



Call to the Light



MU'AZZIN

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Important dates

12th Mar - Labour Day (Public Holiday)13th Mar - Curriculum Day (Student free day)

Hadith of the week

Virtues of Quran

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"There is no envy (acceptable) except in two (cases): a person whom Allah has given the Qur'an and recites it throughout the night and throughout the day. And a person whom Allah has given wealth, that he gives out throughout the night and throughout the day."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

Discourses on Islamic Way of Life

The foundation of success and prosperity

Dear brothers and sisters:

As you know, Allah the Almighty, has bound our success, and the success of mankind, till the day of judgement, with deen-ul-Islam (i.e. the religion of Islam). Our religion consists of faith, actions, and rightful conduct. So, it is apt for us to believe with determination, that in no way are we able to succeed and prosper in this world, or the world hereafter, except by adhering to and embracing the complete deen-ul-Islam in our lives. It is also incumbent upon us to gain knowledge about our religion, especially those aspects of it that we need in our twenty four hour lives.

We take this opportunity to inform the respected readers of 'Muazzin', with delight and joy, that we are starting a column in the news letter dedicated to Islamic articles in Arabic (translated into English). We humbly request the respected readers, that they read these columns, and if they, by the will of the Almighty, are benefited in any way, do not forget to remember us in their dua.

Jazakumullahu khairan,
Mufti Obaidur Rahman
(Translated by Maulana Faizal Riza)



Curriculum Day

Parents are informed that the Term 1, Curriculum Day would be held on **Tuesday, 13th March 2007**.

NO students are required to attend as it would be a student free day and no classes would be held.

Book Replacements

Mrs Bahruddin

Dear Respected Parents,

Students are issued with a copy of the Iqra or Qu'ran as well as a Qur'an Record Book. In the event that any of these is/are lost or damaged, a replacement will have to be purchased.

The prices for replacements from the school have been revised and the new costs are as under,

- Iqra \$5 per single book
- Record Book \$10
- Qur'an \$15



Uniform Policy

Mrs Bahruddin

We would like to thank you for your cooperation and dedication to the school's uniform policy. Children look very neat and presentable which in turn makes them feel happy. I would also like to request of a few parents who still need to attend to this requirements as uniform is an integral part of our school.



Early Years Department

Literacy Section

Literacy Coordinator

Mrs Almadhoun

Assalamoalaikum Parents;

On behalf of the school, I would like to give special thanks to the mothers who contributed their time, energy, and experience to give help and support in the Early Years Literacy Sessions and the Reading Support (Parent Helpers Program). The participation of those dedicated mothers and committed volunteers is greatly valuable and appreciated. For sure it will have it's impact on the efficiency of our Literacy Program.

I would also like to thank those parents who would really like to help; however, they couldn't because of other family commitments. We do value and appreciate the efforts that you make in helping your own children with reading, writing, spelling and communicating at home.

Last but not least, the School is very grateful to all of the parents, and individuals that provided their support to make our teaching more effective and interactive.

May Allah (SWT) reward you and give you all success and barakah and make your efforts highly rewarded InshAllah.

To each and every one of you;

Jazakum Allah Khair

ICAS 2007 Tests & Subjects

Br Shafiq

Class teachers/subject teachers InshaAllah will be contacting parents soon regarding ICAS 2007.

• What is ICAS?

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Conducted by Educational Assessment Australia
The University of New South Wales.

Ten countries now participate in ICAS. In Australia and New Zealand there are over 1.7 million entries in the subject areas of:

[English](#)

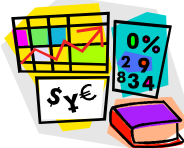
[Mathematics](#)

[Science](#)

[Writing](#)

[Spelling](#)

[Computer Skills](#)



ICAS papers assess the skills students require to address the curriculum of each of the subject areas. ICAS test items are mapped to the curriculum of every Australian state and territory ensuring the relevance of ICAS test content.

Every student receives detailed diagnostic paper and online reports (myICAS) measuring their progress from previous years and a UNSW certificate acknowledging their level of achievement.

Every school receives comprehensive paper and online reports (ICAS Online) designed to enhance and validate other school-based assessments.

Schools wishing to enter whole cohorts of students in ICAS should contact EAA to make use of value-added assessment and professional development services provided through the Total Assessment Partnership (TAP).

See [ICAS Test Details](#) for test dates and formats, entry fees and year levels covered for the ICAS subjects offered in your country.

NEW! The ICAS suite of assessments now includes a [General Achievement Test \(GAT\)](#) for Years 6 to 8.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

- Computer Skills – 29 March 2007 (\$6.60 GST incl.)
- Science – 10 May 2007 (\$6.60 GST incl.)
- Mathematics – 23 May 2007 (\$6.60 GST incl.)
- Spelling – 05 June 2007 (\$8.80 GST incl.)
- Writing – 05 June 2007 (\$12.10 GST incl.)
- English – 19 June 2007 (\$6.60 GST incl.)
- All of the above ICAS (\$47.30 GST incl.)

Respective subject teachers or coordinators will be contacting student and parents shortly.

