

QUWWAT-UL-ISLAM GIRLS' SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Ensuring every child achieves their best through high expectations for all, with a focus on
Respect-Aspiration-Responsibility

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Islamic Date: 16 Sha'ban 1444 AH

Term: Spring 2.2

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HADITH OF THE WEEK: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "When the middle night of Sha'ban comes, spend the night in prayer and fast during the day, for in it God most high comes down at sunset to the lowest heaven and says, 'Is there no one who asks forgiveness so that I may forgive him? Is there no one who asks provision so that I may provide him? Is there no one afflicted so that I may relieve him? Is there not such and such? Is there not such and such?' till the dawn comes." ~ Ibn Majah transmitted it.

Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu

Dear Parent/Carers,

I pray this finds you in the best of health and Imaan Insha'Allah.

Jazakumullahu Khairan for your attendance at our Academic Review Day. We appreciate you taking the time to meet with your child's teacher/s, and we hope that your meeting provided you with some valuable insights into your child's progress at school and their next steps in learning.

If you have missed a meeting with your child's class teacher, please feel free to make an appointment through the office for an alternative time to meet with them.

Alhamdullilah, it was promising to hear some of the positive feedback given by parents about our school and their children's progress. We are always keen to continue to improve our school and we take all concerns and comments very seriously. We endeavour to promptly address any concerns that you may have, Insha'Allah.

We look forward to our continued partnership throughout the remainder of the school year, inshaAllah.

Kind regards,
Mrs Member

The benefits of Sha'ban, the neglected month

Sha'ban has always been a 'neglected month', since it is overshadowed by the significant months of Rajab and Ramadan. However, Sha'ban is packed with opportunities to maximise our good deeds and draw closer to the Prophet (saw) by sending Salawat (blessings) upon him.

Historically, momentous events also took place during Sha'ban which deserve to be commemorated.

Sha'bān is the Month in which Actions are Raised

On the authority of Usamah ibn Zaid ؓ who said, 'I said, "O Messenger of Allah, I do not see you fasting any month as much as Sha'bān". He (ﷺ) said,

"That is a month that people neglect, between Rajab and Ramaḍān. It is a month in which actions are raised to the Lord of the Worlds, and I love for my actions to be raised whilst I am fasting".

[An-Nasā'i]

The Prophet (saw) used to fast more during this month to gain extra reward. This is a reminder to us to pay extra attention to our deeds in Sha'ban and maximise our worship, rather than neglecting this month in favour of Ramadan.

By simply reading more Qur'an, praying voluntary prayers, and following the Sunnah of the Prophet (saw) by fasting more, you can strengthen your Taqwa (consciousness of Allah) and establish good habits in time for Ramadan.

Achievements

Muslimah of the Week Week beginning 27th February 2023

Reception: Maysaa Nur

Year 1: Misha Shah

Year 2: Inaayah Khadijah

Year 3: Khaira Hussain

Year 4: Huda Sherzad

Year 5: Zaynab Choudhury

Year 6: Khadiza Miah

Year 7: Zara Ali

Year 8: Umaymah Umer

Year 9: Fatima Ahmed

Year 11: Hafsa Zaman and Zainab Lunat

Allah loves when one of you is given a task, that he or she does it in the most excellent manner (Ihsaan)



Attendance and punctuality Week beginning 27th February 2023



Week beginning	27/02/23 – 03/03/23	
Academic Year	February/March 2023	
Year Group	Attendance	Punctuality
Reception	98.6%	98.6%
Year 1	92.2%	100%
Year 2	95%	99.2%
Year 3	100%	98.4%
Year 4	93.3%	98.3%
Year 5	94.3%	97.7%
Year 6	94.9%	100%
Year 7	93.5%	98.8%
Year 8	93.5%	98.8%
Year 9	84.2%	94.1%
Year 10	91.4%	98.7%
Year 11	94.5%	96.5%



This week's overall Attendance: **94%**

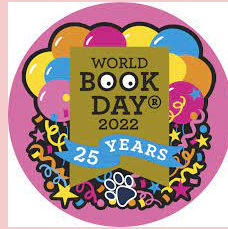
Our overall Attendance Target: **96%**

Good attendance and punctuality are vital. At Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School, we aim to achieve at least 96% attendance and to be punctual for school in the morning and for each lesson.

