



Call to the Light



# MUAAZZIN

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## Important dates

21<sup>st</sup> Apr – Saturday classes commence (Gr 3 & Gr 5)  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Earth Day  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – ICAS Maths entries close  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Awards for Excellent Behaviour (R 2: Boys)  
 24<sup>th</sup> Apr – No Chips Day (Every Tuesday)  
 25<sup>th</sup> Apr – Anzac Day (Public Holiday)

## Hadith of the week

### Virtues of Quran – Surah al Waqiah

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Abdullah ibn Mas'ud رضي الله عنه reported that the Prophet ﷺ said, "Whoever recites surah al Waqiah at night would never encounter poverty".

[Ibn as-Sunni 620, Bayhaqi]

The Prophet ﷺ said, "Surah al Waqiah is the Surah of Wealth, so recite it and teach it to your children"

[Ibn Asakir]

## Successful Parent Teacher Interviews: Term 1

Alhamdulillah, a very fruitful day of interaction between teachers and parents took place in week 9 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Term.

Teachers were able to discuss with parents their child's progress and a lot of information pertaining to education and betterment of students was exchanged. Student Reports will soon be dispatched to parents. The attendance of parents was encouraging. However, efforts will be made to contact parents who did not turn up to discuss their child's progress at school.

## ICAS Science Exams

Science Department

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools 2007 will get underway with Science Exams scheduled for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. This will be followed by Mathematics on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, then Spelling and Writing on 5<sup>th</sup> June and finally English on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Entries have closed for Science competition. However, there is still time for other subjects. Students interested are urged to contact Br Mohammed Azim or Br Shafiq Ansari.

Please note that entries for Mathematics will close on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2007.

## Success for Boys Programme

DUCV has engaged itself in implementing the Success for Boys Professional Learning Programme from this year. Staff members teaching at the Boys' side have undergone adequate training to implement the quality outcomes based programme. This is an on-going initiative on part of the school and staff to deliver the best curriculum and overall learning to students. We are hopeful that this will bring about a lot of long term improvements in the delivery of education, InshaAllah.

## Discipline

Br Mohammad Azim

The initial feedback after a term's implementation on the new discipline policy has been overwhelming. Students have shown a lot of improvement and teachers have fully backed this system. Some parents have also commented in seeing a huge difference in the discipline of children. This augurs well for the future. Now, the girls' section will implement this system and we are hopeful that it will work well for the benefit of everyone there too.

## Honour Awards for Excellent Behaviour

### Round 2 : Boys

The second round of awards for bronze and silver certificates will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2007.

Nominations will close on Friday and all students approved by school for the awards will be duly recognised in assembly on Monday, Insha Allah.



## Aware Kids Programme

Br Mohammad Azim

**Grade 6B** students have been registered for the Aware Kids programme created by Project Aware, a leading non-profit environmental organization dedicated to educating people about marine conservation.

The students will learn about issues facing the underwater world and also plan to participate in interesting activities involving the protection of the blue planet.

## Saturday Classes

Sr S Niazmand

Parents are informed that the Saturday classes for Grades 3 & 5 students will resume from this Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> of April inshaAllah.



## Did You Know?

English Department

Did you know that 2007 has been declared the International Year of the dolphin by the United Nations?

The year of the dolphin raises awareness about threats to dolphins and what you can do to help protect them.

Visit the year of the dolphin official website at [www.yod2007.org/en/Strat\\_page/index.html](http://www.yod2007.org/en/Strat_page/index.html)



## Environmental Events Dates - Term 2

Earth Day	22 April
Walk Safely to School Day	4 May
International Biodiversity Day	22 May
Minerals Week	28 May
World Environment Day	5 June
World Oceans Day	8 June
World Day to Combat Drought & Desertification	17 June

## No Chips Day

Mrs Bahruddin

As part of our efforts to encourage healthy eating:

- We have declared Tuesdays as "NO CHIPS DAY".
- Children will be informed and reminded at assembly.
- Grade 6 's are appointed "CHIPS COPS"
- Their duty is to make sure no one is eating chips on Tuesdays. On the first Tuesday, 'offenders' will be given a warning. Consecutively, the chips will be confiscated.
- On the 3rd period on the 1st few Tuesdays, 2 chips cops will go to each class with a poster that says, "Tuesday! No chips day!" to remind everyone. Soon, InshaAllah we will not need this reminder.
- The canteen operators have been informed and the same poster is put up at the canteen.

