



Call to the Light



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Important dates

4th Aug - Deadline for Education Maintenance Allowance.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

All families who applied for EMA for the 1st instalment and received a cheque do not need to fill out another application for the second instalment. The application will be processed automatically.

All families who applied for the 1st instalment and did not receive a cheque, and any other eligible families, should put in another application for the second instalment by **4 August 2006**.

If you have any enquiries about EMA please contact the office on **9359 1477**

Enrolment Applications

There will be some delay in the processing of enrolment applications for next year. This includes both the Preps for 2007 as well as other year levels.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused due to changes to the enrolment process as well as the high number of applications.

Jazakumullahu Khair for your patience.

Registrar

Saturday Classes -Mrs Yesilyurt

The Saturday Numeracy program for grade 5 Girls has now been successfully completed. Students attended the Numeracy sessions for seven weeks. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all participating parents and students for their extra effort and cooperation during the program. Please remember to fill in the survey for future improvements.

Basketball Match

To the roar and delight of the students, the basketball match held at lunchtime last Friday was won in their favour. Teachers scored 6 goals whilst the students maintained a healthy lead finishing on 11. Despite some grazed legs and minor scratches, both the

spectators and the players thoroughly enjoyed the game.



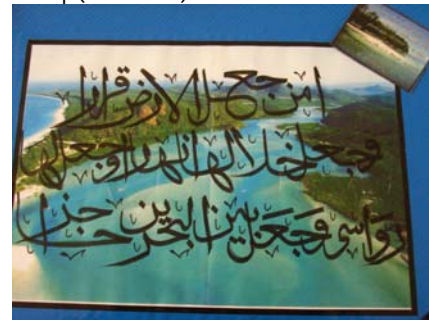
Poster Competition

It was great to see such talented work for the students' Islamic Poster competition, which closed last Friday. The teachers commented particularly on the skilled use of calligraphy on some of the entries, and had difficulty choosing the winner. Presentation of the prizes was held during this morning's assembly, along with a display of the winning entries.

The best entries will be displayed throughout the school. Here are some of the winning entries:

Grade 7 and up:

1st: Aiesha Tariq (Alima 5)



2nd : Yasera Syed (Alima 2)



3rd : Hafsa Ismail (Hifz A)

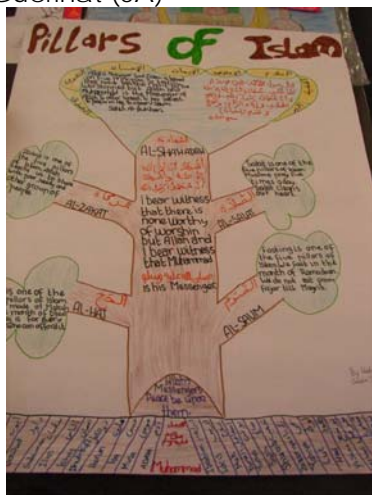


Grades 3 – 6:

1st : Ayse Nur Sayan (4A)



2nd : Hadjar Guerinat (5A)



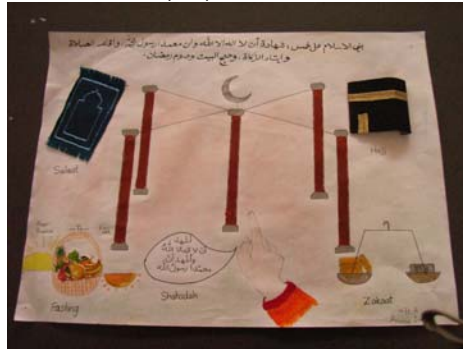
3rd : Rayhan Elleissy (4A)



Some consolation prizes:



Sara Bakah (4A)



Aneesa Ismail (Hifz A)



Mahmoud Ayas (4B)



Moubarak (5B)

Tarbiyah Corner

Here is a snapshot of what the children have been learning in tarbiyah this week:

Grade Prep-1: Using our tongue for only good things. Telling the truth, speaking nicely, making thikr, etc.

Grade 2: Analysing typical roles of boys and girls and emphasizing that we are all equal except the one who has more taqwa.

Grade 3: Looking at our belief in the revealed Books and also the Prophets.

