March 2019 Newsletter

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March update

This month the children have been learning about Sayyida Fatima (RA) and Sayyidina Abu Bakr Sidiqque (RA). The children have been studying and discussing the high level of esteem in which these great personalities should be held and what we should learn from their lives and sacrifices they made. Please feel free to have a look at the displays on the first floor.

Letters to the Beloved

Letters of those children who took part in the competition are on display on the first floor corridor. We are very proud to announce that our own Mohammed Zayn of Class Uhud won 3rd prize in his age category in this international competition ! This is a fantastic achievement. Well done Muhammed Zayn!

Shabaan Salawaat bank

As the month of Shabaan will start during the holidays, we would like you to encourage your child/children to recite as many salawaat (darood shareef) as possible and make a note of how many are recited each day. This is to encourage healthy competition amongst the classes as well as getting into a practice of reciting salawaat on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to recite at least 100 per day. The students will be given a chart to record the numbers so that we can collate them for each class after the Easter break.

Hazrat Khwaja Garib Nawaz R.A

The month of Rajab is notable for many special personalities who left this world during this month. In the Indian subcontinent Hazrat Khwaja Garib Nawaz R.A is very well known and their annual commemoration is held between 1st and 6th Rajab. The children will be taking part in the Khatam e Khwajgan. A brief introduction to Garib Nawaz (RA) will also be given by special guest speaker Munawwar Patel of Bazme Chistiya.



04/04/19 Break up Easter holidays

23/04/19 - Madrassah reopens

<u>Rajab – 1440 AH</u> Important events in the month of Rajab

This is one of the 4 sacred months. The holy Prophet (SAW) said that "Rajab is the month of Allah, Shaban is my month and Ramadhan is the month of my Ummah".

In this month as everyone will be aware the holy Prophet SAW was taken on the blessed Isra wa al Meraj journey. The children will be learning more about this truly magnificent event.

Sayyindina Ali

Sayydina Ali (RA) was born on 13 Rajab. As you will be aware they were born inside the Ka'ba and the first thing they saw of this world was the blessed face of our Beloved.

Sayidina Ja'far al Sadiq

also left this mortal world in this month. They are resting in Jannat al Baqi They were the son on Sayidina Muhammed al Baqir R.A the son of Imam Zayn ul Abideen R.A, It is common for people to remember them on 22nd Rajab. Traditionally kheer and puri are made and served as Niyaz.

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Habib Ahmed Al-Mashhur Al-Haddad

Sayyida Abida who is from the Ba-Alawi Sayyid family will also introduce another great saint of our time Habib Ahmed Mashur Al Haddad (RA). Known commonly as Habib, he originated from Yemen and their family known as Ba-Alawi Sayeds trace their lineage all the way back to the holy Prophet (SAW) with an unbroken chain of Ahlul Bait. It is reported that he brought 300,000 people in to Islam in the East Africa region. He is also the sheikh of sister Yasmeen who very kindly made the Subhas for the children. "Don't let it go hungry!"

Thursday 4th April 2019

The above commemorations will take place during madrasah time on 4 April. Niyaz will be served to the children. Any parents who have children with any special dietary requirements please notify management immediately. The children will also be allowed to wear their smart clothes on the day. Please note this is supposed to be a form of Eid and therefore please encourage your children to wear smart clothes rather than tracksuits and football tops. Please send £1 with each child on the day. Any parents wishing to contribute towards the niyaz, please see any of the management team.

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.

Fees

A polite reminder please ensure your standing order for fees is setup for the 1st 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 as some parents have still not set up the standing order.

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.

Friday activities

Martial Arts

This has been a great success. The classes will continue after Easter. Those parents who would like their children to continue or indeed any new parents who would like their children to start, Please ensure that a payment of $\pounds 20$ per child is made by the end of this term, this cost will cover 6 one hour sessions. However, please note there is a minimum cost involved in running the sessions and therefore we do need to keep the numbers up.

Harmonium

The boys participating in the harmonium class are making excellent progress and will be showing off their new talent on the day of the khatam. We very much hope that this class will also continue in the summer term. Parents of the children will be notified. Any parents who would children to start like their harmonium lessons, please contact management.

Daff

At last we are pleased to confirm that the daff classes are back! Parents who would like their children to participate are asked to submit their details in writing to management. We expect to run a 6 week course to begin after the May half term holiday. The cost of this will be £15.00. Depending on numbers we hope that the class will continue up to the end of the academic year.

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