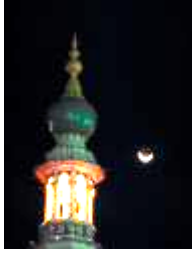




Call to the Light



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Important dates

28th Aug – Curriculum Day (Student free day)31st Aug – Prep free day; all others students must attend30th Aug – 8B show bags for sale at school

Clean Grounds

MashAllah it was great to see such clean playgrounds with the effort of the children picking up their rubbish after recess and lunch. Let's keep our school looking beautiful.

Along with clean surroundings we need to have clean minds and hearts. To clean our minds we need to think good of others and always expect the best from them. Even if someone says something nasty to us, we should try and come up with 70 excuses for them. Have a look at the example of our noble prophet (sallallahu alayhi wasalam). His manners were absolutely spotless. His feelings for others was unmatched by any other human on earth. He forgave even those people who had caused him terrible pain. What a lesson we can learn from this.

And let us not forget to clean our hearts through the remembrance of Allah. Remembering Allah will actually prevent us from doing anything bad to others or in disobeying Allah. We can understand this if we look at the example of a mother and her child. If the child has been told not to touch the cookies by her mother, and she can see her mother watching, she will remember not to disobey. However, if a child forgets that she is being watched, then the temptation to take a cookie may be too much to overcome. There is a story related to this in the story of the week for you to read further on.

Whilst on the topic of cleanliness, here's a dua you can learn if you do not know it already. The Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) use to make this supplication which meant:

Oh Allah You have made my appearance beautiful so make my character beautiful too.

اللَّهُمَّ أَحْسَنْتَ خَلْقِي فَأَحْسِنْ خُلُقِي

"Allahumma Ahsanta Khalqi fa ahsin Khuluqi"

Prep Enrolments Update

We are now in the process of processing Prep

enrolments for next year. Letters have been sent to all the applicants - if you do not receive it today or tomorrow and you applied for your child for Prep for next year please contact us. Please note that as the number of applicants this year is particularly high and as the number of seats are limited, we will not be able to offer a place to many applicants.

The procedure for this year is that all applicants will be invited to attend a group session / workshop. These workshops are scheduled for Thursday 31 August and Saturday 2 September. Following the group sessions, we will advise further as to what applicants have progressed to the individual testing / interview stage which will take place on the following weekend.

Quran Competition

That time of the year has arrived again. Yes! It is the Quran competition. Once again the search is on for those students who excel in this most beautiful and rewarding area....the word of Allah. You must enter by 29th August as testing will commence by 4th September. After this there will be pre-selection, followed by the semi-finals and then the finals. There are 5 categories to choose from. For more information, please refer to the last page.

Fees Overdue

Just a reminder to those parents who have not payed the term 3 fees, to please pay them asap. If you have received an overdue notice and have payed recently, then please disregard the letter.

Hadith of the week

Abdullah ibn Amr (radiallahu anhu) narrates that he heard the prophet (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) say (more or less): Worship the Rahman, and feed the people, and spread salam. You will enter Jannah safely.

'Ubudur rahman, wa at 'imut ta'aam, wa afshus salam, tad khulul jannata bi salam.

Story of the week

Once at the time when Umar (radiallahu anhu) was khalifa, he was on his usual rounds of the locality when he overheard a conversation between a mother and her daughter.

The mother was instructing her daughter to add some water to the milk they were going to sell in the market the next day.

"But mother, ameerul mumineen has forbidden us from adding milk to water" protested the girl.

"Well, he is not watching is he?!" answered the mother.

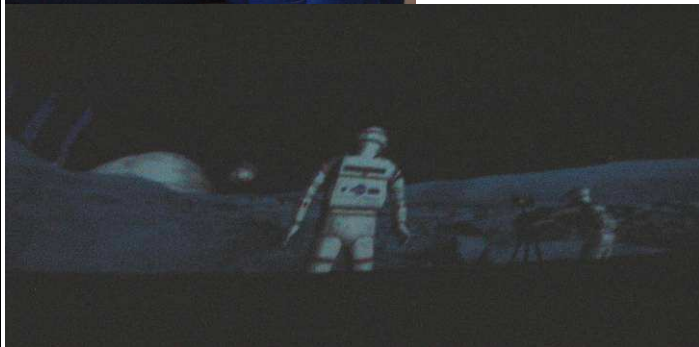
"But Allah is watching" responded the daughter.

Upon hearing this, the Ameerul mumineen, Umar (radiallahu anhu) was very pleased with this girl's taqwa. The next day he asked for her hand in marriage to his son Abdullah (radiallahu anhu).

It doesn't take a degree in rocket science to work out that Allah is watching us at all times and to always act with this in our heart and our mind.

Out of this World!

This week grades Prep, 1, 2, and 4, and years 5 and 6 attended an exciting incursion about space. Children sat inside a large dome tent in the art room which was converted into an amazing out of this world experience. There was interesting graphics of the moon and the earth, alongside other interesting historical information about the earth. It was definitely one of those incursions that the children will remember for a while to come.



