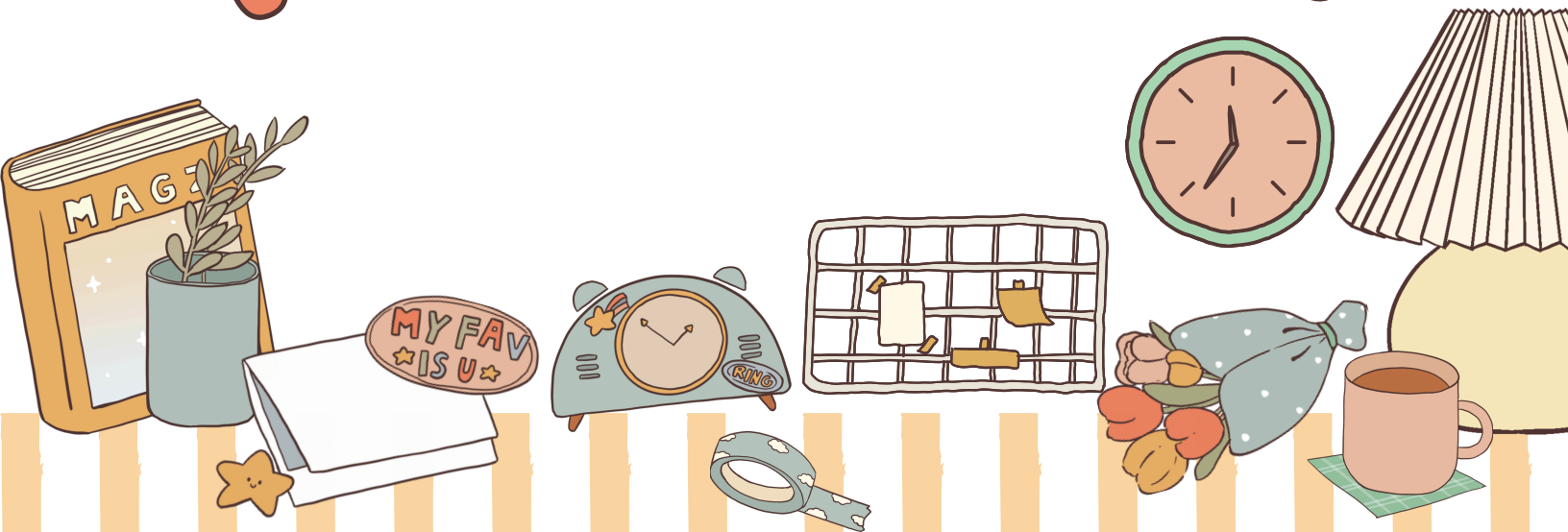




# March NEWSLETTER



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# Principal's Message

Dear OIAA Families,

As-salāmu ‘alaykum wa raḥmatullāhi wa barakātuh,

As we enter the second ten days of Ramadan, I want to congratulate our students and families for the beautiful spirit we are seeing across the school. Alḥamdulillāh, our school community is doing very well—students are settling into the rhythm of Ramadan, and many of them are showing increased motivation, kindness, and energy in their learning and interactions. Allah reminds us of the purpose of this month: “O you who believe, fasting has been prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may attain taqwā.” (Qur’an 2:183)

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Whoever fasts Ramadan out of faith and seeking reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.” (Bukhari ; Muslim)

To support your child's success during school hours, please consider the following:

- Prioritize sleep: A consistent bedtime helps students stay focused and positive during the day.
- Plan a balanced suḥūr: Include water, protein, and slow-release foods (such as oats, eggs, yogurt, whole grains).
- Support emotional well-being: Remind children that Ramadan is also about character—patience, respect, and kindness.

## An Important Note About Younger Students and Fasting

We respectfully remind families that younger children should not fast for long hours, especially if it affects learning, focus, or health. If a child is exhausted, dehydrated, or unable to concentrate, it becomes very difficult for them to benefit from the school day. We encourage families to guide younger students with partial fasting or gradual practice that is safe and age appropriate.

Allah says: “Allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you hardship.” (Qur’an 2:185)

## Teachers Working Hard – Students Staying Strong

I want to recognize our teachers and staff who are working even harder during Ramadan. Alḥamdulillāh, our students have been energetic and engaged, and our team continues to support them with care and professionalism as we work to wrap up Term 2 successfully.

## Thank You for a Wonderful Fundraiser

A heartfelt thank you to all parents and families who attended the fundraising event last week. It was a truly special moment to see our parents and students together as one community. We are also deeply grateful to all donors who supported our school and the masjid. Your generosity strengthens our students and helps us grow.

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Charity does not decrease wealth.” (Muslim)

## Punctuality Matters – Please Arrive on Time

We are noticing that too many students are arriving late. Being on time is essential—especially in Ramadan—because it helps students start the day calmly and prevents them from missing important learning. Please do your best to ensure your child arrives on time each morning.

## Our Door Is Always Open

Finally, please remember: our door is open. If you have any concerns or questions, please reach out by email—either to your child's teacher or directly to me. We are always happy to listen, support, and work with you as partners in your child's success.

