

# Al-Maktab

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## The Noble Qur'aan

**Do you wish to be part of the family of Allah Ta'ala?**

Once Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said to the Sahaabah;

“Among the people there are some who are the family of Allah Ta'ala.”

The Sahaabah who were quite surprised at this, asked, “Who are these people?”

Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said; “They are the people of the Qur'aan (those who are engaged in reading, teaching and practicing upon the Qur'aan.) They are the family of Allah Ta'ala and are His special people.

Every Prophet of Allah Ta'ala came with a special miracle. When the people saw this miracle, they believed that he was the true Prophet sent by Allah Ta'ala and could not be a liar. Hadhrat Moosa (AS) had a stick that used to turn into a snake when he threw it onto the ground. Hadhrat Isa (AS) was given the ability of curing people suffering from all kinds of sicknesses. He also had the power to bring the dead back to life. Other Prophets of Allah Ta'ala were also blessed with miracles.

Our Prophet ﷺ was also blessed with many miracles. The greatest miracle that was given to him was **The Noble Qur'aan**.

Such a magnificent book is the Qur'aan, that when Rasulullah ﷺ and his Sahaabah (companions) used to recite it, many of the non-believers would carefully listen to the beautiful words of Allah Ta'ala and thereafter enter into the fold of Islaam.

Among the people who accepted Islaam in this way was Hadhrat Umar ibn Khattaab (RA). When he heard that his sister and brother in law had accepted Islaam, he beat them up severely for this. Thereafter Hadhrat Khabbaab (RA) recited a few verses from Surah Taaha. The beautiful words of the Qur'aan melted the heart of Umar (RA) and immediately he went to Rasulullah ﷺ and accepted Islaam at his hands.

This is the power of the Qur'aan. It will affect the hardest heart. If we recite the Qur'aan frequently, it will create noor and barakah in our lives. Rasulullah ﷺ has said that a house that does not have the recitation of the Qur'aan is like a haunted house.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us all the ability to recite the Qur'aan daily in our homes. *Aameen*.

# 9 Etiquettes of the Qur'aan

Did You know ?

When reciting the Noble Qur'aan, we should make sure that we recite with sincerity and also read with respect and etiquette. The following are some of the etiquettes of reciting the Qur'aan Shareef:

1. Be in the state of wudhu. It is haraam to touch the Qur'aan without wudhu.
2. Use the miswaak before reciting the Qur'aan.
3. Recite the Qur'aan in a clean place.
4. Face the Qiblah (if possible).
5. Place the Qur'aan on a high place like a desk or pillow. Do not place the Qur'aan on the floor or any place where people sit like a chair, etc.
6. It is preferable for males to apply some Itr (fragrance) before reciting.
7. Remove your shoes before reciting the Qur'aan.
8. Always hold it in your right hand close to your heart.
9. Do not face your back or stretch your feet towards the Qur'aan.

1. There are 30 paras in the Holy Qur'aan.
2. There are 114 surahs in the Holy Qur'aan.
3. Hadhrat Jibreel (AS) was the angel who brought down the Qur'aan to Rasulallah ﷺ.
4. The Qur'aan was revealed in the month of Ramadhaan on Laylatul Qadr.
5. The word Qur'aan means "that which is recited".
6. The Qur'aan is the greatest miracle of Rasulallah ﷺ.
7. The longest surah in the Holy Qur'aan is Surah Baqarah and the shortest surah is Surah Kauthar.
8. The heart of the Holy Qur'aan is Surah Yaseen.
9. Surah Faatihah is known as "The mother of the Holy Qur'aan."

## Story of a person who showed respect to the Qur'aan

Bishr Haafi was a man with evil ways and habits. However, he had great respect for the Qur'aan, and its pages. One day whilst walking he found a page of the Qur'aan on the floor. He picked it up, kissed it, dusted the sand off and placed it on a high shelf with respect. Allah ﷻ loved this action so much that He forgave him for all his past sins.

Thereafter, Bishr Haafi became a very great, pious, saintly person. Many people used to attend his lectures and benefited from him tremendously.

## 5 rights of the Qur'aan

- \* Respect the Qur'aan
- \* Recite the Qur'aan
- \* Understand the meaning and the message of the Qur'aan from reliable Ulama.
- \* Practice on the Qur'aan
- \* Teach the message of the Qur'aan to others.

## The reward of reciting the Qur'aan

Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said, "One who reads one letter of the Qur'aan receives one hasanah (reward) and rewards are multiplied by ten. Thereafter Rasulallah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said, "I am not saying that Alif, laam, meem is one letter but alif is one letter, laam is one letter and meem is one letter."

Can we then imagine what will be the reward for reciting;

- One line of the Holy Qur'aan .....??????  
 One page of the Holy Qur'aan .....??????  
 One Para of the Holy Qur'aan .....??????  
 What about reciting the entire Qur'aan.....??????