Following is an overview of each subject area;

English

Reading and language skills in a range of texts. Students are required to locate, identify, interpret, infer and synthesise information in and about texts, focusing on the aspects of:

reading for meaning in literary texts
reading for meaning in factual texts
textual devices
syntax
vocabulary

Mathematics

Mathematical skills in a range of contexts from the following areas:

Number and Arithmetic
Algebra and Patterns
Measures and Units
Space and Geometry
Chance and Data

Science

Scientific skills in the subject contexts of Earth and Beyond, Natural and Processed Materials, Life and Living, and Energy and Change, including:

Knowledge
Measuring and Observing
Interpreting Data
Predicting/Concluding from Data
Investigating
Reasoning/Problem Solving

Writing

Writing a narrative or an argument text, demonstrating:

Text purpose and structure
Language choices that enhance the writing
Syntax and grammar
Punctuation
Spelling

Spelling

Spelling of words that range from words with simple spelling patterns to words with difficult or unusual spelling patterns, in four different contexts:

Dictation
Proofreading
Error correction
Applying rules and conventions

Computer Skills

General computer skills using familiar contexts, including:

Common operating systems and hardware
Word processing
Graphics and multimedia
Spreadsheets and databases
Internet and email
Programming and scripting*

* Australia Years 9/10 & New Zealand Years 10/11 only



Story of the week



Prophet Yusuf (alayhis salam) Part 2 of 2

Then the king learned that the imprisoned Yusuf (alayhis salam) knew how to interpret it. So, he sent for Yusuf (alayhis salam) and Yusuf (alayhis salam) explained:

Your dream means that the first seven years to come will be good years with good harvest, but the next seven years to follow will be bad years with famine and hunger. Therefore, you should collect and save as much grain as you can from the first good years and store it for the time of hunger!

The king was very grateful to Yusuf (alayhis salam) and requested his help in overcoming the famine, for he realized that Yusuf (alayhis salam) was a wise and capable man. Yusuf (alayhis salam) agreed, and the king made him the treasurer and inspector of Egypt's storage chambers.

When the famine came and spread over the country, it also affected the people in Yusuf (alayhis salam)'s own land. They too became hungry and during this time, Yusuf (alayhis salam)'s brothers arrived in Egypt. They wanted to buy grain from the plentiful supply which Yusuf had told the Egyptians to store. Allah (SWT) planned that when they reached Egypt, the brothers would come before Yusuf (alayhis salam). At first they did not recognize him, for they thought that he was long dead. Later on, though, they realized who Yusuf (alayhis salam) was and felt very ashamed of what they had done all those years ago. They begged Yusuf's pardon and Yusuf (alayhis salam) forgave them. Bring our father to me, Yusuf said to his brothers.

When the brothers brought their father to Yusuf (alayhis salam), the blind old man was full of happiness. He had always believed that Yusuf (alayhis salam) was still alive and had never stopped praying to Allah. Father and son embraced each other. It was a wonderful reunion for them after such a long time apart.

Afterwards, Yusuf (alayhis salam)'s father and brothers remained in Egypt. They grew into a big family and raised many children. And in the story of Musa (alayhis salam), you will learn what became of these children.

Yusuf (alayhis salam), who was a good, noble man and a prophet of Allah (SWT), had always told the Egyptians: You should worship only Allah (SWT). He has created you and protected and preserved you from hunger. You must be grateful to Allah (SWT) and do good deeds.

Mosques of the World

Brunei

Named after the 28th Sultan of Brunei, *Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin Mosque* is a royal mosque located in *Bandar Seri Begawan*, the capital of the *Sultanate of Brunei*. The mosque is classified as one of the most spectacular mosques in the Asia Pacific and it is a magnificent sight and a major tourist attraction. The building was completed in 1958 and is an impressive example of modern Islamic architecture. The architecture of the mosque has a heavy

influence of both Islamic and Italian. Designed by an Italian architect, the mosque is constructed on an artificial lagoon near the banks of the Brunei River circulated by a water village (*Kampong Ayer*).



The mosque consists of marble minarets and golden domes with courtyards and fertile gardens filled with fountains. It also has a long bridge meandering across the lagoon to Kampong Ayer (the water village). Also, there is another marble bridge connecting to a structure in the water that resembles a ship, was at one time used for official state ceremonies.

The main dome which is thought to be the mosque's most recognisable feature is covered in pure gold. The main minaret is the mosque's tallest feature. The minaret has a working and modern elevator which goes to the top of the structure.

The interior of the mosque has a magnificent mosaic stained glass, as well as many arches, semi-domes and marble columns. Nearly all the material used in the construction of the building has been shipped in from other countries. For example, the marble is from Italy, the granite from Shanghai, the crystal chandeliers from England and the carpets from Saudi Arabia.

Fun Corner



Spellaroo

To play **Spellaroo**, you have to correctly pick out all the spelling mistakes in the 10 sentences given below. (Hint: There is 1 mistake in each sentence.)

- * Honie bees are attracted to color, shape, and smell.
- * Too many absenses and we cannot go on vacation.
- * Biologists know that much life goes undetected in the tops of tall trees.
- * The athlete is from a foren land.
- * February is missing on my calender.
- * He came from a misterious island.
- * Early telivision was in black and white.
- * A healthy diet includes several servings of froots and vegetables every day.
- * I accidently hurt my best friend's feelings.
- * The performence was fabulous.

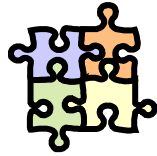


Plural Puzzles

Looking for a plural of a word can be really challenging at times. Specially when you are faced with some words like those given below.

Caution: Please don't feel bad if you don't get most of them in the first attempt. Most people won't!

1. Terminus
2. Mitochondrion
3. Alga
4. Stigma
5. Automaton
6. Vortex
7. Stratum
8. Crisis
9. Amoeba
10. Criterion



Mind Benders

Solution: (Last Week)

Turn on TWO of the switches and wait about 15 minutes...

Turn off ONE switch and go down to the basement...
The bulb that is lit matches up to the switch you left on...

The bulb that is off and WARM matches up to the switch that was on, but was turned off...

The bulb that is off and cold matches up to the switch you never touched!



What's next?

Solution: (Last week)

1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28

Colour in Mosque

