



Call to the Light



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Important dates

- 29th May – ICAS Science Competition
- 9th June – Queen’s Birthday (Public Holiday)
- 13th June – ICAS Spelling & Writing Competition

Hadith of the Week:

‘Ali رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said to me and to Fatimah رضي الله عنه (Ali's wife and the Prophet's ﷺ daughter),



"When you go to bed, recite: Takbir (Allahu Akbar) thirty-three times and Tasbih (Subhan-Allah) thirty-three times and Tahmid (Al-hamdu lillah) thirty-three times."

Another narration is: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

"Recite Tasbih thirty-four times."

Another narration is: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

"Recite Takbir thirty-four times."

(*Al-Bukhari and Muslim*).

Commentary: It is apparent from the difference in the narrations of this Hadith that the aggregate of the wordings has to be one hundred. For this purpose, one of these invocations should be recited thirty-four times. It will be quite in order if one recites either of the three for thirty-four times because the Ahadith on the subject say this number for any of them. In this connection two Ahadith have been mentioned by *Imam An-Nawawi* and the reciting of "*Al-hamdu lillah*" thirty-four times occurs in *An-Nasa'i*. This formula of Glorification, Praise and Elevation of Allah's Name is to be recited after every obligatory Salat and before going to bed.

(*Riyad us Saliheen* 249, 1459)

Important Phone number Change

Please note that the phone number for the ladies' side has changed from **93592689** to **93556802**. You can now use the new number.



Writers' club of DUCV

Mohammad Azim

The Writers' Club of DUCV had its inaugural workshop on Saturday and devoted half day in planning and preparing an action plan to realise their writing projects. Sr Sevinc was in charge with the Girls and Br Mohammed Azim for the Boys. The workshop was a huge success and it is anticipated that by third term the writers club will be launching their first book written by students of DUCV.



Attention Students....

Are you a good writer? Do you want your work published? How about contributing your original poems or short stories to the Writers Club? We will ensure to see that it makes it to the book that is scheduled to be released sometime in Third Term, Insha Allah. So, pick up your pen and start writing.....!

Secondary Girls Year Level Department

Some reminders of the general school rules



- Full uniform is expected from all and this includes black school shoes. Girls scarf needs to be white and clean. It is expected that girls come to school with ironed uniforms for the good presentation.
- Nail polish, make-up (eye liner, mascara etc.) and jewellery are not allowed.
- Electric games, MP3players, iPods cameras, video tapes, CDs and DVDs are not allowed.
- Students bringing USBs to school must be authorised by teachers and it should be only for project and/assignment purpose only.
- Chewing gum, bubble gum, glass drink, pumpkin seeds and the like are not allowed.
- All students must obey instructions from all college staff without hesitation and argument.

Exams Alert

Maths Coordinator

We are approaching to the end of the semester and the exam dates. It is very crucial that students start their revisions from now for their subjects. Homework is just one part of the revision for the specific subject however, students should get into the routine of revising the learnt/taught topic in the class weekly. Revision is the crucial stage for the preparation of the exams and should be done regularly. Students will be demonstrated how to do it during school times in the coming days.

Bronze Awards

Discipline Coordinator

Most of our Secondary Girls received their Bronze certificates. We are excited to announce that at the end of this semester, The Principal's Awards will be distributed to the students who have maintained their excellency level.

Following on the next page, are the names of the students who have earned the Bronze certificates.



Year 7A

1. Tasnim Abdu
2. Zainab Khan
3. Norhan Elsayed
4. Ceyda Huseyin
5. Merwa Khalifa
6. Faatima Mohammed
7. Rasheeda Wilson
8. Noor Shadid



Year 10A

1. Marwa Aboueid
2. Mariam Ahmed
3. Talath Fatima
4. Halabia Merhi
5. Duha Mohammad
6. Iman Moussa
7. Kawsar Yehia



Secondary Science

Science Coordinator

Dear secondary students,
Here are some interesting facts about the topics we are studying at the moment in Maths and Science. Read and think about them and then have lively discussions about them with your teachers. Maybe you can browse the internet for similar information and share it with your class members.

What is Taught: Isaac Newton's 17th century study of **lenses, light and prisms** forms the foundation of the modern science of **optics**.

What Should be Taught: In the 11th century Al-Haytham determined virtually everything that Newton advanced regarding optics centuries prior and is regarded by numerous authorities as the "founder of optics." There is little doubt that Newton was influenced by him. Al-Haytham was the most quoted physicist of the Middle Ages. His works were utilized and quoted by a greater number of European scholars during the 16th and 17th centuries than those of Newton and Galileo combined.