It was a huge success on the girls' side on the trial day, Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, Alhamdulillah. The children were very supportive and everyone is talking about it. Best of all, there is nearly no litter!

We will implement it throughout the school as of Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**So....remember...Tuesday is "No Chips Day!"**



## Healthy Guidelines for Kids...

The best help you can offer your kids is making sure that there is always an abundance of breads, cereals, vegetables and fruits available; incorporate lean meats and dairy foods in their diet; encourage drinking of plenty of water; choose low salt foods; and most importantly follow these yourself to be a good role model.

+ Ensure kids have good eating habits by providing them with a variety of healthy meals and snacks.

+ Influencing your child's food selection is not an easy task, as kids are naturally reluctant to try new foods, that is they dislike new foods. Be patient: it may take

up to 10 exposures before a new food is accepted by a child, and it is during a child's development when their palate and tastebuds are most influential.  
+ Kids are grazers and its best that they eat according to their appetite. Ensure that healthy options are available for them to snack on such as cut up vegetable sticks or fruit pieces.  
+ Your child has a small stomach with high nutrient requirements so their foods eaten will vary every meal.

**Nutrition Australia** ([www.nutritionaustralia.org](http://www.nutritionaustralia.org))

## Arabic

LOTE Department

Assalamu Alaikum!

Welcome back to Term 2 as we ask Allah (SWT) to make this semester a fruitful and a prosperous one. As most parents are aware that all Arabic teachers have been occupied for the past year or so preparing and devising units of work that are meant to be more engaging and interesting to our students. By the grace of Allah, we have been receiving a great deal of positive feedback from parents as well as students in terms of the content and the process of the material that is being taught.

We are proposing to cover 2 units per term and the first unit that will be taught this term across all year levels is about "Food".

Students shall be receiving various types of homework activities which highlight the importance of parental involvement and assistance.

Considering that most students tend to struggle in managing their time wisely particularly at home, listed below are a few hints that may guide us in teaching our children how to make the best out of their times.

### ***Time Management for Students***

You cannot control time. The idea is to maximise what you achieve within a given amount of time. This is done by ORGANISING your time.

Time management is about the allocation and use of time to achieve goals.

### ***The Rules***

1. KNOW WHAT YOU WANT
2. KNOW WHAT'S IMPORTANT
3. PLAN HOW TO ACHIEVE THIS
4. ACT ON YOUR PLANNING



Rule 4 is the most important. You must **ACT!!**

Following are some ideas to help you manage your time;

--- Do you have a wall planner? Many business's have these as promotional items. They have the whole year on one piece of paper. Use the planner to write down ALL important dates. Use a highlighter to colour code important dates and make them stand out. Alternatively, you could make a copy of the Ready Reckoner and highlight the important dates on this.

— Have a weekly plan that includes times for study, work, exercise/sport and free time.

--- You can use lists and stick them next to the planner. These will be short term in nature and have more detail on them.

## Mosques of the World

### **Saudi Arabia**

*Al-Qiblatain Mosque (The Mosque of the Two Qiblahs)* is an old mosque dating from the time of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. It was originally built by Bani Salamah, who were of the Al-Khazraj tribe, on a small hill near Wadi Al-`Aqeeq. It is five kilometres northwest of the Prophet's Mosque.

It is called Al-Qiblatain because of the report that some of the Companions had faced two different Qiblahs (the direction of



prayer), during one prayer. The original Qiblah for Muslims was toward Jerusalem. In the second year of the hijrah, Allah (SWT) revealed the verse of the Qur'an (Surah Al-Baqarah, Verse 144) to Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, to change the Qiblah to the Ka`bah at the Sacred Haram (the Grand Mosque) in Makkah. At the time of this revelation, the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, dispatched one of the Companions to convey the newly revealed verse to the Muslims in the outskirts of the city. The emissary arrived at the mosque of Bani Salamah, while the people were engaged in prayer. He announced the news to them that Allah, the Almighty, had changed the Qiblah. Upon hearing of this new revelation while they prayed, they immediately changed the direction of their prayer.



### Story of the Week

#### **Prophet Sulaiman (alayhis salam): Part 1 of 2**

Prophet Sulaiman (alayhis salam) was the son of Dawud (alayhis salam). Sulaiman was very just even as a young boy and he became well known and respected for his wisdom.