May Allah accept your fasting, prayers, and good deeds, and may He make these days a source of mercy, forgiveness, and growth for all of us.

Warm regards,

Dr. Mohamed Bush

Principal

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# Ramadan Mubarak!

As we enter the month of March at Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy, we continue our journey of learning, reflection, and spiritual growth—Alhamdulillah. With Ramadan now upon us, our school is embracing this blessed month with a renewed sense of purpose, patience, and unity.


Our students continue to demonstrate dedication to their studies while striving to uphold the values of respect, responsibility, and kindness in their daily interactions. Even while fasting, they show resilience and commitment, and we are proud of their efforts. Our teachers remain devoted to nurturing both academic excellence and strong character, ensuring that learning continues in a balanced and supportive environment.

Ramadan is a month of mercy, reflection, and spiritual renewal. It is a time to strengthen our connection with Allah ﷻ, develop self-discipline, practice gratitude, and increase in compassion and good character. As a school community, we are grateful for the opportunity to grow together during this sacred time.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

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

May Allah accept our fasting, prayers, and good deeds, and may He fill our homes and our school with peace, growth, and barakah. Ameen.

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# February Highlights

## World Hijab Day


Students reflected on the significance of modesty in Islam and the values of faith, identity, and confidence that it represents. Through discussions and classroom activities, we reinforced pride in our Islamic identity and encouraged our students to embody respect, character, and gratitude for the blessings of our deen.

## Lockdown Drill

Our students and staff participated in a lockdown drill to review and practice emergency safety procedures. Everyone followed instructions promptly, remained calm, and responded responsibly throughout the drill. Regular lockdown drills help ensure that students and staff are prepared, understand safety protocols, and can respond appropriately in the event of an emergency.

## Anti-Bullying Day

We observed Anti-Bullying Day as an important opportunity to promote kindness, empathy, and mutual respect within our school community. Students engaged in meaningful discussions about the impact of their words and actions, the importance of standing up for others, and how to build a safe and supportive environment for everyone. Through reflection and classroom activities, we reinforced the values of compassion, dignity, and responsibility toward one another.



# APEGA SCIENCE OLYMPICS

Our school participated in the APEGA Science Olympics. This year marked our very first time taking part in this prestigious competition, and Alhamdulillah, it has been a proud and meaningful milestone for our students and school community.

Our journey began in October with the launch of our STEM Club for Divisions I and II. Since then, students have shown incredible dedication and enthusiasm, while our teachers have gone above and beyond to mentor and guide them. Every Friday, students and staff remained after school until 3:45 PM, collaborating on innovative STEM projects, refining their ideas, strengthening teamwork, and developing strong problem-solving skills.

Division 1 students had to create a device that could help people with color blindness see things easily.



# APEGA SCIENCE OLYMPICS

Division 2 had to think like an Olympic engineer for the 2026 Winter Games! Their job was to design and build an exciting freestyle ski course for a marble that represents a skier with precise size requirements. They created a ski lift that safely carries the marble to the top using a simple machine i.e. Pulleys. They used a different simple machine i.e. inclined plane to move the marble from the top of the lift to the starting point of the ski run. They also designed a fun downhill course with ramps, bumps, and other creative features.

On the event day for testing, our students explained the problems we faced to create our final product, to the judges.

More than 200 teams participated.



# APEGA SCIENCE OLYMPICS

Alhumdulillah our hard work paid off. We are proud to announce the following results:

- Division 1: Three Bronze Medals
- Division 2: One Silver Medal and One Innovator Award

These achievements are a testament to the perseverance, creativity, and commitment of our students, along with the unwavering support of our dedicated teachers.

The school celebrated this accomplishment and to encourage future participation, the students who represented us at the competition were recognized. We hope this success inspires even more students to join the STEM Club and participate in future academic challenges, In sha Allah.

We sincerely thank our families for their continued encouragement and support. Together, we are nurturing a culture of excellence, innovation, and growth.



# Ramadan Preparations

As part of our Ramadan preparations, our school community came together in a spirit of joy and unity. Teachers enthusiastically participated in decorating their classroom doors with beautiful Ramadan themes, creating a warm and festive atmosphere throughout the hallways. The school also distributed special goodie bags to students to mark the beginning of the blessed month, helping to build excitement and a sense of togetherness as we welcome this special time of reflection and gratitude.



# Islamic Jeopardy – Building Knowledge Through Engagement

To make learning both engaging and meaningful, our students have been participating in Islamic Jeopardy every other day for 15 minutes. This short but impactful activity has become a highlight of the week, creating excitement while reinforcing important Islamic knowledge.

Students answer questions covering topics such as Seerah, Qur'an, Hadith, Islamic history, and the pillars of Islam and Iman. Working in teams, they practice recall, critical thinking, and collaboration in a fun and supportive environment. These regular sessions not only strengthen their understanding but also build confidence and teamwork. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn grow with each round.