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd of March

marked the 26th anniversary of World Book Day – a worldwide annual celebration of books and reading.

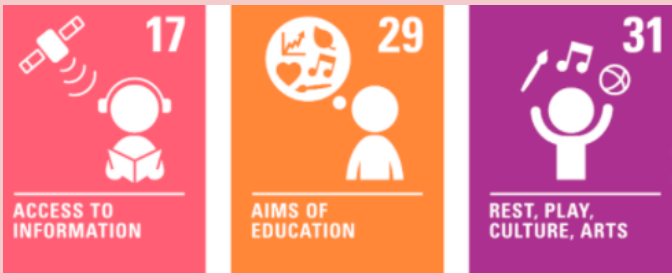


The aim of the day was to encourage students to explore the joy of reading and provide inspiration for their own writing.

To celebrate, the students dressed up as a character from a book of their choice. There were some wonderful efforts made by the children!

Jazakumullahu Khairan parents/carers for your efforts in preparing the costumes. Your hard work, creativity and enthusiastic support is much appreciated!

World Book Day also provided a fantastic opportunity for our students to reflect on how books are crucial for exercising several of their rights, in particular Articles 17, 29 and 31.



Article 17 - access to information from the media

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Article 29 (goals of education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Check out these wonderful book character costumes by some of our students:



For World Book Day, some students wrote book reviews on the stories they have read:



Summary:

This book is about a Victorian girl called Hetty Feather whose mother died in the Founding Hospital leaving her and her brother Gideon alone with their father, but when he dies Hetty and Gideon are sent to the Founding hospital separated and enslaved the matron of that hospital was a cruel woman and baptized Hetty and Gideon with different names.

Rate: 10/10

Recommendation: I would recommend this book because it is really a heart- touching story and it really sounds real because it is a Victorian story.



book review

this book is targeted for ages 1-5 and children who are intrested in animals and friendship

booktrust has rated this 5 stars and goodreads have rated it a 4.5/5



this book is lovely for kids as it has a warm moral which is to stay close to family always

In this much-loved picture book, a little mouse walks through the woods and encounters a fox, an owl and a snake. To fend them off, he tells each about the scary Gruffalo - but when the mouse actually encounters the Gruffalo himself, he cleverly invents another tale and manages to escape from danger yet again

"Who is this creature with terrible claws and terrible teeth in his terrible jaws?!"

ONE OF US IS LYING



WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

One of Us is Lying follows the story of Bronwyn, Addy, Nate, and Cooper as suspects in the murder of Simon Kelleher. Each of the high school students have secrets that they would do anything to protect, so how far would they go to make sure they're kept out of the spotlight?

I LIKE THIS BOOK BECAUSE...

It is engaging and catches your attention. No matter how much you hate reading, or how long it takes you, you'll never get bored of this book!

I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS BOOK BECAUSE...

Overall, I especially liked how each perspective of the characters was described in depth so that the audience was not left out of the storytelling. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves murder mysteries and young adult fiction.

RATING:



A GREAT SUCCESSFUL 4.6!!!

"I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO TELL YOURSELF A LIE SO OFTEN THAT IT BECOMES THE TRUTH."

Money raised

Alhamdulillah from last week's Coffee Morning and World Book day/Bake Sale, we have raised £900 which will be donated to earthquake relief for Syria and Turkey, inshaAllah. JazakAllah for all your support in helping towards this worthy cause. May Allah accept it from us. Ameen.



Some pictures from the Coffee Morning:



British Science Week



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between **10- 19 March 2023!**

British Science Week, run by the British Science Association is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages. British Science Week provides a platform to stimulate and support teachers, STEM professionals, science communicators and the general public to produce and participate in STEM events and activities.

There are a number of activity packs, competitions and online activities on the British Science Week website for you to explore. The theme for the British Science Week 2023 activity packs and poster competition is '**Connections**'.

The packs contain lots of activities on this theme and are able to be used at home to reflect the potentially fluid movements around COVID-19 restrictions.

Be sure to check it out!

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

National Careers Week



National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. This year's event is taking place **6-11 March 2023.**

The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people.

