



# SCHOOLS OUT!

The final newsletter of the year has been published and what a year!

It has been a great year with many events and achievements – a fantastic close to the school year. We would like to use this final newsletter to share these achievements and activities with you.



## MY EXPERIENCE AS JUNIOR HEAD GIRL

2023 was an extraordinary year from beginning to end. It was a year filled with memories, responsibilities and many fun experiences.

When I was elected as Junior Head Girl, I was anxious and aware of the responsibilities placed upon my shoulders.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the principal, my teachers and my fellow classmates for supporting me and motivating me while navigating this role.

I had a spectacular Junior RCL team who worked well

together. This included salaah duties, organizing the lunch program, working on the displays for the notice board, the Ramadhaan feeding scheme as well as compiling the newsletters. Lastly, I would like to thank my RCL team for their dedication and hard work.

It was an honour being the Junior Head Girl of Tshwane Muslim School and it is an experience that I will cherish forever.

By: Aarifah Suleman  
Grade 7A

## AKHLAAQ AWARDS

### TERM 3

Grade 4 : Yusra Sujee and Huthaifah Mohammad  
Grade 5 : Ibtihaj Mohamed and Muhammad Hassim Suleman  
Grade 6 : Maryam Ali and Yahya S Dockrat  
Grade 7 : Tasleemah Jalalpor and Mikaeel Jaffer

### TERM 4

Grade 4 : Maleehah Jeewa and Abdullah Carim  
Grade 5 : Imaan Abdoola and Dayyaan Ebrahim-Hassen  
Grade 6 : Husnaa Sujee and Ahmad Alli Tayob  
Grade 7 : Tasiyah Gani and Muhammad Zaydaan Suliman

## JUNIOR HEAD BOY

Being awarded the opportunity to be Junior Head Boy has indeed been a rewarding experience.

This leadership role has allowed me the opportunity to enhance my skills, build meaningful relationships and make a lasting impact on my school community. Working closely with my fellow RCL peers, I have learned how to collaborate, delegate tasks and motivate others towards achieving a common goal.

The role of Junior Head Boy has allowed me to build meaningful relationships with learners and teachers. I have developed strong relationships with my teachers, especially Appa Nazreen and Meneer Haroon Mohamed, who have served as mentors and provided guidance throughout my tenure as Junior Head Boy.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served my school in this role.

By: Muhammad Xavier Stevens  
Grade 7B

## SALAAH PRACTICALS

Salaah practicals, on a Wednesday morning, are a great way to encourage us to read salaah correctly. Postures and takbeers according to the sunnah are emphasized.

On Wednesdays, a nafl salaah is read, led by Moulana Manjara. After the salaah, Moulana Kathrada renders a talk on the importance of salaah.

May Allah (SWT) accept all our efforts and Insha Allah this programme will continue as the years go by.

By: Yousuf Syed and Mubash'shir Kola  
Grade 6B





## OUR HIFZ CLASS

We were very excited because we were accepted to trial for the Hifz programme. Our moulanas are quite strict. When we met them, we were comforted by our moulanas who explained to us what the programme entailed. We get lots of sabaq to learn daily. We had to memorise a para. I am in Moulana Khalid's class. He encourages us to learn our sabaq daily. Our moulanas are wonderful when we behave but strict when we don't behave.

By: Khaalid Moolla and Abdullah Carim | Grade 4B

## OUR HIFZ JOURNEY

Our Hifz journey began in Term Three. We were instructed to learn a portion of the Quraan from Surah Imraan to read to Moulana Yusuf. It was nerve-racking but we managed it, Alhamdulillah! We then joined the Hifz class! We started memorising a bit more as we were required to finish a para in this term. This is a new experience for us. It is such an honour to be a part of the Hifz class. It is difficult doing Hifz but we will try our best. Jazakallah to our parents for helping us memorise our sabaq during the holidays. May Allah (S.W.T) also help us on this journey and make it easy to learn and memorise the words of the Holy Quraan. Insha Allah we will become haafidhas of the Quraan one day, Ameen!

