



Tshwane Muslim School 2018

Foundation Phase NEWSLETTER

First half
Ramadaan 1439

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The Auspicious Month of Ramadaan

The activities during this month of blessings emphasized our humble efforts to gain Allah's mercy, beg for his forgiveness and plead for an abode in Jannah. Our corridors echoed with the melodious chants of Dhikr and Quraanic verses, each morning. Shaytaan was nowhere to be found!

In the name of Allah the most gracious the most merciful

Assalamu Alaikum
Dear Esteemed Parents and Caregivers

We gladly close the curtains of the second term with gratitude to Almighty Allah. We are satisfied with the academic, social and moral development of our children- the children we SHARE, Alhamdulillah! They have put in noticeable effort, made progress and have achieved commendable results in all areas of learning. They are continuously being taught to take intentional steps to build their character whilst being critical thinkers using their innate creative abilities in making the correct decisions. Above all, we try earnestly to inculcate a love for our Allah who is a merciful Lord and who loves us beyond our

expectations. Each learner can place on record one form of success or the other, whether it be in the classroom, on the sports field or during extra-curricular activities and are therefore worthy of praise and should be given a thumbs up and a pat on the back. Masha-Allah!

Join us on this journey as we travel pass each "station", celebrating our learners for a job well done during the second lap of the school year.

Muallima Shahnaaz Darwood
Phase Head

Eid Mubarak to one and all from....

It is a time for sharing and sharing is caring. Our charity drive for the Mabopane Madressah children was a huge success. We collected sufficient funds to buy Eid clothes for the

poor children of the Mabopane Madressa. Some of our learners even donated their OWN savings towards this project. Each child from the madressa will also receive a box of Astros as an Eid Day treat. This gesture certainly makes one reflect ...We have so much to be thankful for!

Muallima Shahnaaz's office was a replica of a "Hamleys" or "Toys R Us". Jazakallah for opening your hearts and wallets to our second charity drive.

This project was for the children of the BURN WARD at the Kalafong Hospital. We collected such beautiful toys, educational games and books for these victims of severe third degree burns. We are certain in some way or another with Allah's help and mercy, these children were overwhelmed with joy. We put smiles on their faces.

A spelling Bee

Yes, the spelling bee serves as a motivation for a foundation of a spelling wise generation. With advanced technological gadgets, spelling words are available at a click of a button. Thus thinking skills have become dormant and has actually taken the back seat! So this initiative helped to sharpen our learners spelling skills. The atmosphere was electrifying and the competition was endless. It was a hair raising experience that kept the audience "spell bound". Our winners at the final round were:

Grade 1:

Fatima Zhara Omar

Grade 2:

Zubaida Dockrat

Grade 3: Muhammed

Naeem Vally

Congratulations

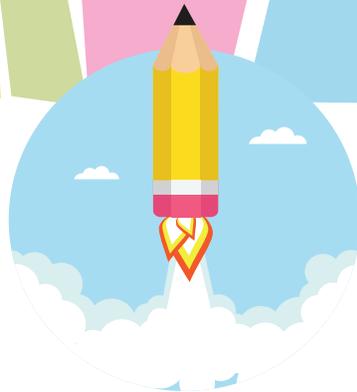
and well done to

the winners and the finalist!

On Cue Theatre comes to us!

Betty Buttons a portrayed character consolidated and explored the following themes with our learners:

My beautiful family, feelings, love and friendship, safety at home, Senses, Hygiene and Nutrition and Stranger Danger. All the above were dramatized, reinforcing good values and attitude. May we succeed in our endeavors to emulate the best in conduct and character... Our Nabi (SAW).



Kiddies Programme

7:50 Central African Time.. After a blue Monday and learners are still crawling into the week, on Wednesday and Thursday mornings the learners were greeted with excitement with the kids programme started this term with Muallim Irfaan Aboo.

This programme is an interactive programme filled with nazms and learners are interviewed on various topics. This term learners spoke about sink holes, Freedom Day, Zain Bhika's CD launch event, Parents Day, Nazm hour and the month of Ramadaan.

Learners are also given an opportunity to sing their favorite ansheed and to send messages to their teachers, parents, siblings and friends. This programme is broadcasted live on Tshwane Muslim School streaming app: mixer.com/Tshwane-muslim-school. For the latest recording log onto TMS website www.tshwanemuslimschool.co.za

OUR NEW PLAYGROUND and MINI HALL

The beginning of the second term raised the curtain to new found happiness! A new play area with exciting and self developing equipment placed on soft, lush astro turf, was specifically designed to enable our learners to play and to unleash some of their creative energy in healthy interaction with each other during breaks. Alhamdulillah!

