



Muazzin

19TH SHAWWAL 1430

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Important dates

Thursday 8th October – Eid Celebration Day
Thursday 15th October – DUCV Quiz Competition
(Grand Final 2009)

Hadith of the Week

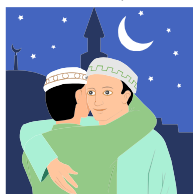


Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam in a Hadith Qudsi narrated that Allah (swt) says: "I treat My slave according to his expectations from Me. I am with him when he remembers Me; and if he remembers Me in his heart, I remember him in My heart; and if he remembers Me in a gathering I remember him in a better and nobler gathering (of angels). If he comes closer to ME by one span, I go closer to him an arm's length; if he comes towards Me an arm's length, I go towards him two-arm's length; and if he comes to Me walking, I run to him".

Hadith Narrated by Abu Hurayrah (ra) [Bukhari transmitted it.]

Note: When a person strives to get closer to Allah (swt) through good deed, then Allah (swt) turns towards His slave with much more attention, mercy and help.

[Muntakhab Hadith]



The Month of Shawwal:

Shawwal is the tenth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and has some specific rules attached to it. Shawwal is the first of the three months named as "Ashhur-al-hajj" (i-e the months of hajj). Although the major acts of hajj are normally performed in the first ten days of Zulhijjah, yet the whole period starting from the first of Shawwal up to 10th of Zulhijjah is held to be the period of Hajj because some acts of hajj can be performed any time during this period, like Tawaf-ul-qudum, umrah of Tamattu which cannot be performed before the Ashhur-al-hajj has begun.

Six fasts in the month of Shawwal:

It is commendable to keep six fasts in the month of Shawwal. The holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said

"Whoever completes fasts of Ramadan then adds to them the fast of six days in the month of Shawwal, it will carry the Thawab (reward) of fasting for the whole year." (Sahih Muslim)

Important Events in the Month of Shawwal:

18th Shawwal 5th Hijri: The Battle of the Trench (Arabic: غزوة الخندق) also known as Battle of the Confederates, was a fortnight-long siege of Medina by Muslims. In this Battle small (3000) numbers of Muslims defeat big Army of 10000 people lead by Abu Sufyan.

27th Shawwal – 10th year of Nubuwwat: After nine years of continuous effort of calling people towards Allah (swt), Prophet (S.A.W.) went to Taif to convey the message of Allah (swt) and call them towards success.

Shawwal - 10th year of Nabuwat: Prophet (S.A.W) got married to Hazrat Aisha (R.A.) and consummation of her marriage took place five years later in the second year of Hijra in the same month of Shawwal.

Shawwal – 3rd Hijri: The Battle of Uhud (Arabic: غزوة أحد) was fought at the valley located in front of Mount Uhud, in which Muslims have to go through a lot of trouble just because of a commandment given by prophet (S.A.W)



Welcome Back

Dear parents welcome back to term 4! Hope you had a relaxing holiday with your families. Over the holidays some school maintenance projects have been completed. We are pleased to announce that Year 10A students are located in a brand new class. A new computer room is also made available for our students to use.

We have an action packed term ahead. Students will have

- An Eid day celebration
- Study skills sessions
- Work experience for Yr 10 students
- Exams
- Lots of learning

We seek your cooperation for the following matters;

School attendance: If your child is absent from school, a written note must be sent to the class/form teacher stating the date and acknowledging that your child had permission to be absent.

Punctuality to school: Students need to be at school by 8:20 am each day. Students arriving late to school miss valuable routines and housekeeping procedures (e.g., morning nafl prayer, reciting duas, organising lunch orders, announcements, etc).

Medical information: Please send the relevant information, if your child has any of the following medical conditions, by collecting an Emergency Treatment Plan Form from the school's Front Office and by returning it ASAP; (If you have not notified the school last semester)

- Anaphylaxis, nut allergies, food allergies, animal allergies.
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Any other medical condition that your Doctor has recommended the school needs an Emergency Treatment plan for.

Your cooperation ensures a safe environment and is highly appreciated.

