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## Spring Semester



**“Sound Hajj has no reward except Paradise.”**  
[Bukhari & Muslim]

## Introduction

*Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu*

All praise is due to Allah for making it possible for us to complete our first semester successfully.

We launched the program with grade one and then introduced grade three to accommodate older siblings of grade one students and a few others. Al Hamdulillah.

We incorporated the Hajj theme before the Hajj break. Grade one students not only studied the steps of Hajj, duas and the rituals of Hajj, they also did a virtual Hajj online going from one destination to another, completing the Hajj rituals until they concluded it with Tawaaf al Wida! Masha Allah.

We also introduced a new series titled “*The Sahabah Series*” to benefit YMOH students, parents and teachers. This lecture series will be conducted by Gabriel K. AbdulRahman AlRomaani whose biography is in our Special Features section (page 4).

The semester concluded with several lasting memories and a huge milestone leaving us with more challenges as we go forward.

We would also like to thank the faculty for delivering the 1<sup>st</sup> semester YMOH curriculum successfully.

We ask Allah to accept our efforts and bless us with what is best for us in this world and the next.

Was Salaam  
*Razeela Bary*

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Speakers Event
- ◆ Sahabah Series

## Dear Parents

We would like to thank you for your continued support with the program.

Submitting assignments and homework may not have been an easy task besides managing a structured homeschool curriculum and timetable, particularly if you weren't accustomed to it.

The key to this is the saying of Allah as He made patience a condition for success and prosperity; He says in Surah Al Imran, verse 200:

*“O you, who believe, persevere and endure and remain stationed and fear Allah that you may be successful.” [Al 'Imran 3:200]*

We ask Allah to give us much patience to nurture these little minds and make our dreams a reality in the Hereafter.

Was Salaam  
*Razeela Bary*



*Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (r) said, "The excellence of knowledge is due only to the fact that it causes a person to fear and obey Allah, otherwise it is just like anything else."*  
[Related by ibn Rajab]

## Grade One

Grade one students completed their first semester. Al Hamdulillah.

In Quran with Tajweed studies, they completed the Qai'da Nooraniyya and will be commencing Hifz in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester while they continue their Quran with Tajweed curriculum.

The Sahabah Series and 1001 inventions have been included at all grade levels in the Social Studies curriculum.

Each elementary topic was Islamized; we made reference to the Quran and Ahadeeth on each topic we covered, furthermore, new reading and comprehension lessons were included in the curriculum with references from the Quran and Sunnah. Amongst the resources that were developed were Jaloot and Dawood (a.s), Julaybib (r.a), Sindbad the Sailor, The Two Eids, Nasheeds and others.

We also had several enjoyable moments with Tr. Abier. Grade one students simply adored her and loved her lessons. A screen print taken at the end of the class is posted at the end of this newsletter!

During our 1<sup>st</sup> Semester revision week, we held a quiz for Language Arts and Math. Abdullah Taher and Abdullah Omar won prizes for their participation.

"YMOH Student of the Quarter" goes to Aaliya and Ammaar. Aaliya scored an overall 98% for her performance in the first semester exams.

Ammar presented his best efforts in completing and submitting his project work (see page 5).

★ "Well done **Aaliya and Ammaar!!**"

## Grade Three

In addition to Quran with *Tajweed* and Arabic (*Sarf* and *Nahu*), we introduced Islamic Studies in Winter Semester.

Starting with students of this age, who have been homeschooled at different levels, has been a challenge. However, Al hamdulillah they are beginning to pick up the momentum of a regular and structured program at YMOH.

Students of this level will attempt their first mid-term exams in February.

They will commence their elementary subject (to be studied from an Islamic perspective) in their final semester.

We have introduced the elementary subject in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the academic year because most of the students in this level have been homeschooled prior to joining YMOH; however, elementary subjects for those who have not been homeschooled at this level are being conducted in a separate one-on-one session to meet the basic level requirements in 2nd semester.



## YMOH Faculty

### Congratulations Tr. Abier!

Our best wishes on your wedding. We ask Allah to increase His blessings through your bond, bless you with lots of love and faith and grant you offsprings who will be a source of happiness and joy in this world and the next.

