



# NEWSLETTER

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## Masjid Al-Salaam



### The Chairperson's word

Assalaamu Alaykum dear brothers, sisters and youth.

On behalf of Men & Women's Board of Directors of Masjid Al-Salaam, it's my pleasure to commend the staff, teachers, volunteers and the students for living up to the standard, expectations and vision of Al-Salaam Academy. Since its inception, the Academy has made tremendous progress in delivering high quality of Islamic education to our youngsters. It's encouraging to see that our children not only learn to read the Holy Quran with proper Tajweed but also obtain Islamic knowledge and learning the 5 Pillars of Islam. We appreciate the dedication and hard work of teachers, their love, enthusiasm and professionalism. We are all so proud of you. Congratulations and keep up the good work. May Allah SWT bless and reward you all, Ameen!

**Chairperson: Br. Daud Ismail**

### Registration

The Registration for the next School year starts on : **June 6th till end of June 2014**

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### Newsletter Editors

**Br. Abderrazak Boujenane**  
**Sister Jwan Aziz**

## Editorial

Dear Parents, Assalamualaikum warahmatulahi wabarakatuahu.

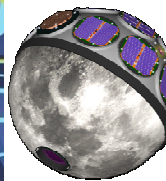
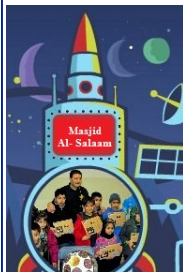
I thank Allah SWT for giving us this opportunity to serve the community voluntarily. Our school has earned a good reputation for providing excellent education to our students. I thank you for selecting the Al-Salam Mosque and Education centre for sending your children to learn the Love of Allah, love of humanity and the knowledge of Islam. We provide a well-behaved, kind, cooperative and friendly atmosphere to students. Our goals are to enable all students to read and understand the Quran correctly and to learn the obedience towards Allah SWT through the right knowledge about Islam. We revised our curriculum for Quran memorization and Salat for all classes, introduced Thikr after every Salat and various projects such as manners in the Masjid and Hajj. We regularized workshop homework, weekly class homework, had the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quran memorization . To build Islamic character and leadership, we introduced the student council who elected its first female President, Sister Zahra (Level 6). Insha Allah through your support and cooperation, we can achieve a higher quality of learning in our academy. I thank BCMA (Burnaby Branch) for their trust and cooperation.

**Sister Nuzhat Hafeez**  
**Director of Education,**  
**Principal and Education Advisor**

## Space Launch Kids

Al-Salaam Masjid and Education Centre hosted the first easy lesson in space education for parents and school kids of the "Space Launch Kids" program, presented by astrophysicist and cosmologist Dr. Redouane Fakir, Director of Space Launch Canada. The presentation was entitled "How satellites work, How they are launched, What they do in space!". One of the aims behind this inspirational program is to "keep our school kids inspired in the digital age..." as Dr. Fakir explained.

**Br. Abderrazak Boujenane**



## Quran Competition

This year we held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quran competition which showed much more interest and enthusiasm among the students to compete in Islam's most prestigious contest compared to last year. The fervor to acquire knowledge about Islam and the eagerness to learn Quran recitation was amazing among our students. Students from PreK to Level 6 took part in the contest. It was held on April 25 and 26. There were 20 first place, 18 second place, 16 third place and 13 fourth place winners. We thank all the sponsors for donating trophies and copies of the Quran with color coded Tajweed with and without recitation pens. May it become their sadaqa-jaria. May Allah SWT join us all among the Mahirul Qura'an.

**Principal: Sister Nuzhat Hafeez**





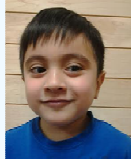
Pre KG

In Pre-kindergarten level at Masjid Al-Salaam & Education Centre , kids (4-6 years) enjoy their first education experience in an Islamic environment. My goal was to make them love Islamic school and gain the basics of Islam in a simple and creative way. Four surahs from Quran, Arabic letters, Arabic Numbers, Allah SWT, Prophets, Pillars of Islam and basic dua'as were the main topics they learnt in this level. Students enjoyed different educational technology used in the class including Islamic videos, apps, Nasheeds and stories. They did a lot of games and crafts which made the knowledge more excited to learn, you can imagine how proud the students were after creating their own "Pillars of Islam craft book" adding new craft each lesson, and write their names as the author at the end.

