



RE Co-ordinator/Headteacher  
(Address of school)

Dear RE Co-ordinator/Headteacher (name if known)

**RE: WIN OVER £500 WORTH OF RESOURCES ON ISLAM FOR YOUR SCHOOL!**

This year will see the 11<sup>th</sup> year of Islam Awareness Week, 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2005; an opportunity to learn more about Islam and allay misconceptions and stereotypes often associated with it. We believe that through awareness and understanding of one another, we can develop a greater sense of care, tolerance and respect for each other and the wider community.

The theme for this year's Islam Awareness Week is: 'Past and Present - 1000 years of Islam in Britain'. It will focus on the rich history of interaction between Islam and the British Isles and contextualise the contemporary Muslim presence against the backdrop of British history. There will be a variety of activities being held throughout the country. For more information please see our website [www.iaw.org.uk](http://www.iaw.org.uk)

To raise greater awareness of Islam in primary schools we have organised a 'Design a Prayer Mat' Competition. Entries will be judged in two categories; Keystage 1: aged 5 – 7 year and Keystage 2: 8 – 11 years. The winner in each category will receive a bumper pack containing various Islamic books and goodies. The overall winner (from both categories) will win over £500 worth of resources on Islam for their school! This will include a large poster exhibition on Islam, as well as The Muslim Council of Britain's resource pack for primary schools (includes books, teaching materials, CDs, DVDs, videos, lesson plans and much more!) The competition deadline is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

We also have people available to help with classroom presentations on various aspects of Islam for primary and secondary levels (subject to availability). There will be a resource pack available to help schools explore this year's theme, which will include lesson plans (available beginning of November.) And we are finalising a leaflet on 'The mosque' – specially designed for school trips visiting the mosque, and also hope to have this available for this year's Islam Awareness Week.

If you would like more information about Islam Awareness Week, how your school can get involved and what we can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

I look forward to hearing from you.  
Yours Sincerely

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