By: Maleeha Mansoor and Alayna Gani | Grade 4A

## MY 'FOOTSTEPS OF THE FAITHFUL' JOURNEY: LEARN, LOVE AND EMULATE

Learning, loving and emulating the Sahabah (RA) is not just a task for the quiz but a lifelong journey we must all undertake. Let us strive to follow in the 'Footsteps of the Faithful'.

I am excited to share my journey on the 'Footsteps of the Faithful' Sahabah quiz, an experience that has filled my heart with love and deepened my connection with our beloved Sahabah (RA). For over four weeks, I participated in this inspiring event which created awareness and instilled love within me for the Sahabah (RA) and their sacrifices for our Deen. The quiz was incredible with 15 challenging questions in the finals, which was held on the 27th October. I was extremely nervous at first but my determination grew as the questions unfolded. I watched

anxiously as the leader board changed after each question. It was both fun and filled with suspense. But it was from the 9th question onward that I found myself leading the quiz, a moment I had been working towards for weeks. Finally I was declared the winner, securing the overall prize of R1000.

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By: Fatima Zahra Keeka  
Grade 6A

## ANNUAL QIRAAT JALSA

The Qiraat Jalsa took place on a Wednesday morning in August. Everyone was buzzing with excitement as we headed to the Jamaat Khana. We sat quietly and watched in excitement as our mothers arrived. When everyone was settled, the MC, Nusayba Patel, called out Ibtihaj Mohamed to render the welcoming address. Thereafter, a few words of advice were offered regarding the virtues of the Quraan. Then we were called upon to recite our Qiraat. Everyone read beautifully. We got certificates and made our way down the steps quietly and headed back to our classes.

By: Ibtihaj Mohamed and Sameeha Suleman | Grade 5A

## THE QURAAN QUIZ

Our school emphasizes the important role that the Holy Quraan plays in our lives, not only the recital of the Quraan but also the knowledge of it. The school provided the Grades 6,7 and 8 classes with 185 interesting questions and answers which not only prepared us adequately for the olympiad but instilled in us a great desire to learn more about the Book of Allah. We were given 11 pages to study at the end of Term 3 and the quiz took place four weeks later on the 18th of October. This was an exciting way to learn about the Quraan and the learner with the highest mark will receive an award at the end of the year.

By: Shifa Hussain | Grade 6A





# MATHS FUN DAY

The Maths Fun Day was on the second last day of Term Three. The event was held for the Grade Four to Seven learners and involved a fun Maths Challenge. As the bell rang for the third period, the Grade Fours lined up outside the mini hall. As we arrived, we were placed into groups of five and in different cubicles. Then we were given clues to solve the code for a four-digit lock. The lock was tied to a string on a box which held a prize inside. All the groups were very determined to win and tried their best to solve the clues. Our teachers also helped us with some clues along the way. In the end, one of the boy teams won the challenge. The day was challenging but lots of fun. By: Maryam Adam | Grade 4A

# CONQUESTA OLYMPIAD

This year was our first Conquesta Olympiad post Covid. It was an amazing experience and we enjoyed writing it! The subjects were Afrikaans, English and Mathematics. It really sharpened our mental abilities. It was quite difficult, especially Afrikaans. We also received beautiful certificates. By: Sumaya Ali and Sofiyyah Dockrat | Grade 4A



## ASTRO QUIZ

Tshwane Muslim School afforded the Grade 7s the opportunity to participate in the Astro Quiz. The purpose of the quiz was to improve learners' concentration and to boost confidence. The Astro Quiz is based on Astrological matters relating to Space and its planets. At the beginning of Term Two, the top 10 learners in Natural Science were selected to write the first round of the quiz. Four

learners with the highest marks proceeded to the next round. At the beginning of Term Three, the second round commenced. We competed online against various other schools and we worked together as a group. Although we didn't make it to the third round, we really enjoyed the experience. By: Lameez Carrim | Grade 7A

