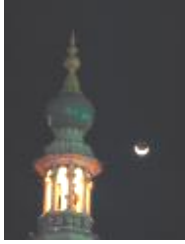




Call to the Light



MU'AZZIN

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Principal's message

Asalaamo Alaikum,

Welcome to the second edition of Muazzin, the new weekly newsletter for Darul Ulum College Of Victoria. Parental involvement in a child's schooling is most important, and this will be enabled by a means of regular communication. InshaAllah this newsletter will allow us to have a regular communication link with parents and the school community.

At Darul Ulum, we are proud of our Islamic culture and identity and this is reflected in the name of the newsletter. As you will be aware, the word "Muazzin" refers to a person who calls the azaan. The theme behind this name is "A Call To The Light" - the light (nur) of Allah that illuminates the heaven and the earth, enters the hearts and provides the most valuable gift of guidance.

The azaan is not just a call to salaah, but it is call to the complete Deen. In the du'a (supplication) after azaan, we refer to the azaan as "Dawa-thi-thaam" or complete dawa (invitation). As our beloved Prophet Mohammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) has advised us that azaan is complete dawa, we can learn from the azaan what makes up dawa. In particular, the order of the azaan is very important.

Allaho Akbar

Firstly the muazzin calls out 4 times that Allah is the greatest. So we learn that in giving dawa the first thing we need to do is to call people towards the greatness of Allah. When the greatness of Allah is not there, then a person will not be able to obey Allah. We all obey those that we take as "great".

Ashadu-al-laa ila ha illallah

Secondly, the muazzin bears witness and calls towards the Tauheed (oneness of Allah), which is to recognise Allah, His Oneness, His Power, His Majesty and all His beautiful qualities. All of His creation is in need of him every second of the day, yet He needs no one. He is the one that makes all the decisions, the one that has the solution to my problems, our problems and the problems / issues facing the whole world, so He is the only one that we should turn to and worship.

Ashadu-ana-Muhammad-ur-Rasoolallah

Thirdly, the muazzin bears witness and calls to the risalaah (prophethood) of our beloved prophet

Mohammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), the ultimate leader and teacher of mankind. How blessed are we to have the best of all creation as our prophet, our guide and the example to follow.

Haya Alas Salaah

It is only after calling towards the greatness of Allah, Tauheed and Risalaah that the muazzin calls towards salaah. A call to salaah is not just to salaah, but to all acts of worship, as salaah is the head of all worship. Indeed, if our salaah is found to be good, then on the Day of Judgement all of our amaal (actions) will be accepted, and if our salaah is found to be deficient then all our amaal will be found to be deficient as well.

Haya Alal Falaah

After the call towards salaah (worship and obedience of Allah) a call is made towards Falaah, which can be loosely defined as that complete success after which there is no failure. This is the true and only success - coming towards Allah, obeying Allah and worshipping Allah, as it is only Allah that can give us success.

Allaho Akbar

Once again, the greatness of Allah, which is the basis for recognising Allah and obeying Him, is repeated.

Laa ila ha illallah

The Tauheed and oneness of Allah is repeated, even after the call towards salaah and falaah has been made.

Do we give dawa to our children? Do we ask them to perform their salaah, be obedient? I am sure we all do. From the azaan we learn that it is important to actually inculcate the greatness of Allah, the love of Allah and the love of Rasoolallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) in the hearts of the children. It is only when this is there that a call to salaah, obedience and worship will have the desired effect. This shows how importance it is to have an environment in the house where we are talking about and discussing the greatness of Allah.

Please make du'a that Allah accepts our humble efforts in establishing this newsletter, making it a source of inspiration and communication between the Darul Ulum community. As always, feedback is appreciated. Please let us know what you would like to know about so that we can see if this can be included in the newsletter.

Wasalaam

Important dates

19th May (Fri) – Dads invited for book fair (1.30-2.30pm, after Jumah)

22nd May (Mon) – Return book fair forms to the class teacher

1st June – Islamic poster competition

2nd June – closing date for Prep enrolments

Islamic Book Fair

The children have enjoyed looking at the books on display for the Islamic book fair. There are also some books of interest for parents. The fair will end this Friday. Please ensure that order forms are returned by Monday, 22nd May.

Science Works

Last month grades one and two enjoyed an incursion by Science Works. Children were able to see experiments on solids, liquids, and gases.

Values education سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا

For the following two weeks, our school is focusing on the value of **obedience**.

Parents are encouraged to discuss the importance of obedience with their children. In particular, we would like to point out two important factors; to obey happily, and to do it straight away. In many places in the Holy Quran, the topic of obedience is mentioned:

“So obey Allah and obey His Messenger”

(64:12) وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ

“And they say: we hear and obey” (2:285)

وَقَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا غُفْرَانَكَ رَبَّنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ

Once we can learn to *happily* and *quickly* obey those who are in charge of looking after us (our parents, teachers, elders, etc), then we will know what submission means. One of the best examples is that of Ibrahim (alayhis salam), who submitted to the Will of Allah and was then tested through the sacrifice of his son, Ismail (alayhis salam). Ofcourse as we know, he passed that test without having to sacrifice his son. Look at how ready and willing he was to carry out the orders of Allah that he did not even look at his own loss! This is the quality of

obedience we want to develop inside ourselves. That no matter what the order is in Islam, we hear and we obey.

The motto for this value is:

I will listen and obey, I will do it right away!

Corrections from last Newsletter

It was printed last week that supervision starts at 8am. Please note that this was incorrect and the actual time is from 8:05am.

Start & finish of school

Please remember to pick up your children by 4:05pm as there is no supervision after this time. Also, children should be at school and in their lines by 8:20am. Punctuality is a very important feature of any society.

Health

In the last newsletter, healthy eating habits were encouraged. Once again we would like to remind families to make sure their children are having healthy snacks for recess and having a wholesome lunch. In this busy world we live in, it can sometimes seem hard to find the time to look after our health, but unless we take out the time now for this, we may end up losing more time due to ill health. Sensible eating habits will go a long way in helping us to achieve the best of our potential, both mentally and physically.

Certificates for respect

We have just completed three weeks for the value of respect. Congratulations to the following children who have shown excellence in this value: Aishah G (PrepA), Khadija A (Prep B), Shiffa H (Prep C), Amar K (1A), Sara H (1B), Aysenur O (1C), Louqman S (2A), Sidrah S (2B), Khalillulah G (2C), Muhab K (3A), Aisha S (3B), Huda E (4A), Ayse U (5A), Eman O (6A), Amira M (8A), Hajir H (9&10A), Hafsa I (Hifz A), Aysha A (Hifz B), Aiesha T & Nesibe C (Alima)

School fees

Please note that term 2 school fees were due by the 21st April. If your fees are overdue, you will receive a letter in the mail informing you of the outstanding balance. Please ensure that school fees are paid on time.