



# AL-IMAN SOCIETY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

## Madrasatul Iman Al-Islamiyah

Charity No 1117020

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### Madrasah Newsletter Issue 2

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## Madrasah Iman Al-Islamiyah Newsletter

Assalaamu 'Alaykum Warahamatullaah.

Dear brothers and sisters, on behalf of the Madrasah I offer sincere apologies for the delay in the issue of this Newsletter. In the future we wish to publish the Newsletter at the beginning of every second Islaamic month Inshaa'Allaah we will be granted the tawfiq to achieve this. Jazaakum'Allaahu khayran

Assalaamu 'Alaykum Warahamatullaahi Wabarakaatuh

Our dear respected students, parents, brothers and sisters.

On behalf of the Al-Iman society of Northampton I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the 2nd edition of our newly introduced Madrasatul Iman Al-Islamiyah news letter.

Alhamdulillah after some delay this issue of the newsletter has been able to reach you. Inshaa' Allaah you are in good health and all your affairs are in order.

Please note we have now adopted use of the islaamic calendar.

The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed about not only the progress of the Madrasah, its teachers and students but also to convey vital and useful

information and news related to the society and community as a whole.

By keeping you informed we wish to be able to communicate directly with parents and the community in general providing detailed information about the inner workings of the Madrasah and society.

Inshaa'Allaah we will try our best to provide the necessary information regarding studies, as well as the latest community news and information.

The Madrasah is highly dedicated to ensuring our students are taken care of both in terms of their studies and their spiritual nurturing. This newsletter will be a useful tool in involving you more as parents and members of the community in future events as well as to report and comment on those which have already passed. Our goal is to

make sure as parents and carers you receive up to date information about what is going within the Madrasah and community.

We welcome any feed back and comments from parents and students which may contribute towards improvements within the running of the Madrasah.

As teachers, it is our duty to do our best to respond to the best of our abilities to the important task of educating, nurturing and encouraging your child within their religious education. We try our very best to develop the confidence and knowledge of your child socially and spiritually. With continued support and encouragement from you we can work together towards building a better society and future for our children.

Editor Al-Iman newsletter

### CONTACT :

Madrasah  
Emergency contact and absence number:  
**07961 284 919**

Please use this number to inform Madrasah of all students absence including the reason of absence also for emergency contact.

All parents are kindly requested to ensure that the Madrasah holds up to date records of all contact details especially mobile phone numbers in case of emergency.

### PARENTS EVENING

The Madrasah is still on course to hold its first annual parents evening this year Inshaa'Allaah.

All Parents will be expected to attend this event. Student's individual progress and behavior will be discussed.

This will be a very important event where more of a rapport and bridge is hoped to be built between the Madrasah and students parents. All parents have a responsibility and important role to fill corresponding and co-operating with the Madrasah towards their child's progress. A Date is still to be announced and organised.

## A Reminder about Fees

There are still some outstanding fees to be paid. Madrasah has requested fees to be paid in advance at the beginning of every month. All parents are reminded to do their very best to ensure they are up to date with Madrasah fees and make payments in due time. If there is any difficulty in regards to payments they should contact the Madrasah for advice.

The Madrasah will review the payment method at the end of its academic year term and may introduce standing orders if this issue continues to go on unresolved.

**MADRASAH TIMETABLE:****10.00 - 10.15**

ASSEMBLY

(Hadith of the week)

**10.15 - 12.15**

QUR'AAN STUDIES

**12.15 -12.30**

BREAK

**12.30 -13.10**

ISLAAMIC STUDIES I

**13.00-13.25**

DHUHR JAMAA'AH

**13.25 13.55**

ISLAMIC STUDIES 2

**Please do your best to ensure your child is able to arrive on time due to the importance of various general announcements and the study of ahadith which both occur during assembly time.**

**Jazaak'Allaahu khayran**

**Al-Iman Society English Website**

For the past few weeks some brothers from Al-Iman society have been avidly working towards the construction and release of a newly improved and updated English Website for the society. This will function as an important and integral part of the society containing vital information about issues within the community but also a whole host of knowledge based articles and material. It will Inshaa'Allaah feature updates and progress within all aspects of the society. A children's section will be provided where downloadable articles, worksheets and eventually audio downloads will be made available. There is still quite a lot of work to do and a vast wealth of information to be uploaded, a technical side to be completed but a lot of work has been achieved and in the near future inshaa'Allaah we will be able to release the new site. No release date has been confirmed and we will update you in due time as to when this exciting new feature will be available for your use and convenience.

***Our Beloved Prophet Muhammad (sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallaam) taught us:***

***"The best of you in Islam are those who are most excellent in character as long as you deeply understand the religion."* (Ahmad, Sahih)**

**Over 10's Children's Saturday Football for boys.**

Alhamdulillah we are now able to offer supervised football sessions after the Madrasah on Saturday afternoons. The sessions will be for all boys over the age of ten attending the Madrasah after the Madrasah on Saturday afternoons from 2.30-4.30. A letter of consent will be provided to all boys which parents must sign if they give their permission for their child to attend. Children without signed permission slips will not be able to participate in the sessions. The sessions will start from Saturday the 22nd of May. Inshaa'Allaah they will be a success and a benefit to the children.

