



Secondary School Tuesday Bulletin

An-Nawawi's Forty Hadiths(Translation)

“Fear Allah wherever you may be; follow up an evil deed with a good one which will wipe (the former) out, and behave good-naturedly towards people.”

Al-Tirmidhi

Messages

Alhamdulillah the end of the first half of the Spring Term is fast approaching.

For our Year 11 pupils we have organised a complete week of supplementary teaching so parents please look out for the holiday timetable in the post.

Although we place great emphasis on the academic and spiritual side of our pupils' development, for this issue I am going to outline some of the extra curricular opportunities available to the boys in the next half term.

During the past 6 weeks we have registered for the **Times Spelling Bee** Competition as well as the **UK Maths Challenge**. Insha'Allah Al-Khair will represent itself well amongst all the other participating schools.

We will be taking the pupils on the **1001 Muslim Inventions** Exhibition at the Science museum as well as participating in **“The Big Read”**. Please visit http://www.ifcharity.com/bigread_home.html for more details.

The **Duke of Edinburgh Scheme** is also in progress so parents if you have a son who is 14 or older please do urge him to apply. For more information, visit <http://www.dofe.org>

The school's **Media Project** is also well underway, with the selected pupils creating and performing their own children's television program which will insha'Allah be aired on IQRA T.V. (channel 826) in the near future.

Other projects we are working on are becoming a **Fair Trade School** as the ethos of Fair Trade is in accordance with our own Islamic ethos; *“Allah shows mercy to a man who is kind when he sells, when he buys and when he makes a claim”*. (Bukhari). In this week we will raise awareness of fair trade, hold a breakfast club run by the pupils, and invite you all to our Fair Trade Café. We will end with the pupils doing a presentation at the Trinity School, Croydon as part of a Croydon School's initiative.

Science week is also fast approaching and we will be holding several interactive workshops from rocket launching to a **Science Fair** where the pupil's own science projects will be judged.

As always we will end the term off with a rigorous examination session, individual target setting, Reports and a Parent's Evening.

The school is still very much interested in creating a special Islamic Studies Curriculum which will be held on Friday afternoons. This will consist of visiting speakers, workshops as well as voluntary community work so please do look out for that towards the end of next term.

If you have any questions about any of these projects or wish to get involved then please

Upcoming Events

Friday 12th February

End of First Half Term

Monday 22nd February

Start of Second Half Term

Friday 26th February

Fair Trade Café

Wednesday 3rd March

Breakfast Club

Thursday 4th March

The Big Read

Friday 5th March

Trinity School Visit

Wednesday 17th March

1001 Muslim Inventions

House Competition

Well done to Tirmidhi for winning the Dragon's Den Competition. I would like to write about the product they designed but they haven't patented it yet! This week's Competition is simply the Best Dressed House wins (top collar buttoned, tie correctly knotted etc) May the best House win..

Merit List

Below are the names of the boys who hold the top positions:

Arshad Gani (Y 7)
Samim Yasin (Y8)
Sa'ad Afghan (Y8)

Keep up the good work!

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“Abu Hurairah, *radiyallahu 'anhu*, reported that the Messenger of Allah, *sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam*, said:

"Let whosoever believes in Allah and in the Last Day either speak good or be silent. Let whosoever believes in Allah and in the Last Day honour his neighbour. Let whosoever believes in Allah and in the Last Day honour his guest."

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FAIRTRADE AT AL KHAIR SCHOOL

Al Khair School will be hosting a series of events during Fairtrade Fortnight (February 21st-7th March) as part of a continuing drive to help create awareness about Fair trade in the local community.

The week will kick off on **Friday 26th February** with the school canteen being turned into a café promoting the core values of fair trade through delicious recipes of innovative cakes, tropical smoothies, chocolate fountains, tea, coffee and various snacks all with the assistance of the committed school parent body. Handmade T-shirts with Fairtrade slogans will be available. There will be a number of exciting Fairtrade products for sale along with an informative display of examples of Fairtrade products. Fruit and various Fairtrade products will be supplied by Waitrose and Sainsbury's. Local schools, colleges and members of the community have also been invited to attend. Money raised from the event will be donated to school children in Ghana during a live conference link up on Friday 5th March with various primary and secondary schools where the children will see directly the impact of Fair trade on the lives of children just like them.

