

# Western Grammar School

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Eid Mubarak

Read with the name of your Lord

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## Hadith:

Narrated by Ibn-e-Umar (Radi Allahu Anhu):

The prophet (PBUH) ordered the people to pay Zakat-ul-Fitr before going to Eid prayer. (Al Bukhari)

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كَلِمَاتُ عَمَلٍ وَأَعْمَالُ خَيْرٌ

Happy Eid

عِيدُ مَبَارَكٌ

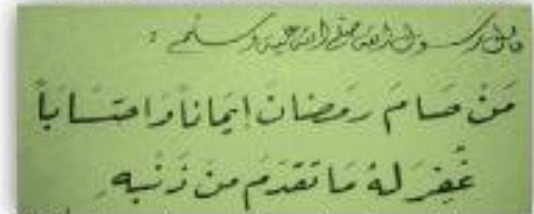
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Eid-ul-Fitr (Tentative) 09,10 Aug,13
- Science Week 12-16 Aug,13
- Eid Fun Day 12 Aug,13
- Sports Carnival 4 September,13
- Book Week 19-23 Aug,13
- Parent Teacher Meeting 9-10 Sep,13
- Last day of Term 3 20 Sep,13
- First day of Term 4 8 Oct,13





## Message from **The Principal** **Month of Fasting**



Our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said in an authentic hadith that whoever kept the fast with true faith and accountability all his previous sins will be forgiven. This is just one hadith, there are many hadiths and verses of Quran about the importance of Ramadan. I always focus more upon the teachings which are related to our daily life and to the life of entire human society. This hadith is guiding us to earn such a marvellous benefit from the month of fasting with two conditions, true belief and self-accountability. Obviously belief is a major part of every action, if one does not believe the benefit and importance of any action why would he do it? And if one still does any action without true belief or for any other motives, he will never be able to achieve the true benefits related to the action he is performing. Fasting is one of the most beautiful acts of worship (Ibadah), which is only done to please Allah (SWT). This gives a wonderful opportunity of self-accountability, because no one is watching you, no one is forcing you to remain hungry and thirsty for 12 to 18 hours a day. Every time one feels hungry or thirsty there is an opportunity for the fasting person to think, "Why I am doing all this?". Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has said in another hadith, "Whoever does not give up lying and evil actions, Allah is not in need of his hunger & thirst (i.e. Allah will not accept his fasting)." [Sahih Bukhari]

I believe this act of worship in Islam is unique. It opens up an opportunity for everyone to build two most important and useful qualities of life, *Iman* (belief) and *Ehtisaab* (accountability). If one is accountable to his own self, he or she does not need any other enforcement for the correction of his life. Therefore it is the main message of Ramadan for us that if we want to be successful in this life and in the life hereafter we should be truthful and accountable to ourselves and to the Master of the universe. In addition Ramadan develops patience and self-control, two useful qualities of life and these two are by-product of *Iman* (true faith) and *Ehtisaab* (accountability). Ramadan also reinforces in the minds the value of water, food and other abundant blessings of Allah (SWT). It tells the real meaning of hunger, thirst and poverty. It reminds us about the millions of human beings who are starving throughout the world and who are severely lacking the basic necessities of life. It redirects our attention towards real meanings of suffering and calamities of life being faced by millions of the people in the world. It tells us about the unlimited benefits we are abundantly consuming without counting and through that it also warns us about our being unthankful and ungrateful towards our creator and his blessings.

To gain maximum benefit out of this blessed month, WGS prepared and implemented the Ramadan competition for the school students so they may understand the value of this unique month. Our students are eagerly and excitedly participating in this competition, which is also enhancing their skill of creativity and art work. I strongly believe that students of Western Grammar have gained beneficial knowledge and useful experience about Ramadan. It is now duty of the parents to complement our efforts by maintaining their child performance and standard throughout the year. May Allah (SWT) protect the entire human society from the catastrophes of this life and life hereafter (Ameen). Finally on behalf of Western Grammar' staff Eid Mubarak to all of you, may Allah accept our good deeds. *Insha Allah*



# Message from Ms Qadan

Assalamu Alaykum,

Dear parents and guardians,

I pray that you are all in good health and Iman. May Allah S.W.T accept our fasting during this blessed month and may Allah S.W.T allow us to make maximum effort to please him in his blessed month.

