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Furqaan Academy Online Ramadan Newsletter

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What makes Ramadan special

Ramadan is a very special month for every muslim all around the world. During Ramadan we remember the lives we are blessed with and reminded what to be grateful for. We fast during this holy month from Fajr to Maghrib every single day for a period of 29 or 30 days. After we break our fast, we go to pray taraweeh prayer at the masjid.

This month is so special to everyone because of the blessings that happen during it. For example, during the month of Ramadan all Jinn are locked away and the gates of hell are closed, while the gates of heaven are open. Another reason Ramadan is so important is, it is the month that the Quran came down to the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) during the last 10 days. During the last 10 days Ramadan also falls in Laylatul Qadr. During the last 10 days muslims act on their best behavior and do a lot of good deeds due to their special significance. Muslims should always act pure and righteous, but most importantly during ramadan.

Rayann.S. 9th

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Upcoming

Events!

-05/22- 05/26- 2023

6-12th finals

-05/30/2023 06/02/2023

MAP Testing

. Mondays

Newsletter club 6-12th

Reading club -1-5th

. Tuesday to Thursday

Homework Club

. Wednesdays

Art Club 1-6th



As-salaam-Alaikum-Wa-Rahmatullahi-Wa-Barakatuhu

Every year we experience Ramadan in a different way. It always looks like a new experience as we grow and mature and therefore we want to fast in a better way, and improve ourselves.

Wishing all Furqaan Academy Online students, parents and the staff members a memorable and joyful Ramadan full of Ibadat.

The points below summarize how Muslims do prepare for Ramadan yearly.

1. Watch and Read about Ramadan and its Virtues
Naturally, the more you learn about something, the more you become fond and excited about it. Imagine spending days learning the life and legacy of a particular scholar and then being told that you would get a chance to actually meet him. You won't be able to contain your excitement and eagerness. We want to have the same feeling towards Ramadan. We want to feel excited and pumped up for this blessed month.

2. Make Dua to Reach Ramadan

The companions used to supplicate six months before Ramadan for Allah to allow them to reach it. The fact that Allah has allowed us to observe Ramadan is a huge blessing so increase this dua till the last day before Ramadan: Allahuma Balighna Ramadan (Oh Allah allow us to reach Ramadan)

3. Repent and make lots of Istighfar

What better way to enter Ramadan than to be in a state of repentance and purification of the soul. Sometimes our sins act as a barrier or hold us back from committing lots of good deeds, so by asking Allah constantly for forgiveness and being cleansed from your sins, this will give us a good start for our spiritual journey in this blessed month.

4. Forgive and cleanse the heart from ill feeling

It's important that we meet Ramadan with a clean heart. Having grudges or bitterness towards others will hold us back in our spiritual development and in our strive to reach the highest status with Allah.

One of the special features of Ramadan revolves around forgiveness; so how is it that we are asking and expecting Allah to forgive our sins and have mercy upon us when we can't even forgive our fellow human beings? Did not the Prophet (pbuh) say: "Show mercy, and you will be show mercy; forgive, and Allah will forgive you." Saheeh at-Targheeb (2426)

5. Make a schedule

Prepare a schedule for Ramadan Ramadan is the month where our daily routine is completely changed. Our sleep, meals and ibadat are all fixed to accommodate the fasting and extra worship we have taken up in this blessed month. To ensure that no time is wasted or misused, it's best to make a schedule for all the acts of worship you're aiming to perform throughout the day. This will prevent you from slacking off or procrastinating good deeds. Some of the intentions to also have for Ramadan are as follows:

To fulfill an obligation from Allah

To fulfill one of the five pillars of Islam

To gain Taqwa (God-consciousness) as stated in Quran 2:183

To receive the mercy and forgiveness of Allah and purify our sins

To get closer to Allah and spiritually develop ourselves

To be saved from the Hell-fire

To adopt good habits and quit bad ones

To enter from the gate of Ar-Rayyan (gate in Paradise specifically for those who fast)

To witness and get the reward of Laylatul Qadr

To build a relationship with the Quran

7. Read the Quran daily after Salatu Al Fajr. "Ina Qurana Al Fajree Kana mashhuda". Waking up for salatu Alfajr on your own to pray. Then after prayer, sitting to read one juz'a is a big step. Finishing one juz daily will help you read the whole Quran in Ramadan insha'a Allah. Making sure that you read the Quran daily after the dawn prayer is fantastic. During the day, you might be so busy and you will not be able to read even five pages.

