

Al-Maktab

Rabiul Awwal

The month of Rabiul Awwal is that month of the year which brings back the wonderful memories of our beloved master **Hadhrat Sayyidina Muhammad ﷺ**. His birth alone was a great miracle. When he was born, a great light appeared in the sky which brightened up the entire east and west. At the same time an earthquake took place in Persia that shook the palace of the King. This brought down many of their buildings. A fire of the fire-worshippers that burned for thousands of years and was regarded as a holy fire by them was suddenly extinguished. These were some of the great miracles that had taken place just on his birth. The world still had to experience the coming of this great Prophet of Allah Ta'ala and his efforts in spreading the word of Allah Ta'ala to the entire mankind.

This is a month for us to ponder deeply and to think over the reason why Rasulallah ﷺ was sent to this world. It is a time for us to look back at the mission of his prophethood and see how we can follow the noble teachings of our noble master. It is a time for us to see how many of his noble sunnats have we brought into our lives.

To know Rasulallah ﷺ is more important than even knowing ourselves. Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan that Rasulallah ﷺ is even closer to us than our own souls. A person can never be a believer if he does not know who Rasulallah ﷺ is.

Beauty

Our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was an extremely handsome man. His face was so beautiful that it would shine brightly like the full moon. His skin was so smooth and soft that Hadhrat Anas ؓ said: "I have never touched any silk that was softer than the palms of Rasulallah ﷺ and I have never smelt any perfume more fragrant than the fragrance of (the body) of Rasulallah ﷺ"

Character

Rasulallah ﷺ had a very noble character. Many people accepted Islaam by just witnessing the noble character of Rasulallah ﷺ. Hadhrat Ayesha (R.A.) once explained that the character of Rasulallah ﷺ was the Qur'aan. He followed the teachings of the Quraan in every step of his life. Never did he go against any commandment of the Quraan. Hadhrat Ayesha (R.A.) says: "It was not the nature of Rasulallah ﷺ to talk shamelessly, nor to use vulgar language. He would never shout and speak. If anyone did anything bad to him he forgave them immediately."

True success of every person lies only in following the sunnah way of Rasulallah ﷺ. A true lover of Rasulallah ﷺ will follow him in every way of his life. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the true love of Rasulallah ﷺ.

Durood upon Rasulallah

(sallallahu alayhi wasallam)

Our Rasul (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is the greatest messenger of Allah Ta'ala . Whenever the name of Allah Ta'ala is taken, the name of Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is also taken. Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) continuously receives durood from Allah Ta'ala and the angels, and he will continue receiving countless blessings until the day of Qiyaamah. We can only imagine what a great personality he was that Allah Ta'ala himself sends durood upon him. Allah Ta'ala commands the Muslims in the Holy Quraan that you also send durood on Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam).

Virtues of durood

1. Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said: "Whomsoever sends one durood upon me, Allah Ta'ala will send 10 durood upon him, forgive 10 of his sins and elevate his ranks in Jannah 10 times."
2. Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is reported to have said: "Whosoever sends one durood upon me Allah Ta'ala will appoint an angel to send durood on him until the day of Qiyaamah."
3. The closest person to Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) on the day of Qiyaamah will be the one who recites the most amount of durood shareef.
4. Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) will intercede on the day of Qiyaamah for that person who sends durood upon him 10 times in the morning and 10 times in the evening.

10 great benefits of reciting durood Shareef

1. Reciting abundant durood removes worldly difficulties.
2. It is a cure for many sicknesses.
3. It protects one from enemies.
4. It increases wealth.
5. It strengthens one's memory.
6. It will remove the pangs of death.
7. It creates unity amongst the people.
8. It allows one to shake the hands of Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) on the day of Qiyaamah.
9. It will reserve a place for you under the shade of the throne of Allah Ta'ala on that day when there will be no other shade but that shade.
10. It is a means of being remembered in the presence of Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and being honoured by receiving his salaams.

Story of a girl who recited abundant durood shareef

Once the author of *Dalaailul Khairaat* (a famous book on the importance of durood shareef) went on a journey. As he was passing through a jungle he desperately needed water for wudhu. Eventually he found a well but could not take out any water because he did not have a bucket nor a rope.

He became very worried. A young girl saw him worried and came to help him. "What is wrong she asked?" "I cannot draw out the water from the well as I have no bucket nor a rope," he replied. "Don't worry said the young girl, Allah Ta'ala will assist us." Saying this, she spat into the well and the water rose up to the top on its own accord. Seeing this miracle he asked the girl, "How is that possible?" The girl replied, "I was able to do that through the blessings of reciting abundant durood shareef upon Nabi Sallallahu alayhi wasallam'. Having thus seen the blessings of reciting durood shareef, he then compiled his famous book on the virtues of durood shareef.

