

Andalusia Academy



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Assalaamu-Alaikum

Welcome to an exciting second edition of the newsletter. We have already reached the last term of the year and before we know it, the summer break will be here.

It's been a busy time for the school with Year 2 SAT's, Year 9 SAT's and Year 11 GCSE's. We wish all the pupil's the best of luck on their results.

Also it has been wonderful to notice how the primary children have grown and developed compared to when they started in September. However it will be sad end to the year as we have to say goodbye to the Year 11's. They will be sadly missed by staff and pupils and we wish them success in the future.



In this edition you will find poems written by secondary girls, trips to the masjid and much more.

So happy reading and don't forget to send us any feedback as we love hearing from you. The email address is

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An outing for the reception class!

In March the Reception Class went to visit Totterdown Mosque. It was the children's first proper outing. We had two Bristol Community Volunteer minibuses complete with booster seats and seat belts for each child. The drivers were brilliant and ours kept up a running commentary for the children on what we were going past, as well as answering the children's questions.

Mr Ahmed – one of the Bist trustees as well as a trustee of the Mosque- met us there and gave the children a very brief introduction to the Mosque. Then the children were allowed to explore – up the mimbar (pulpit); over to the zakat box; try on the hats; look at all the tasbeeh beads, all those Qu'rans, and all those clocks; and look up at the inside of the dome! And then downstairs: the wudu room, the room with benches for children learning the Qu'ran qaida, the map showing all the places in the world. Then lots of questions..... It was fascinating for the children and many of the adults too.

We thanked Mr Ahmed and walked down to Victoria Park and then up a big hill to the playground to let off any steam the children had left. Oh, and when we stopped for a breather and looked across to the town, we spotted the Mosque's dome and minaret peeking out from the rooftops! Fortunately the bus drivers agreed to collect us from the park and deliver us safely back to school.

The children were very well behaved and we had the help of some willing parent helpers which made the teachers' job so much easier. So now we're considering some more outings (very fortunate as our topic this term is 'journeys'). Hopefully we will fit in a walk to the bus station and ride on a public bus back to school, and at the beginning of July – no buses this time - we will be taking a picnic, including many of Prophet Muhammed's (s.a.w) favourite foods, to a nearby park. Finally in the last week of term all the infants will be going on a trip together- on at least one really big bus. Destination still to be confirmed, but it will be fun !

By Mrs Hursthouse

Jazak Allah to Islamic Relief !!

The school has received £6000 from Islamic Relief. The funding will be used for the ICT upgrade project & improving the play area for primary and secondary.

Y7 ISLAMIC STUDIES MOSQUE VISIT

On the 11th March 2007 as part of their Islamic Studies lesson, Year 7 went to visit Shahjalal Mosque in Easton. We walked all the way and were met by the two very nice Imams who showed us around the mosque. We were impressed by the design and decor of the mosque and even saw the cold room where bodies are stored for the funeral prayers. Scarey!!

The girls sat and listened to the history of the mosque and found out a little more about the Imams, how they studied and about their work as an Imam.

The girls learned that a mosque is not just a place of prayer but where people meet each other for education, social activities and help.

So Jazakallahu khayrun to Shahjalal Mosque and the Imams for giving us such a rewarding and insightful day!

By Mrs. Ali



WHAT IS ISLAM?

By Sumayah Yr 7

Islam is a great religion and a way of life
Islam is a religion of God
Islam aims to preserve the basic rights of human beings
Islam calls for and nurtures a loving & direct relationship between God and humans
Islam is the religion of pure human nature & clarity
Islam is NOT a religion of monasticism or separation from the worldly life
Islam places men and women all equal
Islam teaches us that this life is for worship
Islam is my religion

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2008



World Book Day:

If you came into school on March 6th you may have encountered pirates, witches, princesses and many more different sorts of characters. It was of course World Book Day. Both Primary and Secondary pupils, and staff dressed up as characters from books. There were some amazing costumes and it was a lively and fun