

# The B.I.G.S.

## Bulletin



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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

What another busy term with much being achieved by our pupils, Alhamdulillah, and it is time to wish each other a restful and peaceful time with family and friends for the Summer holidays ahead.

Firstly, I would like to thank parents and well-wishers for their support to the school by attending our school's annual Graduation and Awards Ceremony. In addition, a big 'thank you' to parents for encouraging your daughters to work at their best.

Well done to our pupils for their efforts and perseverance for their learning and a special 'thank you' to all our staff for the day to day commitment they carry out for our pupils.

With the blessed month of Hajj ahead, I pray for those that are embarking on this spiritual journey - an accepted Hajj and a safe journey. I wish you all a blessed Eid al-Adha which will fall in the holidays. May Allah SWT accept our worship and Udhiyyah. Jazakumullah Khayran for your continued support.

R Mogra (Head teacher)

### The Elephant Rope

As a man was passing a herd of elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away.

"Well," the trainer said, "when they are very young and much smaller, we use the same size rope to tie them, and at that age, it's enough



to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were.

Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before?

*Failure is part of learning;  
we should never give up the struggle in life.*

# TOP 10 tips

TO BECOME A

## PRODUCTIVE MUSLIMAH



A woman who uses all the resources around her with a mission to live her life to excellence, ultimately working to achieve the highest stations in Jannah.

### 1 Have sincere intentions

By beginning with sincere intentions, we are able to gain rewards and blessings in our actions!

### 4 Plan your time effectively

One of the secrets of being productive is that you don't waste time!

### 5 Be self-reflective

Regularly take time out for self-reflection. Then we are able to grow, develop and be more productive insha Allah!

### 6 Focus on Quality over Quantity

It's better to excel in one area, such as writing or being a good mother, than to do a mediocre job by focussing on too many things.

100%

### 9 Strive to benefit others

'The best of you are those who benefit mankind'. [Bukhari]

### 2 Be proactive

Focus your energy on being active in areas which will bring about benefit to your overall life goals.

### 3 Seek knowledge

Then impart it to your children, families and wider community.

### 7 Do your best!

Giving your best to your roles and task at hand requires focus and for you to expend your energy only at the task at hand.

### 8 Be resourceful

You can use tools online to help manage your time, to develop your knowledge and learn many new skills.

### 10 Put your trust in Allah

Always make dua for Him to help you achieve the ultimate success in this life and the Hereafter.

books  
Islam  
inspiring knowledge  
Ilm  
Story Corner  
wisdom reading amal

*My heart is at ease knowing that what was meant for me will never miss me and that what misses me, was never meant for me.*

- Imām ash-Shāfi‘I RH

Shaykh Faṭḥ al Mawsili RH narrates: ‘Once I saw a young boy walking through the jungle. It appeared as though he was uttering some words. I greeted him with salām and he replied accordingly.

‘Where are you going?’ I asked. He replied, ‘To the house of Allah.’

‘What are you reciting?’ I further inquired. ‘The Qur’ān.’ was his simple reply.

I remarked, ‘You are at a tender age, it is not obligatory on you.’

He said, ‘I have witnessed death would therefore like to prepare if

I was astounded! I said, ‘Your steps ‘My duty is to take the step and it to take me there,’ he responded.

I continued to ask, ‘Where is your

He replied, ‘My yaqīn (belief) is my conveyance.’

I explained, ‘I am asking you

He replied, ‘O Shaykh! If someone be appropriate to take your own

‘Similarly,’ he said, ‘My Lord has invited His servant to His house; it is only the weakness of yaqīn that makes people carry provisions.’ He then left.

Sometime later, I saw him in Makkah. He approached me and asked, ‘O Shaykh! Are you still of weak belief?’

It was his firm belief in Allah that led this young boy to his destination, despite his lack of provisions.

If one of us even has to make a weekend trip to another town, we spend the entire week packing and preparing for it! The story of the young boy shows that if we put faith in Allah, he will fulfil all our needs, no matter how big they are or how insignificant they seem to others.

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ

يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا

وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

approach younger people, and death was to knock on my door.’

are small and your destination far.’ remains the responsibility of Allah

provision and conveyance?’

provision, and my feet are my

regarding bread and water.’

invited you to his house, would it food?’ I exclaimed, ‘No!’

