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السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Dear Community,

We begin by praising Allah ﷻ and sending peace and salutations upon the Prophet ﷺ, his family, his companions and all those who follow the righteous path.

We are delighted to launch our SAIC newsletter to enlighten the hearts and minds of our readers with various topics, informing the community of SAIC events and to help us remain connected to each other, especially through these difficult and unusual times. It has been a very challenging year for all, with learning now conducted online and families having to make great adjustments in many ways. Hence, now more than ever, we must come together and gather strength, support and unity as a community.

The first edition is dedicated in honour of our beloved Prophet ﷺ who was sent as a mercy to mankind with Islam, the complete and perfect code of life, which promises us success in this world and the next. We must acquaint and familiarise ourselves with his life, habits and mannerisms and endeavour to model our life on his sunnah; this will equip us with the tools to navigate the difficult terrain of this world.

This challenging year also brought some much needed beacons of light and positive changes for many families. Alhamdulillah, seven of our students completed hifz of the Holy Quran this year and during the lockdown period, family bonds were greatly strengthened. Parents and children found themselves spending more time together doing various activities including eating, praying, and socialising together.

Spending precious time with our loved ones helps us to reassess our priorities, reminds us of what is important and not to take things for granted. Following the light of the noble Prophet ﷺ will provide us with peace, contentment and tranquillity during difficult times.

We hope and pray that Allah ﷻ continues to guide us on the straight path; the path of those who emulate the sunnah and make us a means of guidance for others. Aameen

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SAIC: Then and Now

The SAIC journey began in 2003 as a simple Quran Centre located in Bur Dubai, established by a group of South African brothers for the main purpose of teaching Quran in Dubai in the style of the successful madressa system found globally.

The Centre then moved to Satwa and a dawah licence in 2011 enabled the madressa to expand further.

As Dubai developed in business, creating opportunities for people across the globe, SAIC recognised that there was a significant need to serve the communities in and around the 'New' Dubai areas. To address this need, SAIC relocated to Al Barsha in the heart of 'New' Dubai and since moving the demand for its activities has grown exponentially.

In 2012, SAIC became a fully-fledged Islamic Centre and provides a range of classes catering for young children, teenagers, adults and New Muslims.

Presently, there is a regular comprehensive education programme for children between the ages of 4 and 15,

where classes take place after school and children learn recitation and memorisation of the Quraan, as well as studying hadeeth, akhlaaq and other subjects.

The classes for children are taught in English, with 295 students hailing from over 21 nationalities and are structured in a fun and creative atmosphere which facilitate learning. The aim is to provide the children with a comprehensive Islamic education which will create and foster a strong, confident and assertive Muslim identity.



The Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ Appearance

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, the last and most beloved prophet of Allah ﷻ was blessed with immense and perfect beauty. A flawless ruby among men, a human unlike any other, he was the essence of spiritual and physical perfection. His companions compared his beauty to the rising sun or the full moon. His beauty was such that his companions would derive peace and serenity by merely looking at his noble face, but often overawed by respect and reverence would have to look away.

The Prophet ﷺ was not particularly tall or short but of medium height and stature; in company of others he always appeared the tallest amongst them. His face was oval shaped and bright as the full moon; fair complexioned with a red tinge, large eyes with long beautiful lashes and arched, long brows with a clear space in between. His teeth were straight and white, with a tiny gap between the front two teeth, through which light would emanate. His hair was brown, neither curly or straight, but with a slight wave and would fall sometimes to his ear lobes, at other times to his shoulders. He had broad shoulders, with the seal of prophethood, rounded like a pigeon's egg, protruding between his shoulder blades.

His hands were soft and silky and he emanated a beautiful, natural scent; people would recognize the path he had walked simply due to the sweet smell lingering in the air after his departure. When he addressed someone, he would face them directly with his whole body and give them his full attention, making them feel valued and important. Those who were fortunate to meet him would state they had, 'never seen anyone before him or after him, who was like him.' Unsurpassed in character, piety and physical beauty we invoke the peace and blessings of Allah upon this exalted and beautiful personality.

