

# SPORTS DAY

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Their uniform colours and eyes of hope and unity just coloured the green ground and painted the atmosphere with the energy and excitement... The day before, the Baseball between Buraq and Duraid marked the afternoon with fervour, energy and team spirit. When the last over began, the competition was tight, Buraq struck it lucky with just 4 runs and the joy in the air was palpable.

Saturday began with the smooth and soothing recitation of Surah Al Aadiyaat by Bint Qaari Yusuf. It was a warm beginning and the students then uniformly marched into the ground and the air echoed with the respective team nasheeds and promoting unity with the Jaamia Nasheed -

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يا قافلتي المهنية

The cold and crisp winter morning blew a refreshing air with a serene and peaceful atmosphere. It was Saturday, 8th July 2023. It was time to break the stillness and bring out the inner spirit and appreciate the moments of joy by warming up in full swing for the Annual Sports Day!



Students began displaying the fruits of their efforts with the Racket-ball race and the wintry still air began echoing with cheers and encouragement for the participants.



The day began with all the fun and passionately contested races ranging from T-shirt-skirt-jabba-scarf-niqaab-socks-shoes relay, the Shuttle race, the Zig-zag race, the Hoola hoop thread, the Hoola hoop race, the Ball-tunnel race, the Water race, the Drinking race, Archery, Shooting, Relay race, Hurdle race and what not.

All these games were organized and coordinated by our coach, Um Yusuf. The juniors as well as the seniors, all participated actively in all the races. They were thrilling as well as amusing for the onlookers at the same time.

The gym fitness team, with their active participation added to the fun and enthusiastic spirits of the day.

After a few tie-breakers, the highly anticipated time came, and yes, it was time for the results to be announced! In clear serendipity, shocking to the team themselves, Buraq made it for the 1st position cup, marking their first win ever. They were closely followed by Duraid and then Dharees.

The all-time winners gracefully accepted their loss and cheered on the winning team, reminding us of the true spirit of sisterhood in Islam.

The euphoria in the air increased with all the teams running a lap around the field with their flags held high in esteem. "The best part was that every team was supporting and cheering the other. This is true sportsmanship," said the coach Um Yusuf.



And what about food after such a taxing day? Don't worry, we had it all sorted. The hot chocolate, coffee and tea, snacks and drinks stalls were available since the beginning and they served to be quite warm and cozy for the cold weather as well as refreshing at the same time. By the end, to satiate the palpable hunger in the afternoon, multiple diverse stalls for biryani, braai, steak, burgers, and different cakes and delicacies set an array of choices for everyone. Also, the book stall, woodenry, plants and Trendy Z's clothes stall were arranged to mark the day on a special beautiful note. A big Jazakumullahu khairan for everyone who participated in making this sports day a success. Aameen