

AKHLAAQ AWARDS

TERM 1:

Grade 4 : Mahomed Samiya &
Rajah Uwais

Grade 5 : Ravat Aamina &
Bodhania M. Ziya

Grade 6 : Mohamed Alli Amani &
Younus M. Sa'ad

Grade 7 : Kadri Iqra & Moolla Khalid

TERM 2:

Grade 4 : Waja Sihaam &
Osman Cassim

Grade 5 : Moefar Zahrah &
Ebrahim Abdul Malik

Grade 6 : Moefar Iman &
Rooknoodeen M. Ziya

Grade 7 : Cassim Tanweer &
Goolam Hoosen Hamza

SCHOOL'S OUT!

The new year comes and goes as quickly as waves on the ocean, often making it difficult to account for how times have changed and how we have grown. Alhamdulillah, we at Tshwane Muslim School, hope that as you read and reflect on the first half of 2018, it reminds you of the efforts of our learners to be good and do good and Insha Allah be rightly guided. We hope that our newsletter inspires each person to do more good and to spend our time in the path of Allah (SWT) so that, Insha Allah, we will be better with every passing day, month and year.

JUNE 2018

THE QIRAAT JALSA

The Jalsa was amazing. It was comforting to listen to the beautiful words of Allah (SWT). All the learners tried their best to read from the Holy Quraan on stage and I think that they were very brave. The learners behaved very well and also encouraged each other. Many parents were present to listen to their little angels reading the Holy Quraan. They were pleasantly surprised when they heard the learners' recitations and were very proud of their children. It was such a pleasure to be seated in the masjid listening to the words of Allah (SWT) being recited. May Allah (SWT) always keep the Holy Quraan in our hearts and protect us from all kinds of danger.

By: Baboucarr Mballow
Grade 4B



ANNUAL QIRAAT JALSA

On the 23rd May, our Qiraat Jalsa took place. I read the last 7 lines of the 1st Para. At the Jalsa I heard some very good recitations. It was so inspiring to hear the melodious words of the Holy Quraan being recited by the learners. I also presented an Arabic dialogue on the day. The end of the Jalsa came very quickly. I received my certificate and listened to the closing dua. Oh Allah (SWT), grant us the strength to recite from Your Noble Book next year and for the rest of our lives Insha Allah!

By: Danyal Cajee
Grade 4B

HIJAB DAY

On a crisp Saturday morning, the youth from our community gathered at our school for a day of excitement. We would like to thank Appa Nabihah for hosting three inspiring ladies, who spoke to us about the importance of how to be an independent young Muslimah.

Sisters Joharah, Zahira and Tasneem spoke to us about their own personal

life experiences, which had a great impact on us. They inspired and motivated us and made us believe that we could achieve anything if we put our minds to it. We thank them for sharing those valuable advices with us and taking of their time to inspire us.

By: Nabeeha Mohamed & Zahraa Patel
Grade 7A

LITERARY FESTIVAL

On the 1st March we had a fun Literary Festival at school. Various authors visited the school like Shafinaaz Hassim, who taught the Grades 6 and 7 learners how to create stories. We even got to write our own little story. The Lab Productions, Zakira Bhika, showed the Grades 4, 5 and 6 learners how to present monologues. Each grade had a different monologue to learn and then recited it to the audience. There were many famous authors and some artists too. Each grade had a different yet special experience at our 2nd annual Literary Festival.

By: Zaheen Dockrat
Grade 6C

KNOWLEDGE IS LIGHT

THE ANNUAL LITERARY FESTIVAL

The Literary Festival took place on the 1st March and encapsulated many activities. One of the most memorable activities was the monologues performed by the Grades 4, 5 and 6 learners. There was an author present on the day who wrote a book called Nisa Qamar and the Master of Jinniaville. The book was about a haunted school.

