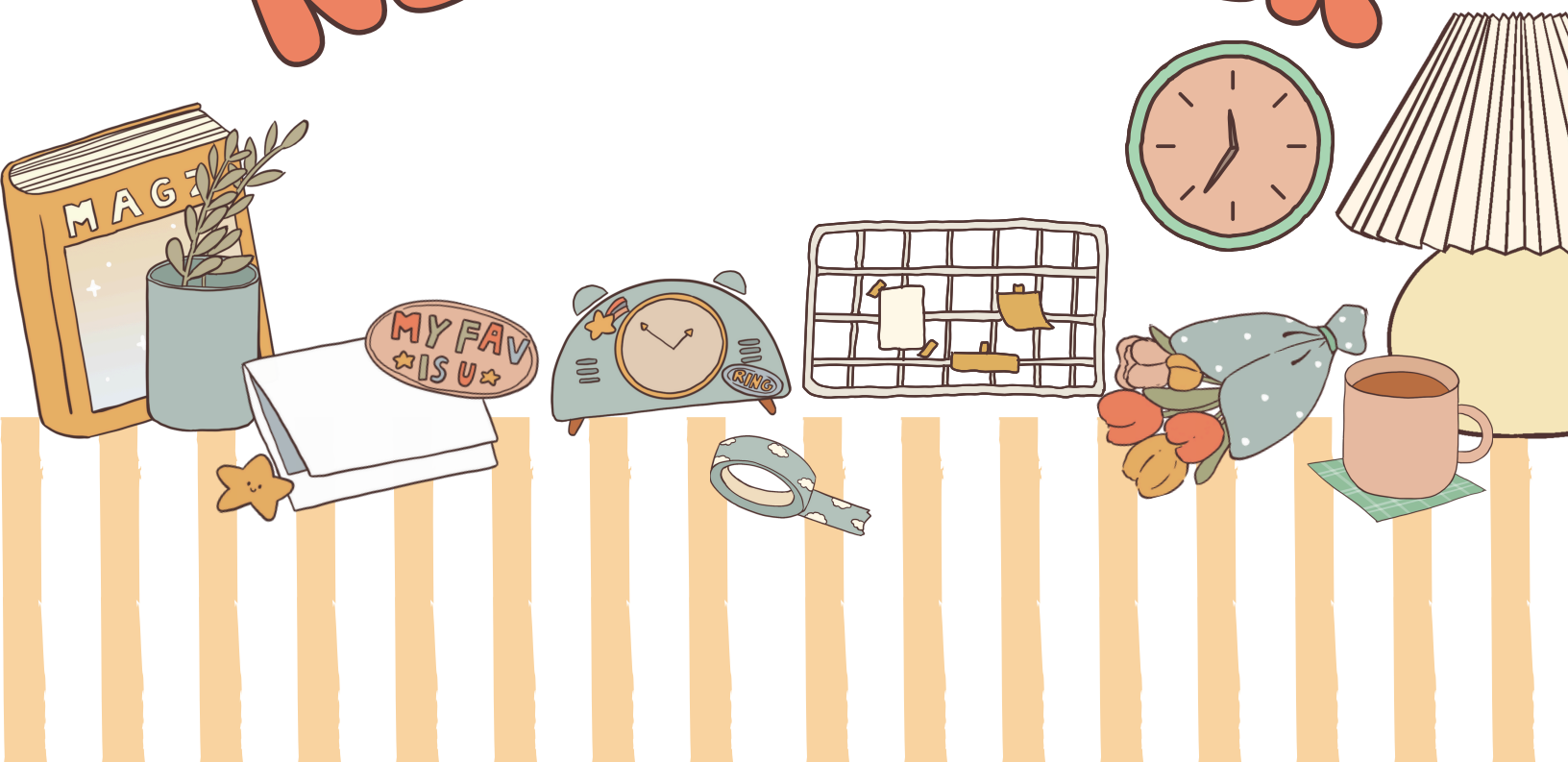




# January NEWSLETTER





# Message from the Principal

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Dear Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy Families,

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to warmly welcome you and your children back from the winter break. I hope that this time provided your families with meaningful moments to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with your loved ones.

As we return to school, please note that this week is an adjustment period for our students as they re-establish routines and classroom expectations. Although January is a short month, it is an important one, as it marks the beginning of the second term—a time when learning, growth, and renewed focus truly take place.

