



Call to the Light



# MUZZIN

30<sup>TH</sup> JAMAADIYUL AWAL 1429

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## Important dates

9<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)  
 12<sup>th</sup> June – ICAS Spelling & Writing Competition  
 16<sup>th</sup> June - Success for Boys Seminar Series II  
 17<sup>th</sup> June – Secondary Exams Commence  
 20<sup>th</sup> June – Secondary Exams End  
 23<sup>rd</sup> June – School Holidays Commence  
 11<sup>th</sup> July – School Holidays End  
 14<sup>th</sup> July – Term 3 Starts

## Hadith of the week

### Virtues of Quran

"Whoever reads a letter from the Book of Allah will receive a *hasanah* (good deed) from it (i.e. his recitation), and the *hasanah* is multiplied by ten. I do not say that *Alif-Laam-Meem* is (considered as) a letter, rather *Alif* is a letter, *Laam* is a letter, and *Meem* is a letter."

[At-Tirmidhi, Ad-Darimi]



## Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)

Admin

Please note that there will be a Public Holiday on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2008. There will be no classes on this day and the school will remain closed.

Also, please note that **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June is not a Curriculum Day** and **ALL** class will run as usual.

## Important Phone number Change

Admin

Please note that the following new phone numbers are already in use. **The old phone number will not work any more.**

Men's Section 03 9355 6800

Ladies' Section 03 9355 6802



## Jackets Sale Extended!

Good news!!!

The sale of the college jackets has been extended. Parents can still purchase a college jacket for \$25. You have to be fast; this sale will end soon.

## Success for Boys Seminar Series II Br M Azim

The 2<sup>nd</sup> session in this series of Success for Boys seminars will be held on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for fathers in the Graphics Room, starting at 7 PM inshaAllah.

## English Writers' Club 2008 English Coordinator

Calling all budding writers in primary and secondary school to submit their best writing(s) for possible inclusion in the forthcoming book to be released by the school!

New School  
 Phone Number  
**9355 6800**



## Premier's Reading Challenge 2008

All students of the school are registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge and have been issued with their usernames and passwords. If you have not received your username or password, please contact your English Teachers.

Hurry! To help us to quickly verify the books you read and confirm your eligibility for awards, you must enter the books you read this year onto the system. You can either do this from home or from school. Don't forget to transfer the books read from your Home Reading Record Book to the system too.

Here is the link: - [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/)  
 Any enquires could be directed to your English teacher.

## Tips for dealing with exam stress Dr. S Ansari

With the exams coming up! Many students, however, may be panicking. Follow our advice on taking exams, and reduce stress the easy way.

### Plan your time

Draw up a realistic revision schedule and stick to it. Include some time for relaxation — it's not healthy to constantly have your nose in a book. To maximise your concentration, break up your time into 15-minute segments, interspersed by five-minute breaks. Knowing that you have a break coming up helps to prevent you from losing interest completely.

### Revise methodically

Simply reading long swathes of text is not going to help you to remember facts and figures. Write out important dates, facts or passages, use lots of coloured pens and underline key phrases. Go back over these notes a day later, and then a week after that. Your memory will be better and you will feel more confident about your exams.



### Test yourself

Test yourself or get someone to test you on your notes. Bribe a brother or sister to do it for you, or ask your parents. Testing yourself regularly means that you remember facts better and any gaps in your knowledge can be picked up in good time — making the actual exam a lot less stressful.

### Stick notes around your house

Buy cardboard stars in bright colours from newsagents, or make some out of card. Write key facts and phrases on each and stick them around your bedroom (preferably on items where they won't leave a mark!) in places where you'll often see them, for example, on your mirror or inside a cupboard that you often open. After a while, these facts will sink in without any extra effort on your part.

### Ignore your friends

Not entirely, of course! But when your mates say how much revision they've been doing, they might not be telling the truth. Don't use them as a benchmark — they might not want to seem daggy for doing lots of revision, or they might not be doing enough. Know yourself and know what you have to do — you're in this for yourself.