What is Taught: Isaac Newton, during the 17th century, discovered that white light consists of various **rays of colored light**.

What Should be Taught: This discovery was made in its entirety by Al-Haytham (11th century) and Kamal ad-Din (14th century). Newton did make original discoveries, but this was not one of them.

What is Taught: The Greeks were the developers of **trigonometry**.

What Should be Taught: Trigonometry remained largely a theoretical science among the Greeks. It was developed to a level of modern perfection by Muslim scholars, although the weight of the credit must be given to al-Battani. The words describing the basic functions of this science, sine, cosine and tangent, are all derived from Arabic terms. Thus, original contributions by the Greeks in trigonometry were minimal.

The ICAS Science competition will be held on the **29th of May**. Your teachers will inform you regarding the time and venue for having the competition. All the best to those who are taking part.



Diet for VCE students

Part 2 of 2

VCE Coordinator

Another product that helps with memory function is soy. Eating foods like tofu will provide benefits that help improve memory. Another great source of soy is the soy milks that are available in most food markets. Many are flavoured and the taste although not exactly the same as cow's milk is considered appealing to many people. Soy also offers many other benefits to the body and knowing that it can help with boosting your memory is good stimulation for trying it and possibly making it a regular part of your diet.

Most people use oil in some form for cooking and if choosing a specific type of oil can boost your memory it would seem sensible to incorporate it into your everyday cooking. Olive oil is a healthy choice for many reasons including its effects on memory function. Using it to cook or within salad dressing is a healthy way to work towards having less brain cloudiness and improved memory clarity. It's another step towards feeling confident that you are doing everything you can to ensure that your memory stays sharp. Adjusting one's diet to balance the effects of memory loss seems a perfect solution. With just a small change in the consumption of certain foods VCE students and their families can feel as though they are not only eating healthier but also improving their memory.

Young Readers (Stories of the Prophets)



Prophet Yunus (Alaih Assalaam)

Prophet Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) was sent by Allah to a big town where the people had forgotten Allah's orders and did many things which Allah had forbidden. You should believe only in Allah and obey only Him, Yunus told them. You should worship Him alone and do well; otherwise a severe punishment will come upon you!

But Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) soon discovered that the people did not want to listen to him. He lost patience with them and left the town in anger. Afterwards, Yunus decided to go across the sea, and boarded a ship for the voyage. But when the ship was in the middle of the ocean, Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) suffered a great misfortune. He was thrown overboard and swallowed up by an enormous fish. Fortunately, though, the fish had swallowed Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) in one big gulp, so he landed in its stomach unhurt.



It was very dark inside the fish's stomach, and Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) grew very fearful. In his loneliness, he started to think over what had happened in the town, and came to realize that he should not have acted so hastily and in such a quick-tempered manner. Instead, he should have stayed and kept on speaking to the people and ask them to return to Allah.

In this despair, Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) started to pray with all his heart to Allah. He said "O Allah, there is no God apart from you. You alone do I praise and honour. I have done wrong; if you do not help me, I shall be lost for ever."

Allah hears the prayers of those who pray to Him and those who believe in Him. Allah heard Yunus's prayer, and he caused Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) to come out of the fish's stomach, and to be swept by the waves of the sea onto the shore. Poor Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) was in a terrible state and lay on the shore, weak, ill and helpless. He felt dreadfully miserable, but Allah caused a tree to grow and this tree provided Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) with shade and nourishing fruits. Before long, Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) had recovered his health and strength.

When he was better, Allah sent Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) back to the town. This time, though, the people there listened to Yunus (Alaih Assalaam) when he told them: You should believe in Allah and worship Him alone. You must do well.

Free Rewards/Blessings

Br K. Mehmood

Jib-rail (a.s) once came to prophet Mohâmmad (saw's) and said: 'Allah has given me the knowledge to count every leaf on earth. Every fish in the sea. Every star in the sky. Every particle of sand on earth. But there's only one thing I cannot count.' Prophet Mohâmmad (saw's) asked Jib-rail (a.s) 'What is it?' Jib-rail (a.s) replied: 'When one of your Ummah recites Durood. Salaams to you the blessing Allah showers upon him become impossible for me to count.'

May Allah help us and we read Durood inshallah now.

Student Reflections - Grade 3C Ms Almadhoun

Grade 3C would like to share with you some of their experiences with the NAPLAN tests that took place last week in grades 3, 5, 7 & 9.



