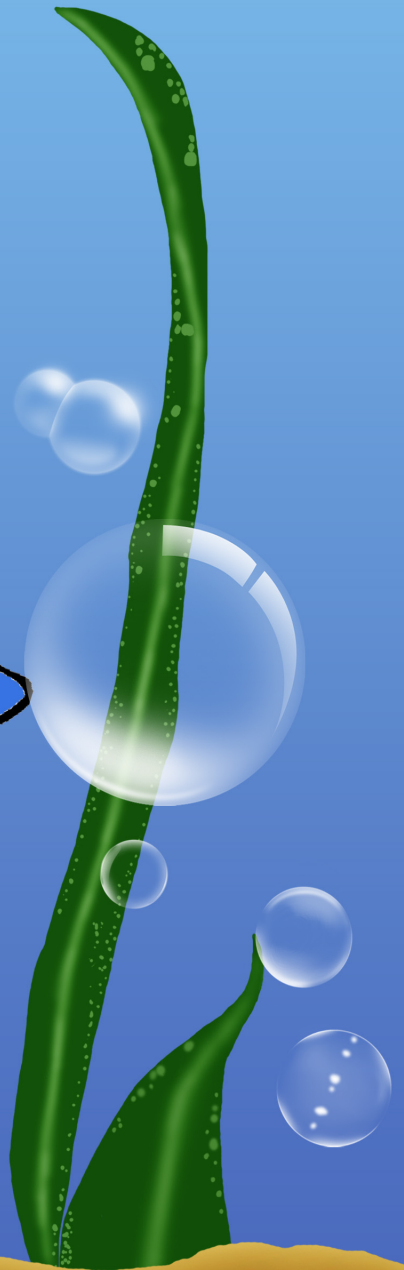
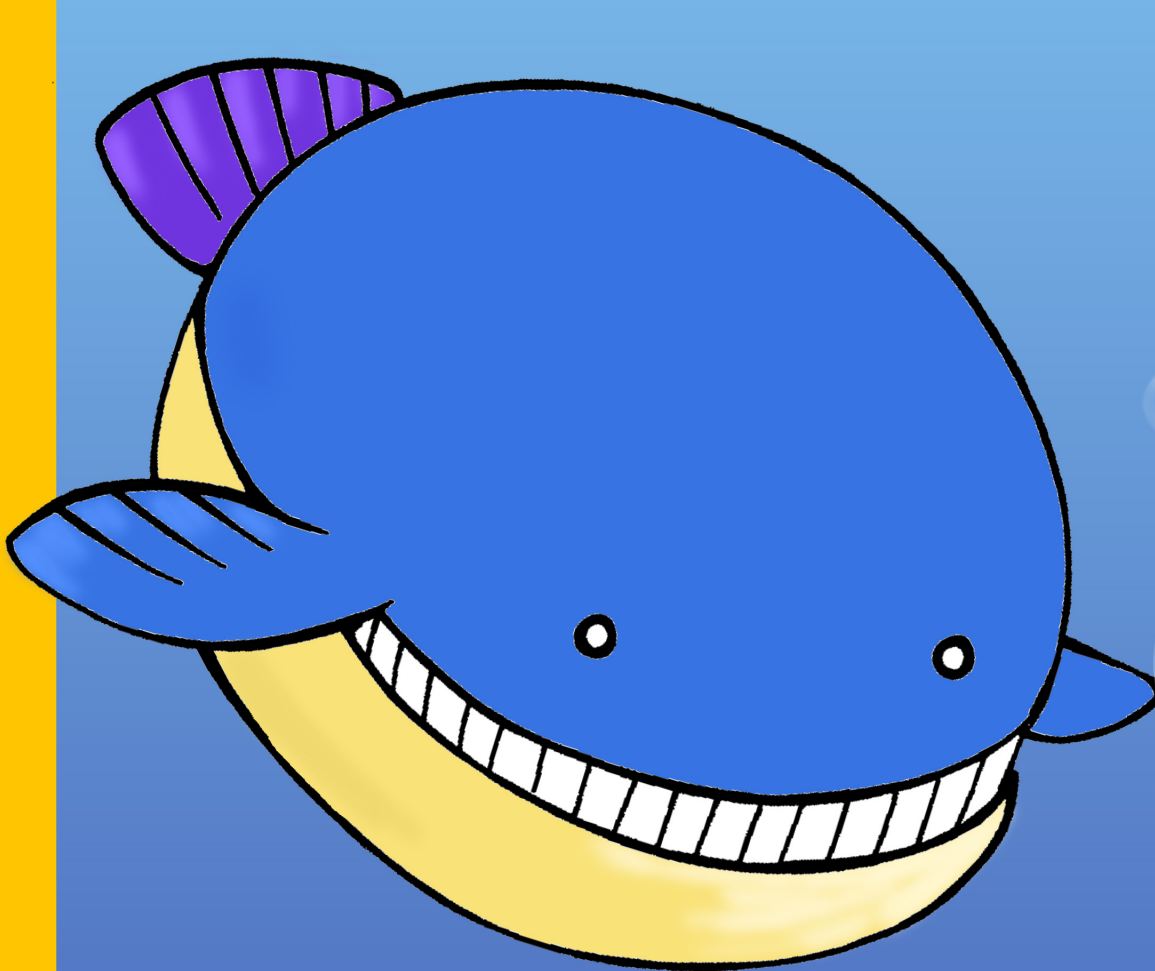




