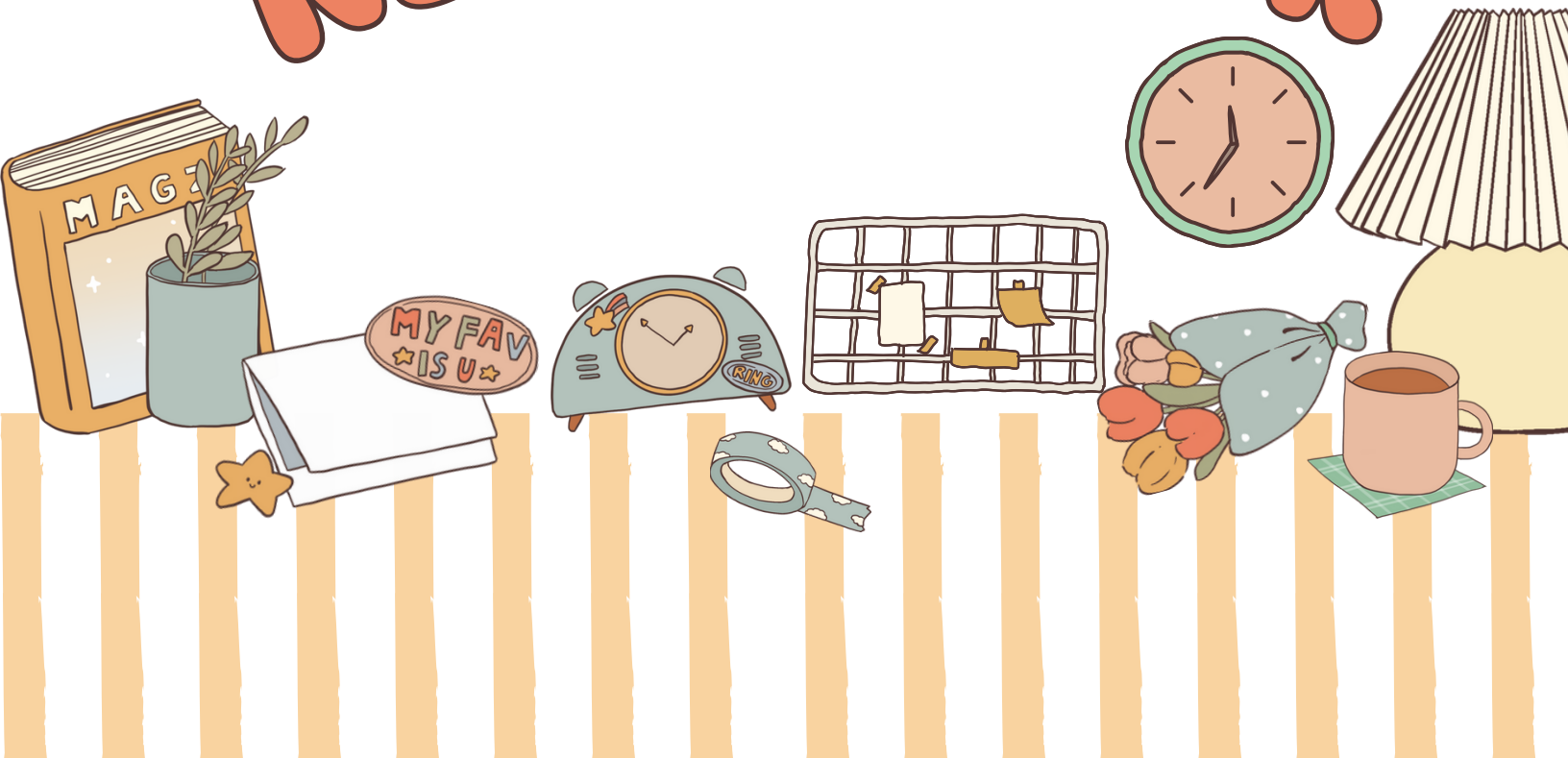




# February NEWSLETTER





# Message from the Principal

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Dear Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy Families,

As we approach the blessed month of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting, I would like to extend my heartfelt greetings to you and your family: Ramadan Mubarak. May Allah (SWT) accept our fasting, prayers, good deeds, and grant us all a month full of mercy, forgiveness, and growth.

Ramadan is one of the greatest seasons of worship in Islam, and its importance is clearly established in the Qur'an and the Sunnah. Allah (SWT) says in the Qur'an: "O you who have believed, fasting has been prescribed upon you as it was prescribed upon those before you that you may become righteous." (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:183)

And Allah (SWT) also says:

"The month of Ramadan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion..." (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:185)

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ also emphasized the value of Ramadan and fasting, saying:

"Whoever fasts Ramadan out of faith and seeking reward, his previous sins will be forgiven." (Bukhari Muslim)

Ramadan is a time of discipline, reflection, and strengthening our connection with Allah. It is a month that teaches patience, responsibility, good character, and excellence in all aspects of life—both spiritual and academic.

Please note: During Ramadan, school drop-off and pick-up times will remain the same, and there will be no changes to the daily timetable. Maintaining consistent routines helps students stay focused, emotionally balanced, and academically engaged while benefiting fully from the blessings of Ramadan.

At school, students will be encouraged to embody the true spirit of Ramadan through respectful behavior, patience, kindness, self-control, and continued effort in their studies. Fasting is not an excuse to lower standards, but an opportunity to raise them—just as the Prophet ﷺ and his companions continued to work, lead, and strive for excellence while fasting.

We kindly ask parents to support this message at home by maintaining healthy routines, encouraging reasonable bedtimes, and reinforcing that Ramadan builds strength, discipline, and character.

