



**FURQAAN ACADEMY** *Online*

1<sup>ST</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> FULL-TIME ISLAMIC SCHOOL WITH INTERGRATED & FULL-TIME HIFDH

# Furqaan Academy Online Newsletter

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## Asalaamu Alaikum

Welcome to the first edition of the *Furqaan Academy Online* Newsletter. We are excited to share with you the latest news and events happening at our school.

### Upcoming Events:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences: We will be holding parent-teacher conferences in December. These conferences provide an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and discuss their child's progress. Please sign up for a conference time using the link provided in the email sent to you.

### Academic Updates:

- Quran Studies: Our Quran studies program continues to be a source of inspiration for our students. We are proud of their progress and dedication to learning and memorizing the Quran.
- Arabic: Our Arabic language program continues to be a vital component of our curriculum. Our students are making great progress and we are confident that they will become fluent in the language.

We are also proud to announce that all of the articles in this edition were written by our own students. We are thrilled to give them a platform to showcase their writing skills and share their perspectives with the school community.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Islamic School Newsletter. We look forward to the many exciting events and activities planned for the rest of the year, inshallah.

Jazakallah khairan,  
Mrs. Kimberly Joseph

# **Carpooling, Recycling, and Planting Trees**

**by Safwan M., 9th**

Humanity is now in a bad situation. It has polluted all of its precious natural resources such as water, air, and the environment. Fortunately, there are ways we can reduce the pollution of these resources, such as carpooling, recycling, and planting trees. It is important to participate in these activities, so that many more people can have access to cleaner water and fresh air.

Firstly, carpooling is a good way to reduce air pollution. This is because if two people use two cars, then they would pollute the air two times as much as if they just used one car. So, if people carpooled with each other, they could reduce their overall impact on air pollution. Another benefit is that less gasoline would be used, which would reduce the cost for travelling.

Secondly, recycling is important because some resources, such as plastic, are non-biodegradable, which means that if they end up in the landfill or ocean, they just stay there for a very long time. The plastic can eventually make its way into many birds and marine animals, killing them. However, if we recycle the plastic, the environment will be healthier, as it won't suffer from harmful plastic.

Last but not least, planting trees also helps the environment, because it reduces air pollution. This is because trees absorb carbon dioxide, and less carbon dioxide means less global warming. So, planting trees can help the environment and is a good way to reduce our impact on the environment.

# **Travel**

**by Rayann S., 9th**

One time, my parents had decided to go to Turkey. I honestly had no idea until a few days earlier. It was such an amazing and insightful journey. I wish I could go back and appreciate it more.

We had gone with my grandparents as well. We left at 5 o'clock in the morning. It was so exciting. I had never been out of the country before. We had met up at the airport with my grandparents at 6 am.

I also had never been on an airplane since kindergarten and I don't even remember doing that. I sat next to my grandmother. We would watch movies and be in sync with each other's screens, and every time they would serve food I fell asleep.

When we arrived in Türkiye, we took some sort of bus that picked us up from the airport. Like I said I had never been out of the country, it was so pretty. We had a tour guide that was Yemeni, which I thought was crazy. He told us all about the sights we saw. Another thing that was so amazing is that we visited all the museums, and my dad got to see the hair and other items belonging to the prophet, salallahu alaihi wasalam.

I love traveling. It's always fun. I haven't traveled in a long time. I never got the chance. I really like being on airplanes. So if you ever have the chance, travel.

# **Hayreddin Barbarossa**

**by Sauban M., 5th**

Hayreddin Barbarossa Hizir Reis was born in 1478 on the island of Lesbos, Ottoman empire. His father was Yakup Aga, a Muslim of Turkish origin who was a soldier in the Ottoman empire. He also owned a business in which he transported his goods by ships and boats. Hizir was the third son of his parents. He had two elder brothers Ishak reis, and Oruç reis, he also had a younger brother Ilyas. They all learned sailing from their father.

In his early life, he worked with his brothers in their father's business as a seaman and transported goods by ships and boats before becoming a corsair of the Mediterranean. During their activities against the European forces, they were quite successful in defeating them. The Barbarossa brothers captured Jijel (Now part of Algeria) from the Spaniards in 1516 by overthrowing Algiers's ruler who was supported by the Spaniards. The Ottoman Sultan offered Oruc and Hayreddin financial and military support to recognize the Ottoman claim on Algiers. The Ottoman gave the title of the governor of Algiers to Oruc and after his death, it was passed to Hizir.

He fought against oppression and unjust rulers. He became known as 'Sultan Hayreddin Barbarossa ~ the king of the Mediterranean'. Then he went on to the Battle of Preveza and won an amazing battle along with the Ottomans. He had 122 ships and 20,000 sailors against the Holy League Fleet which had 600 ships and 60,000 sailors. His victory opened Tripoli and the eastern Mediterranean to Ottoman rule.

Hayreddin Barbarossa is a man who went forth and conquered the Mediterranean to bring justice and wipe out oppression. He was given many titles by the people such as 'the wolf of the seas' and 'the hope of the oppressed'. After all, he was also known as the 'sultan of the Mediterranean'. The Ottomans sponsored Hayreddin Barbarossa's explorations because they also wanted to fight the unjust rulers and help people who were being oppressed.

Hayreddin Barbarossa, the great Muslim hero, died on 4th July 1546 in his seaside palace peacefully. He was put to rest in the Barbaros Türbesi in Istanbul on the European side of the Bosphorus. Even today, Turkish ships that pass by his shrine honor him with a special salute or a cannon blast.

# Poetry Selections

## Heal

by Jenna A., 10th

It was a rainy day  
And all you wanted to do was lay  
"I'm too sick to get up" you say  
You see everything as gray  
But you know you would have to get  
up some day

Your feeling under the weather today  
What about yesterday?  
That's the same line you always say  
This is beginning to see like a play  
It's been decades

Your cat is dying  
You should be trying to help him  
You must stop denying  
This isn't inspiring  
This is surviving?

You can heal  
It isn't unreal  
This may sound ideal  
Just get in that automobile  
And turn that wheel  
And here you are ready to heal

## Pizza Review

by Rianna N., 6th

Bland cheese blended badly,  
Expectations diminished,  
All the patrons sat sadly,  
Pizza unfinished.

## Cats

by Abdurrahman K., 2nd

Cats are cute they love  
people okay they love  
playing  
They are cute,  
cats are furry as rabbits.  
The sleeping cat cuddled  
with their tail curled in.  
Some cats are as fast as  
Lightning

## Haiku

by Sauban M., 5th

Poetry is hard  
It was not easy for me  
Or maybe it was