There were many authors and each of them had a different book to showcase which was quite interesting. Our favourite moments were the breathing exercises by the Lab Productions – under the leadership of Zakira Bhika. She gave us some valuable tips with regards to oral presentations. We hope to meet these authors again soon.

By: Aaliyah Dawood – Grade 6B & Zafreen Ismail – Grade 6C

SHOE-BOX PROJECT

The Junior RCL has once again embarked on the shoe-box gift collection this Ramadhaan. Learners from Grades 1-7 collected shoe-boxes, decorated it and filled it with goodies which were then gifted to needy children. These beautiful boxes were made with lots of pride and attention to detail. The shoe-boxes included stationery packs, sweet treats, toiletries, socks, scarves and toys. The boxes were distributed to the less fortunate children who were very grateful and ecstatic to receive these gifts. May Allah (SWT) reward all those who donated so generously.

By: Adnaan Mahomed, Zakariya Moosa & Yahyaa Aboo – Grade 7B

THE AMESA CHALLENGE

We were stressed, nervous, anxious and scared, all due to the Amesa Challenge. Although it doesn't count towards the term mark, we were determined to do well. We got the papers, lifted our pens and began to write. It was unexpectedly quite easy. At the end of an hour, we impatiently awaited our marks. Apa Sabeehah, our amazing Mathematics teacher, read out the results the following day. We both got to enter into the next round. We were overjoyed and humbled, it was the most amazing feeling ever. The second round of the Amesa Challenge is scheduled to be on the 1st of August 2018. It may just make us stressed, nervous, anxious and scared all over again but we know that it will end perfectly, Insha-Allah.

By: Samiha Mahomed and Aaliyah Dockrat
Grade 5A

CRAZY TEKKIE DAY

One of the responsibilities of the Junior RCL was to raise funds for a Madressah in Malawi. Members of the Learner Council were asked to come up with ideas for raising these funds. I remembered about 6 years ago the school had a Crazy Shoe Day and proposed that we have a 'Crazy Tekkie Day' to raise funds for the Madressah.

The task was to identify a day when learners would be allowed to wear any tekkie to school, instead of their standard school shoes. However, they had to pay an amount of R10-00 if they wanted to kick off their boring school shoes and wear a colourful, crazy or wacky pair of tekkies. All learners were given a sticker to put on their clothes, indicating that they were participating in the fundraiser.

The day identified was Monday, the 19th March 2018 and the learners did not disappoint. I think the learners had a lot of fun with the opportunity to break away from the normally strict rules regarding school shoes. More importantly though is that, Alhamdulillah, we managed to raise a substantial amount for the Madressah. May Almighty Allah accept our efforts and forgive us for any shortcomings and may He continue to use us to uplift His Deen.

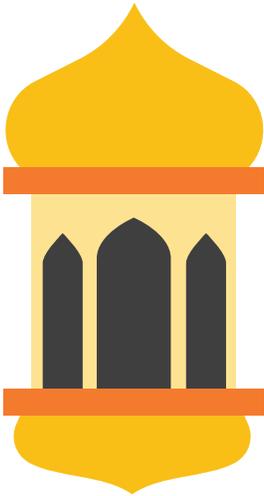
By: Yasin Ismail
Grade 7B



THE MST QUIZ

The weekend before the MST Quiz was extremely stressful for me and the reason was... the MST Quiz! It wasn't my first time participating in the quiz but I was stressed out because I thought that the Grade 5 questions would be more difficult than the Grade 4 questions. But the truth is, it wasn't. It was in fact more fun. First, we had the outdoor challenges. The Blue Team won that. Thereafter it was the quiz. I was so nervous. I went on stage and found the table with the yellow ribbon. I sat in the middle seat. After the Maths and Science section was completed, I calmed down. Sir Idrees was asking the audience questions. Then all the quiz teams were asked to leave the hall, except the first team. We weren't waiting that long when they called the Yellow Team. They asked us to sit on the stage and then asked us many questions. We answered most of them correctly. At the end of the day we didn't win though. The Black Team won but that didn't matter to me. I had fun and that was all that mattered!