# SCIENCE EXPO 2023

*The Science Expo 2023 was an exciting event for the Grade 7 learners. It took place on Tuesday, the 25th July and was scheduled for 7:30am to 10am. There were many interesting projects including wind turbines, hydro-powered lights and robots. Many learners from the Senior Phase came to have a look at the projects and were very impressed. After the Grade 7 learners were done exhibiting, the Grade 8s and Grade 9s Science Expo took place. It was a fun learning experience and we are looking forward to the Science Expo next year, Insha Allah.*

*By: Aarifah Suleman & Nabeelah Yousuf | Grade 7A*



## THE LITERATURE FESTIVAL

What an amazing day! The learners loved the show performed by 'Hooks on Books'. Each child who participated received a voucher. The learners laughed and cheered. During the first break, the Grade 6As had a recipe class. They made some delicious tacos which they created a recipe for. During second break, there was a pizza sale. Everyone loved it because everyone loves food! At the end of a wonderful day, the Grade 4-6 learners showcased their talents, by reading in different accents. That was a wonderful experience. All the learners had a joyful day.

By: Zainab Irfan | Grade 6A

## SPELLING BEE

It was a fun but nerve-racking day. A few hours before the contest I went outside to revise. We had a short break and then it was time! I was nervous but also confident at the same time. I was nervous because it was my first time in a Spelling Bee finale. We sat down and got ready. Everything was going just fine until we heard my teacher exclaimed, "Unseen

words!" I was in shock and quite anxious. That went on for seven rounds until Muhammad Hassim Suleman won. Even though I lost the competition, I am still proud of myself. I congratulated both my opponents for giving me a good contest.

By: Yaqeen Ismail  
Grade 4B



## VEGETABLE GARDEN

For the past few weeks, the Grade 7 boys have been working hard on planting a vegetable garden, located in the school's new garden area. We started off by planting a variety of vegetables such as tomatoes, beetroot, coriander, spring onions and cabbage. These were planted in neat rows in the patch prepared for us. Each week, we visit the garden to water the plants and to plant more crops. Alhamdulillah, our plants are growing well, with just the right amount of water, sunlight and love. Once the vegetables are ready to be harvested, they will be donated to the school's support staff to cook delicious meals with. Not only is planting a garden a really fun and exciting activity to be involved in but it is also very rewarding. We, the Grade 7Bs, are grateful for this opportunity and we pray that Allah (SWT) rewards the school and all those involved in this project. By: Zeeshaan Omar and Mikaeel Jaffer | Grade 7B

## ENTREPRENEURS DAY

On the 7th September 2023, the Grade 7 learners hosted an Entrepreneurs Day. This event took many weeks of planning. Each group had something unique to offer such as shooting, a crossbar challenge and great food. This was a great opportunity for learners to learn responsibility regarding entrepreneurship. It was also loads of fun and the learners made good profits. A day before, we all went to advertise our wares and displayed our posters around the school. On the day, the learners supported the event and all stock was sold out in record time. 2,5% of our profits was donated to the school, to teach us about zakaat and also how to give in sadaqah. The money collected will be used for various charities that the school is involved in. The Grade 7 learners had to also clean up everything. Overall, it was a memorable day. By: Uwaiz Abdoola and Sulaimaan Jeewa  
Grade 7B

## HERITAGE DAY

Heritage Day is a South African holiday celebrated on the 24th of September. On this day, South Africans are encouraged to celebrate their cultures and traditions. It gives us an opportunity to appreciate the immense cultural wealth of our Rainbow Nation. In honour of Heritage Day, Tshwane Muslim School designed a human flag by allowing the Grade 4-12 girls to wear scarves in the different colours of the South African flag. Learners from the higher grades sold hotdogs and cold drinks. Monies collected from the sales will be donated to the Libya and Morocco relief efforts. The school was decorated with the South African flag, posters as well as many other traditional arts and crafts. By: Liyaanah Essop & Safiyah Moosa  
Grade 6A