The Prophet ﷺ and Humour

How often do we describe someone as 'having a good sense of humour?' This is a desired trait admired by many and we are all drawn to people with a good sense of humour. Humour and jokes warms people's hearts, lifts the spirits and provides a welcome break from the humdrum of daily life. Therefore, it comes as no surprise to learn that the Prophet ﷺ was renowned for his perpetual cheerfulness, good humour and wit, providing comfort, tranquillity and peace to those around him.

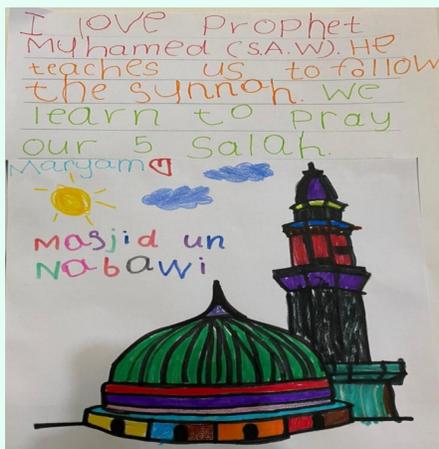
The Prophet ﷺ often used humour and wit to amuse his companions. Abdullah ibn Al-Harith ibn Hazm ؓ said, "I have never seen anyone who smiles more than the Prophet ﷺ does." (At-Tirmidhi) We are reminded in ahadith of his temperate, kind and pleasant personality: 'he would sit in their gatherings, laugh and tell jokes and listen to their humorous stories.' (Sahih Muslim)

His jokes were always 'clean', funny and witty. We sometimes think jokes have to contain rude or unpleasant language but this is clearly not the case. The Prophet ﷺ would always speak the truth, 'I only say what is true,' even when making jokes, but to make people laugh we may sometimes use unpleasant language or make up things. Once an old lady approached ﷺ, asking about paradise and he said, 'Old women will not be in paradise,' upon which she started to cry. The Prophet ﷺ comforted her with, 'You shall be admitted to Jannah as a young lady', meaning that she would not be old in paradise, but young again and this greatly cheered up the old lady. (Al-Tirmidhi)

He often used humour with his wives. Once the Prophet ﷺ was on a journey with Aisha ؓ and challenged her to a race and she being slim and slender she won the race. On a much later journey, the Prophet ﷺ challenged her to another race, which he won, and laughing he exclaimed, 'We are now even,' demonstrating his relaxed, comfortable and humorous relationship with his wives.

He also used loving and gentle humour with young children to cheer them up and alleviate their sadness. Hazrat Anas Ibn Malik ؓ had a younger brother, Abu Umair ؓ, whose pet bird, Nughayr, a small sparrow like bird died, leaving him sad and grieving. The Prophet ﷺ attempted to cheer him up with a rhyme saying, "O Abu Umair, what happened to Al-Nughayr?" (Sahih Bukhari/ Muslim)

In line with the sunnah, we are encouraged to smile often and bring cheer to others. We can also use humour and wit to amuse, entertain and lighten hearts, particularly our friends and family, making sure our jokes are truthful, not made up and in moderation.



Maryam Mahomed (Level 1A)



Ismaeel Hanif (Level 3C)

Islamic Landmarks Series: The Kaaba

When we talk about significant Islamic places, the first one that always springs to mind is the Kaaba, housed in Masjid Al Haram in Makkah. It has a wonderful history and those of us who have been fortunate to visit this celebrated site have been simply overwhelmed by its awe, majesty and presence and yearn to return time and time again.

How much do you really know about the Kaaba?

Let's find out!