### Ask for help

There are great sources of support available if you feel that you need it. Ask a teacher if you don't understand a particular topic now that you're revisiting it — it doesn't have to be the one who taught you if you don't feel that they're good at explaining things to you. School counsellors and even good old mum and dad are also great for getting worries "off your chest". You're not alone, so don't feel that you have to be.

### Have a fall-back plan

Okay, so maybe you want to go and study at Harvard, become a top brain surgeon and also have a simultaneous career in tap-dancing BUT, however achievable these goals might be, make sure you have a Plan B. For example, if you don't make your grades, you could consider not going to uni for a year and retaking your exams. Or you might decide to go to a different uni, or just not bother at all. Working out at least a vague idea of what you want to do in life will help you to come up with a fall-back plan (or even two).

### Get some exercise

Exercise is a great way to give yourself a break and to max out your concentration span. You don't have to do hours of circuit training — a 15-minute jog or a brisk walk will do the job nicely.

### Don't be unrealistic

You've spent most of your life at school, and you have a good idea of what you're capable of. If you're an average student, you're unlikely to suddenly jump to the top of the class. Being realistic will help prevent you (and your parents!) from being disappointed when the results come in. The key thing is to do your best.

### Writing Competition 2008

Br A Effendi

The following writings secured the top 3 positions in **Grade 5B** in the Writing Competition, held in Term 2, 2008.

# The Nightmare

## 1<sup>st</sup> Position

Yaaseen Dala

Once upon a time there was a boy called Ben. He loved reading scary books. That was until one night; all the scary things he liked went out of his mind and never came back. That night Ben was reading a really scary book, his mum called him from inside her room and said 'Ben go to sleep, it is past your bed time', 'alright' said Ben with a sigh. After a little while Ben drifted off to sleep. It was very normal until Ben started having a nightmare. He was at this desert and it was war. There were about a million people trying to kill ten monsters. The monsters were huge. Luckily Ben had weapons for killing the monsters. The good thing was Ben knew all about the monsters so they would be easy to kill. After a lot of fighting, one monster and Ben were left. Unfortunately Ben didn't have any weapons left to kill the monster. Ben tried dodging the monster's moves, but Ben wasn't able to dodge the moves forever!!! Finally the monster's sharp claws pierced through Ben's heart. Suddenly Ben woke up and screamed. His mum and dad came to see what happened just to find out it was a nightmare. They said it was a scary dream and he went back to sleep. After that night Ben never read a scary book again.

# Poor Arthur

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Position

Taha Shehab

Poor Arthur, his parents died in a car crash when he was three. After that he went to live with his aunty and uncle. But just three days after that the house burnt down and so did his aunty and uncle. He went to live with his grandma and grandpa next, but they soon died from heart attacks. The orphanage was horrible, no one wanted to adopt him because they thought they'd die as well. And the nuns kept all the children away from him because they thought he was cursed. One day, two old and humble people came to adopt a child. They saw Arthur sitting alone in a corner and felt sorry for him. And that's how Arthur was adopted. Arthur was happy and he knew that they'd take care of him but one thing he didn't know was that his life would change dramatically! He lived in a small cottage on a hill. His foster parents treated him kindly and took care of him. But every night in bed, he thought about his parents and his family, and then he would start crying. His foster parents got worried and took him to see a doctor. The doctor said if he didn't stop crying he would start losing his eyesight, but Arthur just couldn't help himself, just as the doctor said, Arthur's eyesight got poorer and poorer. His foster parents asked an

optician how much it would cost for a laser eye surgery. He replied, "100,000 dollars"! They knew that they couldn't raise enough money to save Arthur. His foster dad felt sorry for him and went looking for gold to raise money, but found nothing. This continued for another 3 weeks, just when he was about to give up his shovel hit something hard he had found **GOLD!** With that, Arthur went to the laser clinic, got his eyesight back. And with the extra money his foster parents bought a bigger house. Arthur got older, and his foster parents died, but he was old enough to look after himself. He owned three restaurants and one hotel.