**EXPERIENCES OF  
UMRAH**

**2 of our students at the Madrasah were fortunate enough to be able by the grace of Allaah to have the opportunity to travel to Makkah in April to perform Umrah. This is their story.**

On the 1st of April we left Dubai International airport on our journey to Makkah. We had already worn the ihram, the 2 pieces of clothing which have to be worn when doing Umrah. The flight was bound for Jeddah but the plane was going to fly over the miqaat so we had to wear the ihram before the flight. We reached Jeddah and after

many delays managed to get on our taxi to Makkah. The first thing we noticed when reaching Makkah was the heat. It was actually hotter than in Dubai and it was midnight when it is supposed to be the coolest. It was almost midnight when we at last reached Makkah and my whole family was tired after the journey. However, you have to do Umrah straight away when reaching Makkah so we quickly hurried to the Ka'bah after dropping our bags off at the hotel we were staying in. When we got to the masjid al-Haram we walked inside by saying the prayers of entering a masjid. Then we spotted many containers full of zamzam water to drink so me and my brother quickly drank the

zamzam water to cool us down. When drinking zamzam it is important to say a du'aa because Allaah said he will fulfill any good du'aa made when drinking zamzam. Next we did all the rites necessary to do when doing Umrah. We had to do Tawaaf which is walking round the Ka'bah 7 times. We could not touch the black stone or the Ka'bah at this time because it was too crowded. Next we had to pray at the Maqami Ibrahim which is where Ibrahim (Alayhi Sallaam) stood to put the stones on the Ka'bah, we had to pray 2 rakat there. This too was very crowded and we had to pray quite far away from Maqami Ibrahim. Next we had to drink zamzam and pour some of it

on our head. At last we got some refreshment from the hot climate. Afterwards we did sa'i which was very long and tiring, we had to walk 7 times up Safa and Marwa. The total distance is in fact 3.15Km! After the sa'i, the last part of Umrah is cutting of the hair. It is not compulsory to cut all of the hair but it is better so me and my brother decided to cut all of our hair. This was the end of our Umrah and we stayed the rest of the days in Makkah and Madinah just praying in the masjid.

*by Imran and Aaquib Naved.  
(Students of the Madrasah)  
May Allaah reward them for sharing their experiences.*

## New Al-Iman Prayer Timetable

Alhamdulillah Al-Iman Society is now able to produce its own prayer timetable. The Prayer timetable uses the Islaamic Calendar as well as the conventional Gregorian calendar. The masajid in Northampton follow the Hanafi madhab and their prayer timetables reflect this. There is a difference of opinion between the Hanafi madhab and other schools of thought in regards to prayer time calculations. The Al-Iman prayer timetable follows the general consensus of the scholars instead of the Hanafi calculations. The Jamaa'ah times shown on the timetable are for the Central Masjid in Northampton. The Latin spelling for the Arabic words used is more authentic and appropriate based on the actual precise pronunciation of the Arabic words. The prayer timetable displays the contact details for Al-Iman as well as the Madrasah Hotline number. Each month time will be taken to include information concerning events of Islaamic seerah that occurred in the relevant month. Inshaa'Allaah useful information will also be included on the prayer timetable pertaining to matters of fiqh and important ahadith as well as important society announcements. The new prayer timetable will be distributed to students of the Madrasah and also available on the website to download and print.

In the name of Allaah,  
the Beneficent,  
the Merciful

Recite in the name of thy  
Lord and Cherisher, Who  
created all that exists,  
who Created man, out of  
a mere clot of congealed  
blood. Recite! And thy  
Lord is Most Bountiful,  
He Who taught us the  
use of the Pen  
He who taught man that  
which he knew not.

**(Surat Al-Alaq 1-5)**

## Al-Iman Society Appeal Update: Cowper Street

Most of you are probably aware that Al Iman Society lodged an Appeal regarding the refusal of using 74-76 Cowper Street as our Community centre.

Initially we had been informed that the final decision of the appeal would be made known to us by the end of March 2010. By the end of April we still hadn't received any correspondence from the Appellate board and we decided to make some enquiries regarding the delay.

Alhamdulillah we have now received a response albeit not a very positive one, but still a response. The Board informed us that it had experienced an abnormally high rise in the level of appeals during April and as such they

apologised that they were unable to accommodate a response to us in due time. They further advised that an Inspector will be dispatched sometime during the middle of June for the purpose of inspecting the building and the outcome of this inspection will be made known to us between four to five weeks after the inspection date.

Therefore Inshaa'Allaah we hope and expect to hear a decision sometime around the middle of July 2010.

Al-Iman Society hopes to keep you updated and informed of the outcome of this appeal process as and when we receive all and any news from the Appellate board.

