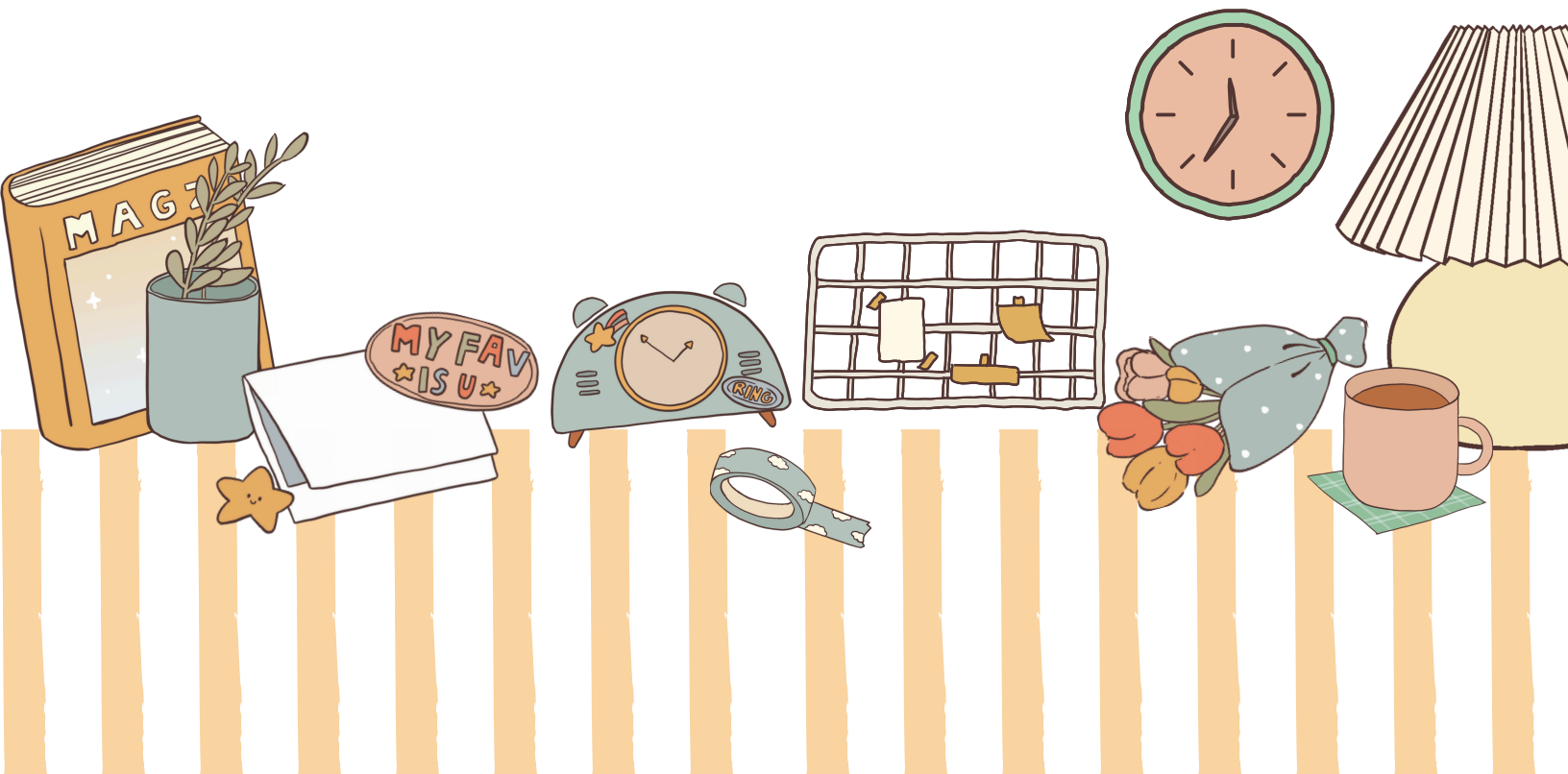




November and December NEWSLETTER





Message from the Principal

Friday, November 28 2025

Dear Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy Families,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good health and high spirits. As we approach the end of the first term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the months of November and December, and to share some important updates from our school community.

November Highlights

November was a very busy and fruitful month at Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy. One of our main events was the Spelling Bee, which provided students with a valuable opportunity to strengthen their vocabulary, improve their pronunciation, and build confidence speaking in front of others. Activities like the Spelling Bee support literacy skills and help students develop discipline, focus, and healthy competition in a positive and encouraging environment.

In November, our Virtue of the Month was Responsibility. We were pleased to invite parents to attend the Virtue of the Month event, and I would like to sincerely thank all the families who joined us. The virtues program is a central part of our school culture. We celebrate a virtue each month to help students grow not only academically, but also morally and socially. By highlighting responsibility, we encourage our students to be accountable for their actions, take care of their belongings, complete their work on time, and contribute positively to both their families and the school community.