**Teacher: Sister Ruba K.**



Class Helpers



Rayyan Alnakshbandi

PRE  
KG



Shafin Zaman



Mehdi Bounaaja

KG



Yassin Hussein



Maryam Fathy

Level  
1



Yusuf Alnakshbandi

My wonderful class of Pre-K is taught by me Sister Youstra. I have worked hard to make sure my class benefits from every Friday class. My pre-k class has memorized 7 surahs of the Quran, they have learned the manners of the mosque, memorized some dua'as , nasheeds and Quranic Arabic. They have all participated in activities related to the 5 Pillars of Islam such as, memorizing the shahada, learning how to pray, giving sadaqa by taking coins and putting it in the sadaqa box and learning how to perform Hajj. All of my students enjoy learning the stories of the prophets where they make crafts related to the stories such as, the prophet Nuh and his Arc. It's a pleasure to see these wonderful happy faces of my little students come to my class every Friday.

**Teacher: Sister Youstra H.**

Special Thanks

Our school is exceptionally grateful to Amir Zaheer (ex-Director of Education) for his efforts and dedication. His sincere services to bring this school into being with the cooperation of our Male and Female branches is admirable. Amir Zaheer's name will remain in the history books of this school.



Workshops

Alhamdulillah, we have been blessed to have had over 13 "Love of Allah" workshops over the past year and a half, which centered on building a unique relationship with our Creator, revival of the Islamic identity, sustaining to live like our role model RasulAllah SAW and understanding our choices as the Ummah of our Prophet Muhammad SAW. This year, we started separate workshops for Level 2 and 3 in addition to the ones for Level 4, 5 and 6. Sincere thanks to Sr. Sana Siddiqui and Sr. Nuzhat Hafeez for delivering two extraordinarily motivating workshops this year. I welcome your feedback as I am constantly looking to address real life issues that the younger generation face while ensuring that they are able to enjoy this beautiful relationship of knowledge, love and obedience with our Creator. Our workshops have increased care and respect for parents, siblings, neighbors, and the society in general. May Allah SWT grant all these children and the children of our ummah, the light of guidance and nourish their hearts and souls with the love of Allah, His beloved prophet Mohammad SAW and the whole humanity.

**Workshop Speaker: Sr. Jewairia Hafeez**

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I create an exciting and creative environment for the students. My main goal has been to build confidence and self-esteem for the kids. As well, the focus has been to encourage the kids to learn their duties for our creator Allah SWT especially how to perform Salah as a good Muslim. The class has also been learning about the pillars of Islam. Students have been encouraged to discuss the pillars of Islam and consistently reminded to remember them by doing fun activities that help students understand and practice in their daily lives. In Qur'an the kids learned Surah al-Fatihah and six short surahs till surah al-kafirun with proper tajweed. Also, students have watched several movies on the lives of the prophets peace be upon them to help them learn and engage with the wisdom in the stories.

**Teacher: Sister Hanem Ahmed**



## Level 1

I love being around young children, seeing the big smiles on their faces every week. I understand how exciting and challenging first grade can be for my students, who have just finished their fun with learning in kindergarten.

With that in mind, my aim this year was to create a fun environment that encourages basic Islamic Aqeeda at the same time. By the end of the year, all level one students should be able to: Memorize 9-11 Suras with 3 basic Tajweed rules, the life of Mohammed (S) to his hijrah to Madsinah. More details for the 5 pillars. Salat with Wudu took an essential part in level-one curriculum. I'm really delighted at the way the children love coming to school and look forward to watching them grow and learn.

**Teacher: Sister Jwan Aziz**



## Level 2

Level 2 program is devoted to several topics such as Allah SWT, memorization the Qur'an with correct pronunciation, helpful Dua'as, Quranic Arabic reading, history of Prophets (S), the 5 pillars and manners in Islam. The lessons are inspired from the Qur'an and authentic Hadith relevant to students' lives and therefore it promotes an early habit of using the Qur'an as ultimate source of guidance. "Muslims from Different Nations" was one of the inspiring topics. We learned that Muslims all over the world are brothers and sisters in Islam and they learn Arabic because it is the language of the Qur'an. What we wear, how we look, or what we eat does not make us better than another Muslim. The best Muslim is the one who loves Allah and obeys Him.

