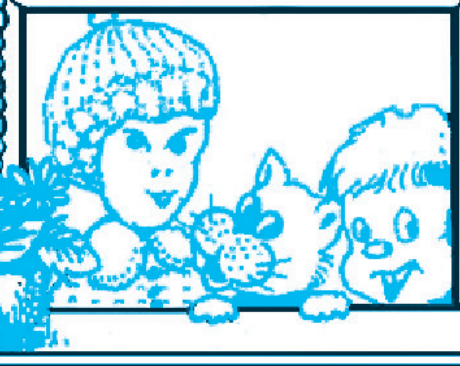


Children's Corner



Sha'ban and its Glorious Days

Salaam dear young friends. New Year greetings to you all; hope you have enjoyed your annual spring holidays.

We are meeting after a three-week gap, which means this is our first chat of the year 1400 solar hijri – aptly designated by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, “Year of Support for Production and Elimination of Obstacles” as a sequel to the “Year of Leap in Production” which was the designation of 1399 and which in his own words “was not completely achieved, but to be fair, made production move forward in important areas.”

It is indeed an incentive for the Iranian nation, the youth in particular, who are all geared up to break new ground in various fields by diversifying and increasing domestic production in order to generate more employment so as to make the national economy further strong in the face of those satanic sanctions the Great Satan (the US) imposes.

As you all know, this year's Nowruz holidays were coincided with the blessed month of Sha'ban.

The days of 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 11th and 15th of Sha'ban as you all know are the auspicious days which our youngsters celebrated them in their respected homes along with their families.

Can you guess what are these days special for? Yes, you are absolutely correct.

On the third of Sha'ban we marked the birthday of the Martyr of Karbala, Imam Husain (AS), as the “Day of the Pasdar”, as tribute to the selfless endeavours of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, for treading the footsteps of the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) to save Iran's national sovereignty, territorial integrity, religious unity, social amity, and cultural affinity.

The following day, on the birthday of Hazrat Abbas (AS), the valiant standard-bearer of Karbala, who lost both his hands and then his life in the defence of faith and human dignity, we lauded the indomitable spirit of our disabled in various fields, such as sports, arts, defence, economy, agriculture, industry, medicine, computer, aeronautics, nuclear energy, etc.

On fifth of Sha'ban, the 3rd successive day of celebration, we paid homage to Imam Zain al-Abidin (AS), the Survivor of the Tragedy of Karbala, who through the power of piety, patience, prudence and prayer, braved imprisonment, to stand till this day as the supreme symbol of freedom and humanitarian values.

On 7th of Sha'ban, we saluted the teenage Martyr of Karbala, Hazrat Qasem – son of Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS) – on his birthday that teaches us to stand steadfast in the midst of severe adversities in order to overcome heavy odds, even if it means drinking the elixir of martyrdom, with such immortal words on lips: “Dignified death is sweeter than honey.”

11th of Sha'ban was the “Day of the Virtuous Youth” in honour of the birthday of Hazrat Ali Akbar (AS), the son of Imam Husain (AS), while the 15th of Sha'ban was the “Day of the Oppressed” to commemorate the blessed birthday of the Lord of the Age, the Prophet's 12th and Last Infallible Heir, Imam Mahdi (AS), who will reappear in the end times to end tyranny on Earth by establishing the global government of peace, prosperity and justice.

Stay safe by staying home and please follow the precautionary measures of the Health Ministry. Good bye, see you all next week.

Ja'far Sadeq (AS)

“If a person observes his brother (in faith) performing something evil, and does not prevent him in spite of his ability & authority to do so, then he is really treacherous to his brother.”

Months of the Year

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- SEPTEMBER
- NOVEMBER
- AUGUST
- MARCH
- OCTOBER
- DECEMBER
- JANUARY
- JULY
- APRIL
- MAY
- JUNE
- FEBRUARY

RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. I am clean when I'm black, dirty when I'm white. What am I?
2. My first two letters say my name. My last letter asks a question. What I embrace I destroy. What am I?
3. I have wheels and flies, yet I am not an aircraft. What am I?
4. I have three heads. Cut off one, I become stronger. Cut off two, I become ten. What am I?
5. I contain five little items of an everyday sort. You can find all five in a tennis court. What am I?
6. I am black when you buy me, red when you use me, when I turn white. You know it's time to throw me away. What am I?

Answers to last edition questions:

1. Onion
2. Strawberry
3. Thoughts
4. Rooster
5. Smoke
6. Electricity

Send your jokes. Heard any jokes lately? Well, try and make us laugh too! Don't hesitate! Mail it to us.
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JOKES

A church puts out a wanted ad for somebody to ring their bell each day. A man with no arms replies to the want ad. The priest asks him “How can you ring a bell with no arms?”

The man runs into the bell face first and the bell rings loud and beautifully. The priest gives him the job. One day he misses the bell though and falls to his death. The priest and several other people come to the man's side and one of them says “Who is he?”

The priest replies “I don't know. But his face sure rings a bell.”

A man owns a rabbit farm and is known around the world for his rabbits who can lift more than any man. A little boy asks him: “How do you keep your rabbits so strong?”

The man replies: “It's no secret.” He pulls out a bottle of shampoo and says: “Keeps your hares strong!”

Bahman approaches a sales lady at a store and says “I would like to buy my wife some nice gloves.”

The sales lady responds “Well that's a nice surprise!”

“Yeah it is,” Bahman continues, “She's expecting a diamond ring!”

The Wind and the Sun

The Wind and the Sun were disputing which was the stronger.

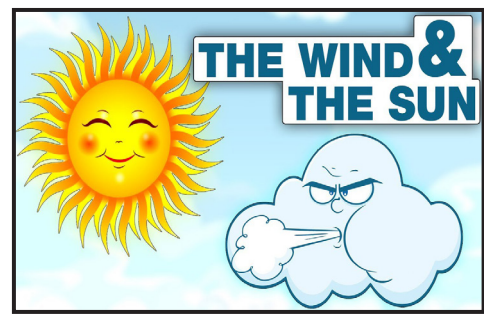
Suddenly they saw a traveller coming down the road, and the Sun said: “I see a way to decide our dispute. Whichever of us can cause that traveller to take off his cloak shall be regarded as the stronger. You begin.”

So the Sun retired behind a cloud, and the Wind began to blow as hard as it could upon the traveller.

But the harder he blew the more closely did the traveller wrap his cloak round him, till at last the Wind had to give up in despair.

Then the Sun came out and shone in all his glory upon the traveller, who soon found it too hot to walk with his cloak on.

MORAL: “Kindness effects more than severity”



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OSMIA AVOSETTA, A SOLITARY BEE SPECIES, CREATES NESTS FOR THEIR EGGS USING FLOWER PETALS.

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