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## Fun Fact

What came first, the orange or...orange? The colour or the fruit? The answer is...neither. Well, one did come before the other, but neither was actually the first meaning of the word. The linguistic ancestor to today’s word “orange” was actually first used to describe the *tree* that the fruit grows on. The word’s roots can be traced all the way back to Sanskrit. In that language, the word *nāraṅga* meant “orange tree.” *Nāraṅga* evolved into the Persian word *nāraṅg* and the Arabic word *nāraṅj*. If you know Spanish, these old words might look very familiar—the modern Spanish word for “orange” is “naranja.”

As the word evolved, it eventually came to mean the fruit, not just the orange tree. Old French adapted the Arabic word *nāraṅjas* “pomme d’orange” (“the fruit from the orange tree”) or just “orange.” Speakers of Middle English adopted the phrase; the Middle English equivalent “pume orange” dates back to the 13th century AD.

The word didn’t come to describe a colour until almost 200 years later, making the fruit the clear winner. In 1512, a description of the colour using the word “orange” appeared—in a rather strange place. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the use of the word first appeared in...a will.

So, the only mystery that remains is...how did people describe the colour before 1512? According to Huffington Post, speakers of Old English used the word *geolurēad*, meaning “yellow-red.” But thanks to an Old French word, the colour orange has a name all its own. And a unique name, at that—“orange” doesn’t rhyme with any other word in English.

[Sources: *The Guardian*, *Mental Floss*, *The Daily Meal*]

# BIG News



**19/04/18 - Sea Life Centre**

The students had a trip to the Sea Life Centre. It was a very exciting time for them all.



**Iftar Treat**



**27/06/18 - Eid Party**

The students celebrated at BIGS and had a very exciting time together.



**28/06/18 - School Link**

The students linked up with another school and had a great time working with them.



**03/07/18 - Walk For Health**

The students walked to Perry Hill Park to support physical and mental health awareness.



**19/07/18 - Nasheed Competition**

The students had a Nasheed competition at the school.

# AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Name	Best Attainment	Best progress
Sinan [7]	Maths	English, Science, PE, Fiqh and Food and Nutrition
Hafsa [7]	Science, Geography, Qasas	ICT
Saliha [7]	ICT, Quran, Seerah, PE	Sarf
Anayah [7]	English	Hadeeth
Sumayyah [7]	Sarf	Nahwa
Tanzeela [7]	Fiqh	Maths, Art
Muneebah [7]	Food and Nutrition	
Fathima [7]	Arabic	
Khadijah [7]	Art	
Sanhia [7]	Nahwa	Arabic
Saffah [7]	Hadeeth	Geography, Quran, Qasas
Sumayyah [7]		Seerah
Salsabeel [8]	Science, Arabic, Seerah, Qasas	
Ayesha [8]	Food and Nutrition	PE, Hadeeth
Zainab [8]	Maths, Quran, Art	
Kulsuma [8]	ICT	Arabic
Sakena [8]		Art
Faizah [8]		Food and Nutrition, History, Quran
Adiba [8]		Science
Sofina [8]	English	Seerah
Zoya [8]	History	Nahw
Humera [8]	Nahw, Sarf	
Summaya [8]	Fiqh	English
Ikraan [8]	PE	ICT
Nazish [8]		Maths, Sarf
Halima [8]		Fiqh
Izzah [8]		Qasas
Muniba [9]		Arabic, ICT, History, Qasas
Rumaisa [9]		Food and Nutrition
Kulsuma [9]	Sarf	
Hawa [9]	Arabic, Art, Hadeeth	
Ifrac [9]	PE	English, Nahwa, Sarf
Shukri [9]	Maths, English, Quran	
Suad [9]	Science, ICT, Qasas	
Henna [9]		Seerah
Fatihah [9]	Fiqh	
Navaira [9]	RS, History, Food and Nutrition	Science
Sabiha [9]	Nahw	Maths
Esha [9]		Maths

Nazmin [9]		RS
Maymuna [9]		Quran
Hibba [9]		Hadeeth
Fowzia [9]		PE
Habeebah [10]		Quran ,PE
Zainab [10]	Arabic, RS	English, ICT
Anika [10]	PE	Maths, RS
Fakhrunnessa [10]	Maths, Science, Urdu, ICT	
Aneela [10]	Quran	
Aliza [10]	English, History	Science, Urdu, Citizenship
Fizzah [10]	Citizenship	
Farhiya [10]		Arabic
Zaheerah [10]		History
Habiba [11]	Maths, History, Arabic	
Haneefa [11]	English	
Maryam [11]	Science	
Momina [11]	Urdu	
Saleha [11]	RS, PE	
Bushra [11]	ICT, Citizenship	Science, History
Nasro [11]		Arabic
Hadeeqa [11]		Urdu, English
Madina [11]		Maths, ICT
Yusayra [11]		RS
Nimrah [11]		Citizenship
Maimoonah [11]		PE