## The curse on the baby

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Position **Mustapha Azman**

Once upon a time an old lady named Susan gave birth to a little cute boy. This boy was never good and as he grew older, he became worse.

The little boy soon had a name, his name was Mike. Susan hated when he would cry every night. Every night Susan and her husband Ben would go in Mike's room to see what the problem was. Susan and Ben never knew what Mike's problem was. He would just cry and cry. Mike cried so loud that even the house would shake a little.

One night Mike didn't cry, Susan and Ben were worried, so they ran to the room. Mike was staring at a little bogeyman across the room. Susan went to the kitchen to get a broom, she ran to the midget and smacked it out the window and on to the road he fell. Suddenly, a car came and squished the midget's guts out, it was disgusting! Ben soon felt scared and thought to himself "This baby is giving the house a curse, we must kill him".


The next night Ben took a knife and walked to Mike's bed and stabbed the bed, he pulled down the sheets and it was another midget bogeyman! Ben was dizzy, he wanted to go back to bed and get a good sleep. As Ben went to his bed, he found Susan and Mike dead! But this time the red blood was all over the sheets! Suddenly with a loud scream, the whole house collapsed over Ben, and he died a dreadful death.

Twenty years later, a couple moved to the same house and had another baby who was born with the same curse.

### Writing Competition Winners

Grade	Student Name
3A	1 <sup>st</sup> Latifa Awal
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rafiul Huda Akan
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Yusra Elmi
3B	1 <sup>st</sup> Jamal Ali
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ayesha Mansoor
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Minha Abbasi
3C	1 <sup>st</sup> Sara Hassanein
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ertugrul Erciyas
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hind Ali & Mujahid Wilson



4A	1 <sup>st</sup> Amani Gyftakis	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Maha Qureshi	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hira Shah	
4B	1 <sup>st</sup> Salah Moubarak	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saif Alashi	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hashim Alashy	
4C	1 <sup>st</sup> Asma Sumayah Samsudeen	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yasemin Huseyin	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sofia Mirza	
5A	1 <sup>st</sup> Aliyah David	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Khairul Bariya Khan	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Abeer Khan	
5B	1 <sup>st</sup> Yaaseen Dala	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Taha Shehab	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mustapha Azman	
6A	1 <sup>st</sup> Aysa Ahmad	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aamna Shah	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sara Hussain	
6B	1 <sup>st</sup> Khizar Iffikhar	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jareer Imteaz	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mahmoud Chamra	

### Times Tables Competition Winners

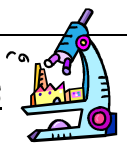
Grade	Student Name
3A	1 <sup>st</sup> Abdullah
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rafiul Huda Akan
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fatima Khan
3B	1 <sup>st</sup> Jamal Ali
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rijah Iffikhar
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ayesha Mansoor
3C	1 <sup>st</sup> Ertugrul Erciyas
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sara El-Sayed
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Huda Ahmed
4A	1 <sup>st</sup> Anisha Ameer
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fatima Buhary
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sidrah Shahzad & Zubaida Nourdin
4B	1 <sup>st</sup> Shaker Allouche
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Abdul Rafae Bhatti
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Louqman Saad
4C	1 <sup>st</sup> Asma S. Samsudeen & Aicha Elmi
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nareman Eliskendarani
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Safiyya Elleissy
5A	1 <sup>st</sup> Hanan Haddad
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aliyah David
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Khairul Bariya Khan
5B	1 <sup>st</sup> Waleed Abdelhay
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Imran Mughal
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Abdur Rahman Hassan
6A	1 <sup>st</sup> Mariam Saad
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hibah Hussein
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aamna Shah
6B	1 <sup>st</sup> Ali Taleb
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sayf Mohtadi
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Yousef Elcheikh-Ibrahim



### Islamic method of slaughtering animals

#### What makes it the Best: A Scientific View

Al Shaddad Bin Aous has quoted this tradition of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) "Allah (SWT) calls for mercy in everything, so be merciful when you kill and when you slaughter, sharpen your blade to relieve its pain".