Grade 4: Reviewing the 7 articles of faith. Concentrating on our belief in the Prophets as well as the Day of Judgment.

IncurSION for grade 2

On the 26th of July, grade 2 will be having an incursion about the environment. Someone from Ceres will be coming to talk to the children. They will be exploring different ways we can help and take care of our environment. If your child is in grade 2 then please ensure that they bring \$6 for the incursion asap.

AIM Testing

The AIM (Achievement Improvement Monitor) test will

be conducted in term 3 for children in grades 3, 5 and year 7. All schools in the state of Victoria participate in this standardized testing which assesses students' competency in English and mathematics.

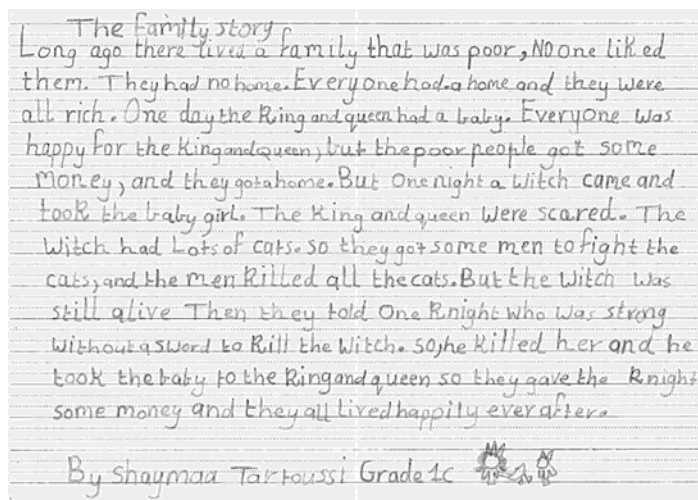
The AIM test is made up of two parts, Teacher Assessed Tasks (TAT) and Centrally Assessed Tasks (SAT). TAT will be implemented between 17th and 28th of July and the SAT will be implemented on the 2nd and 3rd of August. The results will be sent to the school later in the year.

For the parents affected, please make sure that your child does not miss school on the above mentioned dates. We would also want students to arrive to school on time to avoid any inconvenience for other children and the class teachers.

Mr Gokler
Vice-Principal

Student Work Sample

Ms Amirah has submitted the following work sample from her grade 1 class.



Islamic Voice -Mrs Arain

For those children who are interested in doing nasheeds, here is your opportunity. We are organizing a Nasheed Group which will meet once a week (you will be informed about the time) to practice. This group will be groomed to be able to present in our assemblies, especially on special occasions. If you are in grade 2 or higher, please leave your name and which class you are in, with the office. There will be a selection process and the successful applicants will be given more information in 2 weeks time.

Note: The practice sessions might be held after school during the weekday (but not after 4.30pm). Only register your interest if you are able to stay behind for about half an hour.

FUN CORNER

Brainteasers!

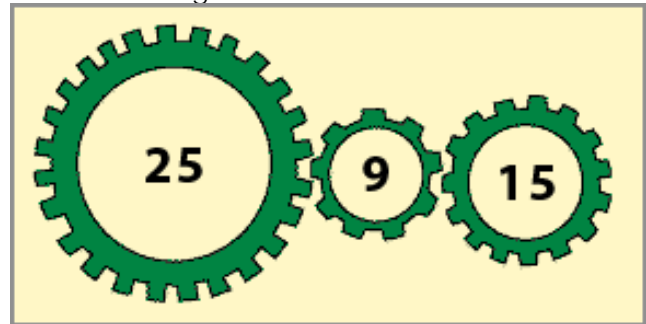
Last week's answer: Mustafa will be leaving for his trip on Saturday the 27th.

This week: Sara, Mona, Bilal, and Umar are setting up a book club that will meet once a month. Each month, one person acts as Leader and another person acts as Feeder. Whoever is Leader for the month gets to pick the book. Whoever is Feeder for the month brings the milk and cookies. The jobs of Leader and Feeder will change every month.

How many months will it take until there has been every possible combination of Leader and Feeder? (Answer in next newsletter)

Here's another one to sharpen your brain cells (especially with AIMS testing just around the corner):

The number on each gear is the number of teeth it has. If you turn any one of the gears, the others also turn. The middle gear turns in the opposite direction of the other two gears.



