

Assalāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullāhī wa barakātuh.

Ustaadh Zakariyya, Mr Islam and Mr Malik are all missing the children. The other day I reminded Mr Islam how much you all love his story sessions, so he's getting ready to share some more interesting stories for when school re-opens isn't that exciting?

Speaking of something interesting, I would like to share with you something fascinating about Ramadhan that I recently read



Whilst Ustaadh Zakariyya and Mr Islam have been busy getting ready for online Qur'an class's my children have been busy using up my resources, here's what they have been up to...

Ramadhan, the month of Rewards

Rasulullah ﷺ Lecture on the last day of Shabaan

Hadhrat Salmaan ؓ says that on the last day of Shabaan, Rasulullah ﷺ spoke to us and said:

“O People, a great month has dawned upon you, a most blessed month, in which is a night greater in value and goodness than a thousand months. It is a month in which Allah ﷻ has made fasting *fardh* by day and has made *sunnah* the *Taraweeh Salaah* by night. Whosoever wants to be close to Allah ﷻ by doing any good deed, for such person shall be the reward like the one who had performed a *fardh* in any other time and whoever performs a *fardh*, shall be given the reward of **seventy *faraaidh*** in any other time.”

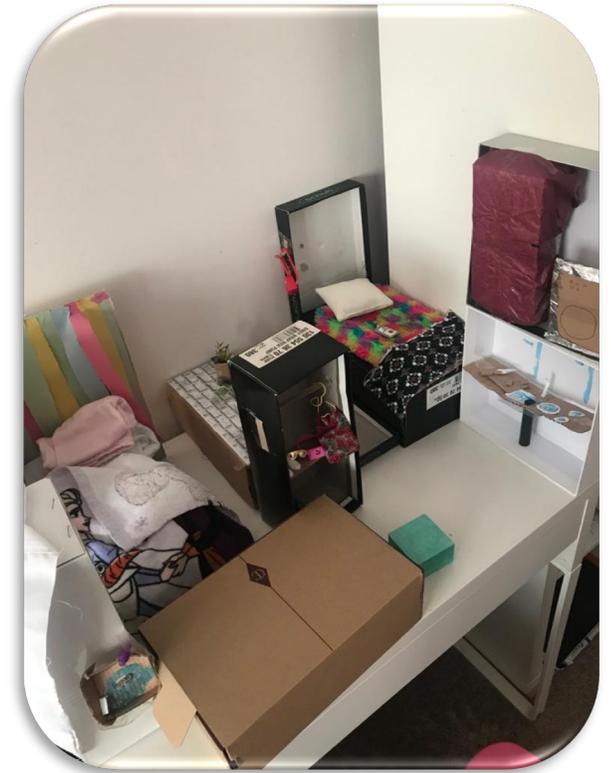
This is indeed the month of patience and the reward for true patience is *Jannah* (paradise). It is the month of showing kindness to everyone. It is the month in which a true believer's *rizq* (food, money, etc.) are increased. Whosoever feeds a fasting person in order to break the fast at *iftaar* (sunset), for him there shall be forgiveness of sins and freedom from the fire of *Jahannam* (hell) and he shall receive the same reward as the fasting person (whom he fed) without the fasting person losing any reward.

Thereupon we said, ‘O Messenger of Allah ﷺ, not all of us can afford to give a fasting person something to break his fast with.’ Rasulullah ﷺ replied, ‘Allah ﷻ gives the same reward to the one who gives a fasting person just one date or a drink of water or a sip of milk to break the fast with.’

This is a month, the first of which brings Allah's ﷻ mercy, the middle of which brings His forgiveness and the last of which brings freedom from the fire of *Jahannam*.



Re-cycling materials to make a dolls house setup: One of my daughters used up old boxes and printed off various wallpapers and templates to create some scenes for a doll house. She created a kitchen, bathroom and bedroom area all out of materials from around the house.



Road markings on the floor: The children created a mock up of a road using chalks (neon and coloured, can easily be found on Amazon) complete with a mini roundabout, they practised riding their bikes in single file, as you would on a normal road. They then proceeded to ride their bikes and listen to 'stop' and 'start' commands and had lots of fun riding up and down the 'road'.





Solar lights: whilst in the garden weeding the flower beds. We rummaged in the garage and found solar powered lights. I explained to the children that the sunlight will be converted into energy to power the lights. I also explained that the solar powered lights have a sensor that come on when the sun is setting, around Maghrib time. When we forked them into the ground they seemed pretty but the magic started which the sun set and the lights glowed beautifully. Now we can enjoy the garden in the night too as well as the day.



One more thing, whilst we were weeding the garden a beautiful bird appeared and started pecking at the grass on close inspection we noticed it was pulling out worms from the ground (known as worm charming), any idea what particular bird it is?