My binoculars are very good! Are they parrots I can see? 😊

Have you seen and heard the busy blackbirds this week? Blackbirds are definitely my favourite garden bird. They are noisy, great parents and never stay still for long! A blackbird with a beak full of moss grumpily landed on the roof of my car as I parked too close to the hedge it was nesting in!



Here are two blackbirds, do you know which one is the male and which is the female? If you click on the RSPB link you will find the answer and you can listen to blackbirds singing.



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/blackbird/>

Mrs Gallagher has spotted some wildlife too. Is that a bear in the woods? Those birds look very interesting! 😊



Love from
x Mrs Bateman and Mrs Gallagher x

Dear Class 2

I hope you are all staying safe and well. I am so happy that the sun has come back this week and I enjoyed a brilliant bike ride on Wednesday. Make sure you're all wearing sun cream when you're out in the sun! I bet you can't get a better t-shirt tan than I have!

Lots of pictures again this week of more money activities - all of your work looks brilliant! Keep it up. A special mention to Chloe Platt this week, who not only did fantastically on her maths work, but as is becoming tradition now with my special mentions, has become even more confident to ride her bike! Great work Chloe.

I am still waiting to see pictures of some sunflower shoots, I hope I didn't provide bad seeds! Make sure to keep watering them regularly, especially in this heat.

Stay safe, keep working hard and having fun at home.

I hope I can see you soon

Love from

x Mr Craven, Miss Thompson and Miss Laycock x



If you need to contact Mrs Gallagher or Mrs Daniell regarding any of the work contained in your child's work pack, please email them via lothclass3@ycatschools.co.uk

Hello Class 3

I hope you are all feeling happy and healthy and are continuing to stay safe whilst being at home. Again I have enjoyed seeing photos or copies of your work this week.

Jarvis and Scarlett have thoroughly enjoyed the history topic they completed this week. They've even made a wonderful film showcasing what they have learnt and they even created their own Hindu Puja tray from the RE learning too. Maisie and Millie have been working hard in their garden; it's great to see you being busy outside too. Isla P has written an amazing newspaper report relating to the history topic of the Anglo-Saxons. Sam P and Spencer have enjoyed the maths project this week and Isla H has made a fantastic Anglo-Saxon village. It is great seeing you are all working so hard at home - Keep it up!



Last Friday, I was invited to join a Zoom call with some of the Year 4s (thank you Isla's mum for setting it up). It was really nice to see everyone's faces and we had a nice chat about what they had enjoyed learning about. Alison has really got into her maths whilst being at home and has loved doing the arithmetic and learning about different types of lines (parallel and perpendicular).

This week I have been working hard preparing more work for after the half term holiday as well as entertaining Evie. I have really enjoyed den building and reading different stories to her recently - her favourite being 'Everybunny Dance' by Ellie Sandall and followed by a good dance afterwards.

I am missing you all very much but look forward to seeing you when it is safe to do so.

Take care

x Miss Gallagher, Mrs Daniell, Miss Russell and Mrs Binns x





Where does the time go? It's hard to believe that it's the half term holiday next week! We hope you and your families have had a good week in the 'home learning classroom' and are all keeping well; we are really missing you! Thank you for sending in the emails; it has been lovely to catch up with you and to read the work you have completed at home.