The gears are now in their starting position. If you start turning them and continue to turn them, eventually all three will end up at their starting positions.

How many complete turns will each gear make in order to have all three back in their starting positions?

Story of the week: Life

A boy and his father were walking in the mountains. Suddenly, the boy fell, hurt himself, and screamed "AAAhhhhhhhhhhh!!!" To his surprise, he heard the voice repeating, somewhere in the mountain, "AAAhhhhhhhhhhh!!!"

Curious, he yelled: "Who are you?"

He received the answer: "Who are you?"

Angered at the response, he screamed: "Coward!"

He received the answer: "Coward!"

He looked to his father and asked: "What's going on?"

The father smiled and said: "My son, pay attention."

And then he screamed to the mountain: "I admire you!"

The voice answered: "I admire you!"

Again the man screamed: "You are a champion!"

The voice answered: "You are a champion!"

The boy was surprised, but did not understand. Then the father explained:

"People call this "ECHO", but really this is LIFE. It gives you back everything you say or do.

Our life is simply a reflection of our actions. If you want more love in the world, create more love in your heart. If you want more competence in your team, improve your competence.

This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life; Life will give you back everything you have given to it."

And don't forget...the more we give to others, the more Allah gives back to us (at least ten times as much!) Lets not be afraid to share because we might not have enough....Allah is enough for us.

Jokes

Some people joke too much and it becomes a habit for them. This is the opposite of the serious nature which is the characteristic of the believers. Joking is a break, a rest from ongoing seriousness and striving; it is a little relaxation for the soul. 'Umar ibn 'Abd al-'Azeez (may Allaah have mercy on him) said: "Fear joking, for it is folly and generates grudges."

Imaam al-Nawawi (may Allaah have mercy on him) said: "The kind of joking which is forbidden is that which is excessive and persistent, for it leads to too much laughter and hardening of the heart, it distracts from remembrance of Allaah, and it often leads to hurt feelings, generates hatred and causes people to lose respect and dignity. But whoever is safe from such dangers, then that which the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) used to do is permissible for him."

Sa'd ibn Abi Waqqaas said: "Set a limit to your jokes, for going to extremes makes you lose respect and incites the foolish against you."

The amount of joking should be like the amount of salt in one's food.

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Do not laugh too much, for laughing too much deadens the heart." (Saheeh al-Jaami', 7312)

'Umar ibn al-Khattaab (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: "Whoever laughs too much or jokes too much loses respect, and whoever persists in doing something will be known for it."

So beware of joking, for it "causes a person to lose face after he was thought of as respectable, and it brings him humiliation after esteem."

A man said to Sufyaan ibn 'Uyaynah (may Allaah be pleased with him), "Joking is not right, it is to be denounced." He replied, "Rather it is Sunnah, but only for those who know how to do it and do it at the appropriate time."

Nowadays, although the ummah needs to increase the love between its individual members and to relieve itself of boredom, it has gone too far with regard to relaxation, laughter and jokes. This has become a habit which fills their gatherings and wastes their time, so their lives are wasted and their newspapers are filled with jokes and trivia.

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "If you knew what I know, you would laugh little and weep much." In Fath al-Baari it says: "What is meant by knowledge here has to do with the might of Allaah and His vengeance upon those who disobey Him, and the terrors that occur at death, in the grave and on the Day of Resurrection).

Muslim men and women have to be inclined to choose righteous and serious friends in their lives, who will help them to make good use of their time and strive for the sake of Allaah with seriousness and steadfastness, good and righteous people whose example they can follow. Bilaal ibn Sa'd said: "I saw them [the Sahaabah] jokingly pretending to fight over some goods, and laughing with one another, but when night came they were like monks."

Ibn 'Umar (may Allaah be pleased with him) was asked, "Did the Companions of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) laugh?" He said, "Yes, and the faith in their hearts was like mountains."

So we have to follow the example of such people, who were knights by day and monks (i.e., devoted worshippers) by night.

May Allaah keep us, you and our parents safe on the Day of the Greatest Terror, those to whom the call will go out on that great Day.