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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 Firas Rahimahullah of the tribe of Aslam narrated that a person loudly asked: **O Rasulallah! What is Iman?** He replied: **Ikhlas (sincerity).**
[Baihaqi]

Principal's Message

Assalam-O-Alaikum
Welcome to the first issue of our Term 4 Newsletter. I would like to thank all the parents who made it to the Parent-Teacher interviews on Reporting day (September 23rd 2011). I hope you all had a good term break. Alhamdulillah, by the Grace of Allah (SWT) we are approaching the end of the year.

As you are aware, male and female students' are segregated from Grade 4 onwards and this is one of the very basic principles of our organisation and beliefs. I would appreciate if the parents are mindful of this segregation and encourage our children to respect it. One way to help our children to abide by this segregation is to ensure that the girls from Grade 4 and above are picked up after school only from the ladies side. Please ensure your children wait inside the gate in the area where we have fixed a transparent fence enabling the students to see their parents arriving. Your co-operation in this regard is highly appreciated to ensure the safety of your children.

Wassalam
Zulfiqar Ali [Principal]

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1st November:
Public Holiday
- ◆ 7th and 8th November:
Eid School Holidays

Sunnah Corner

Etiquettes of drinking water

To drink whilst sitting is Sunnah

What Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam had taught his Ummah, emphasised on, and acted upon his whole life was to drink water in a **sitting** position, hence drinking water whilst sitting is amongst the most important Sunnahs, and this does not take a lot of effort or difficulty. Therefore, the more a person acts upon this Sunnah, Insha-Allah he will get its reward, virtues and blessings from Allah Ta'ala.

Abu Huraira (RA) reported Allah's Messenger (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) as saying: None of you should drink while standing; and if anyone forgets, he must vomit.

(Bukhari book-23)



Seriousness of Debt

The four Hadiths below highlight the seriousness of debt including University/College fees.



(a) Abu Mūsā Al-Ash'ari Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: **Undoubtedly amongst the greatest sins in Allāh's sight which a man commits, after the major sins which Allāh has prohibited, is that a man should die in debt, without making any arrangement for it to be paid off.** (Abu Dāwūd)

(b) Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates that Nabī Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: **A believer's soul is attached (preventing his entry to Paradise) to his debt till it is paid.** (Tirmidhī)

(c) 'Abdullāh ibne-'Amr ibnīl 'Āṣ Raḍiyallāhu 'anhuma narrates that Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: **Every sin of a martyr is forgiven except (his) debt.** (Muslim)

(d) Muḥammad ibne-'Abdullāh ibne-Jaḥsh Raḍiyallāhu 'anhuma narrates that when we were sitting in the courtyard of the Masjīd, where biers used to be put, and Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam was also sitting in the midst of us; he raised his eyes to the sky and looked, and then lowering his eyes and putting his hand to his forehead said: **Subḥānallāh (Glory be to Allah who is above all faults), Subḥānallāh! What a severe threat has descended!**
Muḥammad ibne-'Abdullāh Raḍiyallāhu 'anhuma said: **We remained quiet that day and night, but we were not at ease to remain quiet. In the morning, I asked Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam: What severe threat had descended? Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: It is about debts; I swear by Him, Who is holding Muḥammad's life in His Hand; if a man owing a debt were to be martyred in Allah's path, then become alive; be martyred again in Allah's path, then become alive, he would not enter Paradise till his debt was paid.** (Musnad Aḥmad)



"TELECOMMUNICATIONS"

Written by Ms. Hadeel Almadhoun

In my column today I would like to tackle the issue of using forms of telecommunication by children. I am referring here to the use of Internet, mobile phones and television.

The world is becoming massively diverse and very widely interactive by the day. With the very advanced technology and communication tools that have become of great abundance and easy accessibility; our responsibilities as Muslim parents have multiplied. I will probably leave it up to you to complete some mathematics and work out how many times your role as a parent has multiplied in comparison to your own parents at the time when you were at your child's age. In fact, I may be able to summarise my introduction by saying that less access to telecommunications, results in less predicament.



