

# Al-Maktab

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Allah Ta'ala is so Kind, Gracious and Merciful to us. He has blessed us with so many bounties and favours that we will never be able to count these favours ever in our entire lives. The greatest gift that Allah Ta'ala has blessed us with is the gift of Imaan. We are all reciters of the kalimah **Laailaha illallah Muhammadur Rasulullah**. Every person who recites this kalimah is a Muslim. Muslim children attend Madrasah everyday to learn more about Allah Ta'ala and our beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ.

## VIRTUES OF COMING TO MADRASAH

Our beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ has said: "Whoever goes to learn the knowledge (of Deen), Allah Ta'ala will make his pathway to Jannah easy for him. The angels, out of happiness, spread their wings beneath that person and all the creations in the heavens and earth beg Allah Ta'ala to forgive that person. The fish in the sea and the birds in the sky make dua for their forgiveness." How lucky we are that all the creation of Allah Ta'ala make dua for us when we come daily to Madrasah. Allah Ta'ala is also going to make the pathway to

Jannah easy for us. When you are walking to Madrasah everyday, just imagine the angels spreading their wings beneath your feet like a red carpet and imagine all the creation of Allah Ta'ala making dua for you. How happy you will feel when you think about this?

## PUNISHMENT FOR NOT LEARNING ISLAM

It is mentioned in a Hadith that **Jahannam** (Hell fire) is the home for that person who has no knowledge. There is a special valley named wayl which is reserved for those who have no knowledge. It is obvious that a person with no knowledge will neither know what is halaal and haraam nor will he know how to perform his five times daily salaah. He/she will get involved in many wrong things. This ignorance will eventually lead him directly into the fire of Jahannam.

## THE BEST PERSON

Rasulullah ﷺ said that the best person is the one who learns the Qur'aan or teaches it. Alhamdulillah, many of us are learning to read the Holy Qur'aan and in the sight of

Allah Ta'ala and His Rasul ﷺ we are be **The Best** of all people. Insha Allah.

Beloved students! Let us ponder over the above Ahaadith and save ourselves from all wrong and evil. When a person gives himself totally to the Deen of Allah Ta'ala then Allah Ta'ala helps him in many ways. All these favours can only be attained by obeying Allah Ta'ala.

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbaas (رضي الله عنه) has said that Allah Ta'ala gave Hadhrat Sulaymaan (عليه السلام) a choice between knowledge and becoming a king. Hadhrat Sulaymaan (عليه السلام) chose knowledge. Allah Ta'ala gave him both knowledge and kingship. Such a kingdom the likeness of which none before him nor anyone after him will possess. We should never feel that by obeying the commands of Allah Ta'ala we will be kept backwards in life. Never! Instead, Allah Ta'ala will honour us in this world as well as the hereafter, just as He honoured Hadhrat Sulaymaan (عليه السلام). May Allah Ta'ala bless us all with **ilm** (knowledge) that is beneficial and save us from harmful and useless knowledge. **Aameen**.



# THE MAKTAB

## PARENTS COLUMN

Dear Parents

**As Salaamu Alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakaatuhu**

Welcome to an exciting new Madrasah year. A special **Ahlan Wa Sahlan** to those families and children who are new to our Madrasah this year. Teachers, learners and parents form a strong family unit, who work together to foster a friendly, positive learning experience for each of our children.

Let us all commit ourselves to achieve an excellent and outstanding Madrasah year together. This will prepare us for success both in this world and the eternal abode of **Aakhirah. Aameen.**

As parents, you have taken an important step towards educating your child in a proper Islamic manner. The Madrasah Committee is deeply concerned about the development of your child. We are committed to providing an excellent Islamic education

for the children of the Ummah as well as teaching them good Islamic values.

At the Maktab, we offer a program of strong Islamic education integrated with excellent values and morals equipping your child with the knowledge of Deen that will enable him / her to live and practice as true Muslims. Learning is a life-long process, and Islam is the best way of life. Our teachers are well equipped to cater for the spiritual and Islamic needs of your child.

