

The B.I.G.S.

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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Firstly, we welcome the new staff that have joined our school, have settled into their roles and are ensuring that pupils are able to continue to progress in their lessons. May Allah reward you all for your efforts.

In addition, the end of year exams will be taking place between 2nd and 12th May. We encourage parents to motivate their daughters to revise thoroughly so that they can achieve their full potential.

Furthermore, there are several upcoming events next term and we will be entering the month of Ramadan. I pray that Allah SWT makes it easy for us to fast and gives us all the ability to reap the rewards of this very blessed month. Ameen.

R Mogra (Head teacher)

RAMADAN 1438^h

This year, most of Ramadan will occur during term time. There are several reasons why Ramadan is special to us:

- The Qur'an was first revealed during this month
- The gates of Heaven are open
- The gates of Hell are closed and the devils are chained up in Hell.

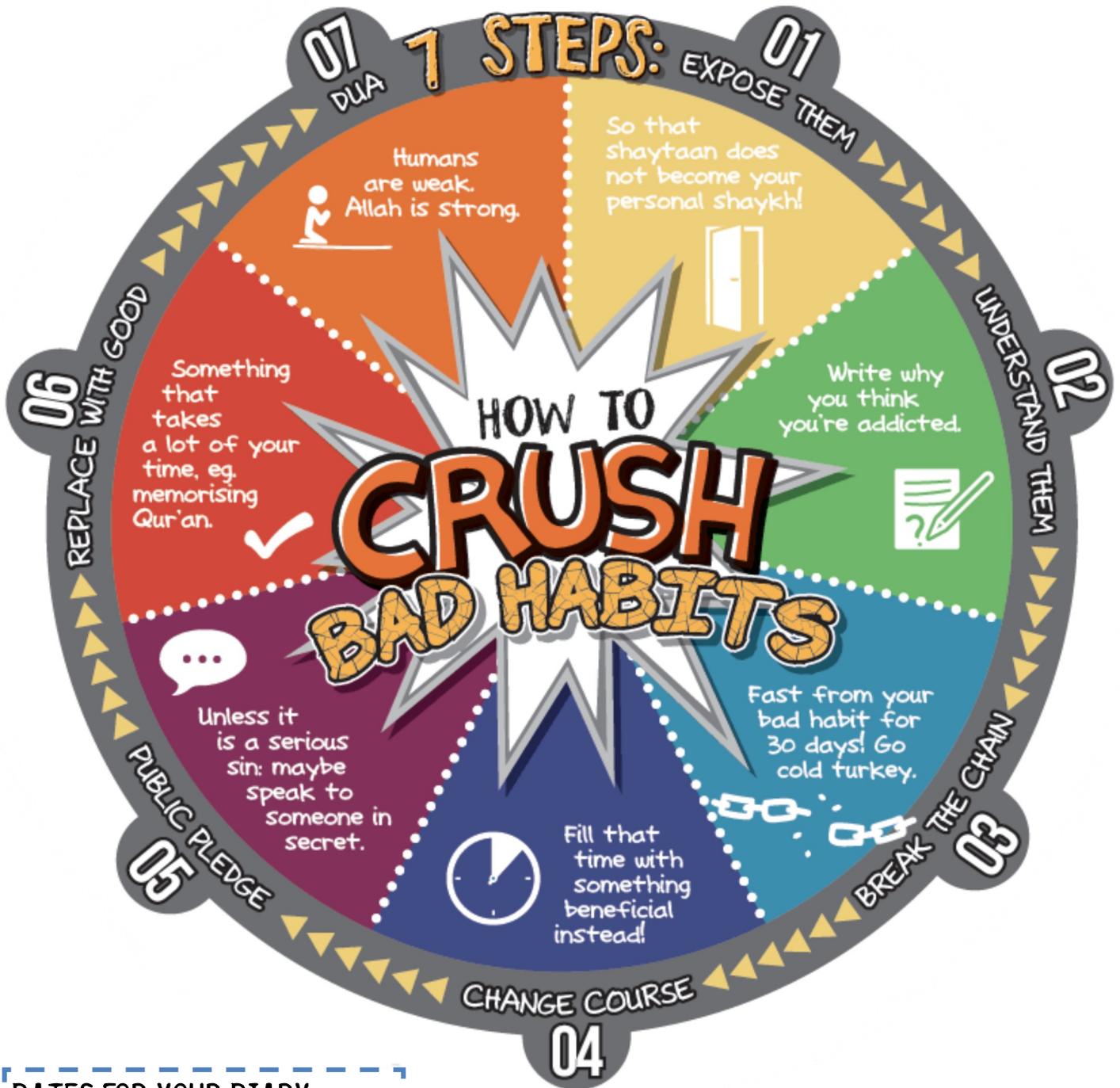
'The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion. So whoever sights [the new moon of] the month, let him fast it; and whoever is ill or on a journey - then an equal number of other days. Allah intends for you ease

and does not intend for you hardship and [wants] for you to complete the period and to glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful.' - (al-Baqarah 2:185)

The actual night that the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w) is called Laylat ul Qadr, and to stand in prayer on this one night is better than a thousand months of worship.

