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# MU'AZZIN

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## Important dates

**12<sup>th</sup> October** – Eid Preparation Day (No School)**18<sup>th</sup> October** – Darul Ulum Eid Festival

## Hadith of the week

Sahl ibn Sa'd (Ra) reported that the Prophet (SAW) said: "There is a gate to Paradise that is called ar-Rayyan. On the Day of Resurrection it will say: 'Where are those who fasted?' When the last [one] has passed through the gate, it will be locked."

## Shawwal: What to Do On Eid Night, Eid Day, and During the Month

### Beginning of the Ashur-ul-Hajj

Shawwal is the first of the three months named as "Ashur al-Hajj" (i.e. the months of Hajj). Although the major acts of Hajj are normally performed in the first ten days of Zulhijjah, yet the whole period starting from the first of Shawwal up to the 10th of Zulhijjah is held to be the period of Hajj because some acts of Hajj can be performed any time during this period. For example, the *Tawaf-ul-qudum*, followed by the *Sai'* of Hajj cannot be performed before Shawwal, while it can be performed any day after the beginning of Shawwal. Similarly, an 'Umrah performed before Shawwal cannot be treated as the 'Umrah of *Tamattu'*: while the 'Umrah performed in Shawwal can be affiliated to the Hajj, making it a Hajj of *Tamattu'*: Moreover, *ihram* of Hajj should not be started before Shawwal, because it is *makruh*. For these reasons these three months have been named as the 'months of Hajj' and the month of Shawwal has the distinction of being the first of these.

### Eid-ul-fitr

The second meritorious aspect of Shawwal is that it has been chosen by Allah Almighty for the celebration of "Eid-ul-fitr", one of the only two annual festivals recognized by the Shari'ah. This happy day is designed by the Shari'ah as a sign of gratefulness by the Muslims on the accomplishment of Ramadan, and as an immediate reward by Allah for those who spent the month of Ramadan in fasting and performing other forms of *'ibadah*.

Instead of commemorating an event from the past, the Shari'ah has prescribed the first of Shawwal as an annual festival for the Muslims at an occasion when

they themselves accomplish a *great 'ibadah*. This approach reminds the Muslims that they should not rely only on the accomplishments of their ancestors, rather, they should themselves perform meritorious acts to please their Creator.

In prescribing the ways to celebrate the happy day, Islam has adopted another unique approach. The festivals of other religions or nations normally comprise of some acts of rejoicing and enjoyment. The whole happy day is normally spent in dancing, singing and playing.

In contrast, Islam has prescribed a simple yet graceful way to observe the happy day. First of all, it is mandatory on all the well-off Muslims to start their day by paying "*Sadaqat-ul-fitr*" to the poor of their society, so that they, too, may enjoy the day along with others, and may not be worried for earning their livelihood at least on that day of happiness.

After paying the "*Sadaqat-ul-fitr*", the Muslims are required to proceed to an open place or big mosque where they can offer the *Eid* prayer collectively. In this way, they are supposed to present themselves before their Creator and offer two *rak'ats* of this special type of *Salah*, which makes them receive blessings from Allah and start their celebration by these divine blessings.

After the *Salah* also, they are supposed to rejoice the day in a responsible manner, without violating the limits prescribed for them and never indulging in the acts prohibited by Allah.

Keeping this point in view, we will now discuss specific rules prescribed for observing the day of *Eid-ul-fitr*.

### The Night Preceding 'Eid-ul-Fitr'

It had been the practice of the Prophet, Sall-Allahu alayhi wa sallam, that he would not sleep in the night preceding the day of *Eid-ul-fitr*. This night has been named in a Hadith as the Night of Reward (Lailatul Jaiza). Almighty bestows his rewards on those who have spent the month of Ramadan abiding by the dictates of Shari'ah, and all their prayers in this night are accepted. Therefore, it is desirable to perform *nafl* prayers in this night. The Prophet, Sall-Allahu alayhi wa sallam, is reported to have said:

Whoever stands up (in worship) in the nights preceding the two Eids expecting rewards from his Lord, his heart will not die when the other hearts will die. (Ibn Majah)

To benefit from this opportunity, one should perform as much worship in this night as he can, and should pray for all his needs and desires.

### **Before Going to Eid Prayer**

The following acts are prescribed as *Sunnah* at the beginning of the day of 'Eid-ul-Fitr before proceeding to the Eid prayer:

1. To wake up early in the morning.
2. To clean one's teeth with a Miswaak or a brush.
3. To take a bath.
4. To put on one's best available clothes.
5. To wear perfume.
6. To eat a sweet food, preferably dates, before the Eid prayer.
7. To recite the following *Takbir* in the low voice while going to the 'Eid prayer:

Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar La Ilaha Illa Allah Wa Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar Wa Lillahi Alhamd

### **Six Fasts in the Month of Shawwal**

It is commendable to keep six fasts in the month of Shawwal. The Prophet, Sall-Allahu alayhi wa sallam, has said:

Whoever completes fasts of Ramadan then adds to them the fast of six days in the month of Shawwal, it will carry the thawab of fasting for the whole year. (Sahih Muslim)

This *hadith* had described the great *thawab* of six fasts of this month. Therefore, the Muslims should take this opportunity of acquiring such an enormous reward from Allah. It is more preferable to start these fasts from the 2nd of Shawwal and keep fasting up to the 7th of it. However, if, they are kept in other days, it is hoped that the requirement of the above *hadith* may also be fulfilled.

### **Eid festival**

The Darul Ulum Eid Celebration is here!!

Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October is a date to remember! We will be having an awesome Eid Celebration with something to entertain everyone.

Jumping Castle, Snakebusters, Bungie Trampoline, Nursery Animals, Bush babies (native animals) and our first ever student run Cafe are to name a few.

Year 7's will be dressing in their traditional cultural costume (an award will be given to the best dressed). Year 8's will be performing a play for all high school. And grade 5's will be offering a jewellery making workshop.

#### **Costs:**

We will be initiating a coupon system where students will pre-purchase their coupons for rides and

activities. This will be available from their class teacher from the beginning of next week. Each coupon is valued at \$1, so check out the prices of each stall below to work out how many coupons you would like to purchase. There will also be a stall for extra coupons available on the day.

<i>Name of Ride</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Price</i>
Jumping castle	Shrek castle- five in one combo. 3 pop-up punching bags, Stairs and Super Fast slide to Enjoy	\$3
Snakebusters	Australia's best hands on live reptile show. Including large lizard species such as Bluetongues, Stumpy Tails and Cunningham's Skinks. Snake busters also routinely use "Icon species" such as Taipans (World's deadliest snake), northern Australian pythons. All snakes are de venomed and safe.	\$4
Ponies	2 ponies will be coming to visit our school!	\$4
Nursery animals Bush Babies	Feed and Pat the nursery animals, baby goat, sheep, chicks, ducks, geese and native Aussie animals including a wombat, possum, crocodile, and Joey. The one price will include 2 different enclosures of animals.	\$5
Bungee Trampoline	The bungee trampoline will be the centre of attention. Surrounded by a net, kids can leap into the air and perform all sorts of stunts shown by the instructors.	\$7
Hand painting	This will be available for grade Prep, 1 & 2. Children can have bright yet simple designs on their hands or cheek.	\$1
Henna	Available for grade 3 & up. There will be two types; simple and elaborate.	Simple \$2 Detailed \$4
Shoe Polishing	No need to nag the kids to polish their shoes! Year 7's come to the rescue! Step right up and let the shoe shining begin!	\$1
Jewellery Workshop	Available for grade 3 & up. Kids can get creative and produce their very own piece of jewellery.	\$4
Sausage Sizzle	Available only during lunch	To be advised
Craft Table	Grade Prep, 1 & 2 can get arty and create fabulous crafts	\$1
Fruit Salad	Made by the nimble fingers of the grades 6's! A healthy treat for all.	\$1
Popcorn		\$2
Fairy Floss		\$2
Icecream stall		\$2
Sno-cones	Ice slushy orange and lime flavoured (no red)	\$1
Helium Balloons		\$1

Students and teachers can relax in the "Student-Run Cafe "Chill Zone". It will be located in the art room, open during recess and lunch, serving sumptuous

cakes, muffins and savouries, with coffee and tea. Year 8's will be more than honoured to display their hospitality skills to teachers and friends.

We look forward to this awesome event.

### 5B ART PROJECT

Grades 5b have worked very hard for this day to come. Their houses have been appreciated by the principal and he had a little visit to see their house project. The whole scenario took most of their play time and a bit of study time, but it payed off all of their hard work and efforts. Most of the boys received 90% and above and one student received 100% Ma sha Allah.

Some students took more than a week to finish this brilliant piece of art. After all their hard work and devotion to their project it was a big achievement.

Names and Marks

- 1.Khaled elsayed 100%
- 2.Mahmoud ayas 98%
- 3. Ali taleb 98%
- 4. Yousef ibrahim el cheickh 98%
- 5. Abdullah mahmoud 98%
- 6.Mahmoud chamra 99%
- 7.jareer imteaz 99%
- 8.Olaym nahas 70%
- 9.usama mohammed 93%
- 10. Moh. eldimerdash 98%
- 11. sayf mohtadi 98%
- 12.yahya nourdeen 65%
- 13.mousaab aboueid 98%
- 14 .zakariya sayah 55%





**maths & spelling  
CHALLENGE!**

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<b>Total Number of your Students that Participated</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total Time on Task by your Students</b>	<b>2773 minutes</b>

<b>Maths Top 10 Questions Answered</b>	<b>Spelling Top 10 Accuracy (%) *</b>	<b>Time on Task: Top 10 (min)</b>
1. Halabia Merhi : 636	1. Adam Azman : 86.5%	1. Celal Isitan : 195min
2. Celal Isitan : 619	2. Rafat Shah : 86.4%	2. Ridwan Rahman : 172min
3. Ridwan Rahman : 618	3. Ridwan Rahman : 86.2%	3. Ibrahim Khalaf : 169min
4. Ibrahim Abbas : 406	4. Ishraq Samsudeen : 83.8%	4. Ishraq Samsudeen : 150min
5. Hyder Ali Khan : 372	5. Abdulkarim Mohammed : 80.7%	5. Muhammed Edrees : 144min
6. Wafeek Nahas : 367	6. Muhammed Edrees : 79.9%	6. Ibrahim Abbas : 120min
7. Rafat Shah : 318	7. Abdullah Ankara : 78.2%	7. Muhammed Ozyon : 114min
8. Ayman Sayah : 264	8. Mustafa Kurkcü : 77.7%	8. Mustafa Kurkcü : 111min
9. Ishraq Samsudeen : 262	9. Hayrullah Konak : 77.4%	9. Ali Ali : 101min
10. Abdullah Ankara : 261	10. Arif Rana : 75.7%	10. Wafeek Nahas : 96min

\* minimum 50 words spelt correctly