

Call to the Light



MUAAZZIN

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Important dates

Thur 1st June – Presentation of Student of the Month certificates (Apologies for delay).

Fri 2nd June – Last day for 2007 Prep enrolments.

Tues 6th June – Presentation of End of Semester Awards (Primary in the morning, secondary will be after lunch).

Wed 7th June – Semester 1 exams start

Fri 9th June – Last day of term and exams. Information will be sent home at the end of the week about end of term class parties.

Values

The current value of 'obedience' will be extended for another 2 weeks. It was felt that two weeks was not sufficient enough time for the students to really understand and absorb a values theme. The themes will therefore, change every four weeks instead of the usual two.

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الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ))

حَاضِر

نَعَمْ

الطَّاعَةِ

لِئِنَّكَ

حَسَنًا

“سَأَسْمَعُ وَأَطِيعُ وَالْبَيِّ وَأَجِيبُ”

Story of the week

This week during the Tuesday morning assembly, the school listened to the following true story:

One day King Mahmood called together all the officials from his government to test them. He showed his Chief Minister an extremely precious pearl and asked him how much it was worth. The Chief Minister replied that it was worth more than 200 donkeys laden with gold. The king then ordered him to crush this pearl into small pieces. “I will not crush this valuable pearl, I respect your treasury too much to do that” replied the Minister. The king applauded this reply and awarded him a royal robe of honour. Then another minister was called and the same question was put to him. He also refused to crush the pearl because he couldn't move his hands to destroy such a precious pearl that was worth half the kingdom. In this way, 65 ministers were called to this task and they all gave a similar answer by refusing to destroy the beautiful pearl, and were all rewarded with a royal robe of honour. Finally a man called Ayaaz was shown this pearl and once again the king ordered him to crush it into tiny pieces. Straight away, Ayaaz took a stone and smashed that precious pearl. Suddenly a huge commotion took place in the palace and all the ministers started to blame Ayaaz for doing such a terrible thing. Ayaaz turned to them and said: “Is the command of the King more valuable or the pearl? The real pearl was the Kings command, which all of you broke down!”

Chicken Pox

Parents are advised that if your child has been infected with chicken pox, then please seek permission from your doctor

before allowing your child to return to school. Do not send them before this time, as it is very contagious.

Tarbiyah Corner -Mrs Arain

This week in tarbiyah:

Prep: Made cards to show their love for the masjid.

Grade 1: Made a small model of the masjid and talked about the adaab of the masjid.

Grade 2: Role played problem scenarios in a masjid and discussed various options to tackle the situation from an Islamic perspective.

Grade 3: Continued to investigate various ways of bringing more concentration in their salat. MashaAllah, they enjoyed practicing to sit quietly for a few minutes to think about the bounties of Allah.

Grade 4: Similar to grade 3, they have been making a lot of effort on their salat so that it can be a time of peace and calm.

Islamic date - 3rd Jumada ul Awwal, 1427A.H

جمادى الأولى

We are now in the fifth month of the Islamic calendar, Jumada ul Awwal (it is also known as Jumada al oola). Jumada means 'dry' as it was named after the first month of summer. Some events that took place in this month are:

- Battle of Moota took place in 8A.H. This battle is named after a city in Syria. The Prophet ﷺ did not participate but sent Hadrat Zaid ibn Haritha (RA) as the first appointed General. The fourth appointed General was Hadrat Khalid ibn Walid (RA) who was called the "sword of Islam" by the Prophet ﷺ.
- The Prophet ﷺ married his first wife, Khadijah (RA) 15 years before prophethood.
- Martyrdom of Zaid ibn Haritha, Ja'far ibn Abi Talib, and Abdullah ibn Rawaahah (RA) in 8A.H.
- Death of Abdullah ibn Uthman (RA).
- Death of Prophet's ﷺ grandfather, Abdul Muttalib, 32 years before prophethood.

Year 8, 9, & 10 Girls' art -Ms Zeynep

Sertel

Year 8, 9 & 10 Girls created fantastic artwork in art classes. Year 8 girls worked on cushions while Year 9 & 10 Girls tailored excellent bags. I congratulate all girls who put effort in this project. Well done girls!

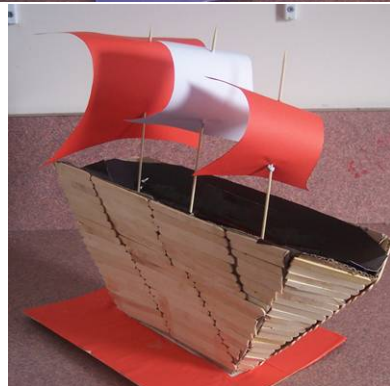


UNSW Competitions

The spelling and Writing competitions organized by University of NSW were held on Tuesday. It was great to see the children's enthusiasm. Students who were absent may sit the test at a later date but will not be able to qualify for a medal.