Our students continue to make strong progress in all subject areas, and I am very proud of their efforts. Our teachers are working diligently to support each child's academic and personal growth, and I am grateful for their dedication and professionalism. We were also blessed to welcome new students in all grades during this time. To our new families: thank you for trusting us with your children. We are honoured to partner with you in their education. To help our new students feel at home, we provided a pizza welcome in every class and ensured that they received all the support and accommodations needed to transition smoothly. I am pleased to share that our new students have already become an important part of our school family.

Please know that we are here for you. My door is always open, and I warmly encourage you to reach out or come see me whenever you feel it is needed. Your feedback, concerns, and ideas are always welcome.

Looking Ahead to December

December is the final month of Term One, and it is a very important academic period. During this month, teachers are conducting a variety of assessments to evaluate student learning and to ensure that we have a clear understanding of each child's strengths and areas for growth. Our staff will be busy wrapping up the term and preparing report cards for your children. Report cards at the end of each term are essential. They provide a formal record of your child's achievement, work habits, and progress over time. They also help you see where your child is excelling and where additional support might be beneficial, so that we can work together to set goals for the next term.

We will also be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences. These meetings are a vital opportunity for you to speak directly with your child's teacher, gain a deeper understanding of your child's progress in all subjects, and learn about the teacher's plans to further support your child's learning. I strongly encourage all parents and guardians to attend. Your presence shows your child that their education is a priority and helps us continue to provide the best possible learning environment.

Thank you once again for your continued support, trust, and partnership. Together, we can ensure that Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy remains a place where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to achieve their full potential.

Warm regards,
Dr. Mohamed Bush
Principal



Gratitude, Growth, and Togetherness at OIAA

As we enter November and December at Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy, we reflect with gratitude on the progress, maturity, and kindness our students have shown so far. These months remind us to appreciate our blessings, strengthen our intentions, and continue growing together as a school community.


Alhamdulillah, our students have settled confidently into their routines—displaying responsibility, respect, and enthusiasm for learning. Our teachers are working with dedication to create nurturing classrooms where students feel supported, valued, and inspired by Islamic values.

These colder months have brought a special warmth to OIAA: the warmth of teamwork, compassion, and good manners. We see students helping one another, demonstrating excellent manners, and striving to be their best selves. We are guided by the words of our beloved Prophet ﷺ:

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

As we move forward, we remain committed to nurturing confident, caring, and capable learners who embody the spirit of Islam in every step.

May Allah place barakah in the coming months and bless our students with continued growth and success. Ameen.





Important Events

Spelling Bee Competition

OIAA held an exciting Spelling Bee Competition for all grade levels this month. Students showed impressive confidence, focus, and hard work as they competed in front of their peers. It was a wonderful opportunity to build vocabulary, public speaking skills, and healthy competition. We are proud of every participant for their effort and courage

Class Winners

Grade 1
Khandaker Ibrahim Ahmed
Grade 2
Asma Ahmed
Grade 3
Mustafa Omair
Grade 4
Ashar Ahmed
Grade 5
Lamia Usman
Grade 6
Ammar Ahmed
Grade 7
Areeba Qureshi
Grade 8
Heba Namaruish
Grade 9
Bassel Elshikhry



Our
Spelling Bee
Stars

Division Winners

Div 1
Mustafa Omair
Div 2
Ashar Ahmed
Div 3
Areeba Qureshi





November Highlights & Seasonal Reminders



Fall Break

Students enjoyed a restful Fall Break from November 11-14th. This pause offered everyone a chance to recharge, spend time with family, and return refreshed for continued learning and activities at OIAA.



Coffee With the Principal

We hosted our second Coffee With the Principal, welcoming parents for an open and meaningful conversation with our school leadership. It was a very informative and transparent session. This gathering created a warm space to discuss ideas, share feedback, and strengthen the home-school partnership. We look forward to hosting more sessions to keep our community connected and engaged. These conversations help us understand your perspectives and strengthen the partnership between home and school.



Picture Day – November 6

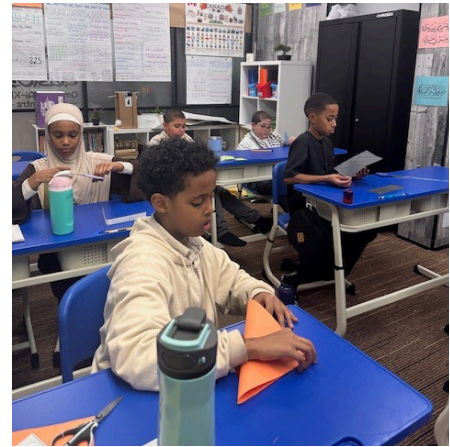
Picture Day for each student took place on November 6. Students came with bright smiles and great excitement. The photo sessions went smoothly, and families have already received their child's individual pictures – a wonderful keepsake from this school year.