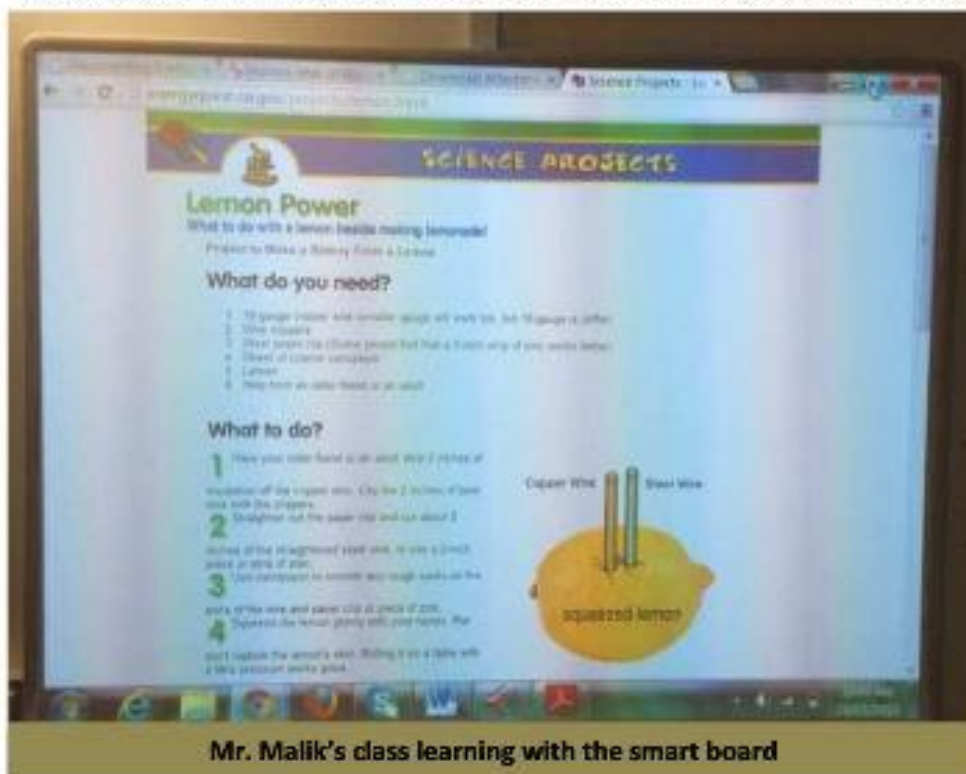
During this term, teachers will be heavily focusing on reading in the classroom with their students. Please **read, read and read** with your child every night. Your child has been receiving a home reader every Monday to read every night, however do not limit your child just to the home reader. Please visit the local library and borrow reading books for your child to read.

Another way you could help your child improve their reading skills is by participating in the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge. Please keep in mind that the closing date for your entries is 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2013. If you have misplaced your child's username and password, please see Ms. Hina for further assistance.

I would like to give a big warm welcome to Western Grammar School's new staff members, Ms. Sadika Zaarour and Ms. Eman Zaarour who are replacing Ms. Sbbet. They are both extremely experienced and dedicated teachers. Staff at Western Grammar School is very happy to have you both on board. On behalf of all staff, parents and students I welcome you to our school. Tabarakullah our school has grown at a very

fast pace since the beginning of the year and with this growth we are also in the process of growing our resources.

We have installed smart boards in the upper primary area and are looking in purchasing smart boards for lower primary Insha'Allah. This is a valuable learning tool for students. Students will have the opportunity to interact with the lesson and assist teachers in bringing the lesson to life.



Mr. Malik's class learning with the smart board

Western Grammar School welcomes families to participate in forthcoming activities such as sports carnival and parent teachers' interviews. Our term three is full with lots of activities which will enhance the academic level of our students and at the same time will boost up their performance by all means. We focus on educational environment and lots of our activities are based on motivational methods. Eid Mubarak to all of the parents. Wasalaam *Ms. Qadan*



# Inside The Classrooms

## Kindergarten

Assalamu Alykum Dear parents,

As I mentioned, our focus for term 3 is READING!!! Kindergarten will be engaged in many different lessons based on reading in the classroom. Students will finish up their alphabets this term and being learning their word families and blends. This is a reading tool to assist students to read Insha'Allah.

I would like all my students to take part in the Premier's Reading Challenge for this year as it will assist them in becoming better readers Insha'Allah. We have been reading many PRC books in the classroom, if you would like I can provide you with a list of the books which we have read so far, just come and see me Insha'Allah.

This term is a busy term for us; we will be exploring different cultures around the world, personal hygiene, living and non-living things.