## GIRLS' ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

On Friday the 22nd September 2023, we had a girls' enrichment programme for Grades 4-6. The programme started at 2:30pm and ended at 5pm. We first did some stretches then played games. Thereafter we all walked up to the lapa area and talked to our friends while we ate. We enjoyed two pieces of braaied chicken, chips and a garlic roll. After we ate, Apa Shabana taught us how to make wudhu using a spray bottle. We prayed Asr Salaah then went home. The enrichment programme was fun-filled and a great learning experience. By: Aleena and Maliha Ebrahim  
Grade 5A

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

*I remember the excitement we felt when Moulana Fahim announced that the Grade 4-6 boys were to spend an evening at school. The chilly winter evening did not stop us from making it a memorable get-together with friends and teachers! After Asr Salaah, we were addressed by our guest speaker, Moulana Ahmed Badat. Moulana spoke about the importance of the bounties bestowed upon us by Allah SWT. Moulana completed his hifz in just over a year in a remote area in the Sahara Desert, Subhanallah! He also spent most of his time in Brazil doing Dawah. After Maghrib Salaah we had supper in the boys' courtyard – tasty chicken strips and chips!*

*Chocolate-themed teams played a fun game of soccer. Team Flake were the champions of the evening! After Esha Salaah we headed to our cozy beds. Abundant blessings to all who organized this great evening.*

By: Muhammad Hassim Suleman  
Grade 5B

*The enrichment program was delightful. I don't remember a time that I felt so happy. We first went to the Jamaat Khana for Asr Salaah. Then we had a guest speaker who taught us many beautiful facts about Islam. Thereafter we read Maghrib Salaah. After Salaah,*

*Moulana Sadique rendered a very beautiful recitation of a few Surahs from the Holy Quran. We then went to eat in the courtyard. Thereafter we went to the Astro turf for the soccer matches. Everyone played well and had lots of fun. It was a wonderful experience.*

By: Yahya S Dockrat and Muhammed



## MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS’ DAY

On the 6th of August 2023, Tshwane Muslim School hosted its annual Mothers and Daughters’ Market Day. The day was joyous as there were many different activities including horse riding and ice-skating. There were also jumping castles that tossed you really high up in the air. A variety of stalls sold items such as toys, abayas, scarves, musallahs, stationery and much more. Everything was fun but

nothing could beat the food court. There was a variety of stalls selling tasty foods such as chips, kebabs, braai meat, cake pops, biscuits and coloured popcorn. I was very sad when it was time to go home as the day was so much fun. I cannot wait for the next Mothers and Daughters’ Market Day!

By: Zakiyya Jalal | Grade 5A

## FATHERS AND SONS’ VELD HIKE AND BREAKFAST

On the 17th of September 2023, the 13th annual Fathers and Sons’ Veld Hike took place. It was a beautiful warm morning, with not a single cloud in the sky. The hike started at 7:30am which meant that most of us had to sacrifice our Sunday morning sleep. We commenced with a recitation from the Holy Quraan by Moulana Abdur-Rahman. Ml Yusuf guided us on the route. The hike was 4.57km long, which involved walking in the veld, behind the reservoir, toward Erasmia Main Road and back to the school.

There were multiple water points situated throughout the route, which were manned by the RCL members. Fathers, sons and grandfathers enjoyed the scenery enroute. The learners spent time with friends and the dads engaged in meaningful conversations. After the hike, breakfast was served in the school courtyard. Scrambled eggs, polony, masala chips and baked beans was served. There was also ice cream, juice, tea and koeksisters. It was a unifying and joyous occasion where school friends, fathers and teachers enjoyed a lovely morning together. I’m already looking forward to the next one.

By: Keyaan Gani | Grade 5B

### THE GRADE 5 EXCURSION

It was the day of the excursion and I couldn’t contain my excitement. The weather forecasted rain and that made me sad, but Shukr Alhamdulillah, the weather stayed good. We went for a hike to B’Sorah Trails. The bus ride was fun but a bit long. We did an 8km hike and I packed lots of yummy snacks to keep me full of energy. We crossed a river together and the scenery was beautiful. Thereafter, we were served scrumptious hot dogs. Some of the bigger kids went for a swim! Even though it rained at the end of the hike, it was a very exciting adventure with my friends and classmates. I came back filthy and absolutely exhausted!