**Teacher: Sister Zohra Zemirli**

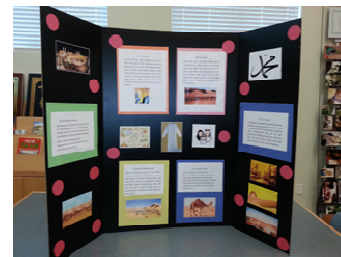
### Level 2



## Level 3

Masha Allah, the academic year 2013-2014 has been quite the ride and level 3 students have done very well. Alhamdulillah, over the course of this year we focused greatly on memorization of the Quran, Islamic studies and teachings of the Qur'an. For example: the key events in the life of Rassoul Allah Mohamed (S), the four Rightly Guided khalifas in addition to the morals, Akhlaq, Islamic manners and how to apply them to our daily lives. It is absolutely breath taking to observe the achievements and improvements of the children. They have all learned about Islam and Muslims through methods such as asking questions and telling stories. To enhance the curriculum taught at our school, the students attended workshops lead by different speakers at school and participating in our school's Qur'an competition. Furthermore, they completed projects about rassoul Allah Mohamed (S).

**Teacher: Sister Delloula Khelifi**



## Level 6



This year, level 6 students worked on a project about the Muslim inventions that shaped the modern world. The main objectives behind this project included :

- To understand that there is no conflict between religion and science in Islam.
- To know that Islam encourages science and seeking knowledge.
- To make the students proud of their Islamic legacy and increase their self-confidence.
- To encourage them to excel in their career.
- To know that when you truly follow the teachings of Islam, Allah Taala opens for you doors of knowledge and gives you *Tawfeeq* and success in scientific achievements.

The Brothers worked on an invention called "the Astrolabe", and the Sisters worked on "the Camera Obscura".

The students gave presentations about their project in front of the parents during an event held at Masjid Al-Salaam & Education Centre.

**Teacher: Br. Abderrazak Boujenane**

## Level 4

Level 4 students have shown good speeches, projects, and presentations at Eid Al-Addhah event. They wrote paragraphs about Adab Almasjid, Al saidah Khadeejah R. Some of them attended the two workshops and answered the questions. Level 4 students read and reviewed the taught Surahs in the class with level 3, shared the Tajweed cards and posters with level 2 class on the break time, and shared pancakes breakfast with the students of the other classes and their parents.



## Workshop



An interesting workshop was held at Al-Salam Education centre by Sister Nuzhat on Friday March 14th and Saturday March 15th. The theme of the Workshop was "Women and their role at the time of Rasulu-Allah peace and blessing upon him". The first part was about Saeeda Khadija Bent Khuwailid may Allah be pleased with her. The workshop highlighted important parts of the life of the Mother of the Believers who represent a source of inspiration and a model to be followed by our young generation.

**The Principal: Sister Nuzhat Hafeez**

### HADEETH

**"Nothing is weightier on the Scale of Deeds than one's good manners."**

### HADEETH

**"Every good deed is charity. Verily, it is a good deed to meet your brother with a smiling face."**

## What did they say about Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him)



Thomas Carlyle, a Scottish philosopher, satirical writer, essayist, historian and teacher during the Victorian era said this incredible quotation about the Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him and the massive achievement he made plus his wonderful personality which could not be repeated by anyone else!

Thomas Carlyle said: "...The lies (Western slander) which well-meaning zeal has heaped round this man (Muhammed) are disgraceful to ourselves only...How one man single-handedly, could weld warring tribes and wandering Bedouins into a most powerful and civilized nation in less than two decades... A silent great soul, one of that who cannot but be earnest. He was to kindle the world; the world's Maker had ordered so."

**By Amir Mirani (Level 6)**

## Students participation

Muhammad (pbuh) was an awesome, an amazing and caring Prophet. He was nice to his wives and children and the people in Makkah. If we go to Jannah, we will see him Insha Allah.

**By Abdirahman Dahir (Level 2)**

Treaty of Hudaibiya was an important event and victory for Muslims to go back to Makkah (Fathu Makkah) since Hijrah and perform Hajj. Hold back anger/frustration and have patience is keys of victory with the help of Allah (swt).