## Do you wish to clean your heart?

Once our beloved Nabi ﷺ said to the Sahaabah, "Our hearts rust just as iron rusts with water." Someone asked, "What would clean the heart again?"

Rasulullah ﷺ said;

**"Remembrance of death and the recitation of Qur'aan."**



# Ramadhaan Qur'aan Challenge

*Al-hamdulillah!* it was very encouraging to see the wonderful response we got for the "Qur'aan challenge" from the various Makaatib. Children of all ages had made a concerted effort to complete the recitation of the Qur'aan-e-Majeed. Some pupils had completed several khatams of the Qur'aan. May Allah Ta'ala reward us all abundantly and accept our fasting, taraweeh, tilaawat and all the other Ibaadah rendered in the month of Ramadhaan.

We also make dua to Allah Ta'ala to give us the strength and ability to continue reciting the Qur'aan even out of Ramadhaan. This will bring about a great amount of barakah and blessing in our life. It will also be a protection for us in the grave and will be a means of benefit for us in the aakhirah. The following is the total number of khatams made by all the ta'limi board makaatib as well as the total number of Paras recited by those pupils who could not complete one khatam of the Qur'aan

Total number of Qur'aan  
Khatams for Ramadhaan

721

Total number of Paras recited  
(in addition to the above khatams)

3141

## Our pious Elders and their attachment with the Qur'aan

Our pious Ulama and elders would spend a great portion of their time in reciting the Noble Qur'aan.

Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] used to wake up every night and recite the Qur'aan in the Tahajjud Salaah. At times he would recite upto five paras of the Qur'aan in one rakaat of salaah. Whilst reciting the Qur'aan, he would cry profusely whenever he came across any verses regarding the Aakhirah or Jahannum.

When Hadhrat Uthmaan (RA) used to start reciting the Qur'aan in salaah, he would complete the recitation of the entire Qur'aan in one rakaat of that salaah.

Whenever Hadhrat Ikramah (Radi Allahu anhu) opened the Qur'aan to recite, he would fall down unconscious and he would utter the words, "These are the words of my Allah, These are the words of my Allah."

These are just a few examples of our pious elders and their attachment to the Qur'aan Shareef. May Allah Ta'ala also grant us a small portion of this love as well. *Aameen.*

# Maktab News

## Quiz

Dear Children

*Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.*

I hope everyone enjoyed their Eid. May Allah Ta'ala accept our fasting, taraweeh, tilaawat, tasbeeh, zikr and all other ibaadah that was done during the month of Ramadhaan. May He accept all our duas and write our names from those who will be blessed with His forgiveness. *Aameen.*

*Al-hamdulillah* we have just entered into the final term of the year, which is also the most important term. The final examinations are round the corner, so let us all begin our preparations and make sure we pass with flying colours.

Our last theme was on "Our beloved parents". Masha Allah to all the participants. What wonderful projects. Most definitely there was lots of hard work that went into it. May Allah Ta'ala reward you all abundantly for all the hard work.

The names of the winners are as follows:

Name	Maktab	Grade
1. Aaliya Abbaas Essop	Eastview	Grade 3
2. Ismail Langa	Dundee	Grade 3
3. Aarefah Khan	Newcastle	Grade 4
4. Sumayyah Dawood	Dannhauser	Grade 5
5. Maseeha Vahed	Esneembe	Grade 6

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. Sameer Ramphal	An-Noor - Kokstad	Grade 1
2. Raeesa Dawood	Silverglen	Grade 2
3. Juwairiyya Nabee	Dannhauser	Grade 3
4. Amina Peer	An-Noor - Kokstad	Grade 4
5. Suhail Ismail	Eastview	Grade 5
6. Naseeba Khatradah	An-Noor - Kokstad	Grade 6
7. Najiyah Tickly	Vryheid	Grade 7

Special congratulations to An-Noor Madrasah in Kokstad. They have taken three prizes for the last project. Masha Allah!

Answer all 10 questions correctly and submit your entries. The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R30-00 cash.

1. What was the greatest miracle given to Rasulullah ﷺ?
2. Which people are regarded as the family of Allah ﷺ?
3. What are the two things that clean the rust of the heart?
4. What was the name of the famous Sahaabi who used to read the entire Qur'aan in one rakaat?
5. Which were the first verses of the Qur'aan to be revealed?
6. How long did it take for the Qur'aan to be revealed?
7. How many paras, surahs and manzils are there in the Qur'aan?
8. What are the five rights of the Qur'aan upon us?
9. Which surah is the heart of the Qur'aan?
10. Mention one virtue of it. (the heart of the Qur'aan).

## Theme

This month's theme is "The Holy Qur'aan". Do a project on one of the following:

1. The virtues of the Holy Qur'aan
2. The history of the compilation of the Holy Qur'aan.

All entries must be handed in by 31 January 2008.

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