By: Yahya Manjira | Grade 5B



### GRADES 4-6 EXCURSION

As soon as we jumped into the bus, we were seated and on our way to GZ Adventures. On arrival at our destination, we climbed out and it looked like a farm. Then we went to an open grass area surrounded by tyres. We played a fun game, something like Tag. Then we had an icebreaker (we had to untie each other’s hands). We also lined up to race with sacks then we had a ten-minute break. We had a moon-walk race and played a game called “Capture the Flag”. Both teams made flags with logos and battle cries. Our team’s name was “Da Boyz” and the girls’ team was “Good Vibes”. Our battle cry was “No Pain, No Power, Ooga Ooga Boo”. Then we played Hot-Potato with an egg. Someone had a ball so we ended the day playing rugby. Then we lined up to jump back onto the bus. On the ride back, we sat with our friends. We had a fantastic day!

By: Mizaan Moosa and Yahyaa S Dockrat  
Grade 4B

### THE GRADE 7 EXCURSION

On a warm spring day, the Grade 7s and 8s went to Acrobranch. As we arrived, after a long bus drive, it started pouring and we had to find shelter. After a while, the rain subsided and we were able to start our adventure. The red course was favoured by everyone as it was one of the most challenging courses. We went on the big zipline too. The view while ziplining was amazing! It was a rather long zipline but we enjoyed it thoroughly. Of course, we could not leave without eating our delicious snacks. It was a day that we enjoyed to the fullest, Alhamdulillah.

By: Tasiyah Gani | Grade 7A





## FITNESS WORKSHOP

On the 12th of August 2023, our school hosted a fitness workshop for mothers and daughters. This event was for the ladies to get fitter and healthier. At 8am, we started with a half an hour warm-up. We did many stretches that made me feel like 'Elastic Girl'. It was great fun. We then headed to the hall for breakfast. We had some healthy snacks and enjoyed warm drinks and refreshing juices for breakfast. It was delicious! After breakfast we viewed a slide

show on health and fitness. The guests were all given a bar code that allowed them access to an app so that we could participate in a quiz. Whoever answered the fastest, won. There was also a draw where a name was randomly chosen and the winner won a gift from Elegance Novelties worth R500. After this, we had a plank competition which was quite fun!

By: Sofiyyah Dockrat | Grade 4A



## SOCCER TOURNAMENT

There was a soccer tournament on the 29th of July. The following schools participated in the tournament: Al Asr, Al Ghazali, CIS, PMT and Amity. The TMS Under 9 and Under 11 teams participated. The TMS Under 9s won the tournament and the Under 11s came in second place. The score in the final for the Under 11 category was 4-2 against Al-Asr. The Under 9 team won 3-1 against Al-Ghazali. This was a really fun tournament.

By: Abu Bakr Ravat  
Grade 5B

## VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The volleyball tournament was held on Saturday 2nd September 2023. It was extremely hot on the day. Everyone enjoyed themselves. We all had a chance to play as well as have fun. It was a good team and the Grade 7s won us in the first game but we avenged them in the last game. Thank you to Sir Zahid for hosting these events as they create memories and joy for all.

By: Muhammed Ayaan Hartnick and Muhammad Faizaan Moosa  
Grade 6B



## NETBALL TRAINING

*We never give up!*

We know winning comes with hard work. We prepare to win. This is exactly what the Grade 4 and 5 girls did one Saturday morning. The girls were out practicing their Netball skills. It was such a hot day. Apa Khatija, our sports teacher, chose the team to verse PMT. Our team did really well and we won all our games.

By: Maryam Khan  
Grade 4A



A huge thank you to the TMS Family for all your enthusiasm, commitment and support throughout the year. Best wishes for the summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you all back, relaxed and refreshed on the 17th of January 2024.