

Al-Maktab

The Importance of respect in the life of a Muslim

Respect is one of the most important things in the life of a human being. In order for us to progress in anything, it is necessary for us to bring respect into our lives.

- 1. Respect for the Qur'aan:** The Qur'aan Shareef is the Book of Allah Ta'ala. Infact it is the words of Allah Ta'ala. When we read the Qur'aan it is as though we are speaking to Allah Ta'ala. We need to show great respect to the Qur'aan. Never touch the Qur'aan without wuzu. Do not keep any ki-taabs or books on the Qur'aan. Always carry the Qur'aan Shareef in your right hand close to your heart. Keep the Qur'aan Shareef neatly covered. As far as possible keep the Qur'aan in a high, respectable place. By showing respect to the words of Allah Ta'ala, Allah Ta'ala will honour us in this world and the hereafter. Love the Qur'aan, practice on it, recite it daily and send the Sawaab to all the Marhooms especially our close relatives.
- 2. Respect for elders:** Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said in a Hadith: "The person who does not show kindness to our young ones and does not respect our elders then such a person is not from amongst us." Our most beloved and compassionate Nabi [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] wished to have nothing to do with the person who disrespects his elders, especially our Deeni elders, for example The Imaam Saheb, The Muazzin and those who make an effort to serve our society. The elders in our community are responsible for all the things which we are enjoying today. Had it not been for their effort we would not have had all the benefits such as the Musjids, Madrasahs, Qabrastaans etc. Also remember never to butt in when elders are speaking. Speak only when we are asked to and speak softly.
- 3. Respect for parents:** From our elders our parents are the most important people in our lives. Therefore, we need to show them the greatest amount of respect. Rasulullah ﷺ has mentioned in a Hadith that the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala lies in the father's pleasure and Allah Ta'ala is displeased with that person whose father is displeased with him. In another Hadith it is mentioned that Rasulullah ﷺ said: "Jannah lies beneath the feet of one's mother." Therefore we should always love them, be obedient to them and make dua for them by saying: "O! Allah have mercy on my parents as they had mercy on me when I was young."
- 4. Respect for teachers:** Our Ustaads / Apas are responsible for imparting Deeni knowledge to us. Had it not been for them we would not have been able to recite the Qur'aan Shareef at all. We would not have known how to perform salaah neither would we know all about our beautiful religion of Islaam. For this reason we need to respect them greatly. The one who receives the very special duas of their Ustaads / Apas progress tremendously in life. Always please them by obeying them and continuously asking them to make much dua for us.
- 5. Respect for Ulama:** The Ulama (Moulanas) should always be respected. They are the ones making an effort to keep Deen alive in our communities. Nabi [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said that the Ulama are the heirs of the Ambiyaa (alayhis Salaam) . Hence the Ulama have taken up the duties of the Ambiyaa (Prophets). All the Ulama are worthy of respect. At no time must we ever look down at any Aalim or show him any kind of disrespect. This can be a means of great destruction to us. Always speak highly of them and make dua for them.

May Allah Ta'ala give us all the ability to bring this great quality of respect into our lives Aameen.

MAKTAB NEWS

Quiz

Dear Children

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

This month's theme is all about respect. From this young age we should try our utmost to be respectful in all things. There is an old saying that is tried and proven over the centuries "One who is respectful is successful and a disrespectful person will always be a loser." Being rude and disrespectful is the way of shaytaan. shaytaan is our worst enemy and we should stay as far as we can from imitating him. May Allah Ta'ala grant us all respect. Aameen. If we have been disrespectful in the past we should try and make up by sincerely asking for forgiveness and serving those we have disrespected.

The last theme on Hayaa was very well received. Many entries came in from the different Makaatib. 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:

Quraysha Khan — Madrasah Noor — Chatsworth

Tasneem Arbee — Glenearn Road

Rozeena Ramlaal — Vryheid Madrasah

Humairah Khan — Haven Park — Phoenix

Amatullah Patel — Shallcross

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:

1st Rabiah Cassim — Madrasah Umar Farooq-Phoenix

2nd Sultanah Ally — Rose Heights — Chatsworth

3rd Siraj Kader — Westville

Masha Allah. Keep up the good work.

Beloved children! The third term has commenced. This term is the most important term in the entire year. All Madrasah work will be coming to an end. Revision for the final examinations will commence. We still have a chance to start working hard from now so that we pass with outstanding results at the end of the year. Remember it's never too late. The harder we work the better results we will produce. May Allah Ta'ala make it easy for one and all. Aameen.

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

1. Mention one Hadith about respect in general.
2. What lies beneath the mother's feet.
3. In whose pleasure lies the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala.
4. What dua have we been taught to make for our parents.
5. Mention 5 etiquettes of the Qur'aan.
6. Mention 5 ways of showing respect to our parents.
7. Mention 3 etiquettes that we should show towards our elders.
8. Mention 3 etiquettes of the Musjid.
9. Mention 3 ways of respecting our teachers.
10. What is the end result of those who are disrespectful?

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THEME

This month's theme is "Respect" (Adab)

Do a project on one of the following:

1. Respect for parents.
2. The importance of respect in the life of a Muslim.
3. The Qur'aan Shareef.

The Best three projects will receive a book prize together with a R50-00 gift voucher Insha Allah.

All entries must be handed in by the 13 September 2004.