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Important dates

29th Oct – DUCV Quiz Competition 2007 – Grand Final

Hadith of the week

A Sahabi once said, "O, Rasulullah, (SALLALLAHU ALAIHI WASALLAM), I know that the commandments of Sharee-at are many, but of these tell me the one that I may practice assiduously throughout my life." The Prophet, (SALLALLAHU ALAIHI WASALLAM), replied, "Keep your tongue always moist (i.e. busy) with the zikr of Allah." According to another Hadith, Harat Mu'aaz (Radhiyal-laho anho) has said, "Once at the time of my departure from Rasulullah (Sallallahu ALAIHI WASALLAM), I asked him to advise me of that action which is most pleasing to Almighty Allah: whereupon he replied, "At the time of your death, your tongue should be busy with zikr of Almighty Allah."

The Power of Dua

Once Prophet Muhammad ﷺ passed by a people who were suffering from some affliction. "Why don't they make Dua (pray) to Allah for protection," he said.

It is not that we have forgotten Dua completely; we refer to it regularly. But, our ideas and practice regarding Dua have become distorted. Often it is reduced to the level of a ritual. Generally it is considered when all our efforts have failed --- an act of last resort. It is belittled through actions and sometimes even with words. Is it any wonder that today mostly a mention of dua is meant to indicate the hopelessness of a situation?

What a tragedy, for Dua is the most potent weapon of a believer. It can change fate, while no action of ours ever can. It is the essence of Ibadah or worship. With it we can never fail; without it we can never succeed. In the proper scheme of things, dua should be the first and the last resort of the believer, with all his plans and actions coming in between.

Dua is conversation with Allah, our Creator, our Lord and Master, the All Knowing, the All Powerful. This act in itself is of extraordinary significance. It is the most uplifting, liberating, empowering, and transforming conversation a person can ever have. We turn to Him because we know that He alone can lift our sufferings

and solve our problems. We feel relieved after describing our difficulties to our Creator. We feel empowered after having communicated with the All Mighty. We sense His mercy all around us after talking to the Most Merciful. We get a new commitment to follow His path for that is the only path for success. We feel blessed with each such commitment.

In every difficulty our first action is dua, as is our last. We ask Allah to show us the way to handle that difficulty; we seek His help in following the path He shows to us; we seek His aid in making our efforts successful. When we fall sick, we know that we cannot find the right doctor without His Will; that the best doctor may not be able to diagnose our condition without His Command; that the best treatment plan will not succeed without His Permission. We make dua for all of these. We make dua before we seek medical help, while we are receiving it and after it has been delivered. The same is true of all other difficulties we may encounter.

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DUCV Quiz Competition - 2007

Grand Finals

After 13 Competitions stretched across 3 Terms, the wait is finally over. 12 students, who have battled through all the preliminaries, will be competing against each other.

The format is exciting as well as informative, presenting the audience with an array of interesting Islamic & General Knowledge topics.

The Grand Final will take place in the DUCV Mosque on Monday, 29th October from 08:30 am – 10:45 am inshaAllah. All the students and staff on the Boys side will be attending this program. The program will be followed by a prestigious Awards ceremony for all the contestants and winners throughout the competition.

Arabic

Assalamu alaikum,

Many parents may be pondering about the benefits of second language acquisition and whether it's and extra burden on their child or not.

The fact is that the study of languages and its effects on an individual and on a society as a whole is such a vast area that researchers have been exploring for so many decades. In this ever changing world, language today is not only perceived as a substantial

element for communication. There is a strong relation between language and cross-cultural understanding, **cognitive** development, literacy and general knowledge. Research has also proven many other benefits in second language acquisition such as socio-economic advantages and character development.

As people's knowledge in this field has developed over the past few decades and scholars and linguists have gained a greater deal of experience by discovering substantiated facts, the notion of "detrimental effects due to bilingualism" has fortunately faded away and has become something of the past.

Having said this, it is essential to note that Arabic is spoken by more than twenty countries world wide, and on a national level, it is spoken at home by more than 163 000 Australian residents, making it the fourth most widely used community language in Australia.