This year's Fairtrade Fortnight theme is The Big Swap. We will be swapping our usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff. As a school we hope to make a 1000 swaps!

It is also particularly special to the school as it sees the launch of Fairtrade products regularly stocked at the Al Khair school shop.

On **Tuesday 2nd March** a scrumptious Fairtrade Breakfast will arranged completely by school pupils. From organizing the finances , buying products, creating posters and marketing, the students will be wholly in charge of this challenge. The menu sourced entirely from Fairtrade product includes pancakes, full English breakfast and fresh juices. In order to get the students into the mood of the Fair trade festivities they will be wearing Fairtrade colours. Money raised will go towards buying Fair trade footballs for the school.

Mrs Aisha Chaudhry, Headmistress of Al Khair School has been incredibly supportive of this initiative, she said, “We would like to nurture an environment amongst our pupils where every decision they make is a moral decision. Thus, every transaction they make as consumers should be well informed and ethically fair. This is why we want to support Fair Trade – so that we can educate our children about the consequences their purchasing decisions have for real families.”

A video diary and short movie will made by students of all the events which will be put together and presented at the live conference. Eager students have also put to use their creative talents to pen a Fair trade rap and created original art work.

The week will come to a close with a representative of the Fairtrade Foundation coming to the school to carry out an interactive workshop to help students explore what it is like to be a Fairtrade farmer. The workshop will consist of picture slideshow showing what life is like for poor tea farmers and explaining what Fairtrade via role playing activities.

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March**

Breakfast Club

House

The pupils have to
compose and
perform a rap about

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Bilal Giga (Y 8)	
Sa'ad Afghan	Y8)
Arshad Gani	(Y7)



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The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "A townsman must not sell for a man from the desert, even if he is his brother or father."
Abu Dawood

Messages

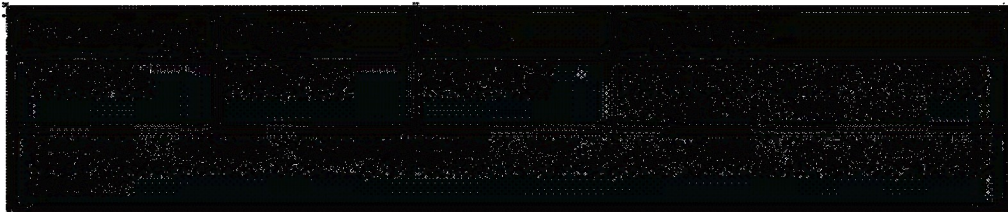
Assalamu Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu,

I hope that you are in the best of health and eman insha' Allah. For this bulletin I would like to remind you of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh program is open to 14-25 year olds and Alhamdulillah we are trying to organise this for the pupils at our school.

We successfully enabled 3 boys to reach the Bronze Award last year and this has helped them in their college applications and will be something they can put on their CV in their future life.

In order to achieve this prestigious award pupils need to complete a personal programme of activities in four sections;



The school, together with the help of community good will, is in a position to offer assistance with completing this programme. Taking part in this award will enable the boys to pick up new skills, increase their confidence as well as give them an advantage when applying to colleges, universities and prospective employers.

Most of the activities can be completed during school hours however the expedition will take place over a weekend or during holidays.

Equally important, as parents you will know that it is very difficult to allow your children to take part in mainstream activities as you want to rest assured that the environment is Islamic. Alhamdulillah we can ensure that any out of school activities, including the overnight expedition, will be conducted within this environment.

Alhamdulillah we do not want our children to feel that as Muslims they have to be restricted and cannot have the same opportunities as other children in the United Kingdom.