- ◆ The Kaaba is also known as the Baitullah, the House of Allah and Bait ul Ateeq, meaning the earliest and historical house
- ◆ It serves as a guide to all Muslims around the world as to which direction to pray towards
- ◆ The Arsh (throne) of Allah lies directly in the heavens above the Kaaba
- ◆ It was first built by Adam with the help of the angels, but over many centuries fell into disrepair and ruin
- ◆ Prophet Ibraheem ؑ and his son, Prophet Ismaeel ؑ, rebuilt the Kaaba after many years and supplicated to Allah ﷻ accept this endeavour of theirs; this dua was accepted 2000 years later when the Kaaba was cleared of the idols that had been housed in the holy enclosure
- ◆ The structure is not a cube but is in fact a cuboid (rectangle) measuring 12m x 10m 15m.
- ◆ The inside of the Kaaba is mostly empty and is supported by 3 pillars
- ◆ The door is made of pure solid gold
- ◆ The key of the door has been held by members of the same family, the Bani Shaiba family, for over 1400 years and will remain entrusted to them until the end of time
- ◆ The rainwater pipe is called Al- Shadrawan and was added to protect the Kaaba from rain water damage
- ◆ The Kaaba houses the Hajar Al Aswad, the Black Stone, which is set in a band of silver in the eastern corner of the Kaaba. This blessed object descended from Al Jannah as an egg- shaped meteorite, a black rock with red and yellow particles
- ◆ The Kaaba's cover, the kiswah, is embroidered with Qur' anic verses and is changed every year
- ◆ The cover consists of:
 - *450kgs of pure silk
 - *670 kgs of silver, dyed black
 - *120 kgs of pure gold
 - *50 kgs of silver
- ◆ The Kaaba will be destroyed by Dhul- Suwayqatayn, a group of Abyssinian (Ethiopian) men who will emerge prior to the coming of Qiyamah; this will be towards the end of time and the Kaaba will not be rebuilt again.

Sunnah Series: Eating

Islam is a complete way of life and provides specific guidelines for people to follow in their daily lives. Allah ﷻ has provided guidance for everything we need to do, in the Quran and hadith; from waking up in the morning, to studying and working, from eating and drinking to socializing and spending time with friends and family. When we follow the guidelines of the Prophet's ﷺ sunnah, Allah is pleased with us and we attain a great reward.

Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example to follow for him who hopes in Allah ﷻ and the Last Day and remembers Allah ﷻ much.' (33: 21)

The Quran describes the Prophet ﷺ as 'أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ' the perfect example' because he was the embodiment and essence of the perfect character. We aspire to follow and adopt his qualities of honesty, kindness, compassion, humbleness and generosity and follow his way of conducting our daily affairs.

This hadith highlights two of the sunnah etiquettes of eating, Umar bin Abi Salama ﷺ narrates,

'I was a boy under the care of Allah's Messenger ﷺ and my hand used to go around the dish while I was eating, so Allah's Messenger ﷺ said to me:

يَا غُلَامُ سَمِّ اللَّهَ، وَكُلْ بِيَمِينِكَ، وَكُلْ مِمَّا بَلَيْكَ

'Oh boy! Mention the Name of Allah and eat with your right hand, and eat of the dish what is nearer to you.' Since then I have applied those instructions when eating."

(Sahih Al- Bukhari and Muslim)

Eating is something we all do every day but do you know the sunnah etiquettes of eating?

Let's look at the manners shown to us by the Prophet ﷺ!

Count how many you already know. Learn the ones you are not familiar with, practice them daily and teach your family and friends so you can all gain reward together!

- ◆ Eat foods that are good and halal as stated in the Quran, foods that provide balance and that are nutritious, Eat of the good and pure (lawful) that We have provided you with.' (2: 172)