I would also like to remind families that January and February are typically the coldest months of the year. Please ensure that your children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather, with warm jackets, hats, gloves, and boots, especially during arrival and dismissal times. Additionally, children often feel hungrier during the winter months. We kindly ask that you send enough healthy snacks with your child each day and ensure they have a nutritious breakfast before coming to school. Breakfast plays a vital role in a child's ability to learn—it helps improve concentration, energy levels, memory, and overall academic performance. Children who eat breakfast are better prepared to engage in learning and participate actively throughout the school day.

We are excited to share that we have several engaging activities planned for both January and February. Below are our January events:

## 1. Coffee with the Principal – January 20, 2026

This event provides parents with an opportunity to meet with me in an informal setting, share feedback, ask questions, and discuss ideas that support our school community. We look forward to strengthening our partnership with families through open and meaningful dialogue.

## 2. Virtue of the Month Assembly

During this assembly, students will learn about and reflect on our selected virtue for the month. The assembly focuses on character development, positive behavior, and Islamic values, helping students apply these virtues both in school and at home.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure a successful and enriching second term for all our students. We look forward to a productive and rewarding start to the new year.

Warm regards,  
Mohamed Bush  
Principal  
Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy



# Renewal, Purpose, and Growth at OIAA


As we welcome January at Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy, we begin the new year with renewed purpose and reflection. This is a time to refocus our intentions, set meaningful goals, and continue growing together as a school community.

Alhamdulillah, our students have returned with enthusiasm and confidence, settling back into their routines and demonstrating responsibility, respect, and a positive attitude toward learning. Our teachers continue to nurture supportive classrooms rooted in strong Islamic values.

Even during the cold winter months, the spirit of kindness, cooperation, and good character remains strong at OIAA. Our students continue to support one another and strive to embody the best of Islamic manners. As our beloved Prophet ﷺ said:

“Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise.” — Sahih Muslim

As we move forward, we remain committed to nurturing confident, compassionate learners who live by Islamic values in all that they do. May Allah place barakah in this new year and grant our school community continued growth and success. Ameen.





# December Highlights

## Term 1 Report Cards:

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Term 1 report cards were issued before the winter break, providing families with an overview of students' academic progress, effort, and growth. We encourage parents to review the reports and reach out to teachers with any questions or feedback.

## December Field Trips:


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Alhamdulillah, our students enjoyed engaging and educational field trips in December. These experiences provided valuable hands-on learning opportunities and helped strengthen teamwork, confidence, and positive character development.

## Winter Break:

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The school observed Winter Break from December 22 to January 2. We hope our students and families enjoyed a restful and joyful break and returned refreshed for the new term.



# December Field Trips



Field Trip Fun!



Smiles and Playtime



Learning Beyond Classroom



Active Learning Day



Field Trip Smiles!



# Virtue of the Month Modesty

For the month of January, our students will be focusing on the virtue of Modesty (Haya') – a beautiful characteristic that reflects humility, respect, and good manners in Islam. Throughout the month, students will learn how modesty is expressed not only in one's appearance, but also through polite speech, respectful behavior, and dignity in one's actions.



In Islam, modesty is strongly connected to faith. The Prophet ﷺ said: "Modesty is part of faith." – Sahih Muslim

Students will explore how to practice modesty in their daily lives by speaking kindly, interacting respectfully, and being mindful of themselves and others. The goal of this month's virtue is to help students internalize the value of modesty as part of their character and identity as young Muslims.

We look forward to seeing our students develop this virtue throughout the month, InshaAllah.



# January Calendar

 <b>Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy</b> <i>The Virtue of the Month: Modesty</i>							
J a n u a r y	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		 Winter Break Ends					
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		School Reopens					
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Coffee with Principal				
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<b>2026</b>		Fire Drill/ Clubs (4-6)	PD Day	Assembly Virtue of the Month		Instructional: 19 Operational: 20



# Important Announcements

- Coffee with the Principal – January 20, 2026: Parents are invited to join an informal coffee session with the Principal to connect, share feedback, and discuss their child’s learning experience.
  - A school-wide Fire Drill will be held on January 27th. These drills help students practice safety procedures and ensure everyone is prepared in case of an emergency.
  - Friday Dismissal: The Friday dismissal time will remain the same as usual at 2:30 p.m.
  - PD Day – January 28, 2026: No school for students as staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day.
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