Every Nabi or Rasul of Allah Ta’ala had a group of followers who were his helpers and companions. After the demise of that Nabi, these companions kept alive his teachings by propagating that which they had learnt.

Similarly, our beloved Nabi, Hazrat Muhammad [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] also had a group of followers who sat in his company, learnt from him, fought at his side against the kuffaar (disbelievers) and obeyed his every command. These people are known as the Sahabah (R.A.). In total there were more than 100 000 Sahabah. It is an established fact that after the Ambiyaa (alayhimus salaam), the Sahaabah (Radi Allahu anhum) are the greatest of people. It is mentioned in a Hadith that Allah Ta’ala after choosing Hazrat Muhammad [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] as His Nabi, looked into the hearts of the people. He found the Sahabah (Radi Allahu anhum) to be the people with the best of hearts. Hence He chose them to be the companions and helpers of Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam].

Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] loved his Sahabah greatly. We have to love and think good of them at all times. We must never speak ill of any Sahaabi. Our Rasul [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] once said: “Fear Allah, Fear Allah with regards to my Sahabah. After I leave this world don’t speak ill of them. Whoever hurts them has hurt me and whoever hurts me has hurt Allah Ta’ala and the one who hurts Allah Ta’ala will soon be punished.” The status of a Sahabi is so high that even the greatest of walis (friend of Allah) cannot reach the rank of the lowest Sahaabi.

It is reported in a Hadith that Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said: “My Sahabah are all like guiding stars, whomever you choose to follow, you will be rightly guided.”

From this we understand that Allah Ta’ala and His Rasul [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] were well pleased with all the Sahabah (Radi Allahu anhum). At all times we must respect them and speak good of them. Speaking ill of the Sahabah (R.A.) is dangerous for ones Imaan.

May Allah Ta’ala give us the ability of always respecting the Sahabah and speaking good of them at all times. Aameen.
Dear Children

Assalaamu alaykum.

Alhamdulillah we have once again started a new year of learning. Last year most of the children worked very hard and achieved good results. We hope they will continue with the good work this year also.

The winners for last months quiz were:
1. Ayesha Ebrahim — Silverglen
2. Zain Khan — Glenview
3. Raeesa Mehtar — Furqaania (Shallcross)
4. Zahir Mohammed — Madrasah Omar Farooq (E.View)
5. Nazrana Sheikh — Madrasah Omar Farooq (E.View)

The children with the best 3 projects were:
1. Yasmeen Ismail — Dundee
2. Homairah Miajee — Dundee
3. Kabera Mahomed — Madrasah Omar Farooq (E.View)

Beloved children! Why do we all come to Madrasah? To learn about our Deen, to learn how to obey Allah Ta’ala. If we truly obey Allah Ta’ala, Allah Ta’ala will be pleased with us. If He is pleased with us, we are successful in this world and the hereafter. Therefore whatever we learn in the Madrasah, we have to practice upon it.

You have learnt about salaah. Do you perform your 5 Salaah daily? If you do, Alhamdulillah. If not, start today. You will experience the barakah and mercy of Allah Ta’ala in your life. Also encourage others in your family. You will also get the sawaab of their Salaah insha Allah.

This months theme is “The Sahabah”

Do a project on one of the following:
1. The virtues of the Sahabah.
2. Write up on any of the Sahabah
3. Martyrdom of Hazrat Umar (R.A.)
4. Martyrdom of Hazrat Usmaan (R.A.)
5. Martyrdom of Hazrat Ali (R.A.)
6. Battle of Badar

The Best three projects from all the Makaatib jointly will receive a book prize together with R30-00 cash Insha Allah. All entries must be handed in by the 04th of April 2003.