We hope that Allah grants us all the ability to fast and worship him sincerely during this month.

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَشَعْبَانَ وَبَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ
Oh Allah! Grant us Barakah (blessings) during (the months of) Rajab and Sha'ban, and allow us to reach Ramadan. Ameen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

8-23 Easter holidays

May

2-12 End of year exams for year 7-10

27 Ramadan begins, Term break starts

June

4 Term break ends

26 Eidul Fitr

July

10 Sports Day

14 Graduation day

26 Summer break begins

School Kompanion

Birchfield Independent Girls' School uses an online school management information system which allows parents and students to log in from home.

All parents are given log in details so that you can view your daughters':

- overall progress
- attainment in class
- attendance records

- reports of behaviour
- fees payment status
- school letters

You can log in to School Kompanion via www.schoolkompanion.co.uk.

The realm code is **S024** (0 is a number, *not* a letter) followed by your daughter's username and password. Please contact the school if you require a reminder of your daughter's log in details.



Once Rābi'a al-Baṣriyyah RH, the famous saint and wali of Allah, was overcome with tiredness and fell asleep.

A thief entered and took her shawl, but he was unable to find his way out. When he replaced the shawl, he saw the exit. Again, he took the shawl and lost the way. He replaced the shawl and again saw the way out. He repeated this process several times.

Then he heard someone saying, 'Why bring calamity upon yourself? She whose shawl this is, has handed herself over to another Being. Even Shayṭān cannot approach her. A thief is not able to steal her shawl. Leave it and depart.'

On another occasion, she was asked if she hated Shayṭān. Rābi'a RH replied, 'My love for Allah has possessed me (so much) that no place remains for loving or hating, except (loving) Him.'

Even we can achieve some of this true love by taking small steps; Allah's mercy is not reserved for saints only. The more we dedicate ourselves to Allah, the more benefits we will see in this world and the Hereafter, Insha Allah.

35 Beautiful Ways to Respect Your Parents

1. Put away your phone in their presence
2. Pay attention to what they are saying
3. Accept their opinions
4. Engage in their conversations
5. Look at them with respect
6. Always praise them
7. Share good news with them
8. Avoid sharing bad news with them
9. Speak well of their friends and loved ones to them
10. Keep in remembrance the good things they did
11. If they repeat a story, listen like it's the first time they tell it
12. Don't bring up painful memories from the past
13. Avoid side conversations in their presence
14. Sit respectfully around them
15. Don't belittle/criticise their thoughts and opinions
16. Avoid cutting them off when they speak
17. Respect their age
18. Avoid hitting/disciplining their grandchildren around them
19. Accept their advice and direction
20. Give them the power of leadership when they are present
21. Avoid raising your voice at them
22. Avoid walking in front or ahead of them
23. Avoid eating before them
24. Avoid glaring at them
25. Fill them with pride even when they don't think they deserve it
26. Avoid putting your feet up in front of them or sitting with your back to them
27. Don't speak ill of them to the point where others speak ill of them too
28. Keep them in your prayers whenever possible
29. Avoid seeming bored or tired of them in their presence
30. Avoid laughing at their faults/mistakes
31. Do a task before they ask you to
32. Continuously visit them
33. Choose your words carefully when speaking to them
34. Call them by names they like
35. Make them your priority above anything

Parents are treasure on this land, and sooner than you think, that treasure will be buried.

Appreciate your parents while you still can.



If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat 1 cup of coffee

BIG NEWS

RED NOSE DAY

Students dressed in red for 'Children in Need' and raised a whopping £108.15! Well Done to everyone who participated.



CHURCH VISIT

Our year 10 students visited the Church and learnt about Christianity. They also explored the different parts of the Church.



RAF MUSEUM

Our year 8 students visited the RAF museum and participated in a workshop on how the soldiers protected themselves during the Cold War. They were also able to inspect some aircrafts and learn the history behind them.



'BOUNCE' - TRAMPOLINE PARK

The students had fun at the trampoline park as a winning treat for having the most house points. Well done, House of Mina!



SOCIAL EVENT

The students had lunch and socialised with friends in a relaxing environment.



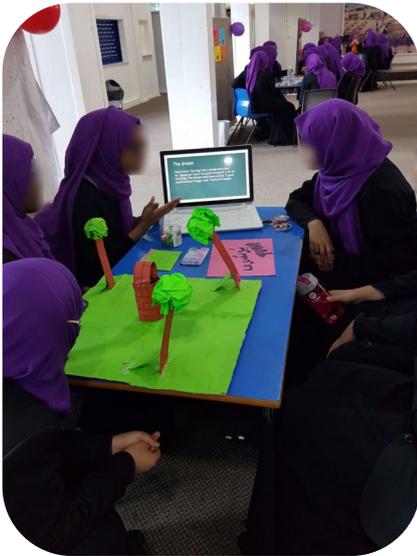
CULTURE DAY

For diversity awareness, each year group presented a workshop about a specific culture. Well done to the year 9s who won the competition with their presentation of the Arab culture!