May Allah place barakah in this blessed month for our students, families, and staff, and allow us all to experience Ramadan as a time of growth and success. Ameen.

With respect and best wishes,

Dr. Mohamed Bush

Principal

Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy



# Growing Together as We Welcome Ramadan

As we enter the month of February at Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy, we continue our journey of learning, growth, and spiritual development—Alhamdulillah. Despite the winter season, our school remains filled with energy, purpose, and a strong sense of community.


Our students continue to show dedication to their studies and uphold the values of respect, responsibility, and kindness in their daily interactions. Our teachers remain committed to nurturing both academic excellence and character development, ensuring that learning is rooted in strong Islamic principles.

February also marks the blessed arrival of Ramadan, a month of mercy, reflection, and spiritual renewal. As we prepare our hearts and minds for this sacred time, we encourage our students to reflect on gratitude, self-discipline, compassion, and good character. Ramadan provides a beautiful opportunity for our school community to strengthen its connection with Allah ﷻ and with one another.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

“When the month of Ramadan begins, the gates of Paradise are opened.”  
— Sahih al-Bukhari

May Allah allow us to reach Ramadan in good health and grant us the ability to benefit fully from its blessings. We pray that this month brings peace, growth, and barakah to our students, families, and staff. Ameen.





# January Highlights

## Term 2 Begins:

January marked the start of Term 2, with students returning refreshed and ready to learn. Term 2 is a key academic period where much of the year's core learning takes place. During this term, students engage deeply with essential concepts, strengthen foundational skills, and make significant progress across all subject areas.

## Fire Drill

Our students and staff participated in a fire drill to review and practice safe evacuation procedures. Everyone exited the building quickly, calmly, and followed directions responsibly. Regular fire drills help ensure that all students know what to do in case of an emergency and can leave the building safely and efficiently.

## Qur'an Memorization Milestone:

We were honored to celebrate a special milestone as one of our students, Yahya Khan from Grade 6, completed the memorization of the Qur'an. A small school celebration was held to recognize this beautiful achievement, and we pray that Allah places barakah in the student's knowledge and makes the Qur'an a source of guidance throughout their life. Ameen.

# January Highlights



Grade 6 Meeting with the Principal



Field Trip of Grade 1 and 4



Learning Beyond Classroom



Honoring Qur'an Completion



Friday Smiles!

# Virtue of the Month Assembly

In January, we held a school-wide assembly focusing on the virtue of Modesty (Haya'). Students engaged in meaningful discussions about how modesty is reflected in behavior, speech, and daily interactions. Through examples and reflections, they explored the connection between modesty and faith in Islam. Students actively participated by sharing ideas and demonstrating respectful conduct. The assembly encouraged students to practice humility, dignity, and good manners both in school and beyond.



Highlights  
of the  
Assembly


# Virtue of the Month Assembly

## Our Modesty Stars

Kindergarten:  
Hammad Mazhar  
Maryam Rahman  
Grade 1:  
Asiya Abdirahman  
Jana Namaruish  
Grade 2:  
Aleena Farah  
Omar Sameer  
Grade 3:  
Ruqaya Muhammed  
Salahuddin Kadri  
Grade 4:  
Yahya Ahmed  
Rafsan Rahman

Grade 5:  
Lamia Usman  
Ameen Khan  
Grade 6:  
Zubayr Hartley  
Yussef Trabelsi  
Grade 7:  
Mina Ahmed  
Ibrahim Sakharkar  
Grade 8:  
Heba Namaruish  
Mahdiya Nazrat  
Grade 9:  
Bassel El Sikhry

# February Calendar

 <b>Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy</b> <i>The Virtue of the Month: Compassion</i>							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
				Girls Hijab Day Anti- Islamophobia Door Decorations Contest Ends	PD Day		
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
	Family Day Public Holiday (School Closed)	Public Holiday (School Closed)	Ramadan Starts (Tentative)	☀️ Lockdown Drill			
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
		Anti-Bullying Day	Assembly Virtue of the Month	PD Day	PD Day		
<b>2026</b>	<u>Note:</u> 1. Black History Month 2. Girls Hijab Day 3. Anti-Bullying Day					Instructional: 16 Operational: 18	



# Ramadan Food Drive

In the spirit of giving during Ramadan, Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy will be holding a Food Drive from February 2 to February 12. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to support families and individuals in need within our local community.

Donation boxes will be placed in the Musalla and labeled by grade. Students are encouraged to bring donations and place them in their class box. To make this initiative engaging, the class that collects the most items will receive a small prize as a token of appreciation.

We encourage all families to participate in any way they can—even one item can make a difference. May Allah ﷻ reward you for your generosity and support. Ameen.

## Suggested Items by Grade

- KG: Coffee, Tea, Green Tea
- Grade 1: Rice
- Grade 2: Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Grade 3: All-Purpose Flour / Wheat Flour
- Grade 4: Cooking Oil
- Grade 5: Canned Vegetables, Soups, or Tuna
- Grade 6: Dry Lentils
- Grades 7-9: Cereals, Jams, Spreads, Shelf-Stable Milk, Sugar

Our Student Council Leaders will proudly deliver all collected donations once the drive concludes. Kindly ensure all items are unopened and not expired.

Thank you for helping us teach our students the true meaning of generosity and community service.





# Important Announcements

- Girls' Hijab Day – February 12: A day to celebrate identity, confidence, and modesty in Islam through age-appropriate activities and discussions.
  - Public Holiday – February 16 & 17: There will be no school for students and staff in observance of the public holiday.
  - PD Days – February 13, 26 & 27: There will be no school for students on these dates as staff will be engaged in Professional Development activities.
  - Friday Dismissal: The Friday dismissal time will remain the same as usual at 2:30 p.m.
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