## Best Etiquettes &

### Manners

Saliha [7]  
Ikraan [8]  
Shukri [9]  
Sajidah [10]  
Nasro [11]

### Star Student of the Year

### Role Model of the Year

### Head Girl

### Deputy

### Treasurer

### Secretary

### Year 9 Councillors

### Year 8 Councillor

### Year 7 Councillors

## Best Attendance

Ikraan [8]  
Muteeba [8]  
Sumayyah [7]  
Saffah [7]

Fakhrunnessa [10]

Anika [10]

Nasro [11]

Habiba [11]

Fakhrunnessa [10]

Farhiya [10]

Henna and Hawa

Sakena

Saliha and Aisha

# Hajj & Eid al-Adha 1439

## Hajj - Pilgrimage to Makkah

Hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam and therefore a very important part of the Islamic faith.

Every year Muslims from all over the world visit Makkah. The pilgrims wear simple white clothes called Ihram which promotes the bonds of Islamic brotherhood by showing that everyone is equal in the eyes of Allah.

It is narrated from Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud RA that the Holy Prophet SAW said:

*"Perform the Hajj and Umrah again and again for both the Hajj and the Umrah remove poverty and sins in the same way as the furnace removes the impurities of gold, silver and iron and there is no lesser recompense on a pure and sincere Hajj than paradise."*

It shows us that whoever performs the Hajj and Umrah with sincerity of the heart takes a dip, as it were, in Allah's river of mercy and as a consequence of it, the filthy effects of sins are washed away from him. Also, in the world, the favour of Allah upon him is that he is relieved of poverty and indigence, and bestowed upon him is the tranquillity and prosperity of the heart. Moreover, the granting of paradise in return for a pure Hajj is the firm and positive promise of Allah.



## Eid al-Adha - Festival of Sacrifice

Eid al-Adha celebrates the occasion when Allah appeared to Ibrāhīm AS in a dream and asked him to sacrifice his son Ismā'il as an act of obedience to Him.

The devil tempted Ibrāhīm AS by trying to encourage him to disobey Allah and spare his son. As Ibrāhīm AS was about to sacrifice his son, Allah gave him a ram to sacrifice instead.

Today Muslims all over the world who can afford it, sacrifice an animal as a reminder of Ibrāhīm AS's obedience to Allah. They share out the meat among family, friends and the poor.

It is related from Hadhrat Aisha RA that the Holy Prophet SAW said:

*"There is nothing dearer to Allah during the days of Qurbāni, than the sacrificing of animals. The sacrificed animal shall come on the Day of Judgment with its horns, hair and hooves (to be weighed as good deeds). The sacrifice is accepted by Allah before the blood reaches the ground."*

Therefore, a Muslim is abundantly rewarded and draws closer to Allah, through this sacrifice. Since this devotion can only be offered during this time of the year, this God-given opportunity must not be missed by any Muslim.



## Fauzia's Kitchen Fun by FKF

- ✓ Free App
- ✓ Available on Play Store: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.fkf.free>
- ✓ Available on iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fauzias-kitchen-fun-free/id880973923?ls=1&mt=8>
- 'Fun and easy recipes for your every day kinds of meals'

☆☆☆☆☆ Review:

*"This woman knows how to cook!!! Simple straightforward and easy to follow. No wonder she's a Facebook phenomenon with 200,000 followers. She's the modern day Julia Childs! This App makes getting these recipes easy and accessible. Way to go FKF!!!! Keep up the awesomeness."*



Google Play Store



iTunes

## Dates for your Diary

### July

**20** Summer Break begins

### September

**3-4** Staff Training

**5** School re-opens for Years 8-11

**6** First day for Year 7s

**20** 'Āshūrā [10th Muharram]

### October

**8** CA1 Assessment begin

**27-4 Nov** Term Break

### November

**19** CA2 Assessments begin (for years 7-10)

### December

**10** Mock exams for year 11s begin

**21-6 Jan** Winter Break

## **A**TTENDANCE

The school encourages all pupils to regularly attend on time. We must make an effort to increase the overall percentage of attending school to a minimum of 96%. Taking absences for minor ailments will not be authorised. Trips and events days must be attended and all pupils must participate - nobody is exempt as these are all part of the school curriculum. Pupils will be closely monitored and are expected to be at school.