Mrs. Haiat Bousmaha
FAO Principal

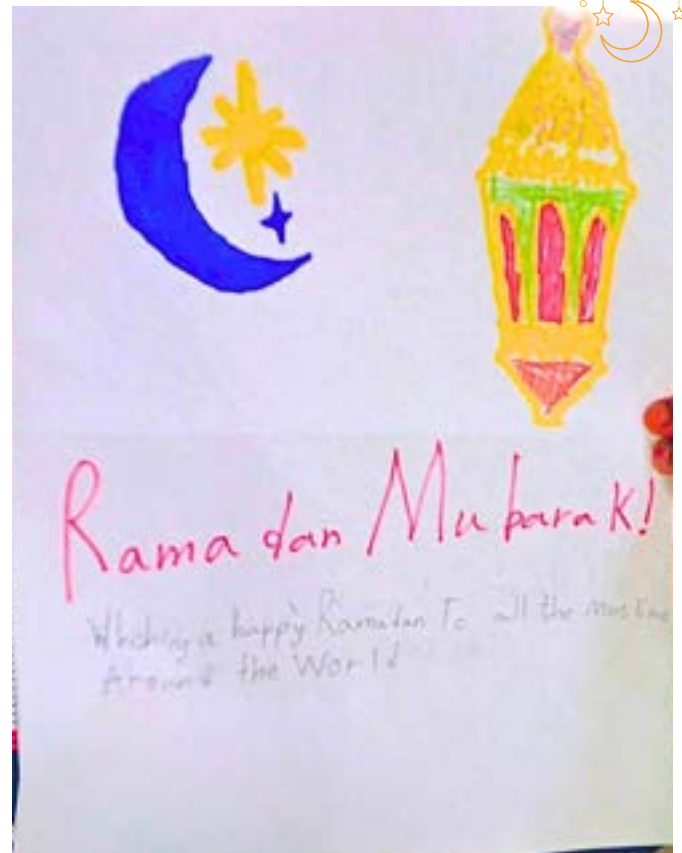
Ramadan in Furqaan Academy Online

Furqaan Academy Online teachers offered a lot of new activities for Ramadan everyday of the week. Elementary, middle school and high school students attended the activities everyday during lunch period. High school students presented about our prophet (SAW) and wrote Ramadan poems, which were shared during these activities.

All students completed different art activities such as craft, created Ramadan lanterns, Islamic calligraphy, puzzles, and quizzes. Students were given the opportunity to create Ramadan word search. Jenna, the 10th grader student was able to complete one and we are sharing it here in the newsletter.

Also, in the morning assembly, on a daily basis all students read part of the Quran and later continued reading that juz in the Quran classes. Daily Quran reading was introduced this year to Furqaan Academy Online students, in order for them to keep this habit for their entire life, in Ramadan and after Ramadan insha'a Allah.

Huda A. 9th



Ibrahim K. 5th Ramadan Card

Ramadan Word Search

Furqaan Academy Online Ramadan Activity Jenna A. 10th

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WORD BOX
 SUHOOR-PRAY-SALAH-ANGELS
 MOON-DAWN-QURAN-EID-CHARITY
 RAMADAN-PEACE-MUHAMMAD
 IFTAR-WORSHIP-REWARD-KINDNESS
 LAYLATUL-ADR-FASTING-PRAYER

Jenna A. 10th Ramadan Word Search



What is Ramadan?

During Ramadan, Muslims fast and pray to get rewards from Allah (SWT)

What is the month of Ramadan? Ramadan is the month in which Allah (SWT) sent down the Quran as a guidance to mankind. Ramadan is the 9th lunar calendar month. Ramadan is also a blessed month. The month of Ramadan is the month when Muslims fast and pray. During Ramadan the Quran was revealed for the people around the world.. Fasting and praying allows Muslims to obtain rewards during Ramadan. During the day Muslim make Dua and pray Sunnah prayers. The Quran was revealed so the people can know how to live their life. During Ramadan, Muslims fast and pray to get rewards from Allah (SWT). Giving Zakat for the poor people in Ramadan. In this month people read the Quran for rewards. Muslims pray in a group and fast from Fajr to Maghrib to get rewards. Giving Zakah, reading the Quran, Pray in a group, and fast from fajr to Maghrib.

Yusuf B. 2nd

Ramadan

Ramadan is the month in which the Quran was sent to prophet Muhammad sallallahu alaihi wasallam ananabiawarsullah.

Ramadan is the month of giving and helping everyone.

Giving ZAKAT(charity) to the poor. Muslims pray for good deeds

and get AJAR. As Muslims, we please Allah by praying, fasting, and celebrating Eid.