Many allegations have been made that Islamic slaughter is not humane to animals. However, Professor Schultz and his colleague Dr. Hazim of the Hanover University, Germany, proved through an experiment, using an **Electroencephalograph (EEG)** and **Electrocardiogram (ECG)** that \*Islamic slaughter is THE humane method of slaughter\* and captive bolt stunning, practiced by the Western method, causes severe pain to the animal. The results surprised many.

**Experimental Details:**

1. Several electrodes were surgically implanted at various points of the skull of all animals, touching the surface of the brain.
2. The animals were allowed to recover for several weeks.
3. Some animals were slaughtered by making a swift, deep incision with a sharp knife on the neck cutting the jugular veins and carotid Arteries of both sides; as also the trachea and oesophagus. (*Halal Method*).
4. Some animals were stunned using a captive bolt pistol humane slaughter by the western method.
5. During the experiment, EEG and ECG were recorded on all animals to record the condition of the brain and heart during the course of slaughter and stunning.



**Results and Discussion:**

**I - Halal Method**

1. The first three seconds from the time of Islamic slaughter as recorded on the EEG did not show any change from the graph before slaughter, thus indicating that the animal did not feel any pain during or immediately after the incision.
2. For the following 3 seconds, the EEG recorded a condition of deep sleep - unconsciousness. This is due to a large quantity of blood gushing out from the body.
3. After the above mentioned 6 seconds, the EEG recorded zero level, showing no feeling of pain at all.
4. As the brain message (EEG) dropped to zero level, the heart was still pounding and the body convulsing vigorously (a reflex action of the spinal cord) driving maximum blood from the body: resulting in hygienic meat for the consumer.

**II - Western method by C.B.P. Stunning**

1. The animals were apparently unconscious soon after stunning.
2. EEG showed severe pain immediately after stunning.
3. The hearts of the animal stunned by C.B.P. stopped beating earlier as compared to those of the animals slaughtered according to the Halal method resulting in the retention of more blood in the meat. This in turn is unhygienic for the consumer.

**Compiled by Br M K Mehmood**

**Editor's Note:** The purpose of publishing such articles is to highlight the fact that Islam is THE complete way of life. It is not just limited to our Salaat and other rituals. In fact, it encompasses every aspect of our life. This article has not been published to prove anything. As a Muslim, the words of Allah (SWT) and his beloved Prophet (PBUH) are enough proof for us to stay away from any non-Halal ways.

**Last Newsletter's Solution:** Level: Secondary

**2, 10, 30, 68, 130**

**Formula**

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 + (1 \times 1 \times 1) &= 2 \\
 2 + (2 \times 2 \times 2) &= 10 \\
 3 + (3 \times 3 \times 3) &= 30 \\
 4 + (4 \times 4 \times 4) &= 68 \\
 5 + (5 \times 5 \times 5) &= 130
 \end{aligned}$$

**Quiz Corner**

**This week's Category: Science (Higher Secondary)**

**Quiz Questions**

1. What is the scientific name for the Venus Flytrap?
2. Who has the authority to name stars and other celestial bodies?
3. What is an aerial root?
4. How many atoms would you find in a glucose molecule?
5. CSIRO research shows that since 1910 annual rainfall has risen by about, a) 50 %, b) 30 %, or c) 15 %, in New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and the Northern Territory?



**Quiz Answers**

1. *Dionaea muscipula*
2. The International Astronomical Union (IAU)
3. A plant root that grows above the ground
4. 24
5. c) 15 per cent



**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: EASY**

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