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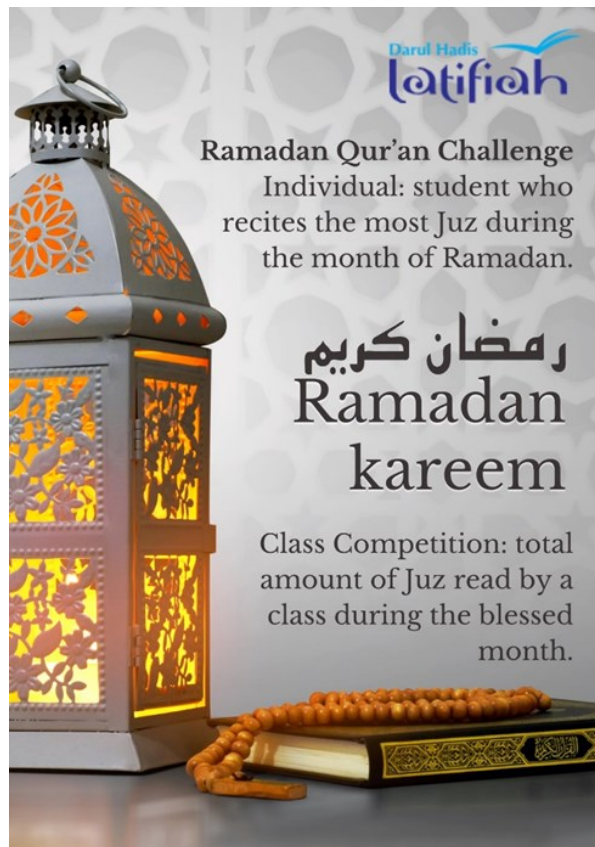
Welcome to Our Fourth Issue!

Assalamu 'Alaikum!

In the blessed month of Ramadan, we are delighted to present the fourth edition of our school newsletter. As we draw closer to the end of Ramadan, we present to you our academic successes, community engagements, and spiritual reminders.

Ramadan Qur'an Competition

This Ramadan our students are partaking in our Qur'an Khatm Competition: The purpose is to encourage students to recite as many Juz (paras) of the Qur'an as possible. Participants who recite the most Juz by the end of Ramadan will be recognised for their dedication and commitment to the Qur'an. Students should be encouraged to make the most out of the remaining days of the month of Ramadan by attaching themselves to the book of Allah.



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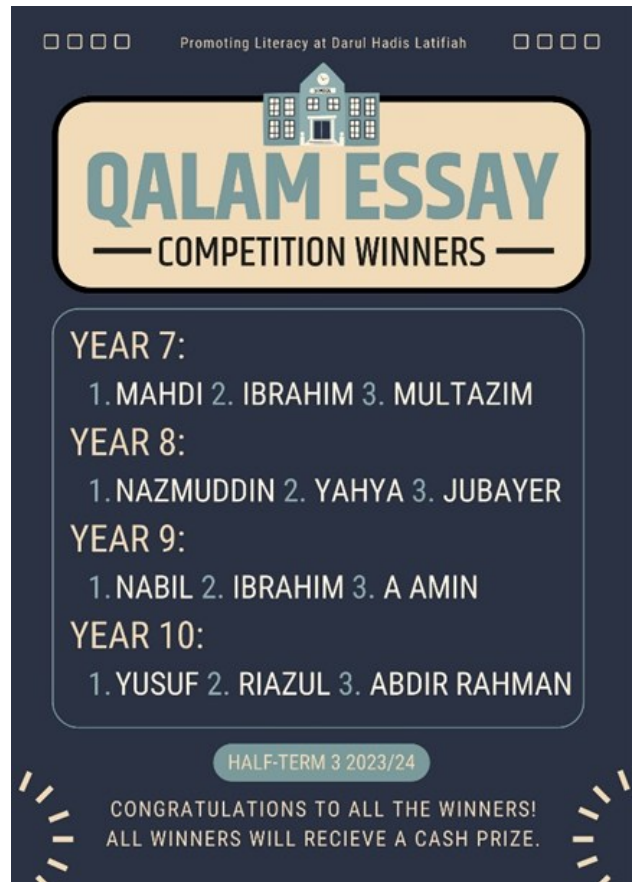
We are thrilled to announce the winners of our recent Qalam Essay Competition, where students explored the thought-provoking topic: "Is it necessary for schools to have stricter rules?"

After rigorous evaluation and deliberation, we are proud to recognise the winning students for their outstanding contributions.

These students demonstrated exceptional writing skills, critical thinking, and eloquence in presenting their arguments on the topic.

Their essays provided insightful perspectives, addressing the complexities educational settings with maturity and depth.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners for their remarkable achievements.



Sixth Form West Ham Trip

Five lucky students from our Sixth Form were selected to be ball assistants for the West Ham game last month against Brentford at the London Stadium.

They were sat very close to the action at pitch side while the game was being played, and a select few were on the pitch as the players were walking out. The game was full of goals and a real treat for the boys.



Hifzul Qur'an Competition

Our memorisation competition of the last Juz' of the Qur'an has come to an end with an exceptional display of memorising skills throughout the week.