**By Yahya Sultan (Level 2)**

Every year, millions of Muslims visit Mecca for pilgrimage. This is one of the pillars of Islam. They pray and ask for forgiveness from Allah.

**By Defne Sametougouli (Level 2)**

## Islamic Quiz

**What was the last/final verse of our Glorious Quran revealed by Allah to our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)?**



Level 4



Yahya Sultan

**Star Students**



Level 2



Level 5

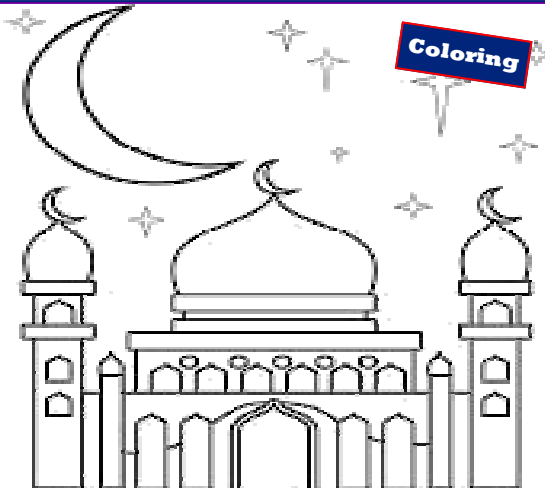
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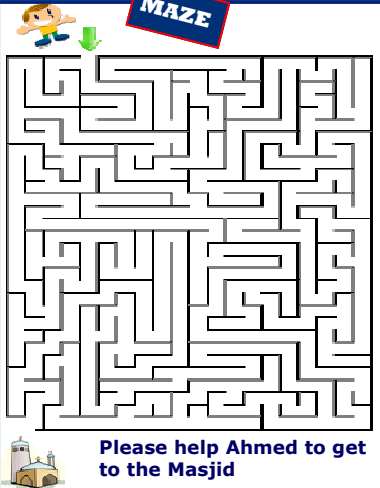
Omran Safi  
Level 6



Lina Saadi



**Coloring**



**MAZE**

Please help Ahmed to get to the Masjid

## Ramadhan

Ramadhan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. For Muslims, this is the month of fasting, which is one of the five pillars of Islam. The word Ramadhan comes from the Arabic root ramida which means scorching heat or dryness. Fasting is obligatory on adult Muslims but if you are sick you are not required to fast, and you can redo the missed days when you recover. While you are fasting from dawn to sunset you are not allowed to eat or drink. Rewards for good deeds in this month are multiplied.

**By Waleed Soulu (Level 5)**

## Story Time



Sara was so sick of practicing. The bench was hard, and her bottom was sore. She knew she had a recital in a few weeks, but she was so sick of practicing. Didn't she deserve a break? It had been hours that she had been practicing, hadn't she? She looked at the clock. Only 15 minutes? No way! It had to have been longer than that. Her eyes were staring to go cross-eyed, and all the verses of the page just looked the same. No, she couldn't quit now! No way. The Surah she had to recite for her recital was hard, and she wasn't very good at it yet... she looked back at the Quraan. "Bismillah.. she muttered. This Surah was really hard. There were lots of Tajweed rules, which meant, her head had to do a lot of thinking. Her head would much rather be thinking about playing outside with her friends. She realized she was staring at the wall, and not at the Quraan. In fact, her voice had stopped moving entirely. "Bismillah.." she said, louder this time. Trying to get enough this Surah was like walking through snow a foot deep. "Hmm," She thought, "Snow. Sledding would be awesome. Too bad it is August, and there isn't any snow." Realizing she had drifted away again, she stood up and walked around the room. This recital is important, and if she didn't practice, she would sound ridiculous in front of a lot of people, never mind Allah SWT. Turning on her speakers she let its steady click help guide her through the verses. With the speakers on, it was a lot harder for her to drift away. The Sheikh recited so beautifully, masha Allah. After finally having made progress, she looked up at the clock again. An hour had gone by! This was great! She really had gotten a lot of work done just because she had stuck with it and not given up. By the time the recital came, she would be able to recite this Surah perfectly! "Well," She thought, "It couldn't hurt to go through it just one more time." "Bismillah." She said, and this time began reciting herself.

**Zohra Sarwari**

**Book: "25 stories with Morals for kids"**