Kindergarten and I would like to welcome our new members to our classroom, Rumaisha and Yousuf. *Ms. Zada*



Students in kindergarten learning how to read in guided reading groups.



Entries from K-1 for Ramadan Colouring competition







### Year 3 & 4- From Ms Jennet Shabnam

Assalam o Alaikum, Welcome back to term 3. Alhamdulillah, we are going to have a very busy term 3 this year because of many events coming up. Insha'Allah the children are getting their Ramadan models ready. We have already seen some fantastic models coming up. Keep up the good work. There will be a Eid fun day on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013. Moreover, we will have the 'Science Week' in week five. Each class is expected to come up with at least two scientific presentations. The students will be working in pairs and at home to come up with marvellous presentations. Week six is the 'Book Week', the students will be reading books and hopefully we will organise a Character Parade for book characters. In addition, we will organise an excursion relating to the work covered in class in this week. For science we have commenced the topic on 'Cycles in our World' where we will look at plant and animal lifecycle, day and night cycle and how it interacts with humans. In HSIE, we will be looking at 'Living in Communities' which cover communities of different places, races and religion. This is very important as we live in a multicultural society. *Ms Shabnam*



Children busy making square meter with Newspaper

### News from the library

Ramadan Mubarak to all parents and community members.

Term 3 started with an influx of new fiction and nonfiction books into our library. This has been possible with the constant support of parents. I also appreciate all parents who have bought books through Ali Gator or Scholastic book club programs. Each book bought generates points for the school and this further assists the school in acquiring new resources for the library.

This term the students from Year 3-6 are utilizing the library for reading and class work during lunch and recess. It is aspiring to see students appreciating the time they spend in the library. Week 5 is Science week and we will be displaying how a volcano erupts in the library for the students. Insha'Allah the students will have fun as they learn. Book donations are most welcome. Please contact me if you want to donate books to the library.

*Hina Rafiq*



## Year 5 and 6

This term, Year 5 and 6 students will be exploring many new areas of study; however there is one topic which seems to be creating the most anticipation and excitement for them, 'Electricity'. For science they will be exploring this amazing phenomena and a lot of learning will be conducted through experiments and hands on investigations. This area of study supplements Science week 2013. This event will be visiting Western Grammar School this term. Proceedings are expected to be held right throughout Australia offering an array of activities with everything from science festivals, open days and online activities. Students are already preparing for this event. To open Science week, the year 5 and 6 students will be carrying out a presentation on 'Science and the Qur'an to the school. In addition to this they will be demonstrating and performing many fun and exciting experiments. Activities will be hands on where students will be able to participate and get involved in conducting these experiments.

*Hanan Malib*



Beautiful models made by our students for Ramadan 3D Modelling Competition





# Administration Memos

## POINTS TO NOTE

- Please note that School will be closed on 8 & 9 August 2013 for Eid holidays 2013. School will reopen on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> August on our normal school timings from 8:20am to 3:20pm
- Parents are requested to avoid obstructing the traffic while picking or dropping off their children. With increasing number of children this is becoming a problem. We would appreciate your kind cooperation.
- Eid festival has been postponed however our students will have a Mufti day on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and it will be a Eid fun day for students at school.

## SPORTS CARNIVAL

Western Grammar have organised its second annual athletics sports carnival at Charlie Bali Reserve in Doonside on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Our students are very excited for this day. We hope that this year our sports carnival would be an unforgettable event of the year.

Parents will be informed with complete details of the events within few weeks. Parents are welcome to join the event for the encouragement of their children. Nominal fee will be charged to meet the expenses of the event.

## RAMADAN COMPETITION

Our students are taking part in Ramadan Competition which is specifically designed to increase the value & Importance of this month in the minds of students. Kindergarten to Year 1 is taking part in colouring competition, 2 to 4 and 5 to 6 is taking part in 3D modelling. All of our students are very excited and have created some remarkable during this competition.

The students who have done the best art work will be awarded with first second and third prizes.

## SCHOOL RESOURCES

Western Grammar is ambitious and committed to providing quality education and environment to the students. This cannot be achieved without best teaching staff and teaching resources. Alhumdolillah quality teaching staff and our teaching resource are gradually growing. We have installed centralised PA system and smart boards. School have also acquired expensive teaching resource for science which include basic electricity kits, DC motor Kits and basic electronic kits. These resources will help our students to build up their interest in science and will also enhance their learning ability.



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