Footy Gridders -Br Shafiq Ansari

Our Year 7 Boys Won the EDFL Grand Final 2006.

Ahmed Saad, Muhammad Allouche and Ahmed Taha of year 7B won the Grand Final of footy last Sunday at Windy Hill. Furthermore Ahmad Saad won the medallion for fair play and Muhammad Allouche won the medal for kicking 35 goals. Ahmad



Taha won the medallion in his age group for excellent performance all year round.

Discipline -Br Cem

Discipline is a necessary part of parenting, yet it is often misunderstood. It is usually associated with punishment—smacking, humiliation and other types of censuring action. Effective discipline teaches children about appropriate behaviour. Good discipline encourages them to take responsibility for their own actions. It doesn't involve physical harm or verbal put-downs. However, it does require firmness and a willingness to treat children with respect, even if they don't always respond to us in kind.

Bright ideas

Try the **ESCAPE** formula when dealing with children's misbehaviour.

Establish clear limits and boundaries for children. Rules need to be clear and specific. 'Be home by six o'clock' is more effective than 'don't be late'.

Stop, think and go against your first impulse when children misbehave. If you feel like losing your cool with your children take a walk, phone a friend or even count to ten before interacting with them.

Cue children once when giving instructions or directions. Repeated requests or threats only encourage 'parent deafness' in children.

Act when children don't stick to the limits or refuse to cooperate. Rather than nag or coax children into doing

the right thing implement a consequence that is related to their misbehaviour. For instance, children who constantly come home late can stay home next time and toddlers who leave toys around can lose them for a while.

Pinpoint the reason for the children's behaviour. As much of their misbehaviour is to get their parents' attention our initial reaction often encourages it further. If you constantly nag children at bedtime, coax attention-seekers to cooperate and argue with determined teenagers—try changing the way you respond.

Encourage children at every opportunity. Children who are difficult to deal with generally lack self-confidence and doubt their self-worth so they need constant encouragement.

Remember, consistency rather than severity is the key to effective discipline.

Student Samples

These are from Ms Hassan's grade 1B class:
Mumtaz Haibe:

Kangaroos are marsupials. Kangaroo's habitat is grass. Their diet is plants and grass. They camouflage in the trees so they can defend themselves from their predators. They skip 65 kmh. Their special thing is that they carry joey in their pouch. They sleep during most of the day so they are called nocturnal.

Sara Hassanein:

Koalas are mammals they can climb trees. We are their predators. Their diet is gum leaves. They have soft fur. We destroy their place. Their habitat is a gum tree.

Year 7B Technology -Br Abdul Azim

The boys in year 7 have been designing their own websites using a program called NVU, which Sheikh Bilal Deniz introduced to us. It is quite simple to use and they are getting the hang of putting it all together. Soon they are going to publish their webpages in the school system with Sheikh Bilal's help. I hope that we will see some very good webpages. I think we may be able to get a preview soon.

The boys are explaining how computers work. In particular they are describing the parts, how they work and how they interact to get the whole computers picture. I think that it has been quite useful. Here are some comments below:

Bilel: A computer only does what you tell it to.

Ishraq: I learnt that a computer has many slots on the motherboard.

Ahmed Ali: We learned how to make a webpage about computers and we are studying about them.

Celal: Computers won't work without a CPU – Central Processing Unit

Ankara: Computers have chips. Without chips the computer won't work.

Badr: A mouse takes you where you want to go. It is an input device.

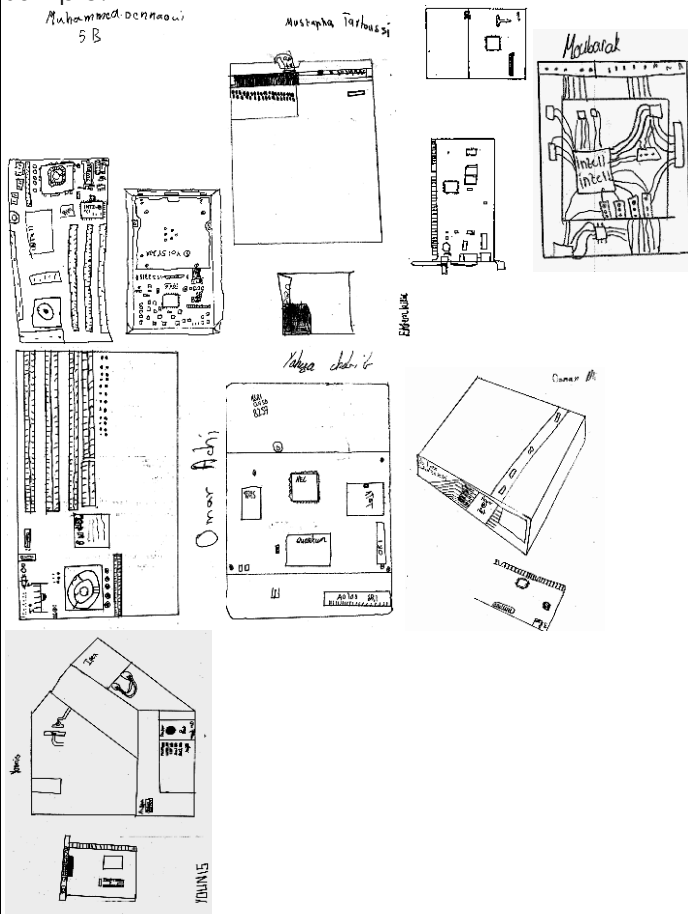
Ahmad Taha: I learnt how to link webpages on NVU.