# Virtue of the Month Assembly

In March, we held a school-wide assembly focusing on the virtue of Compassion. Students engaged in meaningful discussions about how compassion is reflected in our words, actions, and daily interactions. A thoughtful skit presented by our Grade 8 and 9 students beautifully illustrated real-life examples of empathy, kindness, and standing up for others. In addition, several students created and displayed posters highlighting messages of mercy, understanding, and caring for one another. The assembly encouraged everyone to practice compassion in both small and big ways, within our school and beyond.



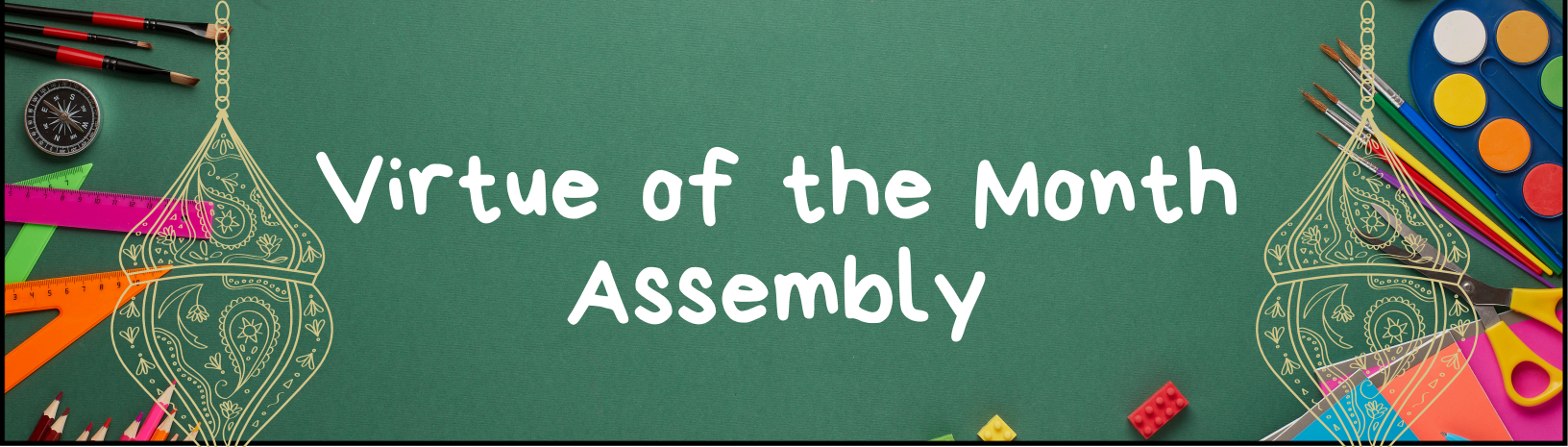
Highlights  
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# Celebrating Qur'an Excellence

Our students continue to demonstrate admirable commitment in their Qur'an studies. Through regular memorization, revision, and recitation, they are strengthening their connection with the Book of Allah. Their perseverance and sincerity are truly inspiring, and we ask Allah to place barakah in their efforts and grant them success on their Qur'anic journey. To acknowledge their dedication and progress, certificates were awarded to students in celebration of their achievements.





# Virtue of the Month Assembly




## Our Compassionate Stars

Kindergarten:  
Ayah Farah  
Aisha Bawazir  
Grade 1:  
Bazan Khan  
Haya Ashtikar  
Grade 2:  
Yousuf Abbasi  
Hiba Ahmed  
Grade 3:  
Kinan Dalal Bachi  
Asha Hashi  
Grade 4:  
Yasmine Shebani  
Abdul Haseeb Mohammed

Grade 5:  
Ammar Elshimi  
Aly Mohamed  
Grade 6:  
Omar Khalid Hasan  
Kareem Hamdan  
Grade 7:  
Owais Sameer  
Areebah Qureshi  
Grade 8:  
Rubaiya Rahman  
Assiya Es Said  
Grade 9:  
Zakir Yusuf Khan




# March Calendar

 <b>Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy</b> <i>The Virtue of the Month: Cooperation</i>							
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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	8	9	10 🔦 Fire Drill	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19 Eid-ul-Fitr Holiday	20 Eid-ul-Fitr Holiday	21
	22	23	24 P/T Interviews	25	26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Report Card Out	27	28
	29	30	31	<b>Note:</b> 1. Eid-ul-Fitr Celebrations/Décor 2. PT Interviews 3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Report Card Out			<b>Instructional:</b> 18 <b>Operational: 18</b>
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# Important Announcements

- Eid-ul-Fitr Holidays – March 19 & 20: There will be no school for students and staff in observance of Eid-ul-Fitr.
  - Our Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place from March 24<sup>th</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup>. The teachers will be sending out booking links. We encourage all families to attend and stay engaged with their child's learning journey.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Report Cards for all students will be released on March 26.
  - Friday Dismissal: The Friday dismissal time will remain the same as usual at 2:30 p.m.
  - Spring Break – OIAA will be closed for Spring Break from March 30 to April 3. Classes will resume on April 7.
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