- ◆ Wash our hands before eating – this increases blessing in our food
- ◆ Begin eating with the name of Allah:
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى بَرَكَاتِهِ
- ◆ If you forget to say bismillah, recite the following:
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ أَوْلِهِ وَآخِرِهِ
- ◆ Eat using the right hand only
- ◆ Start eating the food nearest to you
- ◆ Sit on the floor to eat
- ◆ Sit up when eating and do not lie down to eat
- ◆ Eat with other people if you can because there are blessings in eating together
- ◆ Do not blow or spit into the food. Wait for it to cool down before eating
- ◆ Eat with three fingers - the thumb, index and middle finger, they are enough to pick up a morsel of food and it can also prevent overeating
- ◆ Do not criticize food; if you don't like it, leave it, but do not speak ill of it
- ◆ Do not waste food, as we do not know which portion of the food contains the barakah, the blessings of the food
- ◆ Eat to a limit and do not be greedy. Divide the stomach into three and fill 1/3 with food, 1/3 with water and leave 1/3 empty with air
- ◆ When finishing food, lick the fingers clean before washing them
- ◆ Rinse the mouth out after eating
- ◆ Praise and thank Allah while eating every morsel of food, this greatly pleases Allah!
- ◆ When you finish eating, pray the end of eating dua.

Learn the dua and teach it to others!

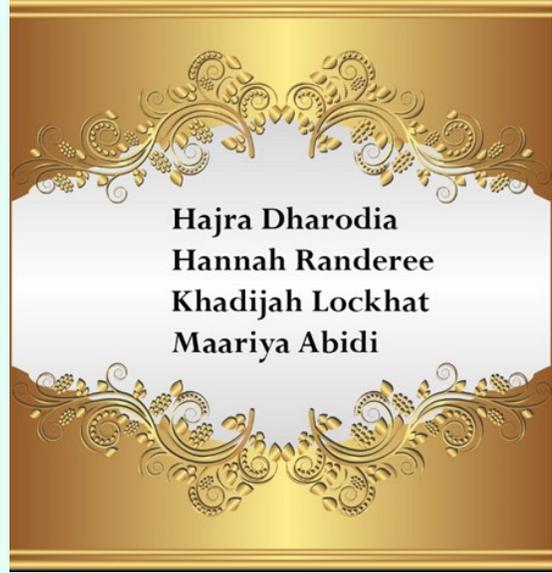
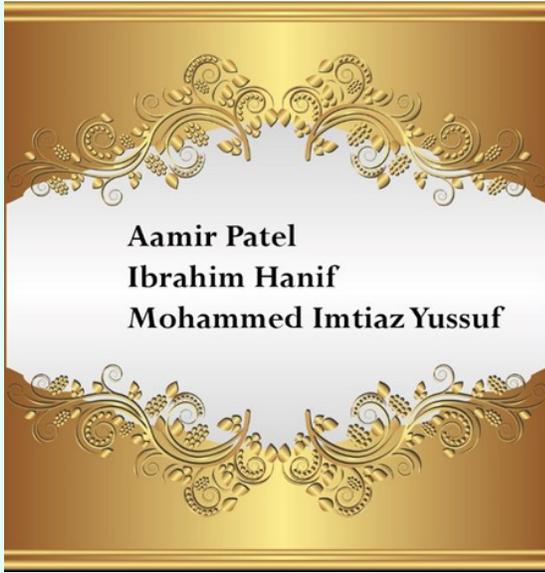
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنَا وَسَقَانَا وَجَعَلَنَا مُسْلِمِينَ



حُفَازُ الْقُرْآنِ

Congratulations to our hifz graduates of 2020, Masha Allah!

Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr رضي الله عنه narrates from the Holy Prophet, صلى الله عليه وسلم "It will be told to a Hafiz of the Holy Quran that keep reciting the Holy Quran and keep ascending the stations of Jannah. Recite with Tarteel (slowly, following the rules of recitation) the way you recited in the world, because your final station (of Jannah) will be where you were when you recite the last verse of the Holy Quran."(Mishkaat)



Children's Fitrah

Children are an amanat (trust) from Allah ﷻ and are born with a fitra of innocence, which means they are not accountable before Allah for any wrongdoing until they reach an age of maturity and understanding. Hence we must nurture them with compassion, mercy and patience during their early formative years. The Prophet ﷺ always approached children with great love and affection, often playing with them, taking an interest in them and teaching them with tenderness, patience and genuine care. This in turn led to creating a profound love of Allah and Islam in tender, impressionable, young hearts.

