

Al-Maktab

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Ramadhān

The Month of Ramadhān

Al-hamdulillah, once again we witness this *mubaarak* month of Ramadhān. It is the month of fasting. Allah ﷻ rewards a person abundantly for any type of *Ibaadah* done in this month. Any person who does a *fardh* action receives the reward of 70 *faraaidh* at any other time. One who performs a *nafil* action receives the reward of a *fardh* action.

What do we understand from all this? The month of Ramadhān is a very great month and a wonderful opportunity for us to earn great rewards and get closer to Allah ﷻ.

Rasulullah ﷺ said that the doors of Jannah are opened up on the first night of Ramadhān. Not a single door (among the doors of Jannah) is then closed until the last night of Ramadhān. For every Salaah performed during the nights of Ramadhān, Allāh ﷻ records one and a half thousand good deeds for every Sajdah (of that Salaah). Allāh ﷻ creates in Jannah a mansion of red sapphire (a precious stone in Jannah) for the fasting person. This mansion will have seven thousand entrances. (so huge will be these entrances that, in each entrance there will be located a palace of gold adorned with red sapphire).

When a Muslim fasts on the first day of Ramadhān, Allāh ﷻ forgives all his sins committed from the first day of the previous Ramadhān. Daily (i.e. during Ramadhān) from the time of Fajar salaah until sunset, seventy thousand angels make dua for his forgiveness. In return for every Sajdah which he (the fasting person) makes of any Salaah, whether during the day or night, he will obtain (such a wonderful) tree (it will be so huge) that a horseman will take five hundred years to pass under it's shade." (Baihaqi)

Allah ﷻ has blessed us (the ummah of Rasulallah ﷺ) with 5 things which were never given to any of the people in the past:

1. The fasting person's mouth in the sight of Allah ﷻ is more fragrant than musk.
2. The fish in the sea seek forgiveness for the fasting person until he breaks his fast.
3. Allah ﷻ prepares a special garden in Jannah for them.
4. The evil minded Shayaateen are chained and locked up in this month.
5. On the last night of Ramadhān those who kept all their fasts are forgiven.

15th Night of Sha'baan

Allah's ﷻ blessings and favours are showered upon His servants at all times. However, on certain occasions the mercy, barakah and forgiveness of Allah ﷻ are showered upon us to an even greater extent. One such occasion is the 'Fifteenth night of Sha'baan'. It is up to us to take advantage of these occasions and earn the forgiveness of Allah ﷻ.

It is narrated from Hadhrat Mu'az bin Jabal ؓ that Rasulallah ﷺ said: "On the fifteenth night of Sha'baan, Allah ﷻ bestows His special attention on His entire creation. He then forgives His entire creation except one who worships idols and one who has hatred for others.

In another Hadith Rasulallah ﷺ said: "On the fifteenth night of Sha'baan Allah ﷻ descends to the nearest heaven. Thereafter it is called out; 'Is there anyone who seeks forgiveness so that I may forgive him? Is there anyone who desires anything so that I may grant his wish?' Allah ﷻ then fulfils the requests of all except one who worships idols and an adulteress."

Deprived

Despite the great significance of this night, it is learnt from several Ahaadith that certain people are deprived of the forgiveness of Allah ﷻ on this occasion. They are as follows:

- The idolators (those who join partners with Allah Ta'ala).
- Those who have enmity, hatred and malice for other people.
- Consumers of intoxicants. (drugs included)
- Those who disobey their parents.
- Males who wear their trousers, kurtas, etc. below their ankles.
- Those who commit murder and adultery.
- Those who cut off family ties.

We should therefore make sincere *taubah* from all these sins so that we are not deprived of Allah Ta'ala's mercy.

