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Important dates

18th Oct – Darul Ulum Eid Celebration29th Oct – DUCV Quiz Competition 2007 – Grand Final

Hadith of the week

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah (Radhiyallahu anho) narrated that Rasulullah (SALLALLAHU ALAIHI WASALLAM) has said, "Almighty Allah says, I treat my slave (man) according to his expectations from Me, and I am with him when he remembers Me. If he remembers Me in his heart, I remember him in My heart; if he remembers Me in a gathering, I remember him in a better and nobler gathering (i.e. of angels). If he comes closer to Me by one span, I go towards him a cubit's length, if he comes towards Me by a cubit's length, I go towards him an arm's length, and if he walks towards Me, I run unto him."

Year 5 Mathletics

Grade 5 is sixth in the world in Mathletics as on Friday and Sayf from grade 5 is at 2nd place in the world well-done grade five.

Reward only From Allah (SWT)

One of the most important teachings of Islam has been captured in a well-known hadith in a few words. Sayyidna Umar bin Al-Khattab, Radi-Allahu unhu, narrates: I heard Allah's Apostle saying, "The reward of deeds depends upon the intentions. And every person will get the reward according to what he has intended."

Because of the great significance of this hadith, many hadith compilers including Imam Bukhari have chosen to begin their compilations with this hadith. It reminds us to keep our intentions pure, to avoid contaminating our motives, and to seek Allah's pleasure and nothing else when performing an act of virtue. The message is central to all Islamic teachings and is repeated at many places in the Qur'an. For example: "So whoever looks forward to the meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord." [Al-Kahaf, 18:110]. A few verses earlier we are told that the worst losers in the hereafter will be the people whose efforts were lost in this world while they were thinking that they were doing good. Their actions might have been good, but their intentions were not

and so those actions would carry no weight in the hereafter.

It is a terrible possibility that all of our good deeds might be wiped out because of a corruption of our motives. To avoid that fate, one must know the danger and be on the lookout for it at all times. Every believer knows that we should be performing the acts of worship solely to seek Allah's pleasure. We may begin a good deed for the sake of Allah alone. But there may be other worldly rewards associated with the same act and we may start enjoying them and even seeking them without any realization that a switch has taken place internally. Many such rewards are intangible: fame, glory, appreciation, recognition, honor. They satisfy our deepest hidden desires. They are hard to detect and harder to repel. Besides, the chance of getting caught by others is so small. The net result is that we may be under the illusion that we are performing a certain act of virtue for the sake of Allah, but we might actually be in it for the praise from people.

That is why all the prophets told the people. "No reward have I asked of you: my reward is only due from Allah" [Yunus 10:72]. "And O my people! I ask you for no wealth in return: my reward is from none but Allah." [Hud 11:29]. "Say: "No reward do I ask of you: it is (all) in your interest: my reward is only due from Allah." [Saba 34:47]. That is why the Qur'an quotes the truly generous persons feeding the hungry as saying: "We feed you for the sake of Allah alone: no reward do we desire from you, nor thanks." [Al-Insan 76:9]

Hifz English

Assalamu Alaikum Wr. Wbr.

The Hifz Secondary girls were engaged in creative writing. Students were allocated into three groups and each group was given a different painting or an image to brainstorm some questions about. These questions opened up discussion about the images and students soon found out that images could tell various interesting stories. Students were then asked to choose any of the three images and write a story revolving around it. It was remarkable to see how one image was interpreted so differently by different students. On completion, students shared their stories with the rest of the class and constructively criticised

each other's work. Since the students have worked so hard writing their stories and feel proud of the final outcome, the class has decided to get their stories bound and submit a copy to the library for their fellow students to enjoy! The bound collection of stories will be submitted to the library sometime next week inshallah; so we call on all students to request it. We hope others will enjoy reading through the stories, as much as we have enjoyed compiling them.

Introducing the titles of the stories and their authors:

The Will by **Asma Hassan**

Mean and Meaner by **Laila Gyftakis**

The Lost Fortune by **Aisha Achi**

Freedom by **Shayma Ismail**

A Twist in Time by **Rokaya Ismail**

The Fugitives by **Rukiyye Sayan**

A Day of September 1937 by **Huriye Yazici**

Revenge is a Dish Best Served Cold by **Hafza Ismail**

Home and Hawaii by **Jevriye Beluli**

Back and Back Again by **Sumayya Hassan**

Mysterious Bones by **Alije Beluli**

Mean and Now Meaner by **Laila Gyftakis**

Australia's Beginnings by **Reem Azzam**

Ms. Sevinc Ofli

Grade 6B Projects

Grade 6B students are taking extreme pride in learning 'hands-on' many concepts and ideas explored in science recently.

The photos below capture some of the many things that the students did this year. The class teacher said that the level of enthusiasm of boys is beyond expectation. Now, the teacher has embarked on getting resource boxes full of experiments and students' activities from Monash Learning and Education Centre to sustain students' interest and enthusiasm in science. Well done, Grade 6B!!!

