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**FIELD TRIP (PRIMARY)  
at Jama Masjid, Mumbai**

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## FIELD VISIT



Field trip is an educational trip. The intention of the trip is to entertain students and also provide knowledge. Keeping this in mind the school authority of Bilal school decided to take their students to a place which is a place of knowledge and a place providing peace to soul and mind. Before reaching their, prior permission was taken and the bus was hired by the school authorities for the same purpose. Circular was given to the student regarding date and timing. A meeting was held before leaving by the chairman explaining the importance and the purpose of taking students to different places.

The students came to school before the given time. They were going to visit Masjid. Some of them have not visited that Masjid. But everyone was excited. They got seated in the bus. Everyone was enjoying throughout the way. The bus stopped. The people on the road were looking at the bus. People were shocked to see the small students came to visit a Masjid. Usually it happens that the students use to play, shout and make noise in the bus but the students of Bilal school are taught to what to do while travelling. They reached Masjid by 10:30am and a long waiting came to an end. Market was partially open. The authorities of the Masjid were waiting on the gate to welcome the students. Students were first taken to the libraries of the Masjid.

The library was built in 1850. As the time passed, the library was extended. Under the leadership of Mr. Yusuf Khatkhate and other scholars, this library is being counted as one of the best library of the country. There are total 1618 Manuscript out of which 1008 are

in Arabic, 473 in Persian and 137 in Urdu. Other than this there are 15383 books on 25 different subjects. More than 1000 magazines and several newspapers were also present in the library. Many scholars from country and from abroad come to this library for research. A committee is appointed by Jama Masjid Trust looks after the library and purchase book and also publish books even today.

After showing the library, the students were taken to the Masjid. There are many historical Masjids in India, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. Those Masajid were built by the ruler of that time. But this Masjid was built by the common people of Mumbai. Jama Masjid is one of the largest and oldest Masajid in Mumbai that lies at the intersection of the city's premiere commercial streets.

In existence since 1802, the quadrangle shaped Jama Masjid is built over a large water reservoir with the help of sixteen black stone arches which rises from the depth of water to support its massive two storied structures. A Konkani Muslim merchant named Kazi Hussain Pallavkar offered his land. An architect named Meher Ali constructed the structure on the lake. The complexity of the design and a legal wrangle meant that the construction stretched on for a good 27 years. The first congregational Friday prayer were held in December 1802 and the one storey Masjid that has been built on a water and looked as if it floated on water was allegorically named as Jahaz-e-Akhirah or the ship of the hereafter.

As the population of the Mumbai grew, the need for an expansion was felt and in 1837, Mohammad Ali Mohammad Hussain Roghay offered to fund for the renovation and extension of the Masjid. Upon completion it became 1st two storied mosque in India. The entire roof is held in place by not more than a dozen of pillar and scissor like trusses hidden from view that hold the roof in place

Over the years, the Masjid has had multiple addition, including an intricately carved marble pulpit which weigh more than a tonne. Its 15 feet high Almirahs carved from teak wood bristle out from its wall while a massive half a tonne chandelier provides lighting for the sprawling space.

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