



## *Autumn Newsletter 2009 - 2*

- It is nearly the end of term and the IFK(S) team wish you a good break.
- Thank you to those who have undertaken their visits to the Faith Centres during this term, and also completed their evaluations. (If you haven't sent evaluations please do so asap!)
- For those who haven't booked their visits for the coming year please do so as soon as possible as the dates are booking fast.

### NEWS

1. Our admin staff, Cathy Chandler and Zainab Saleh will be in the office for part of the school holidays but you may get the answer machine if you phone. If you wish to book a visit, please try to book online via the website [www.interfaithkirklees.org.uk](http://www.interfaithkirklees.org.uk). In future when a school books, a response will immediately follow so that you know that your booking has been received. We know there have been some glitches and are working hard to get rid of them. Please bear with us.
2. Congratulations to Zainab who was married at half term. She looked beautiful and the two days of celebration were wonderful. We send Zainab and her husband, Ahmed best wishes and prayers for a long and happy life together
3. Congratulations too to Emma Stone who has been appointed for one term as a teacher to work with our hosts in the Faith Centres. She has been working since November 1<sup>st</sup> and has made a fantastic start.
4. You should have received two copies of our latest publicity leaflet through the internal mail. If you have not received these please contact the office. We are planning to send copies to Chairs of Governors in the New Year.
5. Please continue to access and check the website for regular updates.

### INTERFAITH WEEK

The first national Interfaith Week happened between 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009. Congratulations are due to Kirklees Faiths Forum who worked so hard with this locally.

We held a celebration for our Quality Badge award and are rightly proud of our success. The press release after the Quality Badge award read as follows:

## KIRKLEES SCHOOLS CELEBRATE WINNING AWARD FOR UNIQUE INTERFAITH WORK

The award was presented at a celebration on November 17 at The Brian Jackson Centre, Huddersfield as part of the national Inter Faith Week.

Young people who have visited a local faith centres through the project, played a leading part in the celebration. Pupils from Ravenshall Special School, Hyrstmount Junior School and Kirkburton Middle School all gave interesting presentations which showed how they had learned first hand about the rich variety of faiths in Kirklees.

The celebration was led by the Reverend Canon Catherine Ogle, Chair of Interfaith Kirklees (Schools) and the award was presented by Caroline Gruen, Head of Learning for Kirklees Children and Young People Service.

Interfaith Kirklees (Schools) is the only one of its kind in the country as schools go into a place of worship for a high quality interactive learning experience, led by welcoming hosts from the place of worship.

To find our more about Interfaith Kirklees (Schools) go to: [www.interfaithkirklees.org.uk](http://www.interfaithkirklees.org.uk)

For details of the Learning Outside the Classroom initiative, including the Kirklees Quality Badge, go to: [www.lotc.org.uk](http://www.lotc.org.uk)



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