You are encouraged to peruse your child's syllabus via their diaries. An extensive curriculum has been formulated to suit their Islamic requirements. Subjects like Quraan, Surahs, Duas, Hadith, Fiqh, History and Aqaaid are taught in every madrasah. Another important aspect of our curriculum is Practicals which is an integral part of our Deen. It is essential for every Muslim to be well trained in aspects like Istinjaa, Wudhu, Ghusal, Salaah, etc.

A Ramadhann and Salaah chart is included in their diaries. As parents, we must lead by example. Together with encouraging your child to carry out their obligatory duties towards Allah Ta'ala, as parents, we should set the trend by carrying out our duties to Allah Ta'ala and being role models for our children. Kindly give due importance to this aspect.

Your active participation in the ta'leem (education) of your child is greatly encouraged as they are our greatest investments. Such an investment will return huge profits and great benefits in this world and the Aakhirah, firstly for yourself and thereafter the entire Ummah at large.

May Allah Ta'ala reward you all abundantly and crown your efforts with success. **Aameen.**

### 5 Important Guidelines For Muslim Children

1. Please attend Madrasah daily on time. Please do not come late to Madrasah. Unnecessary absenteeism and late coming will affect your progress.
2. Please dress Islamically. This is when attending Madrasah as well as out of Madrasah. Boys should wear kurtas and topees and girls should wear cloaks and burqas.
3. Please behave yourself in Madrasah. No child should ever be rude or disrespectful to any ustaadh or Apa.
4. Please sit at home daily and revise whatever work was done at Madrasah especially your Qur-aan lessons. Ask your parents to help you learn your lessons properly.
5. Please perform all your salaah daily even in the weekends. Set your alarm every night for Fajar Salaah and also wake everybody up at home for Salaah.





## THE MAKTAB SYSTEM

We, in South Africa, are extremely fortunate for having being blessed with a wonderful Maktab system. Many Ulama from other parts of the world, even from Muslim and Arab countries, come over to learn our system and return to implement it in their countries.

It will indeed be a great misfortune on our side if we fail to realise the value of the Maktab and deprive our children of acquiring their basic Deeni education. Extra school tuition and sports training are not valid excuses for our child staying away from madrasah. At times we even throw our child's Imaan and Deen into danger, by sending them to Christian schools which are followed by extra-curricular activities in the afternoon, thereby depriving the child of a formal Maktab education, which leaves the child growing up without any Islamic foundation. Such a child is easily swayed towards any kufr culture that is out there.

The Maktab System has been tried and tested over the centuries and has proven itself to be a model that is extremely productive. We will be unfair to our children if we were to substitute the Maktab with some new, foreign system. If our child is attending a Muslim

school, nothing stops us from still sending our child to a Maktab in the afternoon. After all, as parents, we are always keen to send our children for extra tuition despite the education they receive in school.

### TRIED AND TESTED

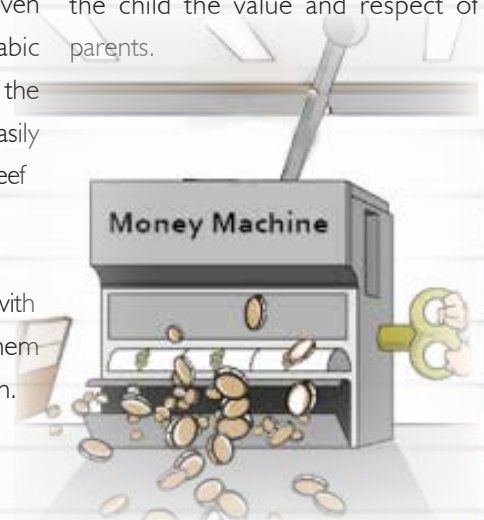
In the late 1920's early 1930's, reports came to the Ulama of Delhi that on the outskirts of India, village after village Muslims were turning away from Islam. A delegation was sent to investigate the cause. It was found that these Muslims on the outskirts of India lost contact with the Qur-aan.