WORKSHOP ON THE PROPHETS (peace be upon them)

Our year 8 students presented a workshop to the rest of the students about 6 different prophets (pbut).



HEALTHY BREAKFAST MORNING

Our students participated in a healthy breakfast as part of their PSHE studies.



We at B.I.G.S. are excited to announce that we participated in the MADE (Muslim Action for Development and Environment) GDE Beacon Award Scheme and we have been awarded a **GOLD** Award. Our year 7 and 8 students learnt about sustainability being a long term benefit for the environment. They carried out a project of attempting to implement sustainability in their daily lives, such as reducing electricity bills by switching off appliances, reusing leftover meals to make a new meal for their family, and walking to school instead of travelling by car. Well done to everyone who took part! ▼

FAMILY FORTUNES

Our students participated in a school quiz based on 'family fortunes'. This proved to be very fun and also a source of general knowledge for them.



Candid Moments

Ms Shafia



Why did you decide to move from Pakistan to Hong Kong?

I didn't decide to move, I was 3 years old when we moved and it was because my maternal grandfather was working there and thought there was better quality of life in Hong Kong compared to Pakistan.

How long have you been living in the UK?

I've been living in the UK for nearly 13 years.

What places did you visit in Hong Kong?

I visited the main shopping places we remembered, my old high school, Disneyland, mosques and malls around the main city.

How long have you been teaching for?

I have been teaching for 3 years.

What was your ambition as a child?

I always wanted to be a detective and then a surgeon. But don't we all?!

Mention a funny incident in your life.

When we moved to Hong Kong and were new to all the English signs, my sisters told me that when they saw the sign "Danger do not touch", they used to think it meant whoever touches it is a 'Dangar' which in punjabi means 'animal'!

Any advice you have for students?

My advice is that focus on your studies, because you have the rest of your life to enjoy, and studies will lead you to have a good job and an easy life, InshaAllah. You should have fun now too, but have a routine for studies and fun. Do not compromise your studies because in 10 years time, you will think back and regret not giving priority to your studies.

STAR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

JAN Habiba Morsy (10),
Zainab Patel (9)

FEB Nasro Mahamed (10),
Nawal Omer Ahmed (9)

MAR Khadijah Begum (11),
Faizah Akhtar (7)

BEST ATTENDANCE

JAN - Year 9 - 95.7%

FEB - Year 7 - 98%

MAR - Year 7 - 94.8%

time out

[Answers will be in the next issue]

say what you see

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A MAN ONCE RENTED A HOUSE, BUT THE WOODEN PANELS OF ITS ROOF BEGAN CRACKING. 'I SUGGEST YOU HAVE THE ROOF REPAIRED,' HE SAID TO HIS LANDLORD.

'DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT,' REPLIED THE LANDLORD, 'THE ROOF IS MAKING TASBIH!'

'I FEAR THAT IT MAY BECOME SO WEAK,' THE MAN RESPONDED, 'THAT IT MAY END UP IN SAJDAH!!'

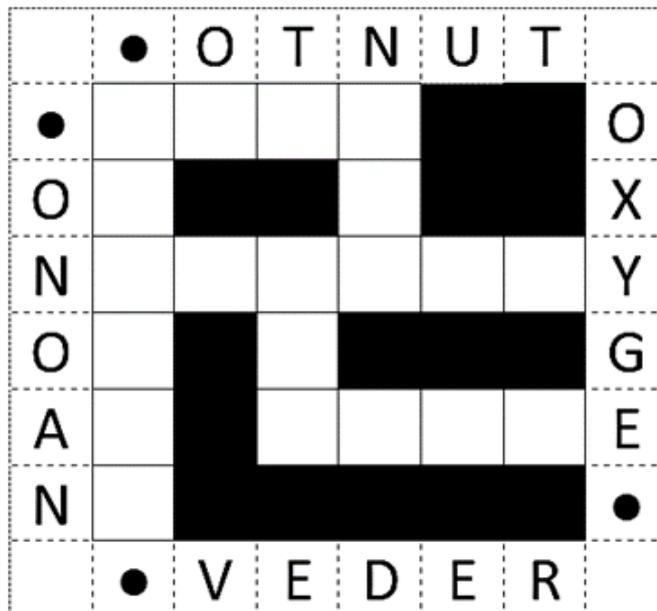


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RIDDLES

- What can you catch but not throw?
- What runs around the garden without moving?
- I can run but not walk. Wherever I go, thought follows close behind. What am I?
- Shorter than my four siblings, but easily the strongest, sometimes I wear a funny hat. What am I?



LEXICA

Slide the letters either horizontally or vertically back into the grid to produce a completed crossword. Letters are allowed to slide over other letters.

GUESS WHO?



Who is the Sahabah who recited the Qur'an so beautifully that angels came down from heaven just to listen to his recitation?

(When he read Qur'an, he looked towards the sky and saw something like a cloud containing what looked like lamps. The Prophet ﷺ later told him that, "Those were Angels who came near to you for your voice and if you had kept on reciting till dawn, it would have remained there till morning when people would have seen it, as it would not have disappeared." - BUKHARI)