Ships Ahoy! -Ms Bushra Y.

Grade 5 girls had a fun time building their dream ships during art. They were studying the topic of 'Explorers' in SOSE.



Fawkner Library Display-Ms Bushra K.

The students from 2A have been reading Mem Fox books this term. They have also created some book covers with corresponding blurbs. Their work will be displayed in the Fawkner library from next week.

A good dose

Our sick bay looks healthier and fresher thanks to the initiative by Ms Zeynep and Ms Fatmanur. Their efforts have transformed a dreary sick bay into a lively and beautiful room, with the addition of new curtains and bed linen.



Arab Feast! -Ms Rakia

This week saw our new Food Technology kitchens being used for the first time. The secondary students had a feast this week for Arabic as they tried their hands on some Arab foods. Mouth watering dishes were prepared and there were a lucky few who managed to get a taste of these treats. This is a hands on approach of teaching the Arabic vocabulary for food utensils, food items, as well as encouraging Arabic dialogue. The best way to learn is to be involved. We would encourage all our parents to spare some time to allow their children to help out in the kitchen. Sit back, relax, and watch the young hands do all the work! And just remember, if you ever feel your food will run short (especially when it looks so

delicious), then just recite Surah Yasin whilst cooking.

Fun Corner

Brainteaser

Last week's answer: His son.

This week: Ahmed's Cat Food

After feeding his cat Huraira on Sunday night, Ahmed counted the cans of cat food left. He said to his mum that they had to get more cat food before the week was over. Huraira eats 1 can of food every day. Then on Tuesday, Mum went shopping and got 8 cans of cat food. Friday night, after he fed Huraira, Ahmed counted the cans again. There were 6 cans.

How many cans of cat food did Ahmed have when he first counted them on Sunday night?

(Answer in next week's newsletter)

Quiz: Read the following

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT
OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC
STUDY COMBINED WITH
THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.

Now count aloud the F's in that sentence. Count them ONLY ONCE. Do not go back and count them again. What is your answer? Now, check the correct answer below.

A play with words

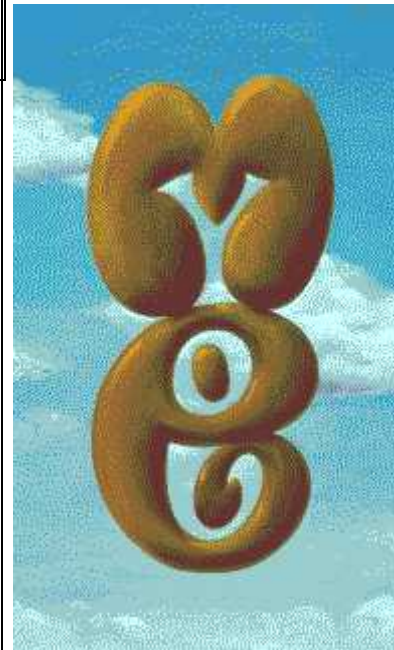
What can you see?



In black you can read the word 'GOOD'. If you look carefully, the word "EVIL" is there in white inside the black letters. This is a bit like this world. Sometimes we think something is good for us, when in actual fact, it could be evil, or bad for us. Let's take the example of Musa (AS) in the Quran. Allah ta'ala mentions in the Quran how this world is a deception. When Allah ta'ala asked Musa (AS) what he used his 'Assa' (holding stick) for, he replied that it

helped him herd his cattle, helped him reach the higher branches on trees to get leaves for his animals, helped him lean on it for walking, and so on. He mentioned so many benefits of his 'assa. Then Allah ta'ala told him to throw the stick to the ground, and suddenly it turned into a snake. He was then ordered to pick the snake from its mouth. Musa (AS) was a little afraid as he thought it might bite him. However, when he obeyed the order of Allah, the snake turned back into the 'assa. The lesson to be learnt is that only Allah is in control of whether something will be good or bad for us. Sometimes something looks beneficial when in actual fact it could cause harm, and vice versa.

How about this one. What can you see written?



Most people see "ME" but there inside those words is written "YOU"! Often we are so absorbed by saying "Me Me" instead of thinking about others. The sahaba (RA) always thought about others before even worrying about themselves.

What a beautiful quality it is to always want good for others and asking our rights from Allah alone, Who knows exactly what we need.

Note about 2007 Prep enrolments

Please note that children born after 30th April 2002 will not be able to start Prep next year. The department of Education does not allow any child less than 4 years and 8 months to start, even if they miss out by just one day.

Answer: Did you say 3? Well, there are six F's in the sentence. Many people forget the F in 'of', and that appears 3 times in the sentence. The human brain tends to see them as V's instead of F's!