Abdulkarim: The printer is attached to the computer by a cable.

Enes: I learnt about the electrical supply.

Ayman: The CPU gives all the controls to the mouse, keyboard, hard drive etc.

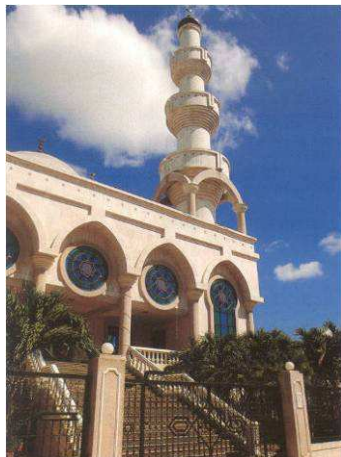
Br Abdul Azim's grade 5B have been making some technical drawings of computer parts. Here is a sample:



Fun Corner

Last week we saw a picture of a masjid in China. Here's one this week from Columbia.

The Mosque of **Omar Ibn Al-Khattab** (or in [Spanish transcription Omar Iban Al-Jattab](#)) in [Maicao, La Guajira, Colombia](#) is the second biggest mosque in [Latin America](#). To the locals it is simply known as "*la Mezquita*" ("The Mosque") for being the



only one in the region, and along with the *Dar Alarkan School*, they are the centers of Islamic faith of the region. Constructed on September of 1997 and named after the second caliph [Omar Ibn Al-Khattab](#), it can easily house over 1,000 people.

Here's a word find to brush up on your Arabic. They all refer to different parts of the body.

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أيدي أنف كتف أكتاف بطن ذقن عين
 ركبته إصبع ذراع كف رموش كعب
 حواجب عيني خد أذن خلف كوع كاحل
 قم شعر رأس الجسم أذنين وجه
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Message from Year 8 boys:

Dear Parents, Assalamu Alaykum

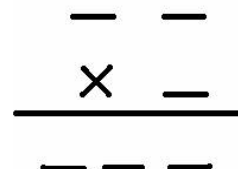
Year 8 boys are going to sell show bags for fund raising for their end of the year camp! This activity will only be open for grade 4 boys to 10 boys. It will be held on Wednesday 30th of August.

The show bags will contain:

- ~ Popcorn
- ~ Mixed lollies – home made
- ~ Home made marshmallows
- ~ Dried corn and fruits
- ~ Nuts
- ~ Candy
- ~ Chocolates – Jaffas & Smarties

All monies earned from this fund raising will be for students to attend camp.

Place the numbers **1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6** on the picture below. (Once each!)



Musabqatul-Quran Al-Kareem

“One who is well versed in the Quran will be in the company of those angels who are scribes, noble and righteous” Hadeeth

Quran plays a very important part in a life of a Muslim. Darul-Ulum College is inviting all it's students to participate in this most virtuous and highly rewarded, Quran reading and memorizing contest.

CATEGORIES TO ENTER

(1) Most fluent Nathira reading of Al- Baqarah and Juzus 29 to 30

Lower & junior primary (up to Grade 4)

(2) Best skilled Nathira reading of Juzus 1 to 15

Secondary school including senior primary (up to Year 10)

(3) Most meticulous voices on prepared aayaat from the Holy Quran

Open to grades 4 to 10 & hifz students

(4) Strongest memorization of Juz 30.

Open to all grades

(5) Most proficient memorization of Juzus 1 to 12.

Open to Hifz & Huffaz of Darul -Ulum College

- Students may enter into one of the categories only, except "Category 3".
- For Category 3, we will need to see how many students are interested, and then decide whether students who are already entering another category may also enter Category 3.
- Prizes are to be announced within a few weeks' time.
- Remember the rest of the hadith mentioned above: "... and one who falters in reading the Quran and has to exert hard for learning, gets double the reward."

TIMELINE

Tuesday 29th of August

LAST DAY TO ENTER

Final dates for students to notify their teachers of their interest to enter, and into which category.

Monday 4th to Friday 8th of September

IN-CLASS TESTING

Teachers conduct in-class testing between the students to choose the best few.

Thursday 14th of September

PRE-SELECTION

Competitions commence. 2 to 3 classes sit together, while 10 students from each category get tested. The best 5 out of each category would be chosen for the Semi Finals.

Tuesday 31st of October

SEMI-FINALS

Most of the school, from Grade 3 upwards, to attend. The 5 students from each category compete to be in the top 3.

Thursday 9th of November

FINALS

All of the school students from Grade 3 to be present, including parents of the contestants. The top 3 compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Conditions