Students with exceptional circumstances such as medical conditions will be authorised to take time off for a maximum of three days. We would like to stress that attending school regularly is solely benefitting the students themselves.

May Allah grant us all the ability, motivation and perseverance to attend regularly, work hard, and enjoy life at BIGS with the rest of our peers. Ameen!

### Changes to student contact details

We request all parents to inform the School Office of any changes in contact details or address immediately. A contact details update form will be sent out in September 2018. Please complete and return it to the school promptly. Jazakumullah Khayran.

### WALL OF EXCELLENCE

#### Star Students of the Month

##### January

KS3 - Salsabeel Azhar [8]

KS4 - Madina Karim Safwat [11]

##### February

KS3 - Hafsa Chowdhury [7]

KS4 - Anika Khatun [10]

##### March

KS3 - Adiba Wahida Rahman [8]

KS4 - Samirah Bi [11]

##### April

KS3 - Ifrah Imran [9]

KS4 - Sajidah Begum [10]

##### May

KS3 - Navaira Mehmood [9]

KS4 - Aneela Akhtar [10]

##### June

KS3 - Muniba Rashid [9]

KS4 - Fizzah Naveed [10]

#### Best Class Attendance This Term

1st . Year 7 - 96.2%

2nd . Year 8 - 95.6%

3rd . Year 11 - 95.5%

DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT FAILURES,  
WORRY ABOUT THE  
CHANCES YOU MISS  
WHEN YOU DON'T  
EVEN TRY.

# time out

**Answers to last issue's Time Out**  
 Say What You See: backwards logic, tea party, touch base | Riddles: nothing, Mary, fire, letter 'm' | Guess Who: Khawlah bint Hakim RA

"When I was in the desert," said Mulla Nasruddin one day, "I caused an entire tribe of horrible and bloodthirsty Bedouins to run." "However did you do it?" asked a person. "Easy. I just ran, and they ran after me."

Often not  
 Often not  
 Often not

say what you see  
 stay  
 me



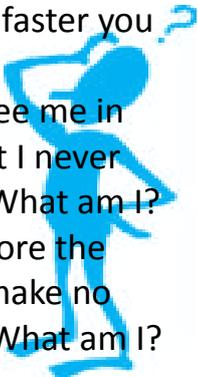
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Once, the people of the city invited Mulla Nasruddin to deliver a speech. When he got on the minbar (pulpit), he found the audience was not very enthusiastic, so he asked "Do you know what I am going to say?" The audience replied "NO", so he announced "I have no desire to speak to people who don't even know what I will be talking about" and he left. The people felt embarrassed and called him back again the next day. This time when he asked the same question, the people replied "YES" So Mulla Nasruddin said, "Well, since you already know what I am going to say, I won't waste any more of your time" and he left. Now the people were really perplexed. They decided to try one more time and once again invited the Mulla to speak the following week. Once again he asked the same question - "Do you know what I am going to say?" Now the people were prepared and so half of them answered "YES" while the other half replied "NO". So Mulla Nasruddin said "The half who know what I am going to say, tell it to the other half" and he left!

## RIDDLE ME THIS

- I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
- What is harder to catch the faster you run?
- You can see me in water, but I never get wet. What am I?
- I pass before the sun, yet make no shadow. What am I?



## SPIRAL

Starting from 1, fill in the grid clockwise with 4 letter words. The last letter of each word becomes the first letter of the next to reveal the 7 letter key word in the shaded boxes.

- |                         |                                  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Hire cab             | 10. Fencing sword                |
| 2. Skin irritation      | 11. Jealousy                     |
| 3. Seek prey            | 12. Scream                       |
| 4. Chuck, fling         | 13. Cooking fat                  |
| 5. Fastener             | 14. Info                         |
| 6. Common water bird    | 15. Eagerly expectant            |
| 7. Pavement edge        | 16. Network                      |
| 8. Tie firmly together  | <b>Keyword Clue: Girl's Name</b> |
| 9. Unemployment benefit |                                  |

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			16			
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