

# FAITH AT HOME

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## Message from the Headteacher

Assalamu'alaikum. Dear parents, guardians and well-wishers, I warmly welcome you all to the third issue of our monthly newsletter, *Faith At Home*.

After the winter break, this month has focused on helping students settle back into routine and ensuring steady progress across all classes. I am pleased to share that students have responded positively, working hard to meet expectations. Many have undertaken end-of-level assessments, and some have successfully completed the Qā'idah and progressed on to the Tajwīd book.

An important point I would like to highlight is how we define and measure progress. Progress is not simply about finishing the Qā'idah or completing the Qur'an. This is a common misconception, where speed is mistaken for success. In reality, true progress lies in quality, the quality of reading, pronunciation, fluency, and overall accuracy.

While speed does have its place, it is not the ultimate yardstick by which we assess a child's development. If a student completes the Qā'idah or even the Qur'an yet continues to make fundamental errors, this cannot be considered genuine progress. For this reason, my focus at BICS Madrasah is to uphold strong standards and maintain quality at every stage of learning. What may appear to some as strictness is, in fact, a commitment to excellence and doing justice to the Qur'an.

May Allah make our children among the people of the Qur'an and allow them to live by its guidance. Āmīn.

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## Student Achievements

### Student of the Month (Weekday)

**Class 1:** Hisham Nalakath

**Class 2:** Awa Colley

**Class 3:** Ali Belabbes

**Class 4:** Miran Chatta

**Class 5:** Arham Muhammad



### Student of the Month (Weekend)

**Year 1:** Anaya Ijaz

**Year 2:** Zainab Belabbes

**Year 3:** Samar Zahra Aziz

### Special Recognition

Mirza Aban Baig (Class 3 Weekday) has successfully completed the Qā'idah. Mashallah.



## Parent Tip of the Month

With Ramadan round the corner, here are three ways we can prepare with our children and families:

### 1) Build Small, Consistent Worship Habits

This could be:

- Reading a few lines of Qur'an together
- Making du'ā' before sleeping
- Praying at least one ṣalāh together at home

2) Talk About the Purpose of Ramaḍān. Help children understand that Ramaḍān is not just about fasting. Explain that it is a month of self-control, kindness, and closeness to Allah.

### 3) Prepare Their Routine and Environment.

A child's success in Ramaḍān is strongly linked to structure. Gradually adjust sleep times where possible. Reduce screen time and distractions. Create a calm space at home for Qur'an and reflection

## Upcoming Events

- **Salah Camp: Wednesday 4th February (weekday) Saturday 7th February (weekend)**
- **Parents Coffee Morning (weekend only): Saturday 31st January**
- **Ramadan Activity Day: Thursday 12th February (weekday) Sunday 15th February (weekend)**
- **Ramadan Holidays begin: Monday 16th February. (Check the portal for return dates)**

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## Hadith of the month

The Prophet SAW said: "Every one of you is a shepherd, and every one of you will be questioned about those under your care."

(Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī, 2554; Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, 1829)



## Dua of the Month



اللَّهُمَّ بَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ

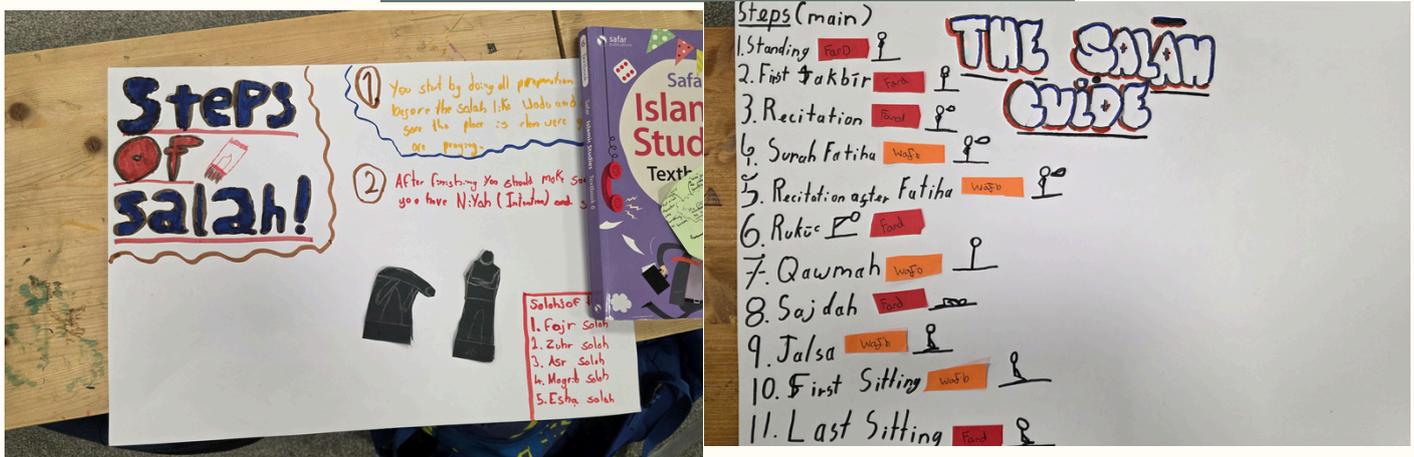
"O Allah allow us to reach Ramadan."

**We have no guarantee we will witness the month of Ramadan. Many have departed this temporary world just before Ramadan. Therefore, leading up to Ramadan, we must recite this ourselves and encourage our children to recite this dua.**

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## Pictures from the Classroom





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Jazakallahu Khayran for reading. We hope you enjoyed the 3rd issue!

For feedback and suggestions, please email us!

We pray that Allah blesses us and assists us in this coming month!



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