This quarter, we have the following announcements:

In Tr. Abier's absence, Tr. Safiyya will take over her class responsibilities and continue with YMOH. Insha allah.

Tr. Zuhair Azmi joined us as Islamic Studies teacher for Grade Three.

Tr. Waad Khamaisah hopes to join us as an additional teacher for Quran with Tajweed along with Br. Saad as we need to expand and have a variety of skills and specializations next academic year.

### Zuhair Azmi Islamic Studies -Grade Three

Zuhair Azmi is from India and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Arabic & Islamic Studies from Al Jamiatul Islamiya Darul Uloom, Deoband, India.

He is currently working as Islamic Studies teacher at The Indian High School, Dubai. He has also conducted Quran recitation and Elocution competitions at schools and participated in Islamic Studies workshops in the Emirates.

He has taught English Language and Literature to primary classes and Arabic Language and literature to secondary classes and has more than five years of teaching experience.

### Safiyya Prakharenka Class Teacher -Grade One

Safiyya is a Belarussian (Russia) who embraced Islam in 2005.

She graduated from the Minsk State Linguistics University (Republic of Belarus) in 2003 with honors (MA in English and American Literature).

She has taught English language and literature in the Republic of Belarus, India, and the USA.

She has also worked as a primary & kindergarten teacher, and as an Islamic teacher for non-Arabs.

She is homeschooling her 2 kids and is eager to share with others what she, herself, believes in - "the best place for kids to learn is home".

### Waad Khamaisah Quran with Tajweed

Waad Esam is from Jordan. She completed her Hifz-e-Quran in Alatruja memorizing center (Ajman - UAE) in 2006.

Waad passed all the tajweed levels and she has obtained the permit (Ejazah) for teaching (Jazariah).

She has also obtained the permit (Ejazah) for teaching the holy Quran (Hafs rewaya) last year and she is preparing now for (Shobah rewaya).

She also won the first prize for recitation of 5 chapters awarded by Jaber Bin Rashed Al Hamly (UAE).

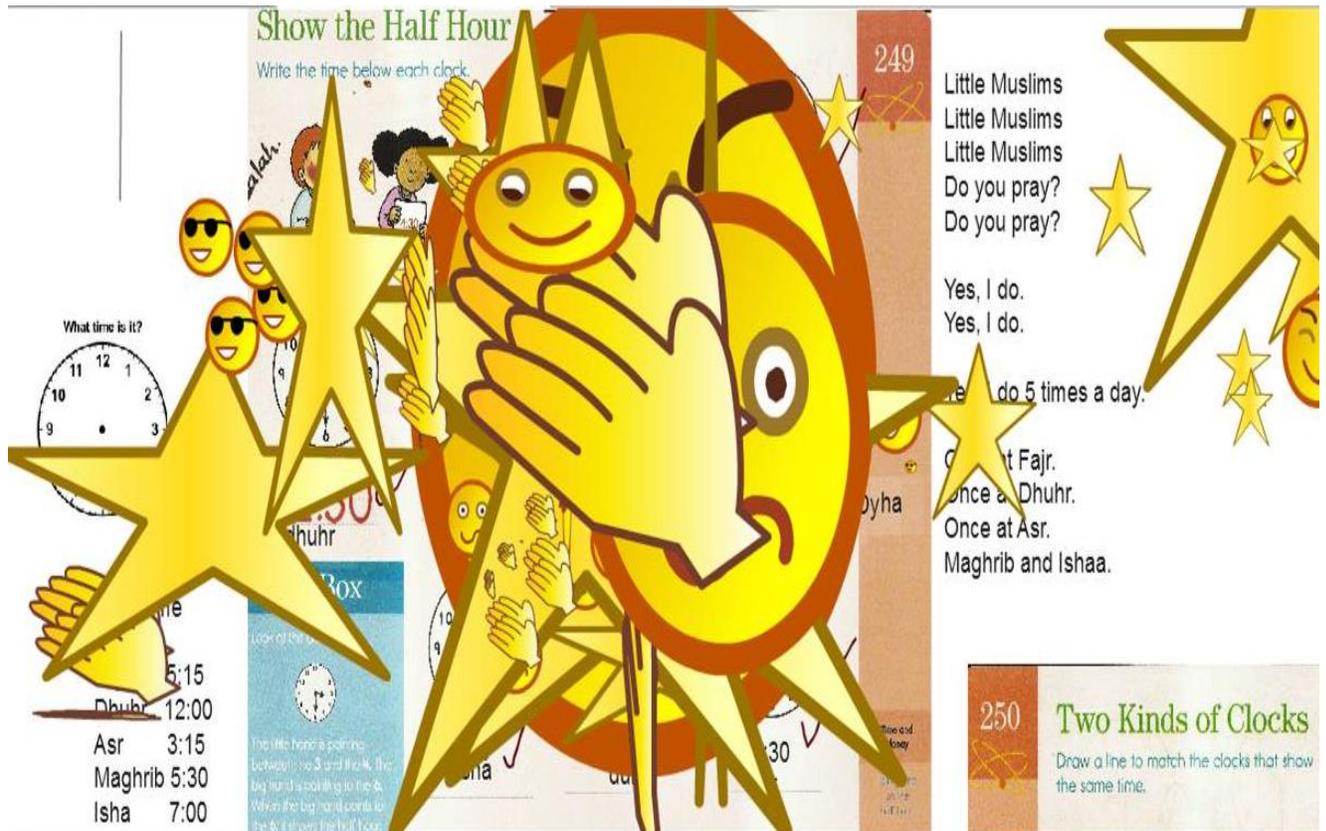
Currently she is studying in Sharjah University, she is in her second year of Bachelors in Islamic Jurisprudence.