In the multi faith, multi cultural and even multi practicing open society that we live in, we need to make sure that our children can value and understand their identities. Adolescents in particular can very easily be drifted with the common current which we never wish for our Muslim children.

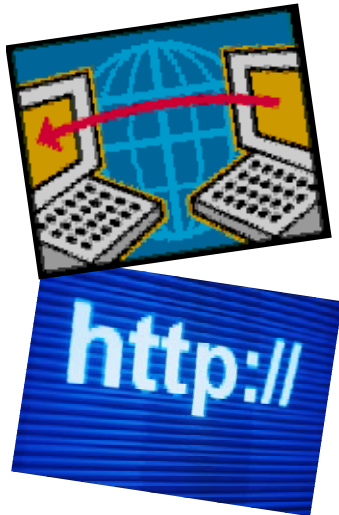
The use of telecommunications can be of a necessity, however; the question that comes to mind here is; how accessible must those tools be to our children?



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As parents we must be very vigilant and watchful on our children's telecommunication activities. We cannot keep all the doors open to them at all times and we can never give the permanent keys to them. There are so many programs and software's that help you as a parent to monitor your child's internet activities. However, I believe if internet must be used then it has to be used under the supervision of parents and it must be of limited time.

On the other hand I must mention that open communication with your child is the best way of keeping your child safe in his/her use of technology. By all means this massive ocean of knowledge and data is also a massive ocean of corruption.



I have to come to the topic of Facebook specifically. How many of us honestly know what there is on their child's facebook wall? This social interactive page has not connected old friends, as it is claimed to be used for, but has removed any meaning of privacy from people's dictionaries. Let alone the fact that it has detached children from their families and distanced them from this real world, this online interaction has become their home and their passion in life. Not to



mention the groups they create that encourage one another into the bad behavior and the negligence of main life duties. The bad language, bad quotes, devil's music and so on. (Hint: Having the PC somewhere central in your house helps

you to keep an eye on your child's use of the internet while performing other house or family duties) Honestly, mothers and fathers where are we from our children's lives today? And where are our children from the values and guidelines of Islam?

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I would secondly like to talk about the use of mobile phones by children. They are children and they are in your care and do not need to move around freely without your accompaniment and supervision. So I do not see the need for school aged children to carry mobile phones in the first place. If the need is so ultimate then an intense supervision will be required all the time. With the very advanced technology, mobile phones are not only for making emergency phone calls any more. Those little devices they carry with them opens the doors for shaytan to enter to our children's minds and hearts, may Allah forbid. Cameras, video calls, face time, Bluetooth, internet, facebook, picture sending...etc.



To be honest with you my dear brothers and sisters, the issue of mobile phones is not just a matter of supervising; it can get very serious and get your child in huge trouble. We do hear daily about cyber bullying crimes, blackmailing between teenagers and even spying on each other by locating mobile phones and the repercussions that follow. Remember; "prevention is better than cure".

We need to take good care of our children and try our best to protect them from all kinds of corruptions that may surround them. This is our duty that we'll be questioned about by Allah so our duties are not limited in feeding them and sending them to school. Teaching them what's right and what's wrong in Islam and supervising them these days has probably become the most important duty of a parent.

My final note respected parents, is the importance of teaching your children the value of time. They need to value and respect time as I am noticing that many children today do not understand the concept of time. We are going to be asked by Allah (SWT) about how we spent our time. The time spent on useless communication devices must be spent for better causes. I trust this ocean of corruption can easily drift them away and take over their Ibadah time or may Allah forbid, miss their Ibadah as whole. They need to dedicate that free time for the sake of Allah either in performing their Ibadah, learn more about Islam, get closer to Allah by reciting Quraan and Zikr or in commencing their duties as students in studying and improving their standards academically which is also Ibadah.



May Allah help you and us in bringing up good Muslim generations who can achieve high statuses in both education and deen to benefit in the Dunia and Akhirah. Ameen.