



Call to the light



# MU'AZZIN

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## Important dates

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July – Term 3 school fees were due. Please finalise asap.

## Principal's message: Welcome Back

Asalaamo Alaikum,

Well we are half way through the year already. It is hard to believe that two school terms have already passed and we are now in our third.

May I convey a warm JazakAllahu Khair to our staff for their wonderful efforts during Term 2. Not only have they been working very hard to provide a stimulating learning environment for your child, but they have also been involved in a range of curriculum activities, including reports and professional development that have required more time and organisation.

Congratulations to all the students who strived during the exams and we hope you all look forward to yet another term of learning.

Fazeel.

## Reports

Most of the reports have been collected from the office already. The remaining reports will be given to the students in a sealed envelope to take home. Previously uncollected reports will also be sent home with the students. Please contact the school if you have not received your child's report by the end of this week.

## Suggestions

Students have been giving some very valuable suggestions for the improvement of this newsletter. Thanks to all the readers who have given so much support with their positive words. All your suggestions are taken into consideration and will be actioned accordingly inshaAllah.

Readers have mentioned that they would like to see the following sections in Muazzin: Jokes, Recipes, meaning of small surahs, weekly hadith, craft section, etc. If you feel you can contribute to any of these areas then please submit your ideas inside the

suggestions box in the school office.

## Sausage Sizzle



Many thanks go out to the parent helpers who gave their valuable time last term for the sausage sizzle. Their commitment helped make it an enjoyable day for both the staff and the students. JazakAllahu khairun.

## Poster Competition

Many entries have been received already for the Islamic poster competition. The closing date is by the end of the school day this Friday. The entries will be judged next week inshaAllah, and the winner for each category will receive an art set. The best entries will be displayed throughout the school.

## Values Education

Towards the end of last term, we completed a month on the value of Obedience. The motto was "I will listen and obey, I will do it right away". It was felt that two weeks did not do justice to a value we wanted to promote at the school. In consultation with the staff, it was decided that we will have a value every four weeks.

We are now promoting the value "sharing and caring". Congratulations to Sumaya Hassan from Hifz B for writing the winning motto:

"To share is good,  
To care is better,  
That is why they go together"

The reason these are two combined values is due to their close relationship with each other. When we give something, we are sharing. When someone gives something to us, we must care for it. Taking care of something lent to us is an amanah (trust). In actual fact, the world is an amanah from Allah to us. Our duty therefore is to use the world and whatever it contains in the proper way, or we will be abusing a trust. It is very important for children to realize from a young age, that whatever we have has been given to us by Allah. This is why it is important to care for each other, the environment, and also things belonging to other people. When we show we care, then most people are happy to share.

Sharing is generally when we are willing to part with

something owned by us. That may be in the form of a loan, where the other person will give it back to us. Or it may be in the form of actually giving away what we owned, for the pleasure of Allah. This second type is the higher level of sharing where we realize that indeed it is Allah who has given us everything, so we should also share with others.

The sahabah ( RA) also shared amongst each other. The best example that comes to mind is when the Muslims from Mecca migrated to Medina and had left all their possessions behind, the Ansar of Medina not only opened their hearts to them, but also their homes. Whatever the Ansar had, they wanted to divide it to help out their immigrant brothers. They went to such lengths that those who had two homes, would give one completely to the other Muslim! What a sense of brotherhood and love these illustrious people had...subhanAllah!

### AIMS Testing

The teacher assessed component of the AIMS testing will commence from next week for grades 3, 5, and 7. Parents with children in these grades, will be receiving a pamphlet to help understand the AIMS testing. The other component of the AIMS testing will start from week 5 of this term inshaAllah.

### Construction

Building construction has recommenced on the boys side for new classrooms. The area concerned has been cordoned off from pedestrian traffic due to safety reasons. There may be some traffic disturbances in the area due to trucks entering and leaving the school grounds. This disturbance will be kept to a minimum, but please bear patiently for other times. InshaAllah your cooperation will pay off in the end with a more aesthetically pleasing school environment.



### Tarbiyah Corner

Here is a snapshot of what the children have been

learning in tarbiyah this week:

*Grade Prep:* Appreciating the bounty of eyes. The children have been playing a set of games designed to help them see how valuable our eyes are to us.

*Grade 1:* Looking at how difficult it must be for those who cannot see. Thanking Allah for our eyesight.

*Grade 2:* Investigating the duty of a Muslim. Role playing different situations which highlight the kindness we should show to others.