Isn't it amazing how a good percentage of Muslims are able to read the Holy Qur-aan in its original Arabic text, even though we do not speak the Arabic language. Through the blessings of the simple Maktab system a child will easily learn how to recite the Qur-aan Shareef correctly.

May Allah Ta'ala bless our children with beneficial knowledge and allow them the ability to practice on it. Aameen.

### ARE WE MAKING OUR CHILDREN INTO MONEY MAKING MACHINES

Every parent's dream is to have children who will be the coolness of their eyes. To achieve this, unfortunately, most parents focus all their efforts on the child's school studies, giving very little or no importance to the child's 'Deeni Education.' The end result of such an error is that we make our children into "Money Making Machines," who have no values or feelings. If a child has no values then they will feel no remorse in placing their parents into old age homes and substitute the time and service they owe to their parents with cold material wealth. It is only the teachings of Islam, that will instil within the child the value and respect of parents.



# QUIZ

Answer all Questions and submit your entries. The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R50-00 cash.

1. Which Nabi of Allah was offered Kingdom and knowledge?
2. Who is regarded as the best person in the sight of Allah and His Rasul [sallallah alayhi wasallam]?
3. What is the virtue of a person who seeks the knowledge of Deen?
4. What is the name of the pit in Jahannam that is reserved especially for the ignorant.?
5. What is the dua for increase in knowledge?
6. Where can I as a Muslim obtain good Islamic knowledge?
7. Why is Deeni knowledge superior to secular knowledge?
8. Is the obtaining of Deeni knowledge Farz, Waajib, Sunnah or Nafal.
9. What is the road to success?
10. Which knowledge will benefit me most on the day of Qiyaamah?

# PROJECT

This month's theme is on "The Maktab"

Do a project on one of the following:

1. Virtues of Islamic Education.
2. The etiquettes of acquiring the knowledge of Deen.
3. Why do I love to attend The Maktab/ Madrassah?

**N.B. Please write your name, the name of your Madrasah, the area you live in and your grade on your project in big bold writing.**



## Most beloved Children

**Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.**

This month's theme is "ILM" (knowledge). Islamic knowledge is the greatest protection for any Muslim. Without ilm we will never know right from wrong. By learning Deen, we are able to obey the laws of Allah Ta'ala and earn His special Blessings and Mercies. Therefore, we must make sure that we attend Madrasah daily and pay attention to our lessons. We must practice on whatever we learn at Madrasah. By practicing on what we learn, Allah Ta'ala will bless us with special knowledge and wisdom just as He blessed the great Ambiyaa (AS) and Ulama of the past.

Our last theme was on Qurbaani. Very few Madrasahs sent entries and we were quite disappointed. We hope to see a much better response this time Insha Allah. Jazakumullah to all those who submitted entries for the quiz and the projects. May Allah Ta'ala accept your efforts. The first 5 correct entries drawn for the quiz were as follows:

Name	Maktab	Grade
1. Abdullah Khan	Eastview	Grade 5
2. Mariam Zulu	Waterloo	Grade 5
3. Sumayyah Bayat	Kokstad	Grade 2
4. Shakira Timol	Greytown	Grade 7
5. Ammarah Yuseph	Shallcross	Grade 4

Congratulations to you all. Masha Allah You all have done well and your prizes are on the way.

The winners for the best 3 projects are:

Name	Maktab	Grade
1. Nahiza Moosa	Baitul Ilm	Grade 1
2. Sabeeha Adam	Shallcross	Grade 2
3. Zuraida Ahmed	Sunford	Grade 3
4. M. Akhir Shaik	Redfern	Grade 4
5. Abdur Rahman Sithole	Waterloo	Grade 5
6. Faatima Kader	Reservoir Hills	Grade 6
7. Nabeeha Jamal	Kokstad	Grade 7

Masha Allah. Keep up the good work.

Beloved children! The first term has commenced and work is now at full speed. Those of us who haven't done very well last year still have a chance to work hard this year and produce excellent results. Let us all try and give it our best. Remember, when we work hard and make an effort Allah Ta'ala will definitely help us. May Allah Ta'ala accept us all to serve His Deen. Aameen.

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