



AL ISLAH
Girls' High School

.....respect, educate, achieve.....



Assalamualaikum and a warm welcome to all parents, staff and students to our March edition of The Messenger.

Al Islah Girls High School, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 6TF

March 2017

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, it was World Book Day. **World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading.** The main aim of World Book Day in Al Islah School is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

We would like to encourage reading especially at home for many reasons:

- 1. Kids should read because it improves their vocabulary.** A student's vocabulary improves faster by reading than if they didn't.
- 2. Reading saves energy.** It's true! If you choose to read over watching television you're saving energy that you would be wasting. So read or pick something that doesn't waste any electricity. This is good advice especially with Ramadhan round the corner!!
- 3. Kids should read because they will learn interesting, and useful information for assignments.** Students should aim to read about a variety of subjects.
- 4. Reading helps kids write better.** For example you could say, "The cat ran up the tall tree because she was scared;" or "The cat scurried up the towering tree because she was frightened." Now which one do you think is most interesting? If you guessed the second one you are correct!
- 5. My fifth and final reason why kids should read is because, it sets an example for other kids.** I love to read, it makes me sad to think a lot of kids are missing out on the stories that have made such an impact on me.



Final GCSE Exams Update:

In the last month newsletter, we informed you about the study skills session that the school held. Within this session, the KS4 students were guided on how to revise thoroughly by making use of a revision timetable. They were given different examples of how to create their own timetables.

The final GCSE exams begin on the 15th May and end in June.

The students have already been handed their examination timetable. As you may be aware, the majority of these exams will be falling during Ramadhan.

We will be providing lots of support and guidance to those girls doing these final exams who will be fasting too. More information will be given in the next newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you need any further advice or information.

OPEN EVENING SUCCESS

Al Islah held an Open Evening on 3rd March which was a great success. Mashallah, the school received great publicity and a lot of interest was shown by prospective parents.

The school still has some places left for the September 2017 admissions. If you are interested, please contact the school either by telephone or email.

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School Council

On Tuesday 7th March, the school held the school council elections in which all students voted for the School Council Body. Well done to all the following students who were elected by the school.

School Council Leader: **Samera Javed**

Year 7 Representative: **Maleeha Sidat**

Year 8 Representative: **Rabeah Akhtar**

Year 10 Representative: **Samera Javed**

Year 9 Representative: **Larieba Ali**

Year 11 Representative: **Ikra Ali**



What is a School Council? A school council is a group of pupils elected by their fellow pupils to represent their opinions and raise issues with your headteacher and governors in the school. The school council can also take forward projects on behalf of the pupils, and be involved in planning. To be effective, the school council must:

- Represent all pupils and include as many people as possible
- Take time to listen to all pupils and communicate their views
- Feed back to pupils about what happened about their views
- Make things happen – or explain why they can't!

School Library

We are currently in progress of updating our school library and we will be holding a fundraising event soon to raise funds to help improve the library.

We would like parents and students to donate books that they no longer need at home. These could be both fiction or non-fiction and must be in good condition. The school will be highly appreciative of any donations. Jzk..

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE—

end of March 2017

Fatima House	29
Zainab House	28
Ruqaiya House	10
Ume Kulthum House	12

Well done to **FATIMA** house !!

Lateness

We have noticed a number of students are attending school late on a regular basis. Please could all parents ensure that students arrive to school promptly.

Regular latecomers will be held in detention after school on Mondays.

OUTSTANDING FEES

Please could all parents who have any outstanding fees contact the school admin immediately and arrange payments to be made.

Congratulations to **Saman Ali (Year7)** for producing a brilliant still drawing and showing great creativeness. We hope they continue to perform excellently and we look forward to seeing more.



1st EVER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE BY YEAR 10S

Al Islah are proud to announce the schools first ever performance. The Year 10s have been rehearsing the school play: Blood Brothers, (part of their GCSE English Literature syllabus)

The school are selling tickets to all mothers and sisters to come watch their performance which will be held on

7th April at 9.00am.

Tickets are limited and are selling out fast!



Key dates:

- 3rd April: Parents Evening for KS3
- 7th April: School closes for Easter Holidays at 12.30pm
- 24th April: School reopens for Summer Term at 8.00am

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Your mind is a garden, Your thoughts are the seeds...
You can grow flowers, Or you can grow weeds.....**