By: Yumna Kader
Grade 5A



ZAIN BHIKHA'S LATEST CD LAUNCH

Zain Bhikha came back to his hometown on the same stage that he started his career 24 years ago to launch his new album, Cotton Candy Sky. Although he is an international nasheed artist, he only charged a small fee of R50 per ticket. The album was launched in collaboration with TMS on Friday and Saturday and served as a fundraiser for the school. The stage was decorated with balloons and lots of colourful cotton candy to fit in with the theme. The show started off with Tariq Malinga who gave a beautiful rendition of the 99 names of Allah. There was a big screen where videos were projected to compliment the songs. Zain Bhikha was joined by Omar Regan who is featured in the official video. He is an American stand-up comedian. All Zain's songs have powerful messages for the youth. Cotton Candy Sky highlights the importance of trust, love and gratitude. It teaches us that Allah (SWT) is in control of everything and nothing happens without His will. It was one and a half hours of amazing entertainment which was enjoyed by both young and old. When the show ended, the crowd was quite excited to have their CDs and books autographed. Zain Bhikha is a wonderful person inside and out. He perfectly defines what it means to be a 'Proudly South African Muslim' and is a great ambassador for our country. He brings joy and hope to thousands through the power of his nasheeds. A true inspiration!

By: Ahmed Moosa | Grade 6B

SUNRISE SCHOOL SPORT'S DAY

On Thursday 19th April, the Junior RCL members engaged in exciting activities with the students from Sunrise School. We were afforded this wonderful opportunity to assist these disabled learners on their Sport's Day. This event was incredible as all the races were quite energetic. We handed out delicious food packages and also helped with the various races. This was an interesting experience as it was both emotional and exciting. We had a great time and were very involved and interacted with each learner. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful ending to the day when the Lamborghini team was declared victorious.

By: Umaymah Hoosen (Junior Head Girl) and Siehaam Nagdee
Grade 7A

ANNUAL ATHLETICS DAY

On the 20th of March the Blue Jays, Green Lanterns and Red Socks battled head to head for the winning title. Everyone ran for their lives and did not hold back. It was an intense war but having fun was all that mattered. Yet in our hearts, we loved winning just as

much as the next person. As the day ended, everyone was quite elated as we all had a great time running races like the obstacle course, relay and sprints until it started to rain. The Green Lanterns ultimately won the battle, for the first time in years! It was an awesome day. I'm thankful to Allah (SWT) for allowing us to enjoy this wonderful day.

By: Zuhaira Hoosen
Grade 5A

ANNUAL SPORT'S DAY

It all began in March when we stepped onto the soccer pitch at the Laudium Stadium on a bitterly cold morning. The teams were the Lions, Cheetahs and Bulls. The first race was the relay which the Cheetahs won in the Under 10 category. That was when things started to heat up. Then there was shotput, 100 meter hurdles, 100 meter sprints, sack race, two hundred meters and the four hundred meter races. Last was the much anticipated tug of war but unfortunately it started to drizzle which quickly developed into a complete storm. We all then

headed home. Apart from the sudden downpour, it was an amazing day.

By: Zidaan Nagdee and M. Aman Cassim
Grade 5B

SOCCER TOURNAMENT

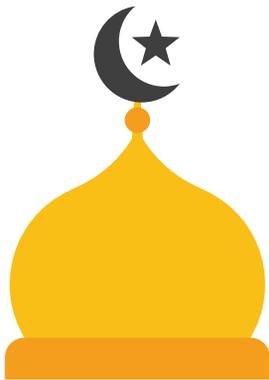
There were three teams playing in the tournament. Our team was named The Dark Warriors. We versed the Grade 5 boys and we drew the match. I scored a goal in that game. We believed that we could win the tournament but we struggled to win that match. We also versed the other Grade 5 team and we drew that match. My second goal was scored there. We played as hard as we could and tried to defend the goals. Nabeel took a free kick and he scored. The final score was one-one. Our final match was with The Legends who eventually won the tournament. The Grade 5 team took penalties for second place. We unfortunately came out last!