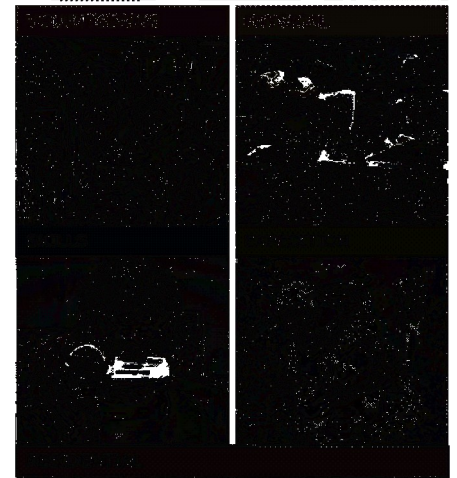
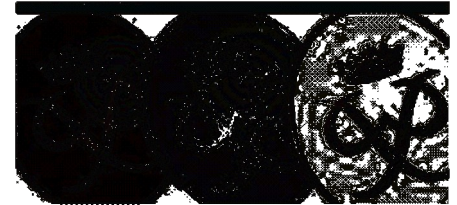
More than ever now they need to be actively engaged in useful activities and Al-Khair's Duke of Edinburgh Programme is an opportunity in which we can enable many such activities within an Islamic Environment.

We still have a few places left this year so if you have not applied yet on behalf of your son I strongly encourage you to do so as we will finalise places by the end of the following week.

If your son is in Years 9 or 10 then please register him by paying £15.00 to the school so that we can get him enrolled straight away. If your son is in Year 8 and you would like him to take up this programme next year then please email the school at

admin@alkhair.org.uk so that we can start making necessary arrangements. If you have any questions please email me at admin@alkhair.org.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I look forward to hearing from you.

Until then,
Fi Amanillah



Upcoming Events

Friday 26th February

Fair Trade Café

Tuesday 2nd March

Breakfast Club

Wednesday 3rd March

Science GCSE modular exams
Years 9 & 10

Thursday 4th March

The Big Read

Friday 5th March

Trinity School Visit

Wednesday 17th March

1001 Muslim Inventions

Merit List

Below are the names of the boys who hold the top positions:

Bilal Giga (Y8)
Arshad Gani(Y7)
Umayr Khan (Y7)

Keep up the good work!



The Prophet (SAW) said:

"A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his tongue or his hands. And a Muhajir (an emigrant) is the one who gives up (abandons) all what Allah has forbidden."

[Bukhari]

I hope that you are in the best of health and eman insha'Allah.

Alhamdulillah the Fair Trade Fortnight was very successful in that we raised the profile of fair trade in this school by educating the boys how dealing fairly with one another is inherent in Islam. We also raised money for farmers and school children in Ghana as well as fair-trade sports equipment for the school with our Café and breakfast club (jazakamullah khair to all the parents who helped out and participated in these events).

We ended the fortnight with a trip to the Trinity School where we got a chance to perform their poetry in public.

For more information please see some of the coverage the school received on the internet and in the local press:

<http://www.youngco-operatives.coop/News/Al-Khair>

http://www.yourlocalguardian.co.uk/news/local/croydonnews/5031764.School_children_learn_about_fair_trade_food/

This week, as part of our ongoing drive to enhance and extend the curriculum, we have organised a number of events during Science Week. These are listed in the column to the left. We would like to invite you all to the **Science Fair** on the 18th of March. Please feel free to drop in anytime between 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to have a look at science projects the boys have been working on.

Experience at the school has shown that the pupils whose parents do get involved with school initiatives have greater self confidence and they also tend to perform better at school academically. If you wish to be more involved with the school then please email me at

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Ismaeel Siddiqui (Y 8)

Umayr Khan (Y7)

Shoeib Ahmed Yasin (Y9)

Keep up the good work!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 17th March

1001 Muslim Inventions

Friday 12th March

Rocket Launch Workshop

Thursday 18th March

Science Fair

26th March-31st March

End of Term Examinations

Parent's Evening

Thursday 1st April

Fair Trade Fortnight pictures



Fair Trade Breakfast Club



Setting up the Fair Trade Cafe



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The Prophet (SAW) said:

“If you are three, two should not converse secretly to the exclusion of your companion, for that hurts his feelings.”

