



**MEADOWVALE  
ISLAMIC CENTRE**

# NEWSLETTER

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## The Amazing Woodpecker

If we take a tour in the wonderland of animals and birds, we often come across different species, each species created unique in a special sort of way. If we use the word created or made, then we have to also acknowledge the role of a Creator, who created them all. In order to do that it is important that we study His creation in minute detail to marvel at the wisdom behind creating each of his creation perfect to the last minute detail.

One such creation among the birds is the woodpecker. The woodpecker is unlike any other bird. We can often see these birds in parks and forests. It is easy to distinguish the woodpecker from the other birds, for it uses its beak to drill away at the wood in the trees banging at a rate of hundred times a minute. To drill holes into the hard wood of the tree, the woodpecker has been gifted with a strong beak. Between its beak and the skull, we find a resilient, unique shock absorbing tissue that is not found in any other birds.

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Apart from its beak, there are other parts of its body that are especially fitted in such a way so as to assist the woodpecker in its job of drilling wood. Its legs are short and attached to them are powerful claws, which help it to hold tightly to the vertical tree trunks. They are made different from the spindly legs of other birds.

If we consider its tongue, we find on close examination, that it is barbed. It is four times longer than the beak and it wraps around the back of the birds skull in a very purposeful design. The woodpecker uses its snake like tongue to penetrate deep inside the back of the tree in search of small food and insects. Some woodpeckers produce a sticky substance, which coats its tongue and is used for baiting ants.

Besides his powerful beak and its special tongue the woodpecker has a keen sense of smell. It has highly sensitive ears with which it can detect insects crawling under the bark of a tree that he is climbing. The woodpecker is an expert tree climber and it also has built into it specially constructed tail feathers that are stiff enough to brace it securely whenever it climbs the tall trees in a forest looking for food.

After considering all the features of its body with care, we realize that these feathered "machines" are not engineered by mere coincidence or a rare chance.

## The Art of Listening

If a person starts telling you, whether in private or public, something that you already knew very well, you should not rush to reveal your knowledge of it or to interfere with his speech. Instead, show your attention and concentration. The honorable tab'i Ata ibn Abi Rabah(R.A.) said: "A young man would tell me something that I may have heard before he was born. Nevertheless, I would listen to him as if I had never heard it before."

Khalid ibn Safwan al-Tamimi, who frequented the courts of two Khalifas: Umar ibn Abdul Aziz and Hisham ibn Abdul Malik, said: "If a person tells you something you have heard before, or news that you already learned, do not interrupt him to exhibit your knowledge to those present. This is rude and ill mannered."

The honourable Abdullah ibn Wahab al-Qurashi al-Masri(R.A.), a companion of Imam Malik(R.A.), Al-Laith ibn Sad and Al-Thawri, said: "Sometimes a person would tell me a story that I have learned before his parents had wed. Yet, I listened as if I have never heard it before." Ibrahim ibn al-Junaid said: "A wise man said to his son; 'Learn the art of listening as you learn the art of speaking.'" Listening well means maintaining eye contact, allowing the speaker to finish the speech, and restraining your urge to interrupt his speech. Al-Hafiz al-Khatib al-Baghdadi said in a poem: "Never interrupt a talk, Though you know it inside out."

## Current Programs

1. 5 times Prayers
2. Jumma Prayers
3. Taraweeh / Eid Prayers
4. Daily Haith
5. Full time Hifz / Academics
6. Evening Quran class daily
7. Adult Quran every Monday
8. Tafseer every Friday
9. Basketball every Friday
10. Youth & Family counseling
11. Providing answers regarding Islamic matters
12. Monthly newsletter
13. Monthly youth programs
14. Monthly family programs
15. Youth Basketball Program
16. Fitness Program (for sisters)
17. **Girls Basketball & Halaqa**
18. **Dora-e-Quran**
19. **Sunday Islamic School**

## Special Programs

- March Break
- Summer Camp
- Winter Break

## Past Programs

- Ramadhan Workshop
- Hazrat Abu-Bakr R. A.

## Student of the Month

Abdullah Khan

### STORY NIGHT SERIES

#### Umar bin Al-Khattaab

17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014 (after ISHA)

Conducted by:  
Imam Salman

Location:  
6610 Turner Valley Rd., Mississauga

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## Announcement:

The MIC Membership and Nominations Committee (MNC) has announced the 2014 AGM and elections to be held on Saturday, November 15th, 2014.

**Location:** Meadowvale West Church / St..Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, 6945 Meadowvale Town Centre Cir, Mississauga, ON L5N2W7.

**Time:** 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

All MIC members in good standings are invited to participate in this Annual General Body Meeting (AGM).

The following four (4) positions are vacant for this year's election:

1. President (2 year term)
2. Vice-President (2 year term)
3. Secretary (1 year term)
4. Trustee (3 year term)

All nomination must be received by November 1, 2014.

Please contact Br. Saffar Ali ([saffar.ali@sympatico.ca](mailto:saffar.ali@sympatico.ca)) for more information.

Alhamdulillah, MIC successfully completed the **LitterNot** program with City of Mississauga this year. MIC volunteers performed 3 clean ups on the adopted stretch on Winston Churchill Road, between Derry Road and Battleford Road.

## Masjid Funds

Start Date: May 1 2013

Updated: October 14 2014

### Building Masjid - Phase I

\$1.5 Million needed by start of MIC construction

Funds Needed: \$1,500,000.00

Funds Collected: \$390,000.00

Balance Needed: \$1,110,000.00

**Phase II:** \$2.5 Million needed to complete construction (Not started)

### Total Construction Cost

(Phase I + Phase II): \$4 Million

### Milestones Completed

Phase 1 (Aug 2010):

Paid off property 6508  
Winston Churchill Blvd  
**PAID OFF**  
**\$525,000.00**

Phase 2 (Apr 2013):

Paid off property 6496  
Winston Churchill Blvd  
**PAID OFF**  
**\$1,000,000.00**

Site Plan Application

Submitted on Aug 2013:  
**PAID OFF**  
**\$158,799.50**