



June, and another great school visit to LIC

LIC and Imam Shakeel Begg always like to keep busy and serve the Community.

The busy bee that is Imam Shakeel Begg is a well-established and respected figure in the London Borough of Lewisham and beyond in both the Muslim and non-Muslim communities. He is however never so busy that he cannot make time to welcome the latest group of inquisitive children on yet another school visit to the Lewisham Islamic Centre.

This was the first visit following the fasting month of Ramadan from a school outside of the Borough of Lewisham. They discussed Islam, its 5 Pillars & other aspects of the faith and not least famous Muslim personalities in sports with inevitable reference to the Premier League stars Mo Salah, Sadio Mane, Paul Pogba, and others.

Imam Begg briefly got carried away and transformed into a 40-goal-a-season star striker to show off his celebratory prostration (sujood) just like these Muslim footballers do. We're not sure which the children found more amazing, Imam Begg's half-volley or his celebratory sujood. We at the LIC are simply grateful no pretend injury resulted to put the LIC's position in the Champions League in jeopardy.

The visit was all laughter and fun and the LIC and Imam Begg in particular are grateful to these inspiring children for a truly unique and enjoyable visit. It was also the first time Imam Begg has had to endure questions about his greying beard, to which he replied that our Deputy Imam, Ashraf, is still only a 20-goal-a-season striker.

Lewisham Islamic Centre sincerely thanks the children and their chaperones for visiting the Centre and we look forward to hosting them, and more schools, again in the near future.

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