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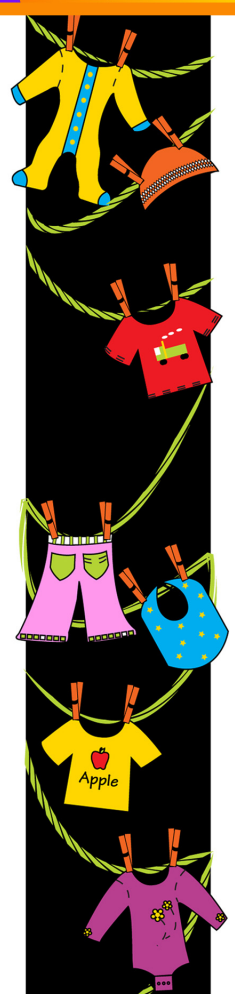
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May Allah's Peace be upon you!

Welcome to RecessKids Magazine! You are very special and that is why we would like to give you this gift, a free sample of our upcoming RecessKids Magazine! We started RecessKids Magazine for you and all your friends so you can have fun at home or at school during recess and lunch time. A RecessKid loves to have fun and lots of it!

At RecessKids, we want you to tell us what you like, and we want you to show us what you've got. You're the boss! Send in your drawings, stories and questions and we'll put them up so everyone can know how cool you are.

We hope you enjoy this gift edition of RecessKids Magazine, and remember to visit us at <http://www.recesskids.com> for more exciting features!



This month in History

BY HAMAAD NAMI

Christopher Columbus...

...was NOT the first to discover the Americas! In October of 1492, Columbus himself claimed that he saw a Mosque when he landed in America and discovered "bearded men who knelt for prayers 5 times a day." According to recorded history, North African Muslims were among the first to sail across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas, about 500 years before Columbus' journey! Columbus also had a team of Muslim navigators to guide him across the ocean. Well at least he was the third person to "discover" America. Around 1000 AD, a Norse explorer named Leif Ericson also beat Columbus to the chase!

HOPPING Yousef

BY AISHA BEVERLY LANG

Hopping Yousef
Likes to hop
All day and night
He never stops

Hop, hop, hop

Until his dad
Has to shout
YOUSEF!
Cut it out

Then Yousef stops
Dead in his tracks
Drops to the floor
Closes his eyes

RELAX

But before long
He feels an urge
Those jumping beans
Have re-emerged

And although Yousef
Tried his best
Urges are really hard
To suppress

So you know what he did?
Guess...