When he became a man, Allah (SWT) made him His prophet. Allah (SWT) also taught him to understand the languages of birds and animals.

Yet in spite of his wisdom and many wealthy possessions, Sulaiman (alayhis salam) never forgot Allah (SWT). He knew that all goodness comes from Allah (SWT).

Thus, he always told his people: "Thank Allah (SWT) for the good He has given you and for His generosity. Worship Allah (SWT) and do good deeds."

Once, Sulaiman (alayhis salam) and his soldiers were passing through a valley inhabited by ants.

Sulaiman (alayhis salam) heard one ant say to another: "Quick, get out of the way and hide!

Sulaiman (alayhis salam) and his soldiers are coming, and they will trample on us and not even know they have done so!"

Sulaiman (alayhis salam), of course, was able to

understand the ants' language. He laughed and ordered his soldiers to stay still and wait until all the ants had crawled away to safety.

Then he prayed to Allah (SWT):

"O Allah (SWT), help me in doing the right things so that You will be contented with me."

One day, Sulaiman (alayhis salam) called all the birds to gather round him, but as he glanced through the flock, he noticed that the Hoopoe bird was not there. Sulaiman (alayhis salam) waited for some time, and just as he was deciding not to wait any longer, the Hoopoe suddenly came flying in and sat himself down next to Sulaiman.

"I have come from a far-away city called Saba (Sheba)", the Hoopoe said.

(To Be Continued...)

### Student Samples

#### **Note to Readers:**

Student samples are randomly selected by Teachers and/or the editor. Generally, they are **not** edited in order to maintain the creativity of Student work.

**Grade 4A – Mrs S M Faleel**

**Early Years Dept.**

# SHARK

#### **Amirah Edrees**

One sunny day I was going to the beach because on the news letter it was said that there are surfs going to be on the beach. So I was so excited. Soon, I got every thing ready and went to the beach.

There was only one surfer but I was still excited. But I forgot that it was Friday so I knew that there was a shark. I was just going to tell the surfer but he straight away jumped into the water.

I screamed, shark!!!! but the surfer did not here me. Then the surfer saw the shark coming near him. He got scared. I saw the surfer coming towards me. I gave him some water and asked him what was the problem. He could not talk. I said that next time ask a local if you can go to the beach. The next day every thing was written in the news letter.

# SHARK

#### **Sakeenah Mohamed Faleel**

I was standing on the shore watching the surfers. My friends came with their surfboards, as well. The water was blue, it was a sunny day and the waves were big. My friends went to the sea with their surfboards on their hands. The big waves were coming near. I was really scared to go to swim with the surfboard. They always tell me that I'm so scared. I warned them to not go but they did not listen to me. I was looking at them on top of a rock.

Suddenly I heard a scream. It said **SHARK!** Then someone said, **HELP!** I saw a shark. I quickly went to help and it was my friends. I grabbed their hands and took them out of the sea. They said thank you and they never went to the sea again.

# SHARK!!!

## Mariam Mustapha

I was standing on the shore watching the surfers. Suddenly, I saw five fish flying in the air one by one and they went back down. Oh MY GOD! "Was that a vision", I said. Then I saw a boy with a surfboard and heading straight to the water. I was going to warn the boy, but I couldn't. While he was in the water, I shouted. "It is dangerous. I tell you" I screamed in my loudest voice but he didn't listen.

Again I saw five fish and said "no!" in my loud voice. The boy looked back and saw the humangus shark and he saw those big teeth and eyes and said "help". He started to fight with the shark but he couldn't. The shark brushed him. I quickly went to save him and said, "are you okay?" I quickly took him out of the water. When I took him out of the water, water came out of his mouth gave him first aid and saved his life.

# SHARK

## Hanan Haddad

On a lovely day, I was standing on the shore watching the surfers swim on their surfboards in the sparkling blue shiny water. I saw a young boy running to the marvellous water with his surfboard and he had the biggest smile I ever saw on his face.

I decided to swim in the beautiful water suddenly I looked back and saw the fishes flying in the air. There was something wrong in the sea.

I wanted to stop the boy and wondered what was going on. I wanted to help him but I wasn't fast enough and shark brushed with him." SHARK!!! HELP ME!!!" he yelled. He ran to the shore "what was it?" "A sha shar shark." He was putting both hands on his chest. I got him some water he was fine!