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Quiz

Dear Children

Assalaamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

I'm sure we can all feel the excitement in the air. There's just a few days left for Ramadhaan. Allah ﷻ loves those who fast. He opens the doors of Jannah for them. Many children also fast in Ramadhaan. Will you be fasting this Ramadhaan? I'm sure you will. Allah ﷻ will certainly love you. Encourage your brothers, sisters and everyone else at home to keep all their fasts. Don't forget to perform your Taraweeh Salaah every night. Taraaweeh is a special Ibaadah of Ramadhaan, so don't miss it. Try and take out time daily to make dua to Allah ﷻ. The time before Iftaar is a special time when Allah ﷻ accepts our duas.

Try to engage in as much tilaawah of the Qur'aan daily. Those of us who are already in Qur'aan should make at least one *Khatam* of the entire Qur'aan during Ramadhaan.

The greatest reward for fasting is the blessings of Allah Ta'ala in this world and the *Aakhirah*. However those who keep all their fasts in the month of Ramadhaan and performed the taraweeh salaah every night will also receive a prize from the Ta'limi Board *Insha Allah*. Make sure you fill in your Ramadhaan forms daily. If you wish, stick it on the fridge, so that you don't forget. Don't forget to make your parents sign the Ramadhaan form daily. Also show it to your Mu'allima. May Allah ﷻ bless you and your family and accept all your Ibaadah in the month of Ramadhaan. *Aameen*.

Was Salaam

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

1.	Naseeha A.R	Furqania	(Shallcross)	Grade 4
2.	Shaazma	Haven Park	(Phoenix)	Grade 4
3.	Zubair G.H.	Baitul Ilm	(Phoenix)	Grade 3
4.	Johara Deen Ally	An-Noor	(Chatsworth)	Grade 5
5.	Aaminah Adamjee	Highstone	(Phoenix)	Grade 4

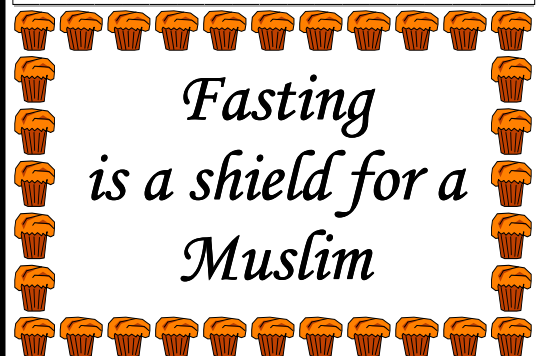
Congratulations to you all. **Masha Allah!** You all have done well.

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

1.	Muhammed Fahyaaz Rahiman	Silverglen	Grade 1
2.	Taskeen Lakhi	Morningside	Grade 2
3.	Zakir Hoosen	Vryheid	Grade 3
4.	Naseerah Simjee	Morningside	Grade 4
5.	Aamira Ya'qoob	Shallcross	Grade 5
6.	Zahra Patel	Reservoir Hills	Grade 6
7.	No winners in grade 7		
8.	Faiqah Sheikh	Abu Bakar Siddique	Grade 8

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

1. Which is the most virtuous month in the Islaamic calendar?
2. What is the reward for doing a fardh act in the month of Ramadhaan?
3. What is the reward for doing a nafl act in this month?
4. Name one specific time when duas are accepted everyday in this month.
5. What are the four things we are encouraged in the Hadith to do in abundance during Ramadhaan?
6. What is the name of the salaah performed after Esha in this month and how many rakaats are there?
7. What is the name of the big night in this month and what is its virtue?
8. How did Rasulullah ﷺ spend his time during the last 10 days of Ramadhaan?
9. What happens to shaytaan in the month of Ramadhaan?
10. What reward will a person earn for feeding a fasting person?



Theme

This month's theme is "**Ramadhaan**"

Do a project on '**The virtues of the month of Ramadhaan**' (All pupils are requested to also draw up a detailed program of how they wish to spend their days in this Blessed month of Ramadhaan).

All entries must be handed in by 02 October 2006.

Please write your name, the name of your Madrasah, the name of your Mu'allim /ah and your grade on the cover of your project. Please separate the quiz from the project. Jazak Allah.