A step out of the classroom and beyond.....

On the 29th of May, Eduplay presented an exciting interactive and innovative lesson on the Life of a Busy Bee. This included a visual display of interesting objects, raw honey and a bee keepers-suit. The presentation included a story, a dress up session and an arts and

Did you know.....

Honey has 99 healing powers – proven fact in the Quraan 1400 years ago.

Times: Grade 1-3

Every Wednesday from 7:50am

Grade RR-R

Every Thursday from 11:50 am

May Allah crown our efforts with success. Ameen.

Iftaari programme

A few days before the month of Ramadaan the Foundation Phase learners played out Iftaari. With the assistance of Muallim Irfaan Aboo, learners were taken through a step by step procedure before they broke their fast. Muallim explained to the learners the importance of making dua before iftaar. A collective dua was made in Arabic and English, followed by the Manson duas for breaking their fast with Khajoor and Zam Zam water. A few minutes later one of the learners called out the adhaan, preparing the hearts and minds of the learners for Magrib salaah. Alhamdulillah this was a good opportunity for our learners to carry out all the sunnats before breaking their fast. May Allah accept the efforts of one and all.

Their laughter and screams of joy is a reflection of the fun they are having. The completion of our Mini Hall, especially constructed for us, keeping our activities in mind, is now fully completed. We consider both the above initiatives as our Eid Gifts! Jazakallah to our Board of Governors for their committment to providing the best resources for our learners.

craft activity which was done by our learners. Each learner received a sachet of honey to take home. This story does not end here! Our teachers have extended the lesson by integrating the Quraanic Surah An-Nahl (the surah on the BEE) into the acquired knowledge gained by our learners from the presentation.

Skilled based learning through extra curricular activities

The beginning of the first term was target driven where all activities were strategically chosen to inspire, to boost and to develop the self-esteem of our learners. Our extra curricular classes took a new dimension:

We introduced a variety of activities paced out during term one and term two. Grade 1-3 learners acquired explorative skills by identifying the properties of water and carbon dioxide and its uses to living matter. Yes, Science, Technology, Arts and Craft, Traditional and Board games afforded our learners an opportunity to develop their social and cognitive skills. Impromptu speech sparked off the flair to improve expression and to motivate our learners to think on their feet.

The Preschool Unit explored different avenues of sensory play, thus enhancing their physical, emotional and cognitive development further, in a fun and creative way. They cooked up a storm during cooking class which, from gourmet desserts to healthy snacks our little chefs added a creative touch to the end products of some delicious treats.

Neighbouring masjid opened its doors to our little muslimah's

Dressed in Islamic gear our preschoolers were accompanied by their teachers and walked down to the Darus Salaam Centre which houses a beautiful masjid. Learners and teachers were engrossed by the interesting lesson on the merits of salaah by Moulana Bhoja. A tour of the masjid satisfied the curious minds and the never ending question of where and how the adhaan is being read was finally answered!

Preschool sports – A highlight event

We were blessed with beautiful weather on the 22 of April. Each sports House went the extra mile to make this day an exciting and memorable one. The events, races and war –cries were creatively designed by our preschool team. Team games and team effort was the order of the day. The element of competition will always prevail on Sports Day but we maintain that any good competition stems from good sportsmanship – the Proteas, Blue Cranes and Springboks competed well against each other and each athlete walked away with a medal awarded for participation.

Field trips

The Douglasdale Farm close to Randburg is a home to a healthy family of breeding cows and some other domestic animals. The farm serves as an educational Centre for children and also houses a Douglasdale Milk Plant. Our grade 1-3 learners visited this venue and witnessed, hands on the pasteurization of milk, starting from the initial stage of milking a cow. An interesting and informative outing. Milk a sunnah drink has so many benefits and we urge our mums to make it part of your child's diet.

TMS Preschoolers opted for something fun, exciting and yet educational – the best place under the sun – Old McDonald's Farm. A home to some popular domestic animals, a farm, surrounded by a serene beautiful lake along the country side somewhere hidden in a forest close to the Lanseria Airport. Our learners enjoyed touching, feeding and carrying the animals and observing the ducks and swans in the lake. The highlight of the trip was the water-slide! Teachers battled to convince their learners that home is where we all belong!