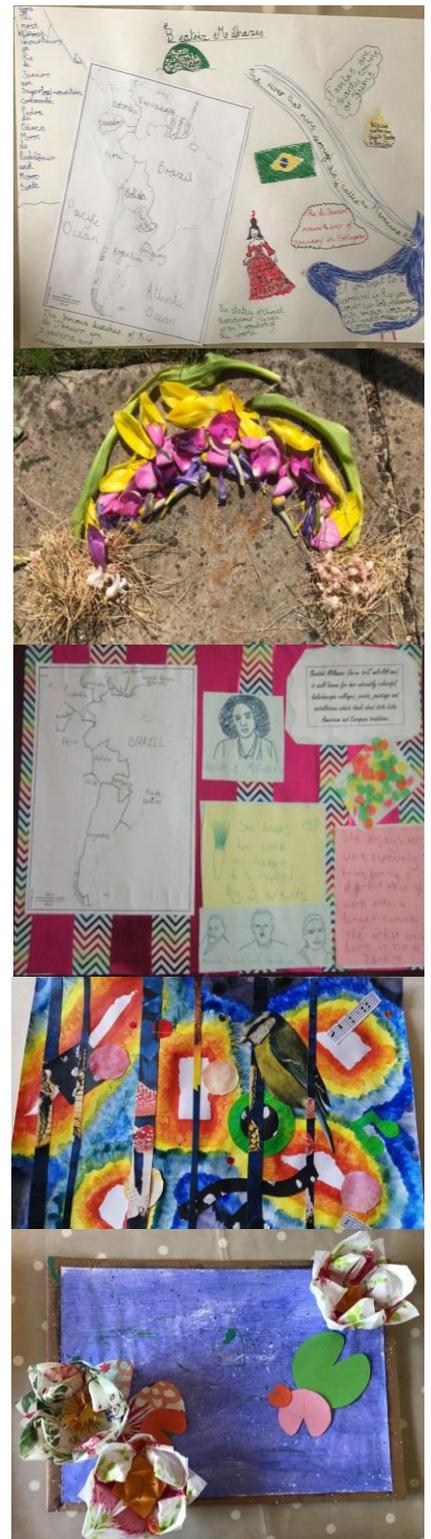
This week, Year Five have continued to work on mental maths, in addition to consolidating factors and dividing by 9 facts before moving onto new learning, focusing on addition and subtraction of decimals. Year Six have worked on arithmetic skills before consolidating their knowledge of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions, decimals and percentages.

In English, both Years Five and Six have continued to focus on vocabulary definitions and key word spellings as well as spelling patterns. After reading further chapters from *Wonder*, this time from Via's point of view, the writing has taken the form of a letter, written from Via to August.

We have continued to work on the art project this week, researching Beatriz Milhazes, discovering who she is, where she is from, her background, where and what she has studied, the types of art work she produces and her sources of inspiration. We have then designed our own mood board, to display this information, focusing on creativity and individual style of presentation. This has led to us producing our last piece of art work in the Style of Beatriz Milhazes, in which we have included the techniques we have learnt throughout the project.

Very well done to all who have signed up and have been working hard on Spellzone ~ that's great! The multi-sensory nature of the programme, together with the regular reinforcement of spelling patterns and the personalised course pathways, make it an invaluable tool and a fun way to help you to improve the accuracy of spellings in your independent work. Keep up this great work!

Our artist research has led to a locational study of South America, in which we have divided the land mass into its component countries on our map and have researched key information.



We hope you have a great half term holiday with glorious blue skies and lots of fun with your families. Here are a couple of fun challenges for you to enjoy over the break.

Take good care of each other and we hope to see you all very soon!

Love from
x Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Hill x

Name the Disney Film	
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Class 4's half term Alphabet Quiz!

1. The company which produces the iPod. **A** _____
2. A coloured handkerchief worn around the head or neck. **b** _____
3. Tiny blood vessels. **c** _____
4. A German breed of dog with a long body and short legs. **d** _____
5. Background performers in a movie. **e** _____
6. Extremely hungry. **f** _____
7. Slang name for a live musical performance. **g** _____
8. Admiral Nelson's christian name. **H** _____
9. A floating mass of ice. **i** _____
10. An island country in the Caribbean. **J** _____
11. 1000 bytes. **k** _____
12. A colourful plant organism that grows on tree trunks. **l** _____
13. The closest planet to the sun. **m** _____
14. The square root of 81 ($\sqrt{81}$) **n** _____
15. A colourless, tasteless, odourless gas. **o** _____
16. The science of matter and energy. **p** _____
17. A four-sided polygon. **q** _____
18. A system of faith and worship. **r** _____
19. A type of electricity produced by friction. **s** _____
20. A reference book containing lists of synonyms. **t** _____
21. The brother of your father or mother. **u** _____
22. A female fox. **v** _____
23. An American artist who led the Pop Art movement. **W** _____
24. Microsoft's gaming console. **X** _____
25. A popular search engine. **Y** _____
26. A branch of Buddhism. **Z** _____

Year 5 Intake Evening at South Craven School

Please note that this event has been postponed and a revised date will be published as once the school has re-organised its events.

Reverend Thomas's 'Thoughts and Reflections' for the Week

We list below this week's thoughts and reflections from Reverend Thomas. Please have a listen - we hope you like them.