*Grade 3:* Learning the 7 articles of faith.

Concentrating at looking at our belief in Allah.

*Grade 4:* The children brainstormed and defined belief as " something you trust to be the truth in your heart and in your mind". Concentrating on our belief in the angels. We also went through last term's exam and clarified some areas of difficulty. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with their children and help them out especially in the areas of reciting the thana, and the atahiyat correctly for their salat.

### Grade 5 - year 10: Sr Khadeejah Jenkins

In term three the middle and upper Grades/Years are studying Fiqh. This is the study of Islamic Laws and Rules. This is a very interesting and informative subject where students learn details of Tahaarah-Purification, Salaah, Sawm, Zakaah etc.

During these classes students are quizzed a lot. Here are some examples. See if you know the answers.

1. Is your wudhu accepted if you forget to rinse your mouth ? Even though you washed every other part.
2. If after doing wudhu you see there is liquid white out on your hand! Is your wudhu accepted? What should you do?
3. During the Fajr time, can you pray Nafil prayers before and after fajr salaah?
4. Is salaah accepted if you say ooh! Aah! During your prayer?

Islamic knowledge is very important to learn as it affects our everyday acts of Ibadah, and thereby our Akhirah.

Please encourage your children to be particular when performing istinjah, wudhu and salaah so that they gain firm understanding of its importance.

### Fawkner Library

Fawkner Library is holding a book week and has invited the children from grades 3 and 4 to attend. In addition to this, the library runs a Story Time for Preschoolers every Wednesday from 11.30am. There are activities for children aged 3-5 years. Please contact Lyn at the library for further information (ph: 9355 4200)

### Muazzin Online!

The Muazzin Newsletter is now available to be viewed from the school website at <https://www.dulum.vic.edu.au>. Previous editions are also available should you wish to see pictures and photos in colour.

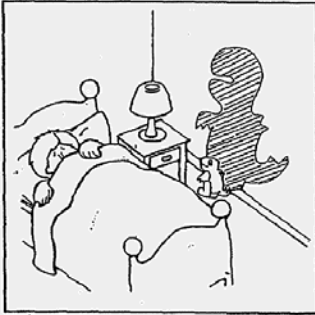
### Student Work Samples

Ms Hassan has submitted the following work samples from her grade 1 class. MashaAllah, children have



such vivid imaginations, as you can see for yourself as you read their delightful little stories.

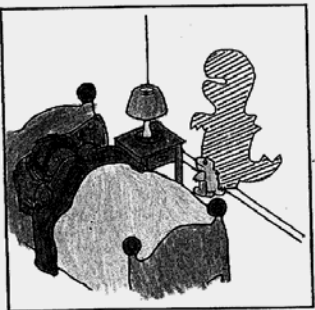
### Shadows in the Night



afraid, terrified, oh no,  
horrible, friendly, playful  
In the middle of the night I woke up hearing a loud noise. I heard the barking of a dog. It was a cat who

jumped on a tin barrel and the dog was after the cat. After a few minutes everything was quiet. Suddenly I saw a big shadow on the wall. I tried to cover my face and the shadow was doing the same. I tried to get up to go to my mum and the shadow was getting up. I screamed and my mum was there for me. I told her the whole story, she explained me that it was my own shadow.

fatima Khan IB

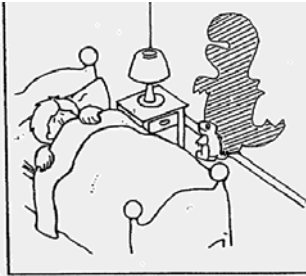


afraid, terrified, oh no,  
horrible, friendly, playful  
once I was sleeping at night I heard a noise. I woke up and it was my mum praying. I went back to sleep. I woke up

again, there was a shadow of a dinosaur dancing around on the wall when I came out of bed I tripped over something. it was my toy of a dinosaur walking on the floor. It was a battery operated which was on. I turned it off. It was my walking dinosaur toy which was making the big shadow

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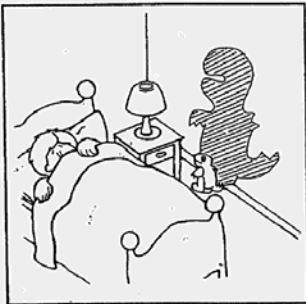
By: Ertuğrul Mahmud Gazi Erciyas



horrible, friendly, playful  
one night I couldn't sleep because there was a mysterious shadow in my room. so I stayed

awake in bed I was too terrified because I see a shadow on the wall. So I said to my self I am going to find out what is this mysterious shadow. when I got out of bed it was my doll's shadow that had horrible hairs. So I fixed all of my doll's hair and went to bed.