Maktab Challenge

10 million duroods

Let us all prove our love for Rasulallah ﷺ

All of us claim that we love Rasulallah [sallallahu alyhi wa sallam]. Yet unfortunately our actions betray this. Any action that brings about displeasure to Rasulallah [sallallahu alyhi wasallam] is a betrayal of our love for him. We hope and make dua to Allah Ta'ala that He forgives us for our weaknesses and allows us to tread the path of the sunnah. *Aameen.*

We know that **actions speak louder than words**. For once let us all together in a joint effort recite as much durood as possible upon our beloved Rasul [sallallahu alyhi wasallam] starting in this month of Rabiul Awwal.

If in each Maktab every pupil recites Durood Shareef 100 times daily before going home, a total of 250 000 duroods upon Rasulallah [sallallahu alyhi wasallam] will be recited daily. For the entire month of Rabiul Awwal all the pupils in all the Ta'limi Board makaatib will recite a total number of **FIVE MILLION DUROODS** upon our Nabi Muhammad [sallallahu alyhi wasallam]. If each of us can double this amount daily and recite another 100 duroods at home, in total we all will be able to recite **TEN MILLION DUROODS** upon our beloved Rasulallah [sallallahu alyhi wasallam]. Imagine the thawaab we all will achieve. The greatest benefit will be that Insha Allah we will gain the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and Rasulallah [sallallahu alyhi wasallam]. Recitation of **TEN MILLION DUROODS** will bring down at least **ONE HUNDRED MILLION BLESSINGS** upon all of us. This will Insha Allah make us better people and will also save us from calamities

Let us also try and get our parents and families involved in this recitation of durood as well. The more durood we recite, the more barakah Allah Ta'ala will grant us in our homes. *Insha Allah.*

Daily record the number of durood that you have recited on the 'Rabiul Awwal chart' and hand it in to your Aapa at the end of the month. At the end of Rabi ul Awwal the Ta'limi Board will do a count and inform everyone of the total number of duroods that all of us together have recited upon Rasulallah [sallallahu alyhi wasallam]. Please ensure that you recite the durood shareef with great respect.

May Allah Ta'ala accept this little effort and make it a means of attaining His everlasting pleasure. May He make this durood shareef a means of gaining the intercession of our beloved Nabi [sallallahu alyhi wa sallam]. *Aameen.*

Maktab News

Quiz

Dear Children

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

We've just started the year and here we are at the end of the first term. Hope everyone is working hard. Soon we will be preparing for the half yearly exams. Don't panic! Insha Allah everyone will do well.

We've just entered the month of "Rabiul Awwal." This is a chance for us to reflect over the life of our Rasul ﷺ. It also gives us a chance to express our deep love for our beloved Rasul ﷺ by practicing upon his mubaarak sunnats and reciting abundant durood shareef. I'm sure everyone will try and recite as much durood as we can so that we all can present the 10 million duroods to Rasulullah ﷺ at the end of the month.

Our last theme was "Ramadhaan". *Al-hamdulillah* the response was excellent. How wonderful it was to see those beautiful projects come in. Every project was worthy of a prize. Masha Allah! Keep up the good work. May Allah ﷻ accept all your efforts.

The first 5 correct entries drawn for the quiz were as follows:

Name	Maktab	Grade
1. Zainub Ajay	Eastview	Special Class
2. Azmiya Abdoola	Merebank	Grade 4
3. Nasiha Yasin	Victoria St.	Grade 5
4. Nadheem Essop	Eastview	Grade 1
5. Raeesa Obaray	Broad St.	Grade 3

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

The winners for the best projects for each grade are as follows:

Name	Maktab	Grade
1. Raeesa Dawood	Silverglen	Grade 1
2. Ammarah Sheik	Eastview	Grade 2
3. Azhar Paruk	Westville	Grade 3
4. Naseerah Simjee	Morningside	Grade 4
5. Naadhira Saib	An-Noor	Grade 5
6. Najiya Tikly	Vryheid	Grade 6
7. Fatimaa Patel	Shallcross	Grade 7
8. Rabiah Cassim	Eastview	Grade 8

Answer all 10 questions correctly and submit your entries. The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R20-00 cash.

1. Mention 2 miracles that occurred when Rasulullah ﷺ was born.
2. Which year was Rasulullah ﷺ born?
3. Mention 5 benefits of reciting durood shareef.
4. What is the reward for a person who recites 1000 duroods on Friday?
5. What is the reward for reviving a Sunnah of Rasulullah ﷺ?
6. Mention the 2 excellent qualities of Rasulullah ﷺ which even the disbelievers used to call him by?
7. What is the meaning of, "The character of Rasulullah ﷺ was the Qur'aan?"
8. Describe two physical features of Rasulullah ﷺ.
9. How do we prove our love for Rasulullah ﷺ?
10. Who will be the closest person to Rasulullah ﷺ on the day of Qiyaamah?

He Who loves me
will be in Jannah
with me
[Hadith]

Theme

This month's theme is "Rabiul Awwal". Do a project on one of the following:

1. The importance of practicing on the sunnats of Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam].
2. The noble character of Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam].
3. The importance and virtues of durood shareef.

All entries must be handed in by 25 May 2007.

N.B. Please write your name, the name of your Madrasah and your grade on the cover of your project. Jazak Allah.