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5TH JAMAADIYUL AKHIR 1428

Newsletter No.41

21ST JUNE 2007

Important dates

- 22nd June – Term 2 Ends
- 22nd June – Exams End
- 22nd June – School Cleanup Day
- 22nd June – Closing Date - Prep 2008 Applications
- 25th June – School Holidays Commence
- 13th July – School Holidays End
- 16th July – Term 3 Begins



Hadith of the week

Virtues of Quran

Compiled by: Hafiz Ahmed Abdella

"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]

Prep Enrolments 2008

Administration

All parents who wish to enrol their child in Prep next year are advised that the closing date for applications is Friday 22nd June, 2007.



Reporting Policy

Important Change: Darul Ulum College has recently reviewed its Reporting Policy. Parents are not required to come to the school to collect their child's report, as the school has stopped holding Report Collection Days. The reports are sent directly to the parents via post. The reports for Term 2 are to be posted in the 1st week of Term 3 inshaAllah.

Success for Boys Seminar Series for Dads

A very successful night of seminar was held on the 13th June in the Graphics Room for Fathers. Br Mohammed Azim delivered the Seminar on issues concerning boys and the role of fathers in their upbringing. About 36 fathers turned out for the two hour Seminar. The feedback from fathers was overwhelming and they are eagerly waiting for the next seminar which is planned for early next term.

Term 2 Discipline Awards 2007



Br M Azim

A total of 62 boys qualified for the Top Honours in Term 2. This award recognises students who are at excellent behaviour level. It is pleasing to note that the overall discipline of boys has drastically improved as a result of our discipline policy. They will be duly awarded for their exemplary behaviour before the term closes this Friday.

Times Tables Competition Winners

Hifz B -Girls

Congratulations to the times tables winners from Hifz Girls students.

- 1st prize - Anisa Hassan
- 2nd prize - Hajar Taha
- 3rd prize - Saman Kamran



Islamic Poster Competition

Sr R Chebib

Darul Ulum is holding an Islamic poster competition, during the mid-semester break for all grades and classes.

****The winning entry from each grade will receive an arts set as the prize. ****

*The best entries will be displayed throughout the school.

*Entries will be judged based on **creativity and presentation.**



GRADE PREP TO 2

- Will be given an A4 page of an Islamic design to colour in.
- They may use whatever material they wish to colour it (textas, pencils, crayons, paint, etc).
- It would be a good idea to laminate the paper once it is finished, if you have access to a laminator.

GRADES 3 TO 6

- Have to use A3 size (double standard paper size)
- Represent either all the 5 pillars of Islam (Shahadah, Salat, Ramadan, Haj, and Zakat) or just one of them.
- The way it is presented is left to the imagination. Perhaps you may use an interesting picture in the background to describe that pillar with only a few words written to indicate the pillar. This may be done on paper, fabric, wood, etc.

GRADES 7 TO 10, INCLUDING HIFZ AND ILM,

- The size for this is A3,
- Have the topic: "Inspire through nature".
- You may use whatever you wish to present this idea. Be as creative as you can and experiment with different things.



OVERALL REMINDERS

- You may enter as many times as you wish
 - Remember to include your name and class with your entry.
 - Be careful not to make any pictures with faces or animals/living things that move. Other than that, you are free to use your imagination.
- All the Best...

Top 10 Rules for Success in School and in Life

Compiled by: **Dr S Ansari**

1. No vision = no direction. Write down what you want to accomplish in the first semester of the school year 2007.
2. Don't find a fault - find a solution.
3. Avoid the negative words: 'no', 'can't', 'won't', 'never', 'maybe', and 'if'. These six words can hold you back from reaching your full potential.
4. Learn how to set and achieve goals and how to use these principles in the classroom.
5. To get ahead in life—learn more, do more.
6. Use the "I'll Make It Happen" words: 'yes', 'I can', and 'I will'.
7. Eliminate excuses.
8. Ask yourself every day: "Did I give my best effort to today's activities?"
9. Help others.
10. Enthusiastically take action on your dreams.

And **REMEMBER**, the Golden Rule in Life!

Always make Dua'a to Allah (SWT) before all the above. Because, it's only Him who can give you the ability and strength to do something.



Mathematics Activities

Mrs B Yesilyurt

Dear parents

We wish all students and their parents a safe and relaxing holidays and we hope that parents can spend quality time with their children. We also appreciate if parents can assist & support their children with holiday homework.

There will be many special events taking place next term. More competitions, prizes, certificates and etc are on the way inshaAllah. For example, Gr 1 & 2 students' skip counting competition will be conducted mid term 3. Hence, Gr 1 and Gr 2 students can start practicing counting up to 120, by 1s, by 2s, by 5s and 10s. Gr 2 students will be having a challenging counting competition as well. They need to practice counting from any given number by any single digit. For instance, they might need to answer questions as "Start at 4 and count by 3s or start at 41 and count by 2s or start at 3 and count by 10s". Well it is challenging isn't it? We will announce the winners towards the end of the next term.