We have witnessed the students striving as they prepared to compete with one another. The competition kicked off with two rounds of excellent reading from student of all ages, after which we had our eagerly anticipated finals which took place on the 27th of March.



Our final five participants showcased exceptional proficiency and precision in reciting the Qur'an from memory.

Stay tuned as the winners will be announced after Ramadan, insha'allah.

UMC 2024 Winners

In an exhilarating display of talent and teamwork, our school's football teams participated in the annual United Madrasah Championship, showcasing their skills and determination on the field. We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our teams in this prestigious tournament.

Our Year 10 A team emerged triumphant, clinching the championship title with their exemplary performance and unwavering dedication. Their hard work and unity of purpose have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishment.



Additionally, our Year 8 and Year 10 B teams showcased commendable resilience and skill, finishing as worthy runners-up.

A special congratulations for Abdul Ghafoor (Year 10) and Binyamin (Year 8) for their stellar performances, earning them the Player of the Tournament awards.



Darul Hadis Latifah Fundraising appeal:

As our school continues to grow and evolve, we are excited to announce that our prayer hall extension works are well underway. These developments are essential to accommodate our expanding student body and enhance our facilities for generations to come.

We invite all members of our school community, parents, alumni, and supporters, to join us in this transformative endeavor.

While we understand that times may be challenging for some, we encourage everyone to donate what they can, whether big or



small. Every contribution makes a difference and brings us closer to our fundraising goals.

Students that pledge over £2000, £1000, and £100 will be awarded prizes accordingly.

Payments need not be made by the end of Ramadan. Instead, we welcome pledges to be made and fulfilled when

possible, allowing for flexibility and ensuring that everyone can participate in our collective effort. Jazakumullahu Khayran.



Community Iftar with the Mayor of Tower Hamlets:

We recently had the honor of hosting a Community Iftar event in collaboration with the Mayor of Tower Hamlets. The evening commenced with heartfelt greetings and welcoming remarks from the Mayor, underscoring the importance of coming together as a community to celebrate our shared values. Students, alumni, and members of the community alike attended and partook in the community Iftar.



The atmosphere was one of joy, as conversations flowed freely and bonds were strengthened.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Mayor of Tower Hamlets for gracing us with his presence and for his unwavering support of our community.



Eid Jama'ah:

We are happy to announce that we will be holding Eid prayers at 10:00am. We welcome all to attend.

Laylat-ul-Qadr & The Last Ten Nights of Ramadan

As we approach the last ten nights of the blessed month of Ramadan, we must all look towards rectifying our deeds before the ending of the month, as the Messenger ﷺ said, 'Actions are judged by their endings' [*Al-Bukhari & Muslim*], and what better time is there to do so than the greatest night of the year: The Night of Decree. Allah says:

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ

'The Night of Power is greater than a thousand months'. [97:3]

A lifetime of deeds in a single night, on which a lifetime of sins are forgiven: The Messenger ﷺ said, 'Whoever stands in prayer during *Laylat-ul-Qadr*, with faith and anticipation of Allah's reward, will have his former sins forgiven.' [*Al-Bukhari & Muslim*].

Al-Imam Malik said: 'I heard that the Messenger ﷺ was shown the lifespans of the people before him and he considered the lifespans of his ummah to be short and felt that his followers will fall short in performing good deeds done by previous nations. Allah thus bestowed him with the Night of Decree which is better than a thousand months'. [*Lata'if-ul-Ma'arif*]

So, when is the Night of Decree? There are conflicting opinions held by the scholars regarding the exact night, but it is certain that the night lies within the last ten nights of Ramadan. Ibn 'Abbas (RA) narrates that the Messenger ﷺ said, 'Look for the Night of Decree in the last ten nights of Ramadan' [*Al-Bukhari & Muslim*].

The most likely nights within the last ten are the odd nights, and the most common view is that it is most likely the 27th night. However, some scholars held the opinion that the Night of Decree changes each year, which would explain the discrepancies between the narrations regarding it.

The wisdom behind why we do not know the exact date is so that we may make the most out of the last ten nights by seeking it out just as the Messenger ﷺ did. [*Muslim*]

Amongst the best of acts on this night is supplication; one should beseech *Allah* humbly for all their needs and constantly recite the supplication taught by the Messenger ﷺ:

'A'ishah (RA) narrated, 'I asked the Messenger ﷺ, 'O Messenger of Allah if I come to know what night the Night of Decree is, what should I say during it?' He said, "Say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

'O Allah, You are the Pardoner and You love to pardon, so pardon me'. [*Ahmad & al-Tirmidhi*]

We ask *Allah* to allow us to reach the blessed Night of Decree and to make the most of it, to accept our acts of worship in this month, and to pardon us through His never-ending Mercy.

Al-Imam Ibn-ul-Jawzi (r) said, 'When the race horse knows that it is nearing the end of the track it exerts all of its effort to win the race. Do not allow the race horse to be cleverer than you. For verily, actions are judged by their endings. So, if you didn't do well with welcoming Ramadan, then perhaps you will do better bidding it farewell'.