By: Ali Machaba
Grade 4B

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The tournament started at 9am. We had to rush to get to school on time as Mr Zahid would disqualify us if we were late. We had a few minutes to practice. Finally the moment we were all waiting for dawned upon us. The games began! Oh and did I forget to mention that only a few boys got chosen, the best eight in each grade! I was the best in the grade and M. Tameem was placed fifth in the grade. Even though we didn't win any medals or trophies, at least we know that we made the team so that's all that matters! At the end of the day, it's not only about the things you win, it's about the fun and enjoyment you have during that period of time. I love Table Tennis as it is really fun and exciting. I love sports, it's the best period in school. I hope that one day I become really good at Table Tennis and play just like those professional Table Tennis players.

By: Aadil Vally and M. Tameem Dockrat
Grade 5B



As the second term draws to a close, it is with sadness that we had to bid farewell to our guest, the beautiful month of Ramadhaan.

However, we pray that each and every one of our learners and their families have a good and indeed well-deserved holiday.

Our editorial team would like to thank you for taking the time to 'catch up' with us and we hope to welcome you all next term with the same fervour, fun and fantastic stories to share. Till then, Was-Salaam...

THE JRCL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

I remember it clearly, 15th February 2018, our school's first soccer tournament of the year. The age group for this tournament was the 10-13 year olds or the Grades 4-7. My team played the first match; Sultans versus Silver 7 pretty much like Real Madrid versus Barcelona! The match just started and my team had already lost the ball! Then straight after we scored a goal.

Our match finished 1-0 while the other teams on the other court had a more exciting result. Our next match was against the Big Boy Footballers. I motivated my team as after the previous match, they were really feeling down in the dumps. Whilst Sultans were slaying every team that they played, we decided to watch the other exciting matches. After we had played five matches, it was quite obvious that we were knocked out of the tournament by only winning one match, drawing another match and losing the rest! The semi-final teams were Sultans versus Galaxy 7 and Classic 7 versus Legends. The final match was between Sultans and Classic 7. Sultans won the match and thus the tournament.

I would like to thank Mr Zahid as this wouldn't have been possible without his assistance and guidance.

By: Yusuf Ahmed
Grade 7C

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Netball tournament was held at Tshwane Muslim School on Friday after Jumah Salaah. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement. Girls from Grade 4 to Grade 7 were allowed to select their own teams. The game is usually played by two teams of 7 players each. It was a competitive afternoon with all the girls giving off their best. The highlight was when our Grade 4 girls, who called themselves "Blue Lightning" beat the Grade 6 girls. It was a wonderful opportunity for our girls to go out there and have fun. In the end, it was the enjoyment of the sport that counted and not just the winning!

By: Zahra Gani and Amani Omar
Grade 4A

THE NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Netball tournament took place on Friday, the 4th of May. The Grade 4 team was named Blue Thunder. We all brought delicious snacks. For the first match we versed the Grade 5 team and we won. Then we had a break and we played the second match. We versed the other Grade 5 team. We won them six – nil! That match was everyone's favourite because we won by many goals. We then went to practice our ball skills on the other court. Our appa called us for the third match. We versed the Grade 6 team. We had a tough time as some of them were very tall but we didn't give up and played our best. We were all very excited to hear the final scores. The Grade 4s had 8 points, the Grade 5s had seven points and the Grade 6s also had seven points. That meant that we had won the tournament. We were all ecstatic. Our appa was proud of us but we couldn't have done it without her good training and support. So we thank her.

By: Tazkia Bhamjee and Tahsin Sacoor
Grade 4A