Ensuring that our children not only have a solid grounding in the basics, but also have a love and a lifelong commitment to Allah and his Nabi (SAW) is our aim. However, as a school we cannot achieve this without PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT. Parents play a key role in building skills and teaching good values to their children. The following tips cover what you can do for children at foundation phase level:

- **CHAT** with your child about school, about friends and activities.
- **SET GOALS** – make sure they are feasible and focus on achieving them one at a time.
- **PRAISE** your child for specific achievements- focus on your child's strengths and celebrate progress.
- **ENCOURAGE** your child if he or she fails a test- it is a test, your child is not a failure! With nurture and the right support, they will progress Inshallah.
- **STAY INFORMED**- talk to you child's teacher
- Show **ENTHUSIASM** about school and homework.
- Help your child with **TIME MANAGEMENT**- set aside time for each day for homework. Do not leave home work for just before bed time. Avoid rushing about in the morning before school.
- **WALK THE TALK** – what we DO often sends a significantly more powerful message than what we say.
- **CHILDREN LEARN** from our actions, words and thoughts. Be a good example of honesty, integrity and submitting willingly and joyfully to the will of ALLAH(SWT).
- **READING** - Getting your child to read is the best learning experience any parent can give to their child and it is the key to the successful development of your child.

IMPORTANT MANNERS CHILDREN SHOULD LEARN

To share with parents

Manners are learned throughout childhood: at each age, children must acquire new skills for different occasions. Here's a list of what most etiquette experts says are some of the most important manners to teach your child. Check off any your child already uses. Those that remain are ones you can help your child learn.

Essential Polite Words

- Please
- Thank you
- Excuse me
- I'm sorry
- May I?
- Pardon me
- You're welcome

Meeting and Greeting manners

- Smiles and looks in the person's eye
- Shakes hands, if appropriate
- Make Salaam
- Introduces self
- Introduces other person

Conversation Manners

- Starts a conversation
- Listens without interrupting
- Looks at the eyes of a speaker
- Knows how to maintain a conversation
- Knows how to end a conversation

Telephone Manners

- First greets the person and says name
- Politely asks to speak to the person
- Answers with a clear and pleasant voice
- Asks the caller, 'Who's calling, please?'
- Greets caller by name if she knows him.
- Politely say, "Please hold on," while she gets the intended person
- Takes and gives a message
- Politely ends a conversation
- Turns off cell phone at movies, concerts or other public places
- If she must use a cell phone at a public place,

does so quietly so as not to disturb others

Sports Manners

- Plays by the rules
- Shares the equipment
- Encourages teammates
- Doesn't brag or show off
- Doesn't cheer mistakes
- Doesn't boo
- Doesn't argue with the referee
- Congratulates opponents
- Doesn't make excuses or complain
- Stops when the game is over
- Cooperates

Visiting Manners

- Greets host's parents
- Picks up after himself
- If spending the night, keeps room straight and makes the bed.
- Offers to help the parent of the host
- Thanks, the host and her parents

Table Manners

- Comes to the table on time
- Knows how to correctly set a table
- Sits up straight
- Makes only positive comments about food
- Waits for the eldest to sit before serving or eating
- Puts modest portions of food on his plate
- Eats food only on his plate
- Eats without slurping
- Knows proper way to cut meat
- Asks, "Please pass the"
- Doesn't grab serving dishes or reach over someone for food
- Knows how to use utensils

properly

- Keeps his elbows off the table
- Chews with her mouth closed
- Doesn't talk with food in his mouth
- Asks to be excused before leaving the table
- Offers to help clear the table
- Thanks, the host/ess before leaving

Hospitality Manners

- Greets guests at door
- Offers guests something to eat
- Stays with guest
- Ask guest what he'd like to do
- Shares with the guest
- Walks guest to the door and says goodbye

Anywhere and Anytime

- Covers mouth when he/she coughs
- Refrains from searing
- Refrains from belching
- Refrains from gossiping
- Holds a door open for a woman or elderly person

Manners towards other people

- Stands up when an elderly person come into the room
- Helps older guests with their coats
- Opens the door and holds it open when an elder person leaves
- Is considerate of older people's physical needs
- Holds the car door and helps person into the car if necessary
- Is considerate and offer any help
- Doesn't address the person's shortcomings

As a school, we provide the opportunity in lessons and assemblies with moral values which can be further articulated and openly discussed. The attached table represents some of the most important values which the school would wish to be encouraged. Kindly use the checklist to establish and develop these values at home. May the Almighty Allah grant us true success in our collective efforts, Ameen!

Management and staff of TMS wish its learners and families a restful winter vacation and a blessed Eidul Fitr.