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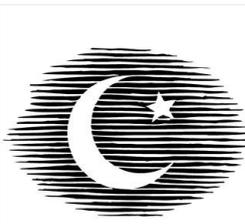
Assalaamualyikum, welcome to the 4th edition of our Newsletter.

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- RAMADHAN KAREEM
- EID

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### RAMADHAN KAREEM

Alhamdu'lillah for the gift of Ramadhan, the blessed month has dawned upon us, with Allah's mercy, forgiveness and blessings. We are elated with the arrival of this month

and are so pleased with the sincere efforts of our learners and parents in the sacrifice and pure effort to embrace this holy month of fasting. Shukr to Allah for all the bounties He has bestowed upon us and for making us amongst those who are eager to share. May Allah grant us barakah and shower us with all the blessings of this auspicious month –Ameen!

Was salaam (Muallima F Badat & Muallima A M Dollie)

*"If my ummah were to realise what Ramadhan really is then they would wish that the whole year would be Ramadhan"*  
(Fazail-e-amaal)



As you all know after this blessed month we will celebrate 'Eid ul-fitr. We are also required to discharge "Sadaqat-ul-fitr" before performing the Eid Salaah. The object of Fitrah is to ensure that every Muslim man, woman and child is free from want on the auspicious day of Eid.

*It is reported by Abu Dawud and Ibn Majah and Daraqutni that Abbas (R.A) said: The Messenger of Allah (p.b.u.h.), enjoined Zakatul Fitr as a means of purification to the fasting person from (any) vain talk or deeds or obscene language and as sustenance to the poor. Whosoever discharges it (i.e. pays his Fitrah) before the salaah (i.e. the Eid Salaah) then it is an accepted Zakah (i.e. Zakatul Fitr) and whosoever discharges it after the Eid salaah then it becomes an ordinary charity.*

Search for the Blessed Night in the odd (nights) from the last ten (nights) of Ramadhan" (Sahih Bukhari).

On the Day of Judgement, Fasting will say: "O My Lord I prevented him from food and desires so accept my i n t e r c e s s i o n f o r him" (Ahmad, al-Haakim and Abu Nu'aim, Hasan)

Message from Headmistress

**THE AFRICA 1 AID CONVOY (Cape to Gaza)**

is finally on the move. During the first term our APAX learners handed over a generous contribution to Br Shakir Baker, a representative of the Al Quds Foundation. The monies that our learners collected went towards the Gaza School Bag Project. Our learners ,together with their teachers, will be tracking the convoy on it's journey through Africa, learning more about the countries that the convoy travels through.

Ayesha Gutta grd-5 & Muaaz Amod-grd 3 handing over APAX contributions to Br Shakir Baker



**APAX LIBRARY**

Alhamdulillah, we begin by praising the Almighty for allowing our school to grow and prosper, giving us yet another opportunity to present to you: "Our library"

Jazakallah to our generous sponsors, contributors and most kind parents. Insha Allah our aim is for our library to offer learners and educators a convenient and multi dimensional facility whereby the world of books can be easily accessible to all. For now the educators will be responsible for the selection of relevant literature that the children will have access to. Alhamdulillah we have already managed to obtain a variety of books, toys and other goodies to assure that the learners have a varied selection equipping them to achieve their true potential. It would be highly appreciated if you continue to contribute towards this library, not only to help empower our children but also to provide them with the best that they deserve.



Jazakallah  
Muallima Z Sujee

**APAX BREAKFAST**

On the 24th June with the grace of Allah Apax gardens was abuzz with



activity. The aroma of masala eggs, sausages, stir fry and freshly brewed tea and coffee permeated the Auckland Park air. This was in honour of all our MOTHERS.

The theme was pink, decor was spectacular and food was DIVINE.

Our program included a talk by OT-Thara Bahadur. The beautiful rendition of our school anthem touched the hearts of many present. Guests were presented with gifts specially made with love by learners from Ihsaan Madressa. Our own learners as well as our 'little visitors' were highly entertained as they created very interesting crafts with our educators. The proceeds from the breakfast contributed towards the purchase of a much needed Jungle Gym. The response was phenomenal but regrettably space was limited. As with all our other functions it left us at Apax feeling exhilarated and motivated for planning yet another function...Muallima A Vally

*Knowledge raises the low, but  
ignorance brings down the mighty.  
Ali ibn Abu Talib (RA)*



**TEACHING QURAAN AT AN EARLY AGE...**

Bismillah

Assalaamu 'alaykum wa Rahmatullah

The following incident was mentioned by an Islamic scholar from Canada. The incident is about his 18 month-old daughter. This scholar had begun teaching his 3 year-old son Qur'aan and ahaadeeth without wasting any time. Mashaa Allah, the young boy had already memorised surah Faateha and various other surahs.