Year 7: Fraction & Pizza Fun Day

Numeracy Department

Couple of weeks ago, Year 7A & B students had a pizza fun day. Year 7 students have learnt about Fraction concept this term. When students talk about fractions, first thing that comes to their mind is "PIZZA". Students dealt with some hands on problem solving activities regarding fractions. After that, they experimented the solutions with their pizza slices. However the best part was at the end, once students completed their activities, they were able to eat their pizzas. There was loads of fun for all the students!

Healthy Eating Schools...



Be 'Food Safe'

Compiled by: **Mrs Bahruddin**

Tips to keep clean, fresh, safe and healthy!

1. Check labels for storage instructions, such as 'Refrigerate after opening' or 'Consume within 4 days after opening'.
2. Throw away any foods past their 'use by' date
3. Bacteria will grow in most foods so to keep them at a minimum, keep foods below 5°C or above 60°C (very cold or steaming hot)
4. Thaw food in the fridge or microwave, not on the kitchen bench. Don't refreeze meat once it thaws. You can freeze it after it has been cooked.
5. Store nuts* and coffee in the fridge or freezer to maintain freshness.
6. Cover leftovers and put them in the fridge as soon as steam has stopped rising. Don't leave them on the workbench to cool completely - this is a perfect opportunity for bacteria to grow.
7. Always wash hands before cooking and preparing food, and don't forget to encourage children to wash their hands before each meal.
8. Keep fresh and cooked foods separate when preparing them, and use separate cutting boards and utensils for raw meats.
9. Store raw meats at the bottom of the fridge to avoid juices dripping onto other foods.

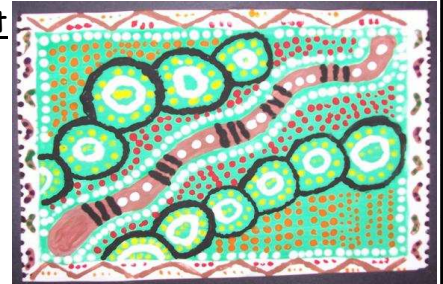
Nuts are a high allergy food for some children. For more information on the Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Schools, go to

www.allergy.org.au/pospapers/anaphylaxis.htm

Nutrition Australia (www.nutritionaustralia.org)

Aboriginal Dot Art

Zahra
Year 9



SUDOKU # 7

Difficulty Rating: Easy

1		8				7	5	
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	7	5				2		4

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General Homework tips for parents

Mrs H Almadhoun

Literacy Coordinator

- **Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.**

Avoid having your child to do homework with the television or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.

- **Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and dictionary, are available.**

Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.

- **Help your child with time management.**

Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects.

- **Be positive about homework.**

Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

- **When your child does homework, you do homework.**

Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing some writing, involve yourself in some writing activities.

- **When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.**

Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the doing gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.

- **When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, please do it.**

Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.

- **If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.**

Too much parent involvement can, sometimes, prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

- **Stay informed.**

Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework & what your child's class rules are.

- **Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.**

Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.

- **Watch your child for signs of failure or frustration.**

Let your child take a short break if he/she is having trouble keeping his/her mind on a task.

- **Reward progress in homework.**

If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip somewhere) to reinforce the positive effort.

Reading homework tips for parents

- Have your child read aloud to you every night.

- Choose a quiet place, free from distractions, for your child to do his/her nightly reading assignment.

- As your child reads, point out spelling and sound patterns such as *cat*, *pat*, *hat*.

- When your child reads aloud to you and makes a mistake, point out the words she/he has missed and help them to read the word correctly.

- After your child has stopped to correct a word he/she has read, have him/her go back and reread the entire sentence from the beginning to make sure he/she understands what the sentence is saying.

- Ask your child to tell you in his/her own words what happened or what the book is about after finishing his/her reading.

- To check your child understanding of what he/she is reading, occasionally pause and ask your child questions about the characters & events in the story. Or about the information they gathered from the text.

- Ask your child why he/she thinks a character acted in a certain way and ask your child to support his/her answer with information from the story.

- Talk to your child about his/her reflection on the text read.

- Before getting to the end of the book, ask your child what he/she thinks will happen next and why. This will help them to develop the **Prediction** strategy for reading.

- Help your child to relate the story read or the information gathered to a similar experience in life (or to information about something they knew) prior to the reading. This will help them to develop the **Connection** strategy for reading.

My FINAL MESSAGE:

➤ I would like the students to be able to spend lovely holidays and have a good break. On the other hand they really need to use their time efficiently and keep in touch with their studies.

➤ Please take your child to the local library and allow them to select good books.

➤ Please look at the books that your child selects very carefully before taking them home to make sure that they are Islamically accepted.

➤ Finally, please make sure they don't miss out on any of their Ibadah & that they do their Taleem regularly.