Ice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3r02vMOFoeM>

Building

<https://youtu.be/9K76oW3LuXE>

School contact during enforced closure

If you wish to contact the school please email via the office email address (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk)

School Contact Information

The temporary closure of school due to the Coronavirus pandemic has resulted in school relying on different methods of communication with parents/carers. The school has extended communication to include the use of emails and postal services in these difficult circumstances, however this has highlighted that some pupil contact details are not current. Please could you therefore ensure that any changes to mobile numbers, email addresses or postal addresses are brought to the attention of the school office as soon as they occur to enable us to keep an updated contact list at all times. Many thanks for your support.

Year 4 Eshton Grange Residential ~ ParentPay Refunds

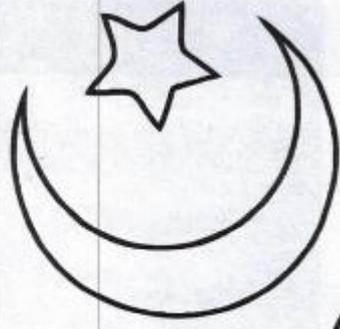


Please note that the process to refund all those parents/carers who have made a payment towards this visit is ongoing and school will refund your ParentPay account as soon as we have been given the authority to do so by ParentPay.

Remember to look on our School Website for further information on what is happening around school! New postings on our website this week are listed below:

- Friday News

Happy Eid

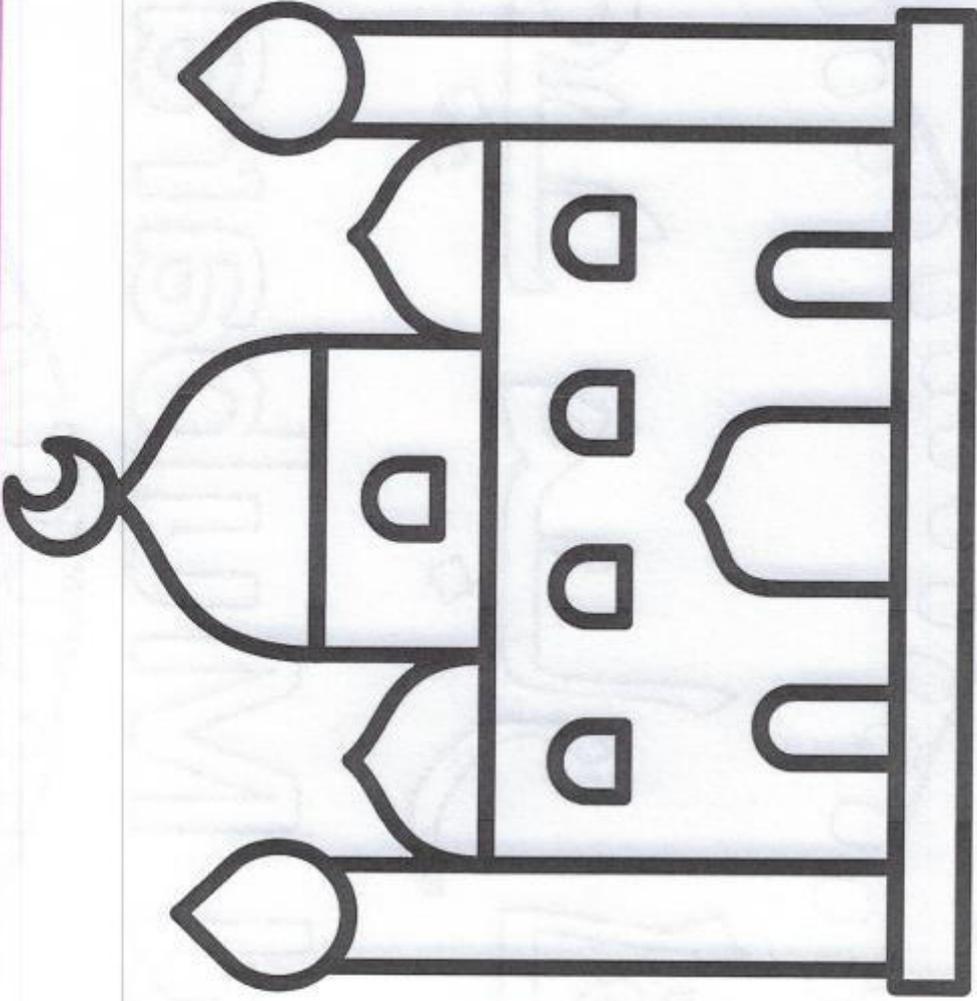


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Eid Mubarak!