(To be continued...)



our Friends



Abdullah Ahmad, Age 5
Whitby, Ontario
Interests: Loves to play hockey and soccer



Salma Al-Sammak, Age 4
Ottawa, Ontario
Interests: Playing dressup



Malik Aljawhari, Age 2
Windsor, Ontario
Interests: Playing Mr. Fix It

Don't forget to send us your picture, with your name, age, interests and the city you live in at ourfriends@recesskids.com to show that you are a RecessKid and that you love to have fun!



Umar Ahmad, Age 3
Whitby, Ontario
Interests: Pretending to be a Ninja Turtle and fighting bad guys!



Faris Abbas, Age 3
Akron, Ohio



Zaina Al-Sammak, Age 1
Ottawa, Ontario
Interests: Playing with Star Wars figurines



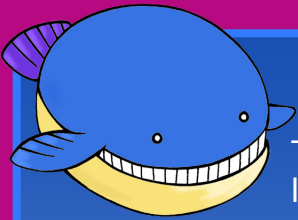
Ayah Abbas, Age 2
Akron, Ohio



GARDen

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BY SHIREEN PATEL



The tongue of a blue whale is as long as an elephant!

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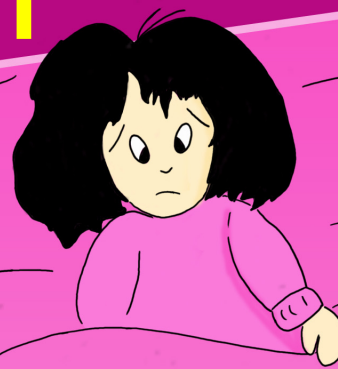
The blue whale is the largest animal on earth. The tongue of a blue whale is as big as an elephant and its heart is as big as a car (now that's a lot of love!).

The elephant is the largest animal on land, but it is much smaller than the blue whale.

WOULD YOU...?

Would you eat your homework if you could?

The Ancient Egyptians used to make their paper out of papyrus which is a plant that can be eaten either raw or cooked. If you were in the times of ancient Egypt, maybe you could just tell your teacher you ate your homework instead of blaming it on your dog!



HAVE YOU HEARD...?

Have you heard of a turtle headache?

Yup! If you keep your head under your blanket and fall asleep you can get a turtle headache. It happens because you keep breathing the same stale stinky air that you have just exhaled. You need fresh air which is full of oxygen to stop you from getting a headache.

By the way, turtles can't get a 'people headache' unless they bang their head when pulling it inside their shell.



WHAT IS...?

What is a cockroach's favourite food?

The glue on envelopes! So next time you get ready to lick an envelope remember someone else might have had a taste before you!

Those whom Allah LOVES

BY ARSSAL SHAHABUDDIN

Abdul Qadir Al-Jilani was a little boy from a city called Gilan in what is present day Iran. He was born during the year 1078 and was raised by his mother after his father passed away when he was very young. His mother always did her best to take care of him. She taught him a little something that he held on to for the rest of his life: never lie and always tell the truth.

When he was still a teenager his mother saved up a few gold coins (dinars) and sent Abdul Qadir to the city of Baghdad to study the religion of Islam and to become a scholar. She sewed the gold coins into his shirt so that he wouldn't lose it and he would be protected from thieves along the road. You can imagine that taking a trip by yourself is scary enough without having to worry about bandits and thieves hiding around the corner. Sure enough, while he was traveling to Baghdad he was stopped by thieves who tried to take his money. They circled him, looked him up and down and had their swords ready. When they asked him if he had any money he replied, "Yes I do."