The NCW website has a whole collection of resources ranging from careers planning and printable to virtual careers fairs.

For more information, check out the NCW website:

<https://ncw2020.co.uk/>

Dates for Diaries

Monday 6th March 2023-Friday 17th March 2023

- Year 11 Mock Examinations

Friday 31st March 2023

- Last day of Spring term

Monday 3rd April 2023-Monday 14th April 2023

- Holiday (school closed)

Monday 17th April 2023-Friday 21st April 2023

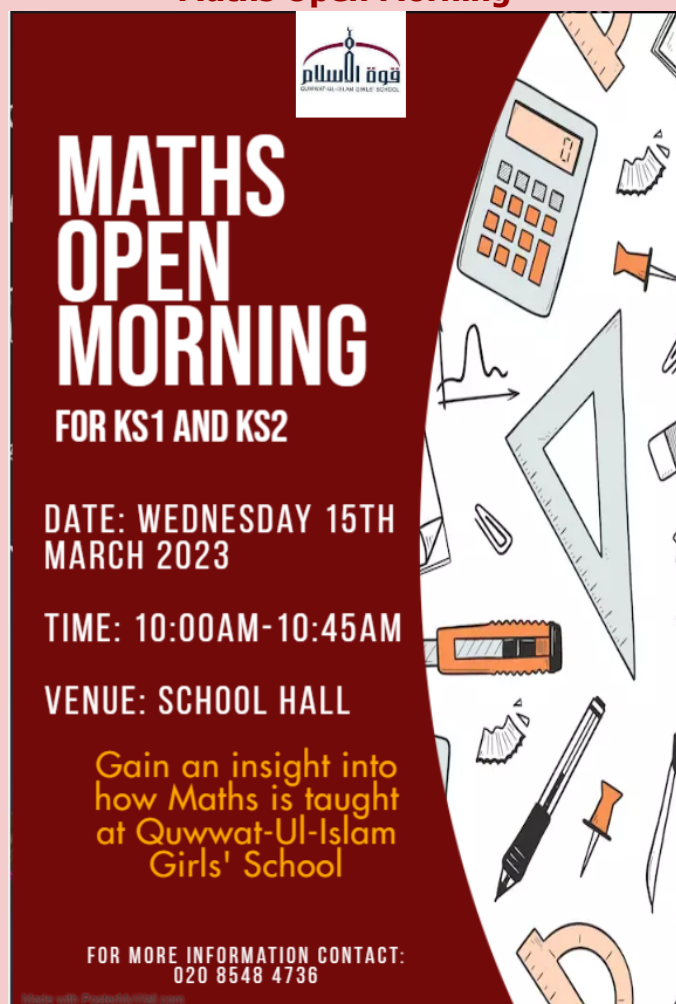
- Eid Holiday

Monday 24th April 2023

- Return to school and school Eid party

Please be aware that these dates will be updated regularly.

Maths Open Morning



**MATHS
OPEN
MORNING**
FOR KS1 AND KS2

DATE: WEDNESDAY 15TH
MARCH 2023

TIME: 10:00AM-10:45AM

VENUE: SCHOOL HALL

Gain an insight into
how Maths is taught
at Quwwat-ul-Islam
Girls' School

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Assemblies for Spring 2

Primary

Date	Year Group	Topic
24/02/23	Ms Duha	National Storytelling Week
03/03/23	Ms Chowdhury	World Book Day
10/03/23	Ms Mahfuza	Science Week (11-03-23 to 20-03-23)
17/03/23	Ms Zainab	Science Exhibition
24/03/23	Ms. Mahfuza	World Poetry Day
31/03/23	Ms Chowdhury	Shakespeare Week

Secondary

Date	Year Group	Topic
22.02.23	SY Students & Teachers	Drop Down Day
08.03.23	Ms Anwara/Ms Munshi	Science Week (11-03-23 to 20-03-23)
15.03.23	All teachers	Science Exhibition
22.03.23	Ms Siraj	World Poetry Day

Absences before or after a school holiday

If your child is absent before or after a school holiday, you must provide evidence explaining the absence. This may be medical evidence if your child is unwell or evidence of flight delays or circumstances beyond your control.

Without this evidence you risk being issued with a penalty notice.