She has six years of teaching experience. She worked at International School of Creative Science and continues to teach at Alatroujah memorizing center.



**The Prophet said,**  
*"None of you will have faith till he wishes for his (Muslim) brother what he likes for himself."* [Sahih Al-Bukhari Volume 1, Book 2, Number 12]

At the end of Teacher Abier's class!



### Learn a second language

There was once a young mouse that lived in a hole in a wall. One day, the young mouse woke up from his sleep and looked out of the hole. As he looked out, a beautiful smell came to his nose. "cheese!" the mouse said happily to himself. I'll go and get it now and have it for breakfast."

But then he remembered his parents' words. His parents were very wise mice and often said to their son, 'Always wait before you go for a piece of cheese.'

So the young mouse waited quietly. Then he heard a quiet 'Miaow' and he knew the cat was there. So he stayed in the hole and said to himself. 'I'm glad I listened to my parents and learned to wait.'

The next day, he looked out again. He put his nose out of the hole, and the beautiful smell of cheese came to his nose again. He could see the cheese. It was only a few centimeters away. But he sat still and waited quietly. This time he did not hear any cat noises. Instead he heard a very quiet 'Woof, woof'.

'It's a dog!' he thought. If the dog is there, the cat won't be there. I expected the dog has chased the cat away. So I'm safe.' The mouse ran out of the hole and started eating the cheese. He did not see the cat, which caught him and ate him.

When the cat finished her meal, she said to herself, 'I'm glad I listened to my parents and learned a second language.' (woof!)

## *Gabriel (Jibreel) K. AbdulRahman AlRomaani*

*Teacher and Da'ee*

*Gabriel has a very interesting story to tell about himself. Like most reverts to Islam, the circumstances that brought him to Islam are miraculous and show us how Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala guides who He selects for guidance.*

*Gabriel was born in Romania (Eastern Europe) in 1983 and was raised in a Christian home. When he was 15, he moved to Canada.*

*At a very young age, he was amazed at Muslims who prayed five times a day and was attracted to the prostration. Although it was among the first things that opened his mind and heart to Islam, Tawheed of Allah made the greatest sense to him and led him in pursuit of seeking knowledge of the true God and faith; he reverted to Islam at the age of 21.*

*In 2005, at the age of 22, he co-founded a Radio show in Canada, which is broadcast every Friday morning to clear misconceptions about Islam and educate the community on basic Islamic concepts. Gabriel delivered Friday Khutbas at the Windsor University mosque. He set up and headed a Dawah Committee, which organized interfaith and Dawah events.*