**What's next?** (Solution: Newsletter 30)

**0, 6, 24, 60, 120, 210, 336**

Formula:  $1^3 - 1 = 0$ ,  $2^3 - 2 = 6$

For those who still can't figure this out, ask your Maths teacher to help you out with it.

**What's next?**

**4, 18, 48, 100, 180, 294, ?**

This week's sequence will also challenge most students. Time each other to see who gets it first.

**Science Quiz Answers** (Newsletter 30)



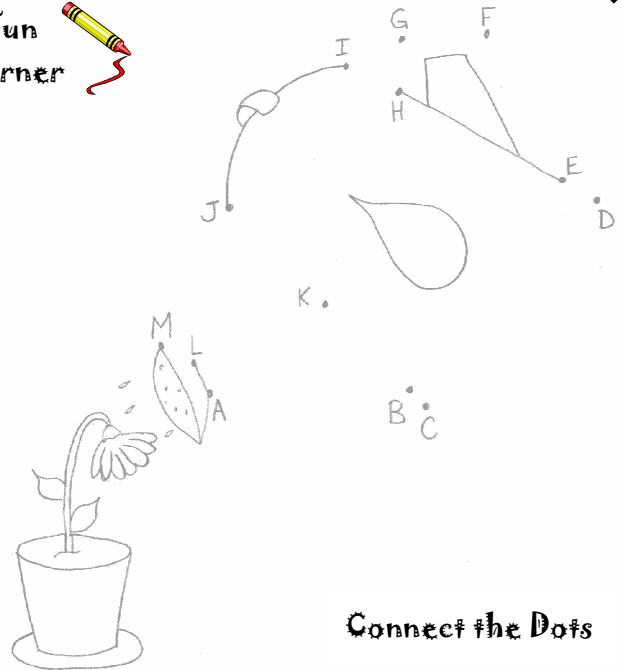
1. 24
2. Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana
3. The Arctic Tern
4. Semiconductor
5. True. They have two glands on the side of their heads filled with highly toxic venom

## Science Quiz Questions

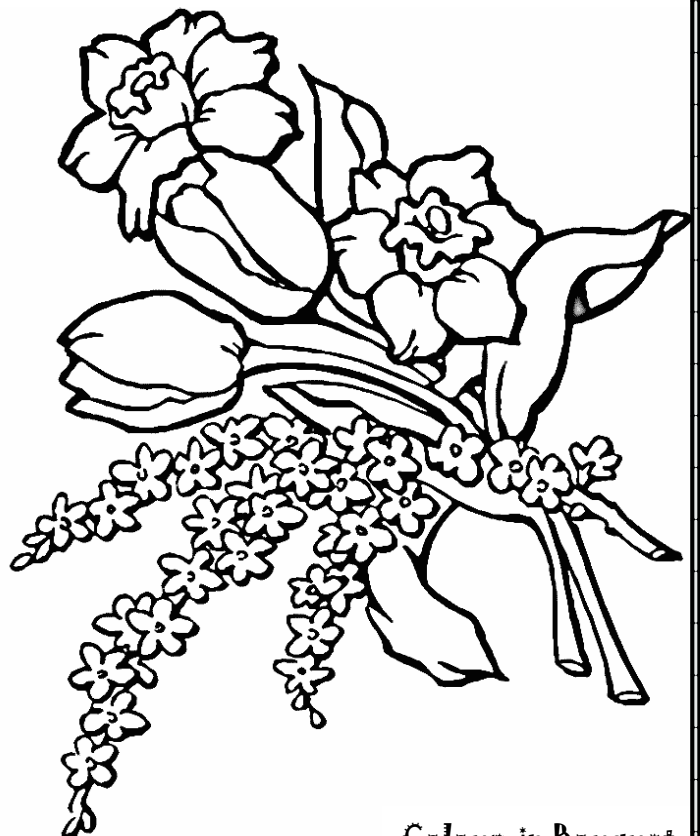
1. In computing, what does the acronym LAN mean?
2. What is added to glass, such as telescope lenses and Pyrex, to make them heat resistant?
3. True or false? The US state of California has a chemical element named after it.
4. What is the largest constellation?
5. Does gold tarnish or develop rust?

Answers for this week will be provided next week inshaAllah.

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Corner



Connect the Dots



Colour-in Bouquet