

Dear Children

Assalaamu alaykum.

Alhamdulillah the July holidays are only a few weeks away and all of us are really looking forward to it. Three whole weeks of holiday! I'm sure many of you will get really bored doing nothing for such a long time. Therefore once again we are going to give you something to keep yourself occupied throughout the holidays. You have a choice to do a project on any of the topics mentioned. Since this month's theme deals with dressing, let us keep in mind as to how we dress in the holidays. Boys! Remember, keep your topees on all the time. Girls don't forget to leave your homes with your scarves covering your head. Those girls who come to Madrasah daily with the Purdah should wear it during the holidays as well. Allah Ta'ala will reward you greatly for this.

Please remember that when doing the next project do not draw or stick pictures of people and animals. This is **haram**. Any project consisting of any such pictures will be disqualified immediately and will not qualify for the draw.

When filling in the quiz please do not forget to write your name, the name of your Ustaadh or Apa and the name of your Madrasah. Also please separate the quiz from the projects. Do not send the both in together.

The winners for last months quiz were:

1. Muzaffar Bucus. —Madrasah Ashrafiyya
2. Adila Kadwa. —Vryheid
3. Nasheen A Raheem — Furqaniya — Shallcross
4. Fayaadah Khan — Raunaqul Islaam — Unit 6
5. Zahra Imraan Ahmed — Victoria Street

Alhamdulillah there were two Madrasahs who did exceptionally well in the

The children with the best 3 projects were:

1. **Suthana Alli** — **Rose Heights**
2. **Najiya Tickly** — **Vryheid**
3. **Yasmeen Ismail** — **Dundee**

4 consolation prizes are also going to be given to:

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| Nadiya Pillay | — Ashrafiyya |
| Nadiya Mayat | — Ashrafiyya |
| Khatija Ally | — Ashrafiyya |
| Humera Moola | — Vict.st. |

last theme. i.e. **Ashrafiyya** and **Eastview**. Insha Allah every child in the entire Madrasah will win a prize.

Al-Maktab

The Dressing of a Muslim

Our beloved Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has mentioned in a Hadith that Hayaa (modesty) is a great portion of a person's Imaan.

Allah Ta'ala has commanded every human being to cover his / her body with clothes. It is mentioned in the Holy Qur'aan: "O children of Adam (A.S.)! We have sent down for you clothing to cover your bodies as well as a means of beautification for you. And the garment of piety is best."

The reason for sending down clothing is to cover our bodies. Unfortunately there are many children and even adults who do not wear the proper type of clothing. It is compulsory on every man to make sure that at all times the area between his navel and knees (including the knees) are covered. This portion is known as his satar (private area). Even when one goes to the beach, etc, it is not permissible to wear shorts and other clothing that expose one's satar. One will have to wear such clothing that will completely cover the satar.

As for women it is necessary for them to wear such clothes that cover their entire body. It is not permissible for them expose any part of their bodies in front of others. Females must be extremely careful in this regard. They should not wear transparent and see through clothing that will reveal their bodies. Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has warned us in the Hadith that he will not be a witness on the Day of Qiyaamah for those women who although they wore clothes, their clothes were so thin and flimsy that it was as though they had not worn clothes at all.

Resembling the Kuffaar

Our beloved Rasulallah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has taught us Muslims to dress correctly. The Muslim way of dressing is full of modesty. A Muslim should never ever feel shy to wear the clothing of the Sunnah.

We must never resemble the Kuffaar in their ways of dressing. The kuffaar are the brothers of Shaytaan. Dressing up in their ways and fashions is in fact pleasing Shaytaan and not Allah Ta'ala.

Once Hazrat Umar (R.A.) during his khilaafat instructed his governors to prohibit people from resembling the Kuffaar in their dressing. He once instructed one of his governors to adopt the style of dressing of Hazrat Ismaeel (A.S.). [i.e. long flowing garments] and warned him about enjoying the luxuries of this world. "Wear simple, coarse and old clothing he said,"

**"The garment of
piety is best."**

Pants below the ankles

Allah Ta'ala becomes displeased with that man who allows his garments to hang below his ankles. Nabi [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said that Allah Ta'ala will not look with mercy at any man who allows his garments to hang lower than his ankles. [Mishkaat]

Men resembling woman and woman resembling men

Rasulallah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said that Allah Ta'ala has cursed those men who imitate women (in dressing) and those women who imitate men (in their dressing). [Mishkaat]

Quizz

Answer all 10 questions correctly and submit your entries. First 5 correct entries drawn will be given a prize and R10-00 cash.

1. What dua must you recite when wearing clothes.?
2. When wearing your jersey, which side will you wear first.?
3. When removing your socks which sock will you remove first.?
4. Write on Hadith about the length of the trouser of a male.?
5. Is it permissible to wear shorts at the beach.?
6. In which surah of the Qur'aan is the command given to Muslim women to cover themselves with their sheets.
7. What parts of the body have to be covered at all times for a male.?
8. Which parts of the body have to be covered at all times for a female.?
9. What colour turban did Rasulallah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] wear.?
10. What colour clothing did Rasulallah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam]

Theme

This month's theme is "Islamic Dressing"

Do a project on one of the following:

- **The dressing of a Muslim**
- **The evils of western fashions**

The Best three projects from all the Makaatib jointly will receive a book prize together with R30-00 cash Insha Allah. All entries must be handed in by the 04th of August 2003.