



Call to the Light



MU'AZZIN

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Important dates

4th Aug – Going home survey due to class teacher
 4th Aug – Deadline for Education Maintenance Allowance
 8th Aug – Deadline for Nasheed Group permission slip

Important Note

Please note that this newsletter contains the name of Allah and sometimes it will also have reference to the Holy Quran. As such, when you have finished reading it and wish to discard it, please think before throwing it on the floor or the bin. Children need to be made aware from an early age how much respect is commanded for the name of our Rabb, and how we handle such material. This will instill in their hearts the sanctity for any Islamic material.

Survey

A survey was included in last week's Muazzin. This needs to be filled out and returned to the classroom teacher by tomorrow (Friday). InshAllah we will be distributing the coloured tags from next week.

Nasheed Group

We will be starting the Nasheed group from Wednesday, next week inshAllah. If your child has received a permission slip for joining this after school program, then please return it to the office no later than Tuesday(8th). Please remember that it will finish by 4.20pm and you will need to arrange pickup by this time.

Hifz Achievement



MashaAllah two girls from Hifz A have recently completed their memorisation of the Holy Quran. **Safia Dhedhy** has also completed the full series of supervised hearings. This involves a graduated increase of reciting the Quran from memory in front of the Ustaza. First the student completes a full recitation of the Quran by reciting one rubu per day. This is then increased to one nisf/day, then 1 Juz/day, 3 Juz/day, 5 Juz/day, 10 Juz/day, 15 Juz/day, and finally ending with an impressive complete recitation of the Quran in one day! **Aisha Baran** will now begin this process which is

completed over a few months. It may sound long and tedious, but by the end of it all, we have an invaluable member of this ummah who will not only be a source of continuous sadaqah for her parents, but also for her teachers. Congratulations to both these students, and also Ustaza Maryam.

Ustaza Alaa has also awarded a certificate of Consistent Achievement to her student for her faultless recitations. We wish to congratulate all our students studying Hifz, who will inshaAllah one day, earn a most precious crown for their parents, the light of which will even make the sun shy away.

Value of the month

The value of Sharing and Caring has been discussed for the last 4 weeks. The new value being looked at now is "Greeting others". This will focus on giving salam to all Muslims whether we know them or not. Our Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) encouraged us to do so by giving this greeting of peace, which will increase the goodwill between people. The new motto for this value is:

*"Salam we give when we greet,
 All the Muslims that we meet"*

The following is a list of students who have shown excellence in the previous value of Sharing and Caring:

Class	Name
Prep A	Khadija Skenderovic
Prep B	Fatima Ali
Prep C	Ghuzalah Wasim
1A	Maham Benti Adel
1B	Amina Yassine
1C	Moutasembillah Aboeid
2A	Hamzah Allouche
2B	Fadhilah Shaheed
2C	Ehab Sayah
3A	Nawal Kassab
3B	Ella Tiba
4A	Farhana Chundoo
5A	Whole Class!
9/10A	Thowaybe Mehrez
Hifz A	Shayma Ismail
Hifz B	Hajar Taha

6B Art & Tech Projects

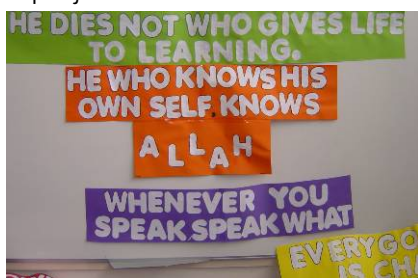
Recently, grade 6B students completed their major projects in Art & Tech and are proud of their achievements.

The three-phase project involved group planning for the project design, getting the resources for the project and working in a set time frame to complete the project. Alhamdulillah, many groups with assigned tasks were able to successfully complete their work in record time. The artistic talents and creativity of these budding technocrats were just amazing. So far, they have done paper plane design & fly project, cardboard model plane construction, machines project and construction of designer cars. As a reward, Ustaz M.Azim has provided further challenge to the students to use improvised materials to develop 21st century planes!!! Soon, the students will be out in the oval attempting to try flying their airplanes. The best ones will be duly awarded. Class enthusiasm is all time high now! Some samples of the work can be seen in the accompanying photos.



9/10B Art

Year 9/10 boys are nearing completion with their sign writing project whereby they are preparing sayings of our beloved prophet (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) for display around the school. Some work that they are currently working on can be seen in the accompanying photos. These are just some of the many things that they have produced this term. They have also made plane models and making it work in technology class. Ustaz M.Azim is surprised at the potentials that these students have and said that they just need the encouragement and support to excel. Currently, they have undertaken the task of preparing stencils for screen printing as their major project for this term.



Student Work Samples

Qasim Chamra (2B)

Dentists

The dentist looks for tooth decay and gum disease. They clean the decay and fill the tooth with special cement. They use chairs and they are stuck to the floor. They wear a mask, gloves and an overall. They use tools to clean the teeth and take out the bad tooth. They work in a surgery in a city or in the country. People come to see them twice a year to check if they have healthy teeth. It is very important to have a dentist, because with out dentists the whole world will have unhealthy teeth.

