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Hadith of the week

[Important] *The honour and respect of the words of Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAW) is obligatory on us. Due consideration needs to be given in the manner we dispose such material.*

Abu Hurairah Radiyallahu anhu narrated that Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said: **Who will learn these words from me, act upon them, or teach these to others who will act upon them?** Abu Hurairah Radiyallahu anhu said: **O Rasulullah! I will.** He held my hand and counting five characteristics said:

- 1) Avoid the forbidden, you will become the greatest worshipper;
- 2) Be satisfied with what Allah(swt) has granted you, and you will be the richest of men;
- 3) Be kind to your neighbour, you will be a true believer;
- 4) Choose for others what you like for yourself, and you will be a Muslim;
- 5) And do not laugh excessively, for excessive laughter deadens the heart.

[Tirmidhi]

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ◆ 16th to 20th May:
Healthy Eating and Living Week
- ◆ 9th June:
VCE Subject Expo Day
- ◆ 13th June:
Public Holiday
- ◆ 21st to 23th June:
Mid Year Exams
- ◆ 24th June:
Last Day of school for Term 2

Mosques of the World



Source: Blogspot.com

The Blue Mosque in Istanbul began its construction in 1609 and took seven years to build. The mosque is popularly known as the Blue Mosque for the blue tiles adorning the walls of its interior. The original mosque complex included a madrasa, a hospital, a primary school and much more. Most of these buildings were torn down in the 19th century.

NAPLAN Assessment

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

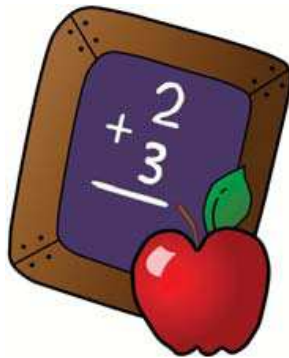
On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students undertook the 2011 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

All students were encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.



More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au
[Subhani S M Faleel]

Coming Up Next Edition.....

Read About DUCV's participation in the National Fruit and Vegetable Week.....

NAPLAN Cheer by Grade 3 Boys

The Grade 3 boys have been sacrificing ten minutes of their lunch time in the past week to practice this poem in order to present it to their peers to cheer them on to do their best in NAPLAN.

They presented it in the Primary and Secondary school assemblies.

They felt encouraged to try their best and do well themselves. They did a marvellous job, Masha'Allah.

[Mrs Bahruddin]

Here is the poem:

DUCV! WE CAN DO IT! INSHAALLAH!!



InshaAllah! You can do it
InshaAllah! You can do it
InshaAllah! You can do it

Ask Allah
Ask your teachers
Ask your friends
Ask yourselves

InshaAllah! You can do it
InshaAllah! You can do it
InshaAllah! You can do it

You pray hard
You study hard
You try hard
You try hard

InshaAllah! You can do it
InshaAllah! You can do it
InshaAllah! You can do it

Help each other
Help yourselves
Help your grades
Help the ummah

InshaAllah! You can do it
InshaAllah! You can do it
InshaAllah! You can do it

Say Bismillah
Say I can do it
I'll try my best
InshaAllah

InshaAllah! You can do it
InshaAllah! You can do it
InshaAllah! You can do it

DUCV! WE CAN DO IT! INSHAALLAH!!!!

English Week 2011'

The secondary school girls have recently been involved in 'English Week 2011' activities. They have participated in competitions as organised by the English Department. Alhamdulillah, the whole event was a complete success! Students have produced top quality entries and the following students have been recognised as producing the best work for each category. Congratulations!

Spelling Bee Competition Winners

Aisha Elmi (Year 7A)
Sarah Abdul (Year 7A)
Amani Gyftakis (Year 7A)
Hira Shah (Year 7C)
Fadhilah Shaheed (Year 7c)
Aleeman Ansheera Qazi (Year 7C)
Jumana Fatima (Year 7C)
Hafsa Siddiqui (7/8 Hifz)
Sumayyah Rahman (7/8 Hifz)
Yumna Zia (7/8 Hifz)
Mashkura Niaz (Year 8A)
Laila Mohammed (Year 8A)
Monica Ahmad (Year 8A)
Abeer Khan (Year 8A)
Melisah Ismail (Year 9/10 Kitab)
Rahman Ismail (Year 9/10 Kitab)
Aysha Haqiazai (Year 9/10 Kitab)
Mariam Saad (Year 9A)
Zahra Abdullah (Year 9A)
Zeynep Kilic (Year 9A)
Aiza Ahmad (Year 10A)
Faiza Mohamed (Year 10A)
Sumaiya Shah (Year 10A)

40 Word Short Story Competition Winners

Fariha Molla (Year 7A)
Amani Gyftakis (Year 7A)
Aisha Elmi (Year 7A)
Hira Shah (Year 7C)
Fadhilah Shaheed (Year 7C)
Zaakirah Ali (Year 7C)
Yumna Zia (Year 7/8 Hifz)
Maryam Murtaza (Year 7/8 Hifz)
Hafsa Siddiqui (Year 7/8 Hifz)
Nuha Mubarak (Year 8A)
Amina Khan (Year 8A)
Abeer Khan (Year 8A)
Rahma Ilahee (Year 9/10 Kitab)
Siddiqa Syed (Year 9/10 Kitab)
Hafsa Ahmad (Year 9/10 Kitab)
Farhand Chundoo (Year 9A)
Senay Gunceler (Year 9A)
Mariam Saad (Year 9A)
Hadjar Guerinat (Year 10A)
Hani Sheikh (Year 10A)
Rasheeda Wilson (Year 10A)

