

Bellbird Newsletter



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From the Principal

Saalamu Alaykum

Staff Development Days - Reminder

The first two days of term three will be staff development days. Classes will begin on Wednesday July 23rd. If any parents need child minding on the Monday or Tuesday, please contact Zainab Beydoun on 0404068786

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Reminder

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in week 10. An interview timetable was sent home earlier this week.

Wonder School Competition

The school has registered in the Wonder School Competition. Each family can help win sports equipment for the school simply by collecting Wonder Bread bags from your local supermarket between July 1st and September 30th and sending them into the school. Each classroom will have a collection box set up next week.

Student of the week

This week's student of the week award goes to Zahraa Al Naeb in Kindergarten. Congratulations Zahraa!

Year 1 and 2

Next week, Year One and Year Two will be reviewing the concepts covered this term and looking at the topics that will be covered next term.

From the Teacher

Hello everyone. It was nice to see all children doing a lot of reading once again this week. Please make sure that you download your books on your computer at home and return the CD to me as soon as possible. Some people still have not done so and some people have lost the CD given to them. **Parents please have a look at home for the CD and return if you find it.**

Have a great weekend everyone! And a well deserved rest. If you wish to do a little work with your child, you may follow some of the suggestions you have been receiving in the newsletter. It would be good if children could read a couple of books from the CD everyday to keep their fluency going as this is a crucial time in their reading development. Continued reading will keep the momentum going and make sure that they do not regress. Please also practice those Phonograms mentioned in previous letters.

Ms Raes
Kindergarten Teacher

The Holy Prophet (saw) said:

"The likeness of my Ahlul-Bayt (progeny) amongst my Ummah (followers) is similar to Noah's Ark. Those who embarked on it were rescued and those who rejected it perished...."

Bihar-ul-Anwar, vol. 27, p. 113



Upcoming Events

- Term 2 Reports - June 27th.
- End of term 2 – July 4th.
- Beginning of Term 3 – July 23rd.

Reminders

- Children must wear a hat when playing in the playground.
- Bellfield College has a strict healthy eating policy. Junk food is not permitted. Students are encouraged to bring fresh fruit, sandwiches, rice crackers, cheese sticks etc to eat at school. Chocolate bars, chips, cookies etc are not allowed.
- Bus fees are due each Friday.
- Please write your child's names on their belongings.
- **PE clothes are to be worn on Tuesdays and Fridays.**
- **Head Lice**
Please check your child's hair regularly especially if they complain of an itchy scalp. If you notice headlice, please keep your child home from school and seek a pharmacist's advice on how to treat the problem.
- **Parent Contact List**
A parent contact list has been attached to this newsletter. It serves as a reference for all families and is designed to make it easier for families to network and support one another.

Arabic/Quran

For all classes, please practice the Arabic homework set, using your Arabic reading book and the CD provided. For Quranic recitation Kindergarten is practicing Suratal Takathur which is track number 16.

Year 1 and 2, please practice Suratal Qariah which is track 15 on the CD provided.



Illumination

This week in illuminations we focused on the birth of Sayedah Zaahra (a.s). Haj Ali taught the Thursday lesson and Zainab did a craft activity and a small party on the Friday.

General News

Bellfield College is pleased to share some new "Elf Help" books that were purchased recently. These books are designed to promote the growth of our children's spiritual and moral development which is a key goal for all of the student's at the College. These books are valuable for both Parents and their children. Please feel free to borrow any of the titles below to enjoy over the winter break. You can do this by sending a note in your child's diary to Sister Samaher and she will arrange to have the books sent to you through your child next week.

Elf Help Book Titles

- Bye-Bye Bully! A Kid's Guide for Dealing With Bullies.
- Playing Fair Having Fun; A Kid's Guide to Sports and Games
- Sad Isn't Bad; A Good-Grief Guidebook For Kids dealing with Loss
- Forgiving Is Smart For Your Heart
- Shyness Isn't A Minus; How to Turn Bashfulness Into A Plus
- Keeping School Cool! A Kid's Guide To Handling School Problems
- Bratty Brothers and Selfish Sisters
- Be The Star That You Are! A book for Kids Who Feel Different
- Making A Boring Day Better; A Kid's Guide To Battling The Blah's
- Standing Up To Peer Pressure; A Guide To Being True To You
- A Kid's guide To Keeping The Family First
- All of the virtues promoted in these books are universal in all cultures and religions and are a great teaching tool for our children as they will learn basic life skills in a fun and interactive way.

20th Jamad-us-Sani - Wiladat of Hazrat Fatima Zahra(a.s.)

On this occasion of happiness in the household of Prophet Mohammad (sawaw), Bellfield College wishes to felicitate the Prophet Mohammad (sawaw), Imam-e-Zaman (a.s.), the Ahl-e-Bait(a.s.) and all Momineen and Mominaat.