[Muslim]

Messages

Assalamu Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu,

I hope that you are in the best of health and eman insha'Allah.

This week the school is focussing upon Science as Al-Khair School has registered to be part of the National Science and Engineering week. A number of activities have been planned and organised in order to inspire and motivate our pupils in these key areas.

The week kicked off on Friday 12th March with a day of workshops for Primary and Secondary pupils on the building and launching of rockets. Mark Walton from 'Hands-on-Science' was enlisted to give the pupils a fun and uplifting experience with rocket science.

On Wednesday the 17th of March the pupils are going to *The 1001 Muslim Inventions* Exhibition at the Science Museum. This exhibition celebrates the discoveries made by men and women in Muslim civilisation which have left their mark on the way we live today.

The activities will culminate with the Science Fair on the morning of Thursday 18th March. On this day, the school hall will be transformed into a Fair with every class from reception to KS4 in Secondary taking an active role.

Every class will be displaying an experiment which they have prepared for the Science Fair. Volcano eruptions, fossil hunts, human body experiments, exploring the 5 senses, electric circuits, finger printing and exploding popcorn are just a few of the activities planned.

An in-house planetarium, access to NASA's website and half hourly demonstrations of 'Science explosions' are also going to be taking place in different areas of the school.

We hope that the day's activities will give the pupils an enjoyable and inspiring experience of Science and Engineering. Parents are very welcome to attend from 9:30-12:30 on Thursday 18th of March.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer please email me at aisha.alkhair@googlemail.com
Jazakamullah khair

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1001 Muslim Inventions

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Examinations

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Parent's Evening

Friday 2nd April

End Of Term Paintball Trip

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Ismaeel Siddiqui (Y8)

Amjad Hussain (Y7)

Umayr Khan (Y7)

Keep up the good work!



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Rasul Allah (sal Allahu alaihi wa sallam) said: "Bear in mind that if all the people combined together to grant you some benefit, they would not be able to do it unless Allah has determined it for you. And that if all of them combined together to do you harm, they would not be able to do it unless Allah has determined it for you. The pens have been set aside and writings of the Book of Fate have become dry." [Tirmidhi]

Messages

Assalamu Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu,

I hope that you are in the best of health and eman insha'Allah.

Throughout the year we have been focussing upon various extra curricular activities and events. During the autumn term we took part in an inter school debating competition and held a creative writers workshop and discussion panel. This term we have had a Fairtrade Fortnight, a Science Week and took part in The Big Read.

During the next term we will be taking part in an inter school Sports Competition and will be going away on a Residential Trip.

However, one of the main aims of the school is to develop a love for Islam in our pupils. As you know, we already have Qur'an classes as well as R.E. classes as part of our timetabled study. With the hadith of the week, form time discussions and Friday assemblies we try to incorporate Islam throughout the school week whenever we can—from basic manners to curriculum enrichment.

However, from next term we intend to hold Seerah classes for the whole Secondary school every Friday afternoon after Jummah. This is part of a whole school curriculum which will have elements of Qur'an classes, Islamic Studies as well as practical charity work. The aim is that by the time the boys leave the secondary school not only will they be scholars but also practitioners of their faith who have both the desire and the means to help those who are less fortunate than themselves purely for the sake of pleasing Allah.

If you wish to know more about the proposed classes or if you have any ideas about community involvement then please do email me at aisha.alkhair.org.uk as this school will only be a good as we all make it.

As exam week is starting soon, this will be the last bulletin of the term. Until then, I look forward to seeing you on Parent's Evening.

Ma Salaama,

-Aisha Chaudhry

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Abdelrahim Missoum (Y7)

Fasi Payman (Y9)

Shoeib Yasuin (Y9)

Keep up the good work!