

# Al-Maktab

# Ramadhāan

Once again we have the month of Ramadhāan at our door step. It is the month in which Allah Ta'ala had revealed the Holy Quraan to our Prophet Muhammed [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam]. Ramadhāan is the month of fasting. Allah Ta'ala rewards a person abundantly for Ibadah done in this month. Any person who does a farz action receives the reward of 70 farz at any other time.

What do we understand from all this.? The month of Ramadhāan is a very great month and a wonderful opportunity for us to get closer to Allah Ta'ala. Allah Ta'ala has blessed us only (the Ummat of Nabi [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] with 5 things which were never given to any, of the people in the past:

1. The fasting persons mouth smells sweeter than musk.
2. The fish in the sea seek forgiveness for the fasting person until he breaks his fast.
3. Allah Ta'ala prepares a special garden in Jannah for those that fast.
4. The evil minded Shayateen are chained and locked up in this month.
5. On the last night of Ramadhāan those who kept their fasts are all forgiven.

Fasting in the month of Ramadhāan gives us a chance to feel the hunger and starvation of the poor. Throughout the year we feast on good meals and delicious foods but do we ever think about those who don't have any food to eat at all? Ramadhāan gives us a chance to experience the hunger felt by the poor and softens our hearts towards them.

Fasting is one of the pillars of Deen. The one who fasts in the month of Ramadhāan solely for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and for getting reward, all his minor sins are forgiven.

It is related in a Hadith that on the day of Qiyaamah a table will be laid below the Arsh (throne) of Allah Ta'ala for those who fast. They will sit at this table and partake of the food while all the other people will still be busy giving an account of their deeds. On seeing the people under the Arsh, the others will say: "How is it that these people are eating and drinking while we are still occupied in giving an account of our deeds?" It will be said to them that they used to fast while you never used to fast. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the ability of upholding this pillar of Islam. Aameen.

## What does fasting teach us.?

There are many lessons that fasting teaches us. One of the main lessons is that Allah Ta'ala always knows what we do. He is watching us all the time. If a person does any good action, Allah Ta'ala sees him. Similarly if he lies, cheats, steals or does any other wrong action, Allah Ta'ala sees him. If a person is fasting, he is alone at home and he is thirsty, does he quietly drink some water.? No! He does not even take a sip because even though no one else is there, Allah Ta'ala is watching. Well, Allah Ta'ala is watching all the time. So always remember this important lesson.

## Zikr in the month of Ramadhāan

Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has mentioned that there are 4 things that should be done in abundance during the month of Ramadhāan.

1. Excessive recitation of Kalima Tayyib {Laailaha illallah}
2. Istighfaar {Astaghfirullah} Seeking forgiveness from Allah Ta'ala.
3. Beg Allah Ta'ala for entrance into paradise.
4. Seek protection in Allah Ta'ala from the fire of Jahannum.

## MAKTAB NEWS

## Quiz

**Dear Children**

***Assalaamu alaykum.***

Jazakumullah to all those who entered the last quiz. We are sure you benefitted from doing the quiz. The benefit is really the main prize. However the first 5 correct entries drawn were:

1. Amatullah Patel - Shallcross
2. Bilal Kareem - Glenearn Road
3. Farhad - Redfern
4. Mariam Sirage- Highstone
5. Talha Haroon - Eastview

Congratulations to all of you. Your prize is on its way. Many entries were also received for the project on taharah and Salaah. As usual, judging is a difficult task. However, the best 3 projects were:

1. Yasmeen Ismail — Dundee
2. Ruqayyah Khan — Glenearn Road
3. Faeza Ahmed — East View

Masha Allah. Keep up the good work.

Beloved children ! Do you know which great month is very near.? Yes, you knew it — Ramadaanul Mubaarak. Allah Ta'ala's blessings are showered upon those who fast in the month of Ramadhan. Allah Ta'ala loves those who fast and He opens the doors of Jannah for them. Many children also fast in Ramadhan. Will you be fasting this Ramadhan? I am sure you will. Allah Ta'ala will certainly love you. Also encourage your brothers, sisters and everyone else at home to keep all their fasts. Don't forget to perform your Taraweeh Salaah. Taraweeh is a special Ibaadah of Ramadhan, so don't miss it.

The greatest reward for fasting is the blessings of Allah Ta'ala in this world and the Aakhirah. However those who keep all their fasts in the month of Ramadhan will receive a prize when Madrasah reopens next year. The 2 blank portions in your salaah form will be left for fasting and taraweeh. Make sure you fill your chart correctly and get your parents / guardians to sign.

Answer all 10 question correctly and submit your entries. First 5 correct entries drawn will be given a prize and R10-00 cash.

1. What is the name of the door of Jannah through which those who fast ones will enter.?
2. What is the name of the meal that is taken in Ramadhan before Fajar.?
3. What is the name of the meal that is eaten at Maghrib.?
4. What is the ibaadah on Laylatul Qadr equivalent to.?
5. In which days should a person sit for I'tikaaf.
6. How many Rakaats are there in Taraweeh Salaah.?
7. Which book was revealed in the month of Ramadhan.?
8. What is the reward of one farz in Ramadhan.?
9. Which night in Ramadhan is Laylatul Qadr.
10. What 4 things should be done excessively in Ramadhan.?

*Fasting is  
the shield of  
a Muslim*

## THEME

This months theme is "Ramadhan"

Do a project on one of the following:

1. The month of Ramadhan and its virtues
2. Laylatul Qadr and its significance
3. Taraweeh Salaah and its importance

The Best three projects from all the Makaatib jointly will receive a book prize together with R30-00 gift voucher Insha Allah. All entries must be handed in by the 21st of October 2002.