*Gabriel has traveled extensively to Canada, USA and India and has spoken at different gatherings about his journey to Islam. He discusses the miracles and proofs of Quran with people and has been involved in many interfaith dialogues and talks in Canada. Among the courses and programs he conducted was "10 Power Steps in Dawah" which dealt with answering the most common misconceptions that non-Muslims and Missionary workers have against Islam, he conducted this in the United Arab Emirates.*

*He also conducts classes on basic Arabic language and Islamic Studies for both new and native Muslims. He counsels those who have doubts and confusions about faith and identity. He also trains individuals and staff of Islamic organizations in principles and techniques of Dawah and provides advice on Dawah projects.*

*Gabriel has also participated in Dawah and Islamic Studies training seminars and programs with senior scholars.*

*At present, he conducts talks and participates at the local Islamic Dawah centers in UAE. He loves and enjoys working with the youth.*

*Gabriel initiated the IslamDunk TV on YouTube, 'Jesus and Muhammad' Show, as well as the 'Islam for Romanians' Show (in Romanian language). To take it one step further, he authored a book titled 'Journal of a New Muslim' along with many articles on Islam.*

*Apart from his Islamic endeavors and education, Gabriel holds a Bachelors in Science with a double major in Biology and Psychology as well as Bachelors in Education from University of Windsor, Canada. He is also pursuing his Bachelors in Islamic Studies at the Sharia Academy, USA.*

*He is currently a teacher by profession and resides in Abu Dhabi, UAE and works at a national public school teaching grade one. He is married and has 3 children.*



*"The Mu'minoon are but a single Brotherhood."  
[Qur'an, 49:10]*

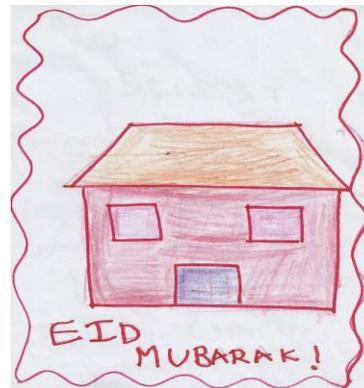
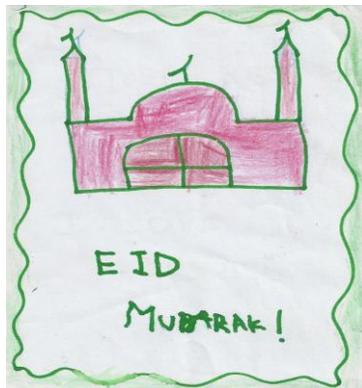
Grade One - Semester One

At the Park - Community Project  
By Ammar Parvez

I went to the Park.  
I ate chips in the park.  
I threw garbage in the dustbin.  
I had fun in the park.



Eid Card - Eid Project  
By Ammar Parvez





*Al-Hasan al-Basree (r) said: "Whoever learns something in the name of Allaah, seeking that which is with Him, he will win. And whoever learns something for other than Allaah, he will not reach the goal, nor will his acquired knowledge bring him closer to Allaah." [Related by Ibn ul Jawzee]*

## Events

### Parents, Teachers & Administrators (PTA) Meeting

YMOH held its second PTA meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> of January. This was conducted on a one-on-one basis and the student's performance was discussed privately.

### Student Orientation - Spring 2012

The Importance of Learning the Seerah and the Lives of the Companions will be covered by Br. Gabriel; other relevant talks will be introduced going forward. Insha Allah.

### Activities

In the second semester, students will be required to undertake a recycling project for Science.

## What's new?

**Sahaba Series:** Guests could attend these series by registering themselves for YMOH live classes.

([www.targheeb.com/liveclasses](http://www.targheeb.com/liveclasses))

**Feedback Form:** An online feedback form has been introduced for YMOH parents at the end of each class.

**Resources:** Beneficial articles and links have been posted regularly in the main website Targheeb.com, YMOH website and 'Young Momins' page available on facebook.

We also plan to host two lectures this quarter titled "the importance of inculcating the right Aqeedah in children at a young age" and "the importance of learning Arabic". Insha Allah.

Besides this, YMOH website has its own blog for YMOH parents and we recommend that you benefit from the articles posted regularly.



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