

1001 INVENTIONS SCHOOL FAIR PROGRAMME

Spring/Summer Term 2019



TEACHERS' TESTIMONIALS

Chris Lowe, Assistant Head Teacher at Lowerplace Primary School:

Through our involvement with the project, we helped raise the Science Capital of our children and their families while celebrating culture and heritage. Many of our children – from all backgrounds – were unaware of the major scientific achievements from the work of pioneers from the golden age of Muslim civilisation; therefore it is an important message to share with our children and families.

Laura Turnbull, Science Coordinator at Barnoldswick Church of England Primary School:

We aim to provide a broad curriculum that educates children about a wide range of different religious and cultural backgrounds. Being involved with 1001 Inventions allowed the school to continue to raise the profile of Science and also understand and celebrate how early Muslim civilisation influenced the Science we have today. Our children greatly benefited from this project.

Iram Chaudhry, SMSC Coordinator, Manchester Muslim Preparatory School said:

The 1001 Inventions project gave us the opportunity to explore the achievements of the golden age of Muslim civilisation and allowed us to develop a more cross curricular approach, embedding names, places, dates and discoveries into pupil's knowledge. Pupils didn't just hear the name Al-Khawrizmi once in a single lesson, but many times in Maths, in History and in English.



The 1001 Inventions "Education Pack" gives lots of background information to supplement teacher knowledge. It helped teachers immerse children in learning while creating buzz and excitement while they design their own 1001 Inventions exhibits. It has helped embed pupil understanding and pride in their Muslim Heritage. Also developed teacher confidence and knowledge, which they will be able to incorporate into future teaching.

Our end of year whole school presentation evening is themed around the Golden Age of Muslim Civilisation. Pupils from Year 5 and 6 will perform a specially written play, which takes the audience on a journey to that period of history, as the children play the roles of Fatima al Fihri, Abbas ibn Firnas and others.

We hope that we could hold a similar event in two year's time.

Oliver Haines, Science Subject Leader at Barrowford St Thomas' Church of England Primary School:

Running the 1001 Inventions project allows St Thomas' to continue to celebrate cultural diversity. Furthermore, it represents a fantastic opportunity to raise the profile of science both within our setting and the wider community. Both of these elements would be interwoven to develop children's conceptual understandings of science whilst linking into the core British Values of tolerance and mutual respect.