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HOW TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER

Introduction

Salam and welcome back to another publication from the Tamkeen Newsletter! This month, we're following up on our previous write up to talk about how you *should* spend your time. Last month, we wrote to you about how we should limit our entertainment as Muslims and make sure that it is halal and as good for us as possible. This time, we're giving you ideas on what to do, given that theres 104 days of summer vacation and school comes along just to end it. And, given that the annual problem of our generation is finding a good way to spend it, were here to help you solve that yearly struggle. Keep reading to learn more!





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Scavenger Hunt



Find all the icons hidden around the newsletter, screenshot them, and send them to one of the editorial team members, first team who completes this WINS!



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Just-In for July

Alhamdulillah, over the past month we've continued in the series of Open your Heart during the Saturday Halaqah, Addressing some very interesting questions.

We had a high of 84 for total quiz answers, and a low of 76.

Tamkeen has implemented a new groups system with a leaderboard to see which group is most committed! As of right now, Queen Bees are in the lead.

Unfortunately, Tamkeen FC lost to Suhba FC, they started strong but ended up losing to penalties with a sudden death.



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Saturday Summary.

As you may know, we've recently started addressing anonymous questions submitted through our website during our Saturday halaqas. This series is called "**Open Your Heart,**" and we highly encourage you to send thoughtful questions there so they can be addressed for the betterment of our community!

One of those halaqas focused on advice for youth, where Sheikh shared a practical reminder on fasting as it builds self-discipline and control over oneself and nafs. Fasting is one of the best ways to develop that self-control. Beyond abstaining from food & drink, it teaches us to control our desires, stay patient, and make better use of our time. It's a simple act of worship that strengthens the heart and helps us become more mindful of Allah in our daily lives.



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Featured Story/Person

Who better to highlight than the very people who keep Tamkeen running, our admins?

Every week, our admins dedicate their time to serving the greater Tamkeen community and fulfilling the many responsibilities that you may not see behind the scenes. They plan activities, review articles, publish the monthly newsletter, prepare educational content, record podcasts, and take care of many other tasks that sometimes go unnoticed. They work consistently

The role of an admin within Tamkeen is **a special one**, wallahi. It is a role of service to Allah and responsibility for the greater Ummah. We hope to see many more Tamkeeners one day step into this position with the same dedication. Take a moment to even think about it. Imagine setting aside hours each week to complete tasks, not for the praise but sincerely, so that others can feel more connected to this Tamkeen community. Think about the time, energy, and sacrifice that goes into this work and truly ask yourself, **why do they do it?**

When we think about spending, we usually think about money. But Allah has blessed them so much more than that. He has given us time, energy, skills, and knowledge. Our admins spend those blessings every single week. They give up part of their weekends, put in hours behind the scenes, help the younger Tamkeeners, and do their special roles (activity, review, newsletter, land, media team) all because they want to benefit others for the sake of Allah. This is a beautiful reminder that **the best thing to spend your time on is work for the sake of Allah.**



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Tuesday Summary.

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY TUNED IN, we started a brand new series about the Arab Spring, a period in modern history that we reference quite often in Tamkeen because of how much it shaped the Muslim world today.

The Arab Spring was a wave of protests and uprisings that began in Tunisia in 2010 after a street vendor, Mohamed Bouazizi, set himself on fire in protest of the oppression he was facing. His death sparked a lot of movements across the Middle East and North Africa, leading to many changes and revolutions in countries such as Egypt, Libya, Syria and Yemen.

So far, we've focused on Tunisia, exploring its political history before and after the revolution, the different leaders and ideologies that have shaped the country, and the influence of Western powers on its politics. There's still so much more to cover, **and it's not too late to jump in**. Be sure to tune in as we continue this series!



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Quiz of the Month

How Can We Turn the World Cup Loss Into a Victory?

By: Jose Al-Ansari

The first question came in my mind why are we independent on playing in a club that was made by non-Muslims? How can't we build something that is more just that hosts games for our generation and young kids who are already inspired by Mbape Cristiano or Messi? How can we do a history change to make this happen?

And I know that we lost our generation because our grandparents and their grandparents were thinking less about caring for their generation, and this what we ended up into? The westerns now having the authority over us they do whatever they want and we can't do anything. The Argentine and Egypt game actually reminded me of the Ayah where Allah swt says in surah Al-Tawba

كيف وإن يظهروا عليكم لا يرقبوا فيكم إلا ولا ذمة It is surprising how the kuffar behave and shows their betrayal. They do not keep promises or agreements. If they had power over the believers, they would kill them (believers) and would not respect family ties or any covenant

Let's think about how can we step forward to do a change for our generation so they don't end up being like us.





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Tamkeeners' Reflections



When Forgiveness Becomes Harmful

By: Anonymous

Forgiveness is often seen as one of the highest forms of character. In many situations, it is encouraged and even expected. Letting go of anger and choosing to forgive for the sake of Allah is something that brings great reward. However, forgiveness is not always simple, and sometimes it can be a danger. There is a time for mercy, and there is a time for a firm stand against those who transgress. So, when does forgiveness become unjust?

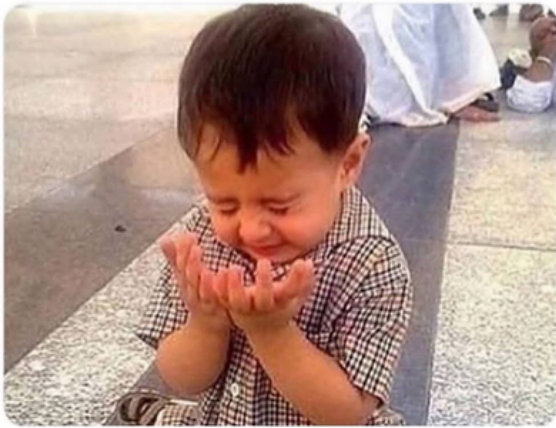
Feautred article

A beautiful article titled "**When Forgiveness Becomes Harmful**" was published this month. In this article, the author explores the balance between forgiveness and justice in Islam. While forgiveness is one of the best qualities that a believer can have, the author explains that it is not always the correct response, especially when that wrongdoing continues to cause harm or threatens the work of the Deen. The author brings examples from the Qur'an and the lives of the Sahabas to further examine when forgiveness is encouraged and when taking a firm stand becomes the better choice. We highly recommend checking out this article! It is a short but amazing read!

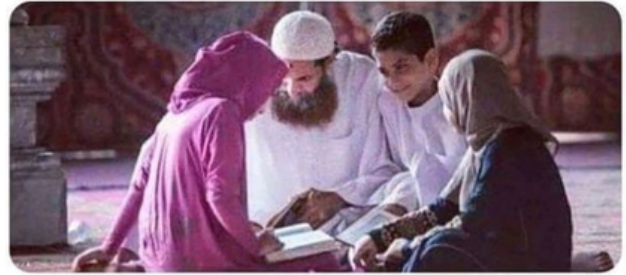


TAMK-FOOLERY

"Ya Allah even if I don't know the answers for exams, make me know them please"



If U Do Not Teach Ur Kids About Islam. Shaytaan Will Be Happy To Teach Them Something Else.



"Did you go pray like I told you an hour ago"





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The Prophet ﷺ said in an authentic hadith that the encouraged past times are archery and horseriding. We want to have fun but in a way that pleases Allah ﷻ and in a way that values our time and strengthens our mind. Make sure to invest your time and effort into skills and hobbies that benefit you.