Happy Eid



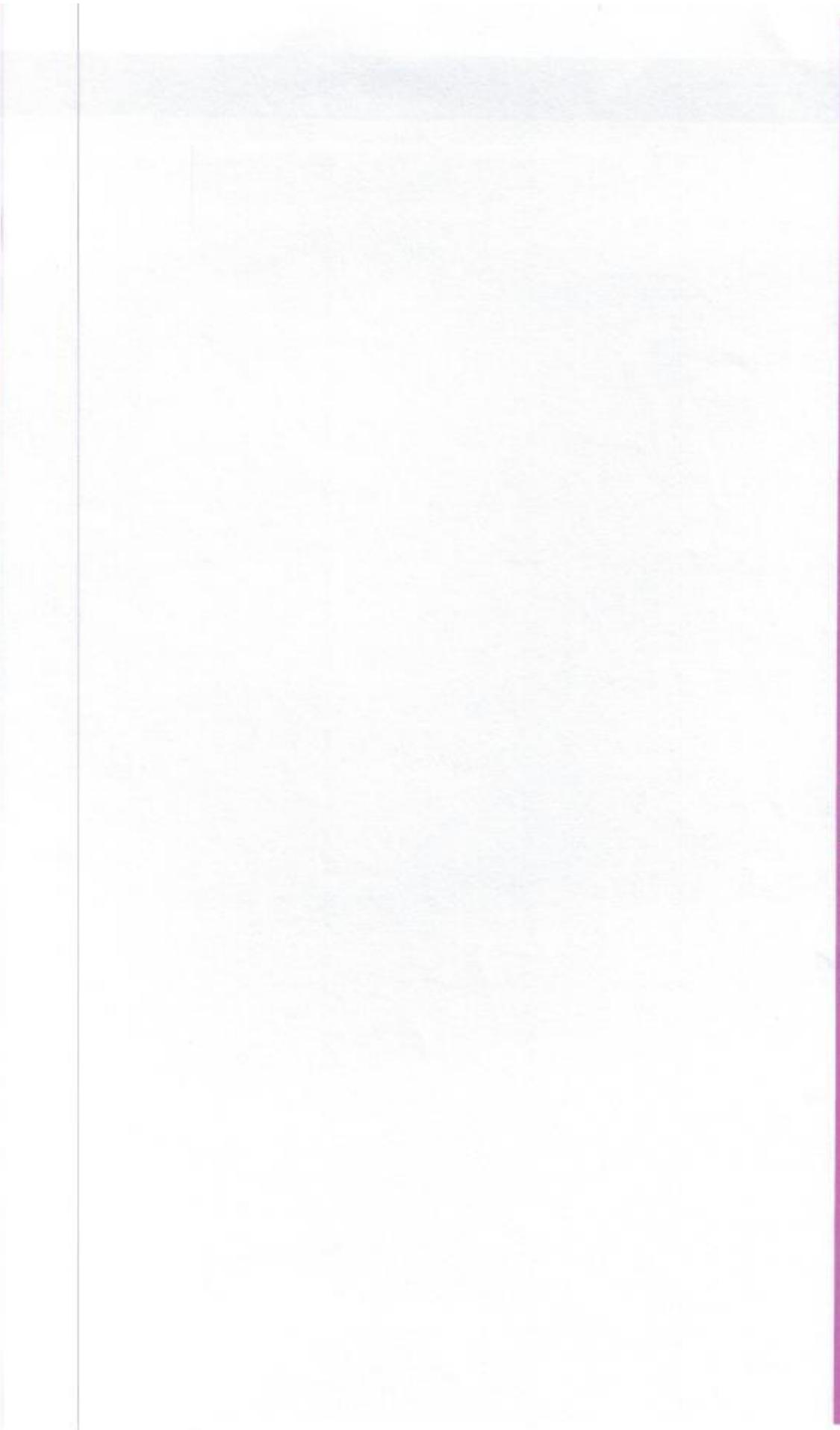
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Create your own Eid card





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