One day, his young daughter was sitting beside her brother, whilst he was reciting surah Faateha to their father. At this stage, the little girl was already pronouncing her first words clearly. Now, when her brother recited the 5th verse of surah Faateha until: "Ihdinasiraat...", the little girl suddenly said, "Al Mustaqeem", and completed the verse. SubhaanAllah! How blessed is this child whose first words are amongst the words of the Glorious Qur'aan! All this, she had learnt whilst her father was teaching her older brother! It is very important to teach Islam to our children in their early childhood. We can easily bend trees in any direction when they are still small. But when the trees grow bigger, stronger and taller, 10 people pushing together are unable to bend them. Similarly, teaching children when they are young is necessary, so that they live on the Straight Path. But this teaching should be distinguished with kindness, love and gentleness, whilst maintaining a routine of discipline & respect, inshaa Allah. May this narrative inspire us to love the Qur'aan, and to bring up a generation who will also love the Qur'aan and live by its profound message, aameen! With the kind permission of Haafidha Rayhaanah Omar ( www.feeqalbee.com)

**Parents First Stop: School Office!!!!**

Parents visiting the school other than drop off and dismissal times, must first check in with the Secretary, in the Office. In order to maintain the safety of our students, should you want to pick up a child early, wish to make an appointment with the Principal or an Educator -the Office is always your first stop! We do not encourage parents to walk through to the classrooms at any time!!!! **LATE COMING:** the number of learners arriving late to school is unacceptable. Parents please bring them **ON TIME!!!!!!!**



**EID HOLIDAYS:** School will be closed on the following days: Tuesday 30 August 2011, Wednesday 31 August 2011 [EID].

**SPEECH CONTEST:** 16 September 2011



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS OF THE MONTH**

**MAY**

- Grade 1- Zaid Patel  
"Outstanding General Knowledge"
- Grade 2- Hamzah Manjra  
"Original Thinking"
- Grade 3 - Aleeya Badat  
"Amazing Progress"
- Grade 4 -Yumna Choonara  
"Outstanding Progress"
- Grade 5 -Shaaista Khan  
"Aiming for Excellence"
- Grade 6 -Juwayriya Docrat  
"Aiming for Excellence"

**JUNE**

- Grade 1— Layla Badat  
"Perserverance"
- Grade 2— Ilhaam Muhammad  
"Striving for Excellence"
- Grade3 — Ahmed Akoojee  
"Striving for Excellence"
- Grade 4—Nooreen Bulbulia  
"Remarkable Progress"
- Grade 5—Ayesha Gutta  
"Striving for Excellence"
- Grade 6—Easa Sader  
"Charming Disposition"

**JULY**

- Grade 1 -Zayd Areff  
"Maths Whizz"
- Grade 2 -Layaan Motan  
"Striving for Excellence"
- Grade 3 -Eesa Haffejee  
"Positive Attitude"
- Grade 4 -Aamina Bulbulia  
"Working Towards Improvement"
- Grade 5 -Shaaista Khan  
"For Consistency"
- Grade 6- Mohamed Zain Laher  
"Hard Work & Consistency"

## If You'd Like to Know Why Reading Matters!!

The first words uttered by the angel Jibrael to the Prophet Muhammed SAW when the Quraan was revealed was – Iqraa – Read!...and that is why reading matters! Because the Quraan says so.. Books help children develop vital language skills and this in turn helps us with our communication skills. Reading can open up new worlds and enrich children's lives. It can enhance children's social skills and expand their imaginations... the list is endless. The more children read, the better they become at reading. It's as simple as that. An interesting site:

<http://muslimkidsbooks.wordpress.com/2011/06/01/providing-a-print-rich-environment-in-the-home/> Thanks for this invaluable information  
Mrs Fatima Talia

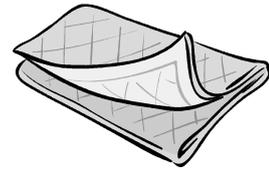


### SCARF WORKSHOP

You may have been wondering what the occasion was when our young muslimahs left school in brightly coloured scarves on the 4th of August. A mini scarf workshop was conducted with our grade 3,4,5 and 6 girls. The primary aim of this workshop was to highlight the importance of wearing the hijab. A brief history as well as the reasons and benefits were discussed. Thereafter, a short practical demonstration on the different scarf-tying styles followed. Our more experienced learners enthusiastically assisted the younger girls. Wearing the hijab reflects our muslim identity. Wearing it (correctly) increases our modesty and it should therefore be encouraged. May Allah give our little muslimahs the courage to be strong flag bearers of Islam by proudly wearing the hijab.

Muallima M Asmal

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Alhamdulillah our blanket drive was an overwhelming success. Shukran to all our parents, families, friends and learners. Contributions in monies and blankets were received. The following organizations received blankets and were extremely grateful to APAX. Westbury Darul Ulm, Bosmont Darul Ulm, Jamiah Faqihul-Ummah for Boys, Home of the Guardian Trustee, Islaamic Foundation, (Robertsham Orphanage and Riverlea Orphanage. May Allah reward you all-Ameen!

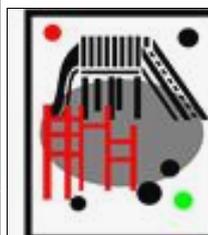
### My First Day At APAX

I walked into APAX on the first day of the 3rd term, sure that pupils would be mean to me. How wrong I was!!! In reality, they were warm and friendly. I was immediately absorbed into the welcoming atmosphere. Soon after I made friends and began my first lesson, I later realized that I am lucky to be in a wonderful school like APAX.

Naafia Amod-grade 5

**The most reliable sign of a leader is the willingness to own accountability.**

~Mirza Yawar Baig



**Our Jungle Gym** has been erected. Our learners are eagerly awaiting the installation of safety padding .

The income generated from our end of first term braai, tuck –shop sales from our annual sports day and our end of 2nd term ladies breakfast has been utilized for this project.