Sadly, a common practice of parents today is while disciplining their children, they instill erroneous ideas about Allah, through frightening the child about the anger of Allah. Teaching children to fear Allah ﷻ can harm their intellect and damages their naturally positive, sunny and hopeful outlook on life. Childhood, being the foundation of a person's adult life, needs to be nurtured correctly; a child's capacity to accept love and care is far more valuable to their upbringing than to frighten them about the hereafter. In following the sunnah method of treating them with tender love and mercy and highlighting the immense love, mercy, kindness and gifts of Allah ﷻ we will foster, inspire and strengthen the love and mercy of Allah in the hearts of our children.

Star of the Month



Every month, an outstanding student in each class is recognised as Star Student of the Month and is awarded a certificate and a prize. They are selected according to their attendance, behaviour, adhering to the correct dress code and the effort they put into their work.

Well done to all our SOTM for this term! Masha Allah!

September

Level 1A	Zenya Rana
Level 1B	Jawad Thany
Level 2A	Ayesha Sidiq Bhat
Level 2B	Umar Sherrief
Level 2C	Anoud Saqib
Level 3A	Maryam Rana
Level 3B	Ammaar Sallie
Level 3C	Zahra Paruk
Level 4B	Anas Noman Qureshi
Level 4G	Liyana Essop
Level 5B	Muhammad Arham Mirza
Level 5G	Omamah Hashmi
Level 6B	Ibrahim Hanif
Level 6G	Hania Fatima Sharrief
Level 7B	Ahmed Mayet
Level 7G	Aamira Yousuf

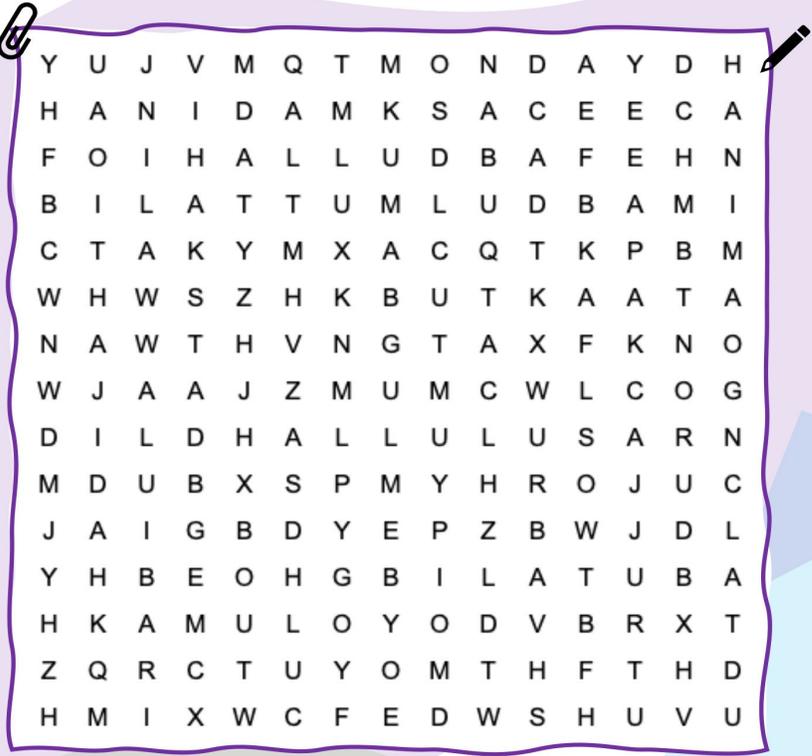
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Level 1A	Ayesha & Maryam Bhayat
Level 1B	Sumayyah & Kassim Toihiri
Level 2A	Hassan Ahmed
Level 2B	Aminu Faisal Dantata
Level 2C	Adam Qureshi
Level 3A	Arham Gul Khan
Level 3B	Mahdiya Alli
Level 3C	Ismaeel Hanif
Level 4B	Faizaan Malik
Level 4G	Hania Haroon
Level 5B	Mohammad Mustafa Patel
Level 5G	Fadwa Furkhan
Level 6B	Muhammad Sahl Alli
Level 6G	Zoya Merchant
Level 7B	Mohammed Imran Maricar
Level 7G	Ayra Hassan Qureshi

