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Words from the Headteachers

Assalamu Alaykum

We are delighted with the relaunch of the school newsletter. It is a very enjoyable and engaging way of keeping up to date with what's been happening at school recently. We hope that you find this edition beneficial.

We commend the student councillors for their handwork and achievements, and wish them every success.

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Nabil & Shafi (Y7)

Fahmim & Imad (Y8)

Nasik & Abdullatif
(Y9)

Bilal & Safwan (Y10)

Rahimul & Raihan
(Y11)

Annual Spelling Bee - Thursday 20 January 2022

Miss Aishah (MAK)

The Darul Hadis Latifah Spelling Bee competition began with much buzz. The students were excited to compete again, particularly after the last runner-up Habibur Rahman in Year 10 lost out to his older brother. This was a chance for him, as well as for all of the competitors to bee-come the new Spelling Champion of the school. It started with Alamin from Year 7 competing against Jubier from Year 9, with the students gearing up to show the school what they can do. Jubier won, allowing him to get through to the next round.

Students across Year 7 -10 rose to the challenge to compete with one another, with sometimes very slight mistakes in their spelling being the cause of defeat to some, while just one or two letters allowed victory for others.

The semi-finals came with Yusuf M (Year 8) facing off against Jubier (Year 9) and Habibur (Year 10) against his friend Waleeul (Year 10). Victory came first to Yusuf whose immaculate spelling of 'hierarchy' and 'behavioural' meant

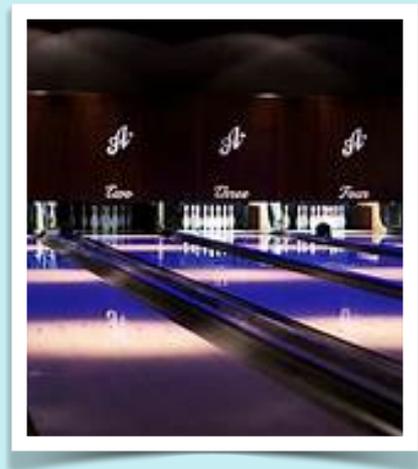


his opponent had to buzz off. Waleeul and Habibur's match caused more tension, with both spelling each word perfectly, until Waleeul stumbled on the word 'perennially', allowing Habibur to fly into the final round.

Yusuf (Year 8) and Habibur (Year 10) now stood as the finalists. Both were faced with four new words, some containing silent letters and words that did not always appear the way they were pronounced (with Lieutenant pronounced "Left-tenant"). Yusuf was stung with this word, leading victory to slip between his fingers, with Habibur (pictured with judge MMA) instead taking the crown from him. Congratulations Yusuf on being the runner-up! Congratulations Habibur on becoming the new Spelling Bee Champion!

REWARD TRIP: BOWLING - THURSDAY 13 JANUARY 2022

As they do every half term, students who achieve the highest number of merits from each class are rewarded with a trip after school. This half-term, we enjoyed an entertaining evening of bowling at Westfield Stratford. Accompanied by teachers MMA and MAK and Tufayel from A2, a total of 16 students went on the reward trip; Ilyes and Nabil from Y7, Yusuf M, Abdullah and Riazul from Y8, Zakariyya Islam and Nasik from Year 9, Waleeul, Safwan and Jabir from Year 10, and Kausar, Zaeed, Muhibur, Ahnaf, Imaad and Raihan from Year 11. Playing on three different lanes, the winners were MMA (unsurprisingly, despite not trying his hardest), Imaad and Safwan.



Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 8 February 2022

Abdul Wahid (A2)

We had a thoroughly enjoyable time delivering the Safer Internet Day workshop at Darul Hadis Latifah on Tuesday 8th February. We led two sessions, lasting 50 minutes to all the secondary level students. The collective participation of the students was very pleasing to see.

The students were kept engaged by the theme 'All fun and games?'. The focused discussions regarding the environment of gaming platforms allowed most, if not all, of the students to feel included in discussions. They were enthusiastic to answer the questions we posed to them and some of the answers impressed us very much. In response to a question about staying safe whilst playing with strangers online, one student advised that speaking to a close adult would ensure that all necessary measures of protection were taken against the harms of Internet uncertainty. Others replied with the general answer of using the 'report' or 'block' tools. It



was reassuring to hear that students were aware of the risks of playing games with strangers online and understood the basic preventative measures with regards to the subject matter, and most of the participants had raised their hands to give some form of input. Student participation was fantastic and varied opinions triggered more discussions.

In conclusion, as the topics of discussion revolved around relatable subjects such as gaming and social media, students felt comfortable and ready to share their thoughts, opinions and answer any questions brought to them. We hope we can deliver another fantastic workshop for Safer Internet Day at Darul Hadis Latifah next year!

QALAM ESSAY COMPETITION WINNERS

The theme for the first Qalam essay competition was "Climate change is inevitable. How far do you agree?"

Students from Y7-Y10 submitted their essays, having spent a number of weeks researching the contentious topic. With many brilliant submissions, the top three from each class were as below:

Y7 - **1st: Alamin**, 2nd: Rahim, 3rd: Ibrahim

Y8 - **1st: Abdul Ghafoor**, 2nd: Suheib, 3rd: Rahil

Y9 - **1st: Yasin**, 2nd: Nasik, 3rd: Fardeen

Y10 - **1st: Waleeul**, 2nd: Mahir, 3rd: Safwan

A cash prize of £10 was given to each winner, with runners-up receiving £5 each. Well done to all the winners and participants.



Equality in Islam

Hussain Ahmed (Alumnus)

“O mankind, indeed We have created you from a male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah are the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.” (49:13)

Amongst the seemingly perpetual issues regarding Muslims and non-Muslims of all nationalities, there are some which we have become so accustomed to that we no longer see them as concerns, which itself is a problem. One of which that I intend on raising to our attention, is the behaviour of the Muslim Ummah towards the non-Muslims.

To begin with, Almighty Allah has told us “O mankind, indeed we have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another ...” which instantaneously displays the equality between all races, for Almighty Allah created everyone equally and He does not say any nation or tribe is supreme over another. In addition to this, Rasoolullah ﷺ said in his last sermon that

“...All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white person has no superiority over a black person nor a black person has any superiority over white...”

Therefore, racism and inequality should never be existent, amongst anyone, but in particular the followers of Rasoolullah ﷺ.

Furthermore, Rasoolullah ﷺ signed a charter in al-Madinah Al-Munawarah, famously known as the Charter of Madinah, in which he included numerous rules between the Muslims and Jews present at al-Madinah Al-Munawarah to maintain the harmony. To illustrate a couple:

“Whosoever among the Jews follows us shall have help and equality; they shall not be injured nor shall any enemy be aided against them...”

“The Jews shall maintain their own religion and the Muslims theirs...”

From this, it is clear Rasoolullah ﷺ wanted the Muslims and non-Muslims to live peacefully together and even portrayed how to do so.

May Almighty Allah give us the ability to follow Islam, be peaceful and forgiving like the Prophet ﷺ has shown us to be.

HOUSE WINNERS FOR HALF-TERM 2

The house points earned by each house last half-term are as below:

4th: Zakah House (176 points)

3rd: Sawm House (217 points)

2nd: Salah House (220 points)

1st: Hajj House (229 points)

Congratulations to Hajj House - enjoy your house winner's treat!



Points: 229

Hajj House