He told them exactly how much he had and not only that, but he showed them exactly where it was hidden! Most people when faced with the same choice would probably lie and say that they don't have any money. The leader of the bandits thought long and hard. He became curious as to why Abdul Qadir told them the exact amount and where it was hidden, when most people would do the exact opposite. Abdul Qadir replied, "My mother told me to never lie." The shocked thieves looked at the boy and then took a long look at each other. They were moved upon hearing about the honesty of this boy and his devotion not only to his mother but the truth. They took his money out of their pockets, gave it back to him and wished him well in his journey. A lot of them started to rethink their evil ways and became good people after their meeting with young Abdul Qadir Al-Jilani.



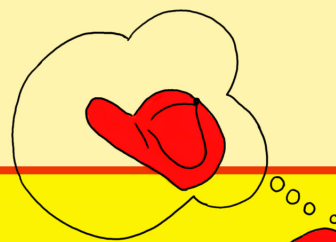
I have a question

ANSWERED BY: SH. NAVAID AZIZ



Are extreme sports like bungee jumping or sky diving allowed in Islam since they're a risk to your health, like smoking? (Montreal, Age 12)

This is a very good question. It all depends on how much risk there is. The greater the risk is, the more disliked it will be. Since you asked, let's also talk about the cost of these sports. As you may know, the prophet did not like to spend a lot of money on things that are not important. So if a sport costs a lot of money then we should not participate in it. One more thing, if we spend a lot of time playing such sports, then it's also something that Allah and the prophet do not like. So we have to be very careful how much time we spend playing sports because we need to worship Allah and do other good deeds that are beneficial to us and the people around us.



I wear hijab everywhere. Would I be allowed to wear a baseball hat instead? (Montreal, Age 9)

It's wonderful that you wear hijab everywhere, Allah will be so happy with you! Your question is also an excellent one. See, Allah loves young girls like you who cover themselves in hijab, because this is what Allah asked us to do. So when you do it, He loves you a lot. Also, the prophet told us that when we cover, we should cover with something that:

- 1- Does not look like men's clothes
- 2- Is not tight
- 3- Does not look like those clothes which are specific to the people who do not believe in Allah
- 4- Is not very bright and too colorful
- 5- Covers everything except the hands and the face

So I am sure when you look at the points above you will realize (since you are such a bright young girl!) that a baseball cap does not really fulfill what the prophet asked us to do. So keep your hijab and know that Allah loves you a lot for doing this wonderful act!

Send us your questions at
ihaveaquestion@recesskids.com

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Dear

Parents

BY DR. TAQIUDDIN AHMED

Raising children might be fun or a challenging task for some parents, and sometimes both fun and challenging! As Muslims we know that it is a very important responsibility. The prophet peace be upon him said, "Every child is born with the nature of Islam but the parents make him a Jew or fire worshiper or a Christian," which clearly means that you have the ability to transform your child to what you want him or her to be. Children very often learn the habits of their parents and their behavior. Their manners and values are mostly a reflection of their surrounding environment.

We must provide our children with learning aids that will instill in them characteristics that will make them excellent Muslims in faith and in manners. This is why children should be provided with activities, such as magazines, that have games and stories with morals such as righteousness, graciousness and trust and love of Allah and His messenger. These activities must also prevent characteristics like greed, miserliness, selfishness, jealousy and disobedience and ungratefulness to Allah and His messenger.

Family FUN

Simple things you can do as a family:

- Research your family history
- Go for bike riding
- Visit the library
- Plant a garden
- Create a family scrapbook
- Bake cupcakes
- Solve puzzles
- Read RecessKids Magazine!

Dr. Taquiuddin Ahmed completed a Masters degree in Islamic Shariah in 1983, worked as an Imam in Pittsburgh and Syracuse, and is currently a Muslim Chaplain in one of New York state's correctional facilities.

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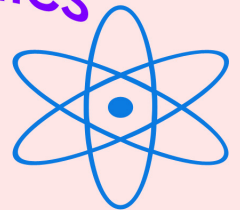
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