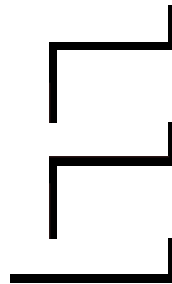
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afraid, terrified, oh no, IB  
horrible, friendly, playful  
I WORE UP  
I was afraid I saw a ghost in my room. They flew next to me. first I

thought they were horrible then they were playful. They told me a story on the wall. My mum turned the light on and they were gone  
yasir

### Fun Corner



Three lines make a .....? Can you see the letter 'E' here? It just goes to show that there is more to it than what first meets the eye.

### Brainteaser

Last edition's answer: Maryam had taken 4 books with her when she left for her trip..

**This week:** On Tuesday, the 9th, Mustafa said, "I'm going someplace special later this month." He added, "It will be on a weekend. The number of the date is an odd number, and the digits add up to 9."

On what day of the month will Mustafa be going on his special trip? (Answer in next newsletter)

### **The Heart of a Muslim:**

Here are the lyrics to a beautiful song written by Zain Bhikha from South Africa, about the heart of a Muslim. Enjoy...

Looking up at the sky  
Searching for Allah most high  
He rejected the way  
Of worshipping Gods of clay  
Prophet Ibrahim knew that Allah was near  
And that the heart of a Muslim is sincere.

Under the hot burning sun  
He declared god is One  
Though with stones on his chest  
His iman would not rest  
The Muadhin knew that right would conquer wrong  
And the heart of a Muslim must be strong.

It's the heart of a Muslim  
Through the guidance of Islam  
That makes you fair and kind and  
Helpful to your fellow man  
So living as a Muslim means  
That you must play a part  
Allah looks not at how you look  
But what is in your heart.

In our poor meager state  
Little food on our plate  
Mother said she was glad  
Always sharing what we had  
When I asked how can we share what's not enough  
She said the heart of a Muslim's filled with love.

He said it's time you should know  
You will learn as you grow  
That some people around  
Will do what's bad to bring you down  
Father said to be a star that's shining bright  
For the heart of a Muslim does what's right.  
So whatever you do  
Make sure your words are true  
Honesty is the best  
Because life is a test  
Even if it hurts so much you want to cry  
For the heart of a Muslim does not lie.

### **Story of the week: Two friends**

Our belief in Allah needs to be strong and solid. Right now if I were to ask you "Is there a ground under you?" You would without a doubt say yes. Then if I asked "Is there a sky above you?" You would reply yes again without a doubt. Our belief in Allah should be so strong that if I was to ask "Is Allah watching you right now?" Without a doubt you should say yes. This type of belief doesn't come by sitting at home and doing nothing. We must work for it. Allah the Almighty has said in the Holy Quran: As for those who strive hard ``in Us`` (Our Cause), We

will surely, guide them to Our Paths. (Surah Ankabut: 69).

Let me share a story with you. Two friends were traveling together. One was blind and the other could see. When the night fell, they decided to take some rest and continue the journey in the morning. This area was such that in the day time the temperature increases pretty high but in the night the temperature decreases significantly. Much like the areas near the oceans. In the morning, the person who could see left to find some food. The blind man stayed behind and was just touching here and there around him. Now, what had happened at night is that one snake was passing by this place. But due to the extreme coldness, the snake became inactive, frozen, and straight. This blind man's hand fell on this snake and he thought that it was a very nice stick. He picked it up and became very happy. To a blind man, a good stick is a very valuable thing.

Later, the person who could see came back with some food and saw his friend touching a snake. So he shouted and said to throw it away. But the blind man insisted, you want this stick don't you? I am not going to throw it away. After trying hard, he couldn't convince the blind man to throw it away. Anyway, they continued their journey. Then the temperature began to rise and the snake started regaining its energy. When it received enough heat, it flexed its muscles and bit the blind man.

We can compare ourselves to this situation also. We are like this blind man and Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) is like the person who could see. Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) went to M'iraj and saw the horrors of Hell and the blissfulness of Paradise. Now, the Prophet told us about many things to give up and stay away but because we can't see the dangers that's why we don't pay any attention to them. But when the time comes, we will get into serious problems. That is why we should follow the rules and regulations of Islam. (-anonymous)



Colouring  
activity for  
the young  
ones.