Most importantly, Arabic is the core language of all our traditional Islamic sources, including the Holy Quraan and Prophetic traditions.

Last but not least, parents can have a significant positive impact upon their children's second language acquisition by encouraging and motivating them, by creating a supportive, stress-free home environment whereby the children are exposed to the other language comfortably and by continually liaising with their teachers.

Arabic Department.

Milk facts

Milk is an excellent source of vitamins and minerals, particularly calcium. It has long been recognised for its important role in bone health. Nutritionists recommend that milk and other dairy products should be consumed daily as part of a balanced diet.

A recent study reported that children who avoid milk tend to be fatter than children who drink milk. This may be because milk is being replaced by high energy drinks such as fruit juice or soft drinks.

As children move into adolescence, the time they need the most calcium, they tend to drink less milk and more sugary soft drinks. As milk is a healthier choice, it is worth encouraging children to drink flavoured milk rather than soft drinks.

English Department

Assalamun Alaikum Wr. Br.

Some of our students participated in the Moreland City Libraries Writing Competition. I am pleased to inform the Darul Ulum community that Farhana Chundoo in Hifz has won third prize in the primary students category in the competition for her story

entitled: "What Mr. Croc Forgot." Congratulations Farhana! The story has been included in this newsletter for us to enjoy.

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WHAT MR. CROC FORGOT

One morning Mr. Croc woke up and brushed his teeth. Mr. Croc had sixty-three crocodile teeth. Then he went and had his usual breakfast: toast and jam, toast and honey and toast and Nutella. As he started washing the dishes he thought of what he would have for dinner. "I'll buy some fish!" he exclaimed. When he finished he went to his room and dressed in his clothes carefully. You see Mr. Croc was a very forgetful crocodile. He forgot everything. Once he went on the road with his pyjamas. After getting dressed Mr. Croc tied a string around his finger to make sure the string was like a fish so he could remember to buy fish.

Finally he set off. He walked and walked until he bumped into Mr. Fox. 'You look worried!?' Mr Fox said. 'It's just that I've forgotten what to buy for my dinner,' Mr. Croc replied. 'I'll help you look for it then,' Mr. Fox said. So they walked on until they reached a cake shop. Inside were lots of cakes and candies. 'Maybe you wanted a cake?' Mr. Fox asked. 'Maybe,' replied Mr. Croc. So they went in to buy a cake and lots of lollies.

They kept on walking until they reached a drink shop. 'Maybe you wanted Sprite?' 'Maybe,' said Mr. Croc. So they bought two big bottles of Sprite. As they got out Mr. Fox said, 'It is time for me to go home.' So Mr. Croc walked on until he reached a fish shop. He looked through and saw his reflection. Mr. Croc kept walking but was looking in the reflection and smiling. Mrs. Poodle came out of the fish shop carrying two bags; she was in a big rush. CRASH!!! Mr. Croc and Mrs. Poodle bumped into each other and both fell to the ground. One of Mrs. Poodle's bags rolled on the road and a bus went over it. SQUISH went the bag. Mrs. Poodle started crying. 'That bag had all the food for my son's party and this bag has only fish in it for my supper.' 'FISH!!' cried Mr. Croc. Mrs. Poodle stopped crying and whispered, 'Fish?' 'Well I went to buy fish and because of always forgetting I forgot that I had to buy fish and I bought all these things instead,' he said showing the bag to Mrs. Poodle. 'Cake, lollies, Fanta and chips that's all the things I bought for my son's party,' Mrs. Poodle said. 'Then why don't we swap?' Mr. Croc asked. 'Thank-you so much,' Mrs. Poodle said swapping the bags. 'And make sure you come to the party,' Mrs. Poodle said.

So that afternoon was the best afternoon ever. All of the kids were very happy that Mr. Croc had come. He played the piano for them during pass-the-parcel and played hide and seek. 'Thank-you Mr. Croc,' all the kids laughed and shouted. Mr. Croc smiled so widely you could see all his teeth!

By: Farhana Chundoo

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