November 2018 Newsletter

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It has been a very busy half term for us all at Iqra. We have thoroughly enjoyed our first few weeks back and the students have made fantastic progress during this time. We now have a fixed timetable for all the students to follow enabling us to provide a well-rounded Islamic curriculum.

We have some exciting new extra-curricular activities due to start soon, so keep a look out on the Iqra notice board for updates.

Uniform

An update on uniforms. The Iqra uniform/bags are now available to buy. May we take this opportunity to remind you that despite the uniform being compulsory for class Zam Zam, we would highly recommend all students to wear our uniform with pride. A point to note, students must be wearing a black hijab/abhaya for girls and a white topi/jubbah for boys. We anticipate that the uniform will create an atmosphere, which is conducive to learning.

The price for the Iqra madrassah bag is £8 and the Iqra cardigan is £12. For further enquiries, please contact a member of the management team. Rucksacks are available on order for older children. These are priced at £15.00.

Fees

A polite reminder please ensure your standing order for fees on the 1^{st} of every month. Please also check that the payment is set for £36.00 as we are still receiving standing order payments in the sum of £35.00.

Disappointingly there are still some fees outstanding from the last academic year! These have now been chased directly a number of times and we will have no choice but to charge penalties for late payments.



Safar – Rabi ul Awwal 1440 AH Important events in the month of Safar

Sayydina Ali (RA) married Prophet Muhammad's (Peace be upon Him) daughter, Sayyida Fatima (R.A) in the latter days of Safar in the year 2 AH Prophet Muhammad's (Peace Be Upon Him) completion of

marriage to Umm-Habibah (RA)

Imam Ahmed Raza Khan

The Aqeedah of Ahle-Sunnah is established upon the teachings of this esteemed personality. This year marks a century since Ala Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza Khan passed away from this world. The people of Ahle-Sunnah are commemorating his life and teachings.

25th Safar is the date this blessed personality left the mundane world.

Hazrat Data Ganj Baksh

Hazrat Data Ganj Baksh Ali Hajveri (RA) was born in Afghanistan and belonged to a Syed family. He was Hafiz-ul-Quran and studied both secular and religious education. His spiritual teacher Hazrat Abul Fazal sent him to Lahore, and there, Hazrat Data Ganj Baksh started to preach Islam and also built a Masjid. He passed away at the age of 65, 18th Safar 465 A.H. in Lahore

Annual Mawlid

Our Annual Mawlid will take place on **Saturday 24th November 2018**. Iqra students will be preforming and presenting praise to our Beloved Prophet (saws). This is a family event and we hope that parents will attend to partake in the blessings and support the children.

The Mawlid ceremony will take place at St. Wilfrid's C of E Academy at 10am. Please can parents **bring children at 9.30** so that everyone can be seated in order for the milad to begin at 10 am prompt.

Please contact either Sayida Abida or any of the management team if you would like to volunteer or make any donations for the Mawlid.

Stalls

We are also hoping to have some stalls on the day of the annual Mawlid, selling various items such as cakes, stationary, books and scarves. We are expecting in the region of 350 guests. Please contact brother Yunus on 07985387367 if you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in hosting a stall.

IQRA Management Team will always be available from 6:30pm on Madrassah days. **To avoid class disruption, please do not approach teachers.** For any urgent issues, please contact a member of the management team on our new number.

HOUSEKEEPING

Can we please remind parents to accompany their children and drop them off all the way to their class on time (5.15pm). Children must be collected by parents in person from the classroom on time (6.45pm). Unfortunately, last year we had a number of instances where parents were more than 15 minutes late in collecting their children. Please note that any children not collected on time will be asked to wait outside the main office on the ground floor.

Battle of Khaibar

Khaibar is a city 320 kilometers from Madina.

The battle of Khaibar took place between the Jews of Khaibar and the Muslims.

The reason for the battle was because the Jews of Khaibar were amongst the disbelievers who attacked Madina in the battle of Khandaq, or rather the people who were responsible for the attack.

As Khaibar was a tough territory to conquer, the Prophet (peace be upon him) said tomorrow morning I will give the flag in the hand of the individual who loves Allah and the Prophet (peace be upon him).

All the companions wished the flag was given to them, but Hazrat Ali (RA) received the flag, who then successfully conquered Khaibar.

Hazrat Ali (RA) was given the title of the conqueror of Khaibar.

Rabil ul Awwal

Also known as Rabi an Noor as everyone will be aware is the blessed month in which the blessed birth of the best of creation occurred. Parents are encouraged to celebrate, hold family gatherings and decorate their homes to commemorate the holy month. We should take the opportunity of this month to increase our knowledge of and therefore hopefully increase our love for the Holy Prophet (saw).

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