NAPLAN Test

This week, 3's, 5's, 7's and 9's had a test called NAPLAN. The first test was a language convention test. It was on Tuesday. I think I did pretty well. There was no challenging parts in that test. On Wednesday, we had the Reading test. The challenging part was when I read 'Amphibians'. Yesterday, on Thursday we had a numeracy test. I think I got about 7 questions wrong. The most challenging one was the spinner question. Overall, it was a good experience for me.

By: Sara, Hassanain, 3C 16th May

our N.A.P.L.A.N. test

Our N.A.P.L.A.N. test was easy for me. The hardest part of the N.A.P.L.A.N. test was the language convention test that we had on Tuesday. The hardest word was oxygen. My favourite N.A.P.L.A.N. test was math's. I think I got the whole test correct because our teacher Mrs Hadeel went through the N.A.P.L.A.N. test with us after recess. I felt excited.

The end

By: Rami, Dennaoui

Grade: 3C

N.A.P.L.A.N

This week we had our N.A.P.L.A.N. test there were Maths, Reading, convention and comprehension. I done well in Math and language convention test. I done my best in comprehension. N.A.P.L.A.N. test was not too hard but some questions were challenging but it was not a waste of time. I think tests help us know where in learning. I think I will get good marks inshallah.

Mujahid

Grade: 3C

NAPLAN

This week grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 had their National Literacy and Numeracy tests. On Tuesday we had our language convention test. It was OK! Then we were given a stimulus sheet for our writing test. It was a bit hard. The next day we had our Reading test. I think I had 7 mistakes. On Thursday we had our Maths test. It was a bit hard but not too bad. I pray to Allah to get good marks inshallah.

by Mohamad Taha

grade: 3c

The NAPLAN test

This week Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 were all busy with the NAPLAN test. I hope I'll get good marks. I was feeling nervous at the first test. There were 30 minutes to finish the test. The second test I was feeling fantastic. The second test was easy it was reading. The last test was math and I think that way was easiest.

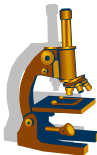
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Did you know?

Polar bears are partially solar powered. The hair making up the polar bear's coat is actually translucent and acts to direct sunlight down to the polar bear's dark skin to keep it warm.

Quiz Corner

This week's Category: Science (Secondary)
Questions



- Every day, Earth's plants convert sunlight into high-energy molecules. On average, how many tonnes of sugar are being produced every minute? a) 12 000 tones, b) 50 000 tones, c) 95 000 tones.
- Name the four stomachs of a cow.
- In the insecticide DDT, what do the letters stand for?
- What is a phi unit?
- The human body is almost 70 per cent water, except the brain. What percentage of your brain is water?



Answers

- b) 50 000 tones
- The rumen, reticulum, omasum and the abomasum
- Dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane
- A logarithmic measurement used to calculate grain sizes for sand, grit and gravel.
- 75 per cent

What number's next?

Level: Secondary

2, 10, 30, 68, ?

Let's see if you can crack the mystery behind this number sequence. The 1st student to come to the office with the correct answer will have his/her name published in the next Newsletter.

Last Newsletter's Solution:

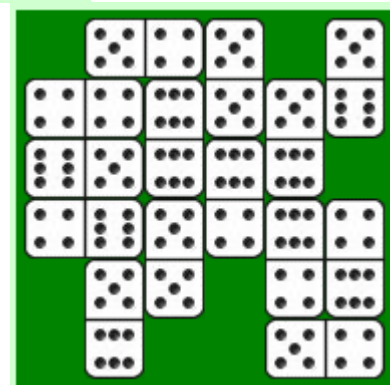
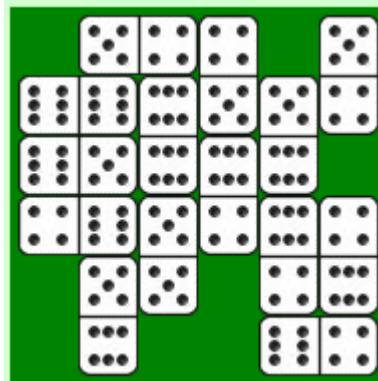
Level: Primary

1, 3, 5, 7, 9

We asked in the last Newsletter, why these numbers are special. Did you find the answer? These numbers are special because they are called ODD numbers. Ask your Maths teacher about them.

Spot the Difference:

Are you up to this challenge? Time yourself and your friends. See who is the quickest to find all the 5 differences.



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are fun. You don't even need a calculator to solve them. If you don't know how to solve them, ask your Maths teacher for help. Answer for this week's Sudoku will be printed in the next issue.

Difficulty Level: **MEDIUM**

3		6		9		2		7
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7								5
			2		9			
2								1
			3		5			
1								6
		9	6		1	8		
8		5		3		4		2