November

Level 1A	Emaan Hashmi
Level 1B	Zaynab Jan
Level 2A	Inayah Chishty
Level 2B	Isa Timmerman
Level 2C	Mikaeel Sidatt
Level 3A	Parishay Shah
Level 3B	Ismaail Ahmed
Level 3C	Maryam Haneef
Level 4B	Aahmed Gul Khan
Level 4G	Fatima Naveed
Level 5B	Masehullah Mahomed
Level 5G	Naima Mulla
Level 6B	Aadam Daya
Level 6G	Fatima Rana
Level 7B	Abdul Raqeeb Furkhan
Level 7G	Sarah Humayun

Kids' Corner



Monday
 Rabi ul Awwal
 Abdullah
 Aminah
 Madinah
 Khadijah
 Abdul Muttalib
 Abu Talib
 Rasulullah
 Makkah
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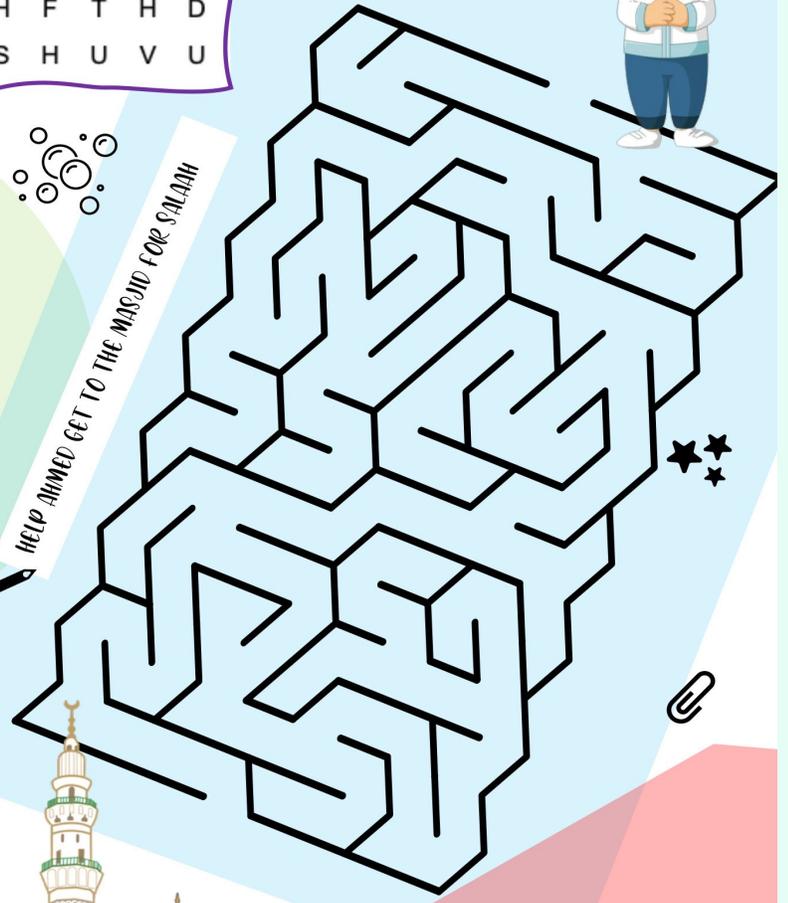


QUIZ

- What name is given to the year in which two of Rasulullah's ﷺ most beloved family members passed away?
- How many children did Rasulullah ﷺ have?
- What are their names?
- Where did Rasulullah ﷺ first meet Jibraeel ﷺ?



HELP AHMED GET TO THE MASJID FOR SALAH



UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

- ATUBWNA _____
- KAKMAH _____
- LREEBAJ _____
- RAHI _____
- JHIHAR _____