[Secondary Girls Year Level Coordinator]

Humanities - Achievement Report

In Humanities this term the year 7 and 8 boys have learnt a lot however in year 7 we focused on the unit 'Being a good citizen'. With the year 7's this was a very interesting topic as we brought out the reality of how things happen in the real world and many students related and shared their own personal experiences with the class and myself. In learning a number of mediums are necessary, primarily teacher's instruction and students' participation through exciting activities. Teacher instruction and student participation although theoretically desirable, yet in this subject we had to get students to evaluate, think and use higher order thinking skills. Thus we got them involved in the subject so that they identified with what they had learnt and used what they learnt in a practical manner. In this unit students shared a number of their experiences and as a class we discussed outcomes and how we should deal with others outside of a school setting. We then merged this in with our Islamic values and ideals and many students saw the link between the unit 'Being a good citizen' and basic Islamic manners. This was a wonderful topic to teach and I believe that many students learnt a great deal from the unit and we all have learnt new skills that can make us more

productive citizens in society whilst upholding that which is most dear to us... our Islamic values.

[Humanities Department]



Iftar Programme for Secondary Girls

The After School & Iftar Programme for Secondary Girls on Friday, 11th September was a success, Alhamdulillah.

Congratulations & JazakumAllahuKhairan Katheeran to everyone who has contributed to this memorable event.

The programme was, through the guidance of teachers and staff, for the students by the students and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The students showed surprising confidence and capability never before displayed, MashaAllah.

The object of closing the gap between students and staff was certainly attained.

The feeling of togetherness, teamwork and light heartedness was evident throughout the programme.

The items/presentations, physical set up, catering/food and overall running went along casually without much ado, AlhamdulillahRabbil'Alameen.

We had opportunities to gain knowledge, renew our realisation of our purpose in life, get to know more about one another, celebrate achievements, enjoy each other's company, share views, laugh, shed a tear, reflect, share, care and hopefully gain the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala.

Overheard:

"This is much better than last year."

"Of course! Everything gets better each year, Alhamdulillah"

"Can I have another yummy chicken?"

"No."

"Pleeease?"

"This is the best briyani I've eaten!"

"It is wonderful to see the togetherness, MashaAllah.""

"This...(fruit salad) is goood..."

"Ahh...our famous chocolate cake...yummm."

Everyone went home smiling although obviously exhausted from the very long day but still full of spirit in anticipation of a longer night ahead as we have come to the eagerly awaited last ten days of Ramadhan.

[Mrs Bahruddin]

Poetry



Dear Parents Years 7 to 10 students are studying poetry as part of the literature component of the English subject.

Time to time we will enlighten you with the poems that students will be writing through the term inshaAllah.

Here is a poem which has been written by one of the year 7 students.

PLANTS (written by Manar of year 7)

Plants are kind without a fuss
They make our food for us
They don't relax, they work and toil
To get the water from the soil
And then they take from everywhere
The carbon dioxide from the air
They spend the hours from their days
Mixing these with the sun's rays
Then an animal comes along
And eats the plants to be more strong
As well as finding the plants more yummy
It gets energy in its tummy
A person needs energy too
So this is what you have to do
Even the veggies that you hate
Should all be eaten from your plate
You should not get up from your seat
Until you've eaten all your meat
And when your healthy eating's done
You will have the energy to run

The Paradox of time:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers;
Wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints;
We spend more, but have less;
We buy more, but enjoy it less;



We have bigger houses and smaller families;
More convenience, but less time;
We have more degrees, but less sense;
More knowledge, but less judgment;
More experts, but more problems;
More medicine, but less wellness;

We have multiplied our possessions; but reduced our values;
We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate often;
We've learned how to make a living, but not a life;
We've added years to life, not life to years;
We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbour;

We've conquered outer space, but not inner space;

We've cleaned up the streets; but polluted the soul;
We've split the atom, but not our prejudices;
We have higher incomes, but lower morals;
We've become long on quantity, but short on quality;

These are the time of tall men, and short character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the times of more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food but less nutrition.

These are the times of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes.

IT'S the time we sit down, look at ourselves and rectify, the faults we always try to find in others! Who knows how long this chance will last for?!!

[Shokria Niazmand]

Islamic Terminologies



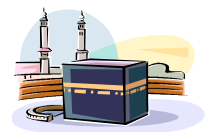
Al Shariat:

Islamic Law; the revealed or canonical law of Islam the whole body of rules governing the life of Muslims which are derived from the Holy Quran and Sunnah also known as Shariah.

Al Shirk:

A term meaning to associate partners with Allah (by giving Allah's attributes to created things or by giving Allah the attributes of created things)

Attributes of Allah (swt)



Al-Ghaffaar

The Great Forgiver, The Forgiver, The One who forgives the sins of His slaves time and time again

Al-Azeez

The Mighty, The Strong, The Defeater who is not defeated.

SUDOKU

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