*Please remember the needs of the Society in your du'aa*

## Al-Iman Society Shuura Committee meeting

On the 31st of May Inshaa'Allaah there will be a committee meeting workshop for the committee members of the society. This will be a continuation of the workshop which was held in September 2009 and will be the 1st of the 2 workshops promised to be held each year. The main focus of the workshop will be on the topics of: The Ethics of leadership and the Importance of following the correct methodology (Manhaj). Time will also be taken to discuss and address the departmental roles of individual members of the society, their responsibilities and duties. The workshop is to be held on a Bank Holiday Monday and will start at 11am with an estimated finish time of 6pm. Attendance from all the members of the Shuura will be compulsory. Refreshments will be provided. Inshaa'Allaah this important event will be a success and provide many benefits to the members of the Shuura and the overall running of the society. May Allaah guide us in our efforts.

## Madrasatul Iman Al-Islamiyah Annual Attendance Review

I can't stress the importance of regular attendance enough. We are only able to educate and enroll a certain amount of students and already have a huge waiting list. We are rapidly approaching the end of the year before the summer break. Efforts have been made to meticulously monitor and analyse the attendance of all the students of the Madrasah. It has been very worrying to see some students have had very irregular and jilted attendance patterns, missing many days over the year. Letters have previously been sent to parents warning of the implications of poor attendance. A full attendance assessment report and review is underway. Some students are at risk of losing their places in the Madrasah. Prizes will go to families, classes and students with the best attendance records. Jazaakum'Allaahu khayran

In the name of Allaah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

And whomsoever Allaah guides, for him there will be no misleader. Is not Allaah All-Mighty, Possessor of Retribution?

**(Surat Az-Zumar ayat 37)**

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## FREE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS

Al-Iman Society is now able to offer private English lessons for brothers in person and for sisters online. Learn or improve your English. Help is available in reading, writing, speaking, listening, communication, grammar, vocabulary, fluency, proficiency, confidence, practice, exam/citizenship preparation, job training, vocabulary and more. Any age and any level from beginner to advanced. Meeting times and places can be arranged at request and convenience. Classroom premises are also available. Study at your own pace. Personal one to one or group lessons are available and classes will be aimed to meet your specific needs. Please phone Ismaa'iyi on mobile number: 07873134000 (Fully qualified and experienced Trinity college of London and British council accredited English teacher, references available upon request) Currently only available until the 28th of June.

**In the name of Allaah, the Beneficent, the Merciful**

**Or shall man have what he wishes? But to Allaah belongs the last (Hereafter) and the first (the world)  
(Surat An-Najm 24-25)**

### Madrasatul Iman Al-Islamiyah Day Out Sat 17th April

On the 17th of April the Madrasah organised a day out for children and their female parents at the Berzerk Leisure Centre in Moulton Park.

The event was arranged in order to give children a brief break from their studies and also to raise much needed funds for the society to use to contribute towards the furthering of community objectives.

A number of children aged 10 and below attended the event with their female parents. The occasion also involved the service of various types of different food and drink. Some parents were unable to attend due to the timing of the event being inconvenient to them and being outside of Northampton at the time.

Another concern was regarding the duration of the event which was scheduled to commence at 6.30pm and finish at 9.30pm but in actual fact it ended at 8.30pm

Please be aware that the Madrasah acknowledges all the concerns that have been raised. Inshaa'Allaah we will take them all into due consideration when arranging and organising future events. Overall the Madrasah managed to raise £310 after deducting costs and expenses. We would like to convey many thanks to all parents and students who enjoyed in participating in the event. The funds raised have been deposited in the Al-Iman Society main account. Again many thanks for all the support.

### Madrasatul Iman Al-Islamiyah Football Tournament

On the 17th of April from 12:00 to 2:30 the Madrasah held a 6 a side football tournament. There were 3 teams that competed within the competition. Team 1 was captained by Haroun Axmed, Team 2 by Hussein Axmed and Team 3 by Ahmed Najee. The competition was eventually won by Team 1 after some great displays of sportsmanship. The 2 other teams showed great competitive spirit although not coming out on top. There were some excellent displays of character and teamwork. The best player of the event was decided to be Abdul-Hamid Ambar who played some excellent games. The event seemed to be a complete success and we will be looking forward to the next tournament which we will Inshaa'Allaah definitely be holding sometime in the not too far away future.

### All the best Ustaadhah Muna!

Our beloved sister Muna Elmi has been a volunteer assistant teacher with us for the past year mainly assisting Ustaadhah Famla in her class helping to teach some of our 5-7 year olds. Mashaa'Allaah she has been successful in securing herself a place at the university of Hertfordshire. She has been a great asset to the Madrasah, loved by all her students and has been very instrumental in their progression, passing on vital knowledge and skills as well as being very helpful to the Madrasah staff. We wish her all the best in her studies and will continue to pray for her. Please remember her in your Du'aa. We offer a warm welcome back to Ukht Sabra who will be rejoining us taking the place of Ustaadhah Muna in her teaching role. I offer a vote of thanks on the behalf of all teachers, students and parents of the Madrasah to Ustaadhah Muna for all the valuable, hard work and time she has contributed to the Madrasah over the past year. Baaraka'Allaahu fiyah.