

Didsbury Friday Circle

Session Log: 11th May, 2018



In Attendance: 15 Boys

Organisers Present:

Faizan Awan
Kamal Hamdan

Venue:

Main Hall
Didsbury Mosque
271 Burton Road
M20 2WA

Timings:

Start 7:00 PM
Finish 9:00 PM

Brief Report of Session

The session today was in the Main Hall. We discussed how Ramadan would arrive next week on Tuesday or Wednesday and that we should already be preparing for this very special time of year. We explained how Ramadan was the 9th month of the Islamic calendar, and was the month in which the first revelation of the Quran occurred, how Jibrael (AS) would visit the Prophet (PBUH) to memorise the Quran every Ramadan, how the gates of Hell were closed and Paradise were opened and how The Night of Power was to be found in the last 10 nights. We explained the purpose of fasting being a command to humankind from Allah (SWT), a time to exercise our souls, abstaining from sins, distractions and promoting good behaviour (including charitable giving and restoring relationships with family and friends) and a reminder of the hunger experienced by those less fortunate than us.

The boys were engaged in the discussion and asked lots of questions about the fiqh of fasting – for example if their fast was broken if they didn't fully spit out water whilst making wudhu (no), if they were allowed to brush their teeth with toothpaste (yes) or if they forgot and accidentally ate food, if this would mean that their fast was invalidated (no). We reminded them that at times fiqh could be different in different families and therefore to follow the advice of their parents if it differed from the above. We also informed the boys about those exempted from fasting, namely the elderly, the young, women on their menses, travellers and those with health issues. We also advised the boys about Taraweah prayers, reciting the Quran and performing itikaf (seclusion) in the Mosque in the last 10 days.

We ate pizza and then had drone races – using remote controls, the boys had to use fine movements to fly a drone over two obstacles and then land it perfectly onto a landing pad. Three boys were awarded a drone each for showing the most dedication to the ethos of the Didsbury Friday Circle over the last year with two getting honourable mentions. We vacated the Main Hall at 8:55 PM to pray Maghrib.

Incidents or Accidents

None.

Next Session

Recommence after Ramadan - Friday, 6th July, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. A. Awan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F'.

Dr. Faizan Awan **Dated:** Sunday 13th May, 2018