During Ramadan we should fast, pray, and do things that please Allah Ramadan is the 9th month on the Islamic lunar calendar. It is the month after shaban. Ramadan is the month of mercy. We ask for Allah's mercy and forgive break our fast at sunset(Maghrib) to eat dates, and other foods. Ramadan is the month of helping everyone. Ramadan is about giving zakat sadaqah and salah. During Ramadan we pray salah and give zakat. we ask for Allah's mercy and forgiveness.

Ramadan Ya Ramadan

Why is Ramadan considered a blessed month? Ramadan is considered a blessed month because it is the month that Allah told us to fast and get us closer to him. Ramadan is considered an important month because it helps Muslims get closer to Allah (SWT) by observing the 10 ashra days, fasting, and making salah. Ramadan Kareem, Or Ramadan Mubarak.

Ibraheem K. 5th

A Month of Spiritually

Why is Ramadan considered a blessed month?

Ramadan is a blessed month in which the Holy Qur'an was sent down upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.). In a hadith, it says that a person can get all his past sins erased by fasting during Ramadan, and another hadith says that the reward for good deeds is increased in Ramadan significantly. Therefore, Muslims aim to grow spiritually and build a stronger relationship with Allah (S.W.T.) in Ramadan. Ramadan is a month that is celebrated by Muslims from all around the world in order to get closer to Allah (SWT). They observe fasting for 29 or 30 days. Abu Huraira (R.A) says that The Prophet (S.A.W.) said: " Whoever observes fast during the month of Ramadan out of sincere faith, and hoping to attain Allah's rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven." - (Al-Bukhaari 2:37) Ramadan is the 9th month according to the Islamic Lunar Calendar. It commences by sighting the new moon. It was in this month that Allah (S.W.T.) sent down the Holy Quran upon Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.)

Sauban M. 5th

Oh Ramadan,

Oh Ramadan how beautiful of a month you are
Oh Ramadan how I've missed you
Oh Ramadan how blessed of a month are you
Oh Ramadan how you remind us of the
unfortunate
Oh Ramadan you're a month of good deeds
Oh Ramadan you're a month of forgiveness
Oh Ramadan you're a month of fasting
Oh Ramadan you're a month of paying zakah
Oh Ramadan you bring us joy
Oh Ramadan you bring us patience
Oh Ramadan you bring us guidance
Oh Ramadan you bring us believers closer to
Allah
Oh Ramadan you're about connecting with Allah
Oh Ramadan you're about seeking forgiveness
Oh Ramadan you're about giving zakah
Oh Ramadan you're about the fifth pillar of Islam

Jenna A. 10th

The Blessed Month

There is a month that is certainly blessed
Of all the months, it is the best
In it, many good deeds are done,
Homework is easy and we have lots of
fun.
It was this month the Quran was sent down,
To the best man, Muhammad, who lived in
a desert town. This month is here again, It's
Ramadan of course, so be happy my dear
friend!

Rianna N. 7th

How are Syrian and Turkish people experiencing Ramadan after the earthquakes?

Ramadan has been hard for many many families in Syria and Turkey. Turkey and Syria are now experiencing Ramadan after the earthquakes that have happened. It is hard for them to experience Ramadan because they are low on money, low on food, water, and shelter. It is a very very dark Ramadan this year, not only because people can't gather the ways they are used to but also because gathering together to break fast for iftar is a reminder of the passing loved ones.

Because of the earthquake that took place in February of the current year in Turkey and Syria, a lot of families are living in shelters, or moved to families in other cities. They do not have proper homes or jobs, or enough food for their families. In Turkey, restaurants usually have special menus in Ramadan. They are not opening this year in those cities as they are totally destroyed. Organizations along with regular citizens are helping by providing food to people in their shelters and tents. At least those struggling people with missing homes will not think about breaking fast with nothing or a little food. Earthquakes damaged a number of cities. People are living a difficult life and hardship financially and emotionally. Many families have vanished, or became smaller in size because of the death of several members. Therefore, those members who are alive can not forget that on a daily basis and during this special time of the year for Muslims; Ramadan. Mosques are also totally destroyed in those cities hit by the earthquakes. Ramadan is the month of Taraweeh special prayers. People are not able to pray taraweeh like they used to in the neighborhood Masjid. So now, they gather in tents to attend the Taraweeh prayers and make duaa for family members who passed away and hoping to have a better future life.

Aya A. 8th

Taraweeh prayer in Ramadan

Taraweeh prayers begin from the first Moon-sighted evening (start of Ramadan) to second Moon-sighted evening (last day of Ramadan). This prayer is performed in congregation during Ramadan of the Islamic calendar, after Isha, and before Witr, which is also prayed following the imam who leads the prayer aloud in one or three raka'ats, unlike how it is done in other eleven months.