Nareman Eliskendrani (2B):

Dentists are people who work in the community. They take care of tooth decay and gum disease. They have a comfortable chair that people lie down on. The dentist wears an overall and a mask to stop germs passing on to them. They have tools and a mirror. If there is a hole in people's teeth, the dentist will clean it. They work in a surgery.



7B:

Baby Marty Dead By Dog Attack



Dogs Attack Viciously Man Survives Miraculously

Written by
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Baby John Howard, one of the may infants to be attacked this summer, was attacked Saturday at his home in Kenilworth by a pet Dingo last night. The dog, who had been with the family for a year, was thought to have attacked the baby because he was not getting enough attention since the baby was born last month.

Baby John, who was sleeping in his cradle, was dragged into the kitchen where the dog severed off a leg and a hand before his parents, Mr and Mrs Howard, realised that the dog had attacked their baby they immediately called an ambulance, which came quickly.

John's doctor, Dr. Woods, from the Royal Children's Hospital said that John was a brave baby and will fight the attack.

Paul Johnston, the paramedic, said that they arrived in time and if any longer, he would have passed away.

The dog was seized by authorities and will be destroyed tomorrow.

By: Amjad Khan

Assalamu 'alaykum everyone, My name is Khodr Merhi, I'm in Grade 5B and I'm going to tell you about Grade 5B (what we are learning). We are learning about Antarctica in SDSE. I enjoy learning about Antarctica, I like the animals in Antarctica. Did you know that there are no polar bears in Antarctica. So it is my favourite subject. So bye, I mean Assalamu 'alaykum.

Hello my name is Ali Ozgon,

At school we are learning about Antarctica. We learn what lives in Antarctica and how

21 Chris Newman last night was attacked by 2 pitbull terriers at a port Melbourne park. He now is in a critical condition. He suffered severe wounds to the head and cuts to the flesh. Chris said "They came from behind". But witnesses said "he was toying with them". He now rests in the Austin Hospital. The surveillance camera on the toilet block caught the action and as they say "the truth never lies". But Chris said "I thought they were playing with me". "But I guess I was wrong". The port Melbourne council leader said "We'll have to put them down and look for the owner to see why they were loose."

Later today the dogs were put down. It will take a long time to stop these attacks. Well until then, Good Luck.

big Antarctica is. We learn how big whales are. We were doing the AIMS test on Wednesday, and it was hard. My teacher's name is Ustadz Adam.

What I like about Grade 5.

I like grade 5 because of my teacher and friends, we learn a lot and study. I like my art teacher he's funny, and I like my school also. I like Sheikh Abdurrahim, he teaches us religion and Arabic. -Ibrahim Rifai

I like grade 5 because it is fun and fascinating and we do a lot of fun work. We study Maths, English, SDOSE, Science, Art/Tech, Arabic, Tarbiyah and Quran. -Mustapha Tartoussi.

Poem -Grade 5B, Anon

My teacher is the best,
he deserves a treasure chest.

All my friends are good,
none of them are bad.

Learning is fun,
just like playing in the sun.

I hope the day is bright,
my teacher is like a glowing light.

Now the day is gone,
just wait tomorrow and see what happens at dawn.

Drop-off Zone

Parents are advised that the DROP OFF ZONE areas are only to be used for Drop Off & Pick Up. Please refrain from parking and waiting in those areas during the declared times.

Drop Off 07:45 AM – 08:45 AM
Pick Up 03:30 AM – 04:45 PM

If we all follow these simple traffic regulations, then we can pick up our child from school in a safe and orderly fashion.

Also note that parking very close to the Construction Zone should be avoided. Special care should be taken in observing all the KEEP CLEAR signs and areas that are cordoned off. Parking or stopping in these areas (even for a short while) can hinder the construction process and traffic flow as well.

Did You Know....?

With this week being spent busily preparing for the AIM testing for grades 3, 5, and 7, here is an interesting article found by Br Sher:

Advanced and courageous experiments in the field of mathematics were carried out by Muslim mathematicians throughout history. They developed a number of aspects of this science to a very high degree. Algebra may be said to have been invented by the Greeks, but according to historians, it was of limited use. It was actually the

Muslims who developed it and applied it to higher purposes.

Thus, the first great Muslim mathematician, *Al-Khawarizmi*, invented the subject of algebra (*al-Jabr*), which was further developed by others, most notably Umar *Khayyam*. *Al-Khawarizmi*'s work, in Latin translation, brought the Arabic numerals along with the mathematics to Europe, through Spain. The word "algorithm" is taken from his name.

The Muslims invented the symbol for zero (The word "cipher" comes from Arabic "sifr"), and they organized the numbers into the decimal system - base 10. Additionally, they invented the symbol to express an unknown quantity, i.e. variables like x.

"Zero" is an important addition made to mathematical science by the Muslims. They have also contributed to some amazing developments in mathematical geography.

Melbourne Aquarium Visit -Br Shafiq

As a part of science education, Year 8B students visited Melbourne Aquarium on 18th of July. The students were thrilled with the experience, where students observed how the aquatic animals live and interact together in a real life situation. Students were also exposed to hands on activities and fish breeding and feeding programmes.

Fun Corner

Here's a recipe you can try, from one of our students...yum!!

From Sara Bakah
Grade 4A

Very Healthy

Date + Carrot Loaf

180gm pitted dates (roughly chopped)
1/2 cup honey
1 tsp bicarb soda
1 grated carrot
1 1/2 cups S.R. Flour
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp cardamom (ground)

NO fat
No eggs
No milk
No sugar

Combine dates, honey, bicarb and 1 cup water into small pan and bring to the boil. Turn off the heat and let cool. Preheat oven 180C and grease loaf tin. Add carrot to date mixture. Sift flour and spices into the date mixture and stir until combined.

Bake in loaf tin 40-50 minutes or until skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Allow to cool before slicing.

You are wrong if you think Mathematics is not fun!

Start with the sequence of non-zero digits 123456789. The problem is to place plus or minus signs between them so that the result of thus described arithmetic operation will be 100.

The easiest one is probably $12+3-4+5+67+8+9=100$

Can you think of more? Remember that you have to keep the numbers in their order. (There are at least another 11 possible solutions!)



Last week's answers:

InshAllah this will be provided next week.

Story of the week

Three men from Bani Israeel and an angel

Once there were three men from the tribe of Israeel and each had a problem. One was a leper, one a bald man, and one was blind. An angel disguised as an ordinary man was sent to each of them in turn.

First he approached the leper and asked: "What would you like most?" The leper replied "I would love to have beautiful and smooth skin so that people will like me". The angel passed his hand over the leper's face and body, and the man became very handsome. Then the angel asked him if there was anything he would like to own. "I would like to own some camels" came his reply. To his amazement, he was given a fine camel about to have a calf. Before the angel left, he said "May Allah bless the camel for you". The man was extremely happy at his good fortune.

Next the angel visited the bald man and had a similar conversation with him. When the angel passed his hand over his head, the man was given such a beautiful head of hair. Then this man requested some cows and was given one that was about to have a calf. Again the angel left by saying "May Allah bless this cow for you".

Finally the angel approached the blind man and gave him his wish to be able to see again. In addition he gave him a goat as he wished who was just about to have a kid. "May Allah bless this goat for you" the angel said and left him.

Years passed and all three men became wealthy and had herds of animals, so much so that there was a whole valley full of each of them. The angel was once again sent to each of them.

The angel disguised as a poor leper approached the first man and asked him for some help. "I have no money left and need to continue on my journey, can you help by giving me a camel?" The man was full of pride by now and had forgotten that once he used to be a poor leper himself: "No, I am busy, go away". The angel asked him: "weren't you that poor leper whom Allah had cured and made you rich?" "No!" came the man's reply, "My family left me all of this"

"If you are lying, may Allah return you to how you were before" prayed the angel. So once again the man became a poor leper whom everyone hated.

Next, the angel came disguised as a bald man

himself: "I ask in the name of Allah, the One who has given you such a fine head of hair and wealth, to help me by giving me just one cow". The man refused by saying "My family left me all these cows"

"If you are lying, may Allah return you to how you were before" prayed the angel. So once again the man became a poor bald man whom people made fun of.

Finally the angel visited the third man, disguised as a poor blind man asking for help. That man was very happy and said: "Yes, indeed I was blind and Allah cured me. By Allah I will not refuse you anything at all. Please take as much as you wish in the name of Allah, the Lord, the Exalted!"

The angel was please to hear this man's beautiful reply. Here was a man who did not forget that everything he had been given was sent by Allah. This man was not only willing to share, but was most happy to.

"I do not want anything from you, keep all that you have. Allah has tested you and you have pleased Him" after saying this, the angel left the man to enjoy all the bounties of Allah. This man, who had once been blind, thanked Allah for His many blessings.

How many blessings have we been given? ...Too many to count. Which of Allah's favours can we deny?.....If our eyes stopped working, could anyone help us if Allah did not will it? Did the man who was happy to share, lose out?..No! He was actually the only one left out of the three men still smiling.

Stop Print!

Please be advised that the school will be holding a book fair from 22nd to 25th of August. More details will be provided closer to the date inshAllah.

New Staff

The school has three new additions to the staff. A warm welcome to: Mrs Naheed who will be teaching Quran, Ms Sengul Caglar will be teaching grade 6A, and brother Sher Malik has joined the office personnel on the boys' side.

An interesting aerial view of Al-Aqsa Masjid