Impromptu Oral Competition Winners

Fatima Jariwala (Year 7/8 Hifz)
Hafsa Siddiqui (Year 7/8 Hifz)
Nariman (Year 7/8 Hifz)
Fatima Baran (Year 9/10 Kitab)
Hiba (Year 9/10 Kitab)
Hafsa Ahmad (Year 9/10 Kitab)
Fatima Cohan (Year 9A)
Mariam Saad (Year 9A)
Rayan Moubarak (Year 9A)
Faiza Mohammed (Year 10A)
Aniisa Hassan (Year 10A)
Hani Sheikh (Year 10A)

Each class also produced a poem regarding 'Prayer'. The female teachers and staff voted on their favourite poem without knowing which class had produced which poem. After the vote, the Year 9/10 Kitab Students were voted to have composed the best poem. We would like the College community to read and enjoy the fantastic poem (see below) that these students have produced.

PRAYER

He sent it down from seven heavens,
as a holy gift for mankind,
a special contentment, a source of
reliance,
the main key to paradise,
salaat a treasure from the Almighty
Wise.

The sun is concealed behind the
mountains,
the twilight envelopes the earth,
sins cascade from sinful hearts
to be forgiven by their Lord,
stand to pray with hands raised saying
AllahuAkbar.

I sit in solitude and raise my hands
high,
squeeze my eyes shut, head towards
the sky,
tears from them continuously fall,

my heart struggles tearing from my
soul
thinking how to connect, with my Lord
the creator of all.

At the strike of dawn, with its
glorious light,
my heart leaps out, I yearn and hope,
He is there to listen to my desperate
cry,
For it is only Allah upon whom I can
rely,
I whisper to Him in my prayer and give
a contented sigh.

With full concentration I stand
before my Lord,
leaving the world behind me,
as all trails of thought fade away
I think of the majestic treasure of
tranquillity

and pray for His forgiveness and
mercy.

I regret for not keeping my salah in
track,
With many ups and downs in the back,
but the connection with my Lord
cannot be forgotten,
for prayer is the best way to receive
my goal
and Inshallah to purify my soul.

Fajar starts my day with hope and
contentment,
Zuhr gives me a break and renewed
energy,
Asr helps me reflect and realise the
bounties Allah has sent,
Maghrib makes me repent and
understand the meaning of my
existence,
Isha fills my night with peace and
tranquillity.

Congratulations to the below students for composing the poem.

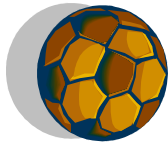
Poetry Winners

Zoha Ahmad
Fatima Baran
Melisha Bhuiyan
Kerima Ceylan
Ayesha Haqiqai
Aneesa Ismail
Fathimah Mawar
Sadia Mia
Siddiqah Syed
Fathima Fazeer
Hafsa Ahmad
Hafsa Hanif
Rehmah Ilahee
Hiba Siddiqua

Congratulations to all our winners and as for those students who did not win this year, there is always the next year to try again, Insha' Allah!
[Sevinc Ofli]

Interschool Sports News – Yahya Chebib (Grade 10)

This article is about our interschool sports day we had with Australian International Academy (AIA) and 3 other Islamic schools which were Sydney A.I.A., Minaret and Al-



taqwa Colleges.

At the start when we were walking through A.I.A. territory we all had chills down our spines and were scared that we were going to get thumped because all the teams looked like professionals... but they did not know what they were coming up against!

Our first match was against A.I.A. They defeated us with a 3 nil score! We were really shocked and needed motivation for the next round which was against Sydney A.I.A. Our heroes were Hady and Shujaa who had come to help support us and motivate us. In the first half we were already dominating 2 nil. During the second half, we scored another three which made us 5 nil up but near the end, one of their smallest players scored against Hamza (our champion goalie) which was a little shocking (haha) but we defeated them, which encouraged us for the next round.

We were versing Al-Taqwa next and as we all know they thrashed us last year and the year before. All were above 10 nil against us but we were going to give them everything we had. During the first half, it was 2-2. It was really intense and our defense was weakening, so Ahmed Hassan and I jumped on. We defended magnificently and our captain Omar was so proud of us. Out of nowhere, Omar was scoring left, right and centre and with a final defeat of 5-2 we were so proud of ourselves. I also noticed that the captain of their team was crying. I was surprised, but that also showed he had a passion for soccer.

Minaret was a really quick easy win with 3-0. We then had to play Sydney A.I.A. again. We did and defeated them with an astonishing 7 nil that led us to the finals. Gosh, you should have seen the smile on Ustaz Khadir's face when he knew we made it to the finals!

The finals were really intense and we kind of knew we were going to lose. The whole match was intense but to the end we

had copped too many goals and we had lost with a 5-2 defeat. But don't forget that was their home ground. They play there everyday so they shouldn't be too happy with themselves! Even though we lost the finals, we could not believe we had defeated every other school. Overall, we were so proud of what we had achieved because every school underestimated us. They thought 'who are these no-hopers in yellow?' But at the end of the day, we were the ones shining.

I would like to give a big thanks to Ustaz Cem who organized the whole event and Ustaz Khadir who accompanied us the whole way.

THE TEAM

Omar Achi
Ahmed Hassan
Yahya Awal
Moussaab Abou Eid
Khodr Merhi
Sayf Mohtadi
Hamza Houssain
Zaid Shah
Yahya Chebib
Shahzaib Bhatti