Taraweeh prayers are prayed in pairs. The imam reads the entire Quran over the course of Ramadan. Taraweeh prayers are considered Sunnah, or in other words, not obligatory. However, it is believed that the reward for them is great, as it is the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad, being reported in multiple authentic Hadiths.

Muhammad is reported to have said, "Whoever stands with the imam (in Taraweeh prayer) until he finishes, it is equivalent to spending the whole night in prayer."

This hadith was used as a proof by Imam Bukhari.

Different types of people pray taraweeh around the world. Hundreds of muslims gather in the great mosque in Turkey, and pray taraweeh together.

People also pray taraweeh in New York Times' square.

Rianna N. 7th



Qatayif Recipe

How to make Qatayif

Step 1

Prepare the syrup: In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, lemon juice and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Lower heat and simmer until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Set aside to cool completely, then stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon orange blossom water or $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon rose water.

Step 2

Make the batter: Start off with 4 cups warm water, put in 2 cups of flour, and then 1 cup of semolina, after that add 1 tsp of yeast and baking powder, next add two tbsp of sugar, and two tbsp of cornstarch, and lastly a pinch of salt, a dash of vanilla extract, and 1 tsp of mahlab.

Step 3

Cook the qatayef: Place a medium nonstick skillet or griddle over medium heat until hot. Mix the batter to ensure it is smooth, then pour separate $\frac{1}{2}$ cup portions of batter into the pan, fitting about 4 circles. Cook qatayef until the entire surface is covered in small bubbles and the center loses its sheen, about 30 to 45 seconds. Qatayef cooks only on one side; the base should be uniformly golden and the top covered in small bubbles. If the disks brown too quickly or unevenly underneath before the batter loses its sheen on top, lower the heat slightly.

Step 4

Transfer each cooked qatayef to a large tray lined with a dish towel and cover with another dish towel while you cook the remaining batter.

Step 5

Fill the qatayef: Fold each into a half-moon, bubble side on the inside, and pinch to seal the edges together halfway. Using a teaspoon or a piping bag, fill the opening with the cheese or walnuts, as preferred.

Step 6

Arrange the filled qatayef on a serving platter. To serve, drizzle the cooled syrup over the qatayef and offer guests more syrup to add to their individual plates, if they choose.

Huda A. 9th



Qatayef is an Arab dessert commonly served during the big month of Ramadan. It is a sort of sweet dumpling filled with cream or nuts, or cheese folded pancake, similar to a Scottish crumpet.





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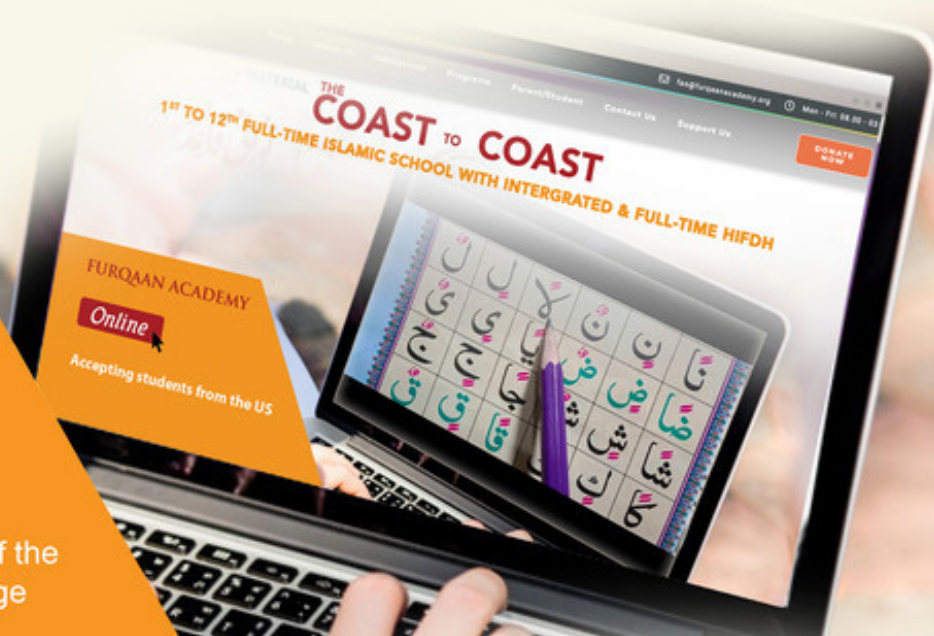
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