Showcase of Learning: Highlights from Our Classrooms



KG students working with their Grade 6 buddies for Health Class



Grade 5 doing Art work



Grade 2 having their reading session



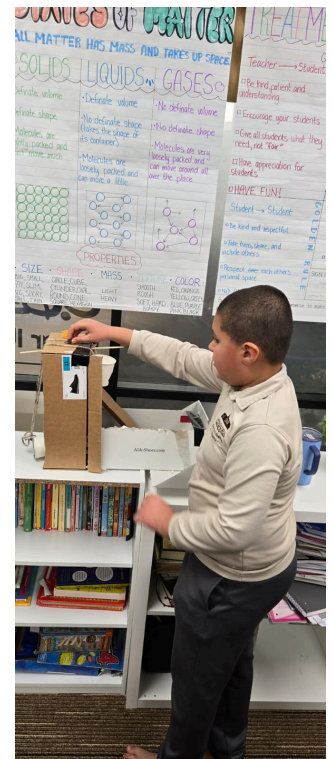
Grade 3 making kindness chain for Bullying Week



Grade 1 and 4 exploring science together!

STEM CLUB

The STEM Club is coming to an end for this year, and students have greatly enjoyed the hands-on activities and creative challenges it offered. Division 2 wrapped up their sessions on November 28th with a fun pizza party to celebrate, and Division 1 will conclude their STEM Club experience on December 12th. Thank you to all students for their enthusiasm and participation throughout the program.



Class Potlucks: A Celebration of Sharing and Community

Our students from Grade 1 through Grade 9 enjoyed coming together for class potlucks this month. These gatherings were a wonderful opportunity for students to share food, laughter, and stories with their classmates. Each class brought a variety of dishes, allowing everyone to try new flavors while strengthening friendships and a sense of community. The potlucks were not only delicious but also a heartwarming reminder of the joy of sharing and the bonds that make our school family so special.



Virtue of the Month Responsibility

This month, our students focused on the virtue of Responsibility, learning what it means to be accountable for their actions, their duties, and the trust placed in them. Through class discussions, activities, and reflections, students explored how responsibility can be shown through completing tasks on time, helping others, and making good choices. The month concluded with a school-wide assembly, where classes shared poems, skits, and examples of responsible behavior in action. During the assembly, a few students were selected to receive a certificate of recognition for consistently demonstrating responsible behavior. It was a wonderful celebration of our students' growth in character and a reminder that responsibility is a key part of being a trustworthy and caring member of our school community.



Highlights
of the
Assembly

Virtue of the Month Responsibility

Our Responsible Stars

Kindergarten:
Ayesha Sambulkhani
Fatimah Abdi
Grade 1:
Areem Sase
Nashrah Amatul Muizz
Grade 2:
Mohamed Zaid Hussain
Amira Ayesha Fatima
Grade 3:
Jumana Namaruish
Dawood Ali Dadabhoy
Grade 4:
Mohammad Ashtikar
Ashar Ahmed

Grade 5:
Ammar Elshimi
Alia Farah
Grade 6:
Saeed Hartley
Ammar Ahmed
Grade 7:
Ali Mahmoud
Anum Maqbool
Grade 8:
Zoha Farhan
Asiyah Ahmed
Grade 9:
Ali Ovais Syed

Celebrating Qur'an Excellence

Our students continue to show remarkable dedication in their Qur'an learning. With consistent memorization, practice, and recitation, they are building a meaningful and lasting relationship with the words of Allah ﷻ. Their steady effort and sincere commitment truly shine, and we pray that Allah ﷻ grants them continued growth and reward on their Qur'anic path. In recognition of their hard work, students received certificates celebrating their progress and achievements in Qur'an.






December Calendar



Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Academy


The Virtue of the Month: *Honesty*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	P/T Interviews 		Fire Drill		Reports Card Out	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Winter Break Starts 					
28	29	30	31			Instructional: 15 Operational: 15
				Note: 1. Report Cards Out 2. P/T Interview		



Important Announcements

- Our Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place from December 15th to December 18th. The teachers will be sending out booking links. We encourage all families to attend and stay engaged with their child's learning journey.
 - Report Cards for all students will be released on December 19th.
 - A school-wide Fire Drill will be held on December 10th. 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.
 - Winter Break – OIAA will be closed for Winter Break from December 22nd to January 2nd. **Classes will resume on January 5th.**
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Winter Camp

The centre is organizing a fun filled winter camps starting from December 22nd and continues until January 1st, and registration is now open!

The camp will include Quran Memorisation, improving recitation, Quran reflection moments, field trips and pizza days.




Omar Ibn Al-Khattab
Centre

*It will be a learning
and growing Winter
time Insha Allah!!!*

WINTER QUR'AN CAMP

QURAN | FIELD TRIP | PIZZA FUN DAYS

DECEMBER 22 – JAN 1ST

Ages 7-16 | Boys & Girls
Led By Dr. Qusai
Bawazir

Register here:


Monday to Thursday
10:00am to 2:00pm
\$210 per person

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Gratitude



Alhamdulillah, we are grateful for the support, encouragement, and unity within our school community. Thank you to our wonderful students, families, and staff for another amazing month of learning and growth!

May Allah ﷻ bless our students, families, and staff for their efforts and contributions throughout the month.