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LEARNING THEMES FOR THE TERM

This term we learnt about the virtues and significance of Masjid Al-Aqsa to the Muslims. Allah has blessed Masjid Al-Aqsa and the surrounding land of Palestine with Prophets and made the land fertile and prosperous for the people that live there. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) began his night journey to the heavens from Masjid Al-Aqsa. There are many virtues and merits of Masjid Al-Aqsa but here are three that we should remember:

1 – FIRST QIBLA

Abdullah Ibn Umar (RA) narrates, “We prayed along with the Prophet (PBUH) facing Al-Quds (Jerusalem) for 16 or 17 months. Then Allah ordered him (PBUH) to turn his face towards the Ka’bah (in Makkah). (Bukhari)

2 – THE SECOND MASJID TO BE BUILT

Abu Dharr (RA) reported that he asked the Prophet (PBUH), “O Messenger of Allah, which Masjid was built first on earth?” The Prophet (PBUH) replied, “The Sacred Masjid of Makkah”. Abu Dharr (RA) again asked, “Which was next?” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “Masjid Al-Aqsa”. Abu Dharr (RA) further asked, “How long was the period between the building of the two Masjids?” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “Forty years”. Apart from these, offer your prayer anywhere when it is time to pray, although excellence is in praying in these Masjids”. [Bukhari]

3 – THIRD HOLIEST MASJID

Abu Darda (RA) relates that the Prophet (PBUH) said, “A prayer in Makkah (Ka’bah) is worth 1000,000 times (reward), a prayer in my Masjid (Madinah) is worth 1,000 times and a prayer in Al-Aqsa Sanctuary is worth 500 times more reward than anywhere else”.

"I REALLY LOVE MY NEW CLASSROOM"

Excited student of The Paradise Academy

Welcome to our new termly newsletter. Term two has been very busy and hectic. On Friday 7th January 2022, we had the grand opening and 'open evening' for the community to see the new facilities at the Masjid e Umar dedicated Women's centre. By the grace of the Almighty the students, teachers and the community were all delighted and impressed. On this floor we have six dedicated classrooms, staffroom, lobby area, reception, female prayer hall, toilets, wuzukhana, community room and a kitchen.

The students and staff are really loving their new surroundings. The students couldn't hide their excitement when they were showing of their new classrooms to their mums and aunts, one student said, "I love everything about my new masjid". We pray to the Almighty and ask for your support in completing the rest of the Masjid. We aim to continue to provide the best education and welfare to our children and the whole community.

We are proud to pronounce that the student's of The Paradise Academy raised a staggering £7685.31 in the 'kids for kids' campaign by Ummah welfare trust. May Allah accept everybody's effort and continues to give us the ability in supporting the needy of the Ummah.





Ramadhan – The Month of Mercy

Allah sent this blessed month of Ramadhan to His bondsmen so that mankind may create a connection and draw closer to Allah by reaping the many rewards that lie available in this month. A person who has been given the opportunity to be present in this month can take it as a sign that Allah has given them another opportunity to draw closer and earn their paradise through worship.

Obeying Allah and fulfilling His commands becomes easy during this sacred month, when it is time to contemplate the state of our hearts. Are we yearning for Jannah (Paradise), or content with life in this world? Indeed, it is very important to stay away from evil deeds. One should endeavour to save their ears, eyes, tongue, heart, and all other parts of the body from the slightest sin. One should especially refrain from slander and harmful talk. Kindness, good manners, and the remembrance of Allah should be the key focus this month.

Allah designed fasting as a time of examination of our own mental and emotional states in order to increase our level of Taqwa (devotion to God). In a Hadith, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, “When Ramadan comes, the gates of Jannah are thrown open, the doors of Jahannam are closed, and the Shayaateen are imprisoned.” (Bukhaari)

Ramadhan is also a month of appreciation of the favours of Allah and a time to reflect and think about those that are less fortunate than ourselves. A person who breaks a fast of a fasting person is rewarded immensely, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, “Whoever helps break the fast of a fasting person, he will have the same reward as him without decreasing anything from the reward of the fasting person.” (Tirmidhi)

"Ramadan is here to change our hearts and to make us better people."



Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

“Allah said: ‘Every deed of the son of Adam is for him except fasting, it is for Me and I shall reward for it...’”

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

The Madrassah will be closing for end of Term 2 & Ramadhan Holiday's on Thursday 31st March and then re-open for the new term on Monday 9th May 2022.

TARAWEEH FOR SISTERS

This year we are delighted to announce that there will be Taraweeh arrangements for sister's in the Women's Prayer Hall. Check Ramadhan timetable for Isha Salah times.

Fasting is one of the Five Pillars in Islam.

Fasting is to teach self-discipline and reminds us of the suffering of the poor.

Ramadhan is a time for prayers and good deeds.

Muslim's have one meal known as Suhoor, the pre dawn meal and Iftar, directly after sunset.

The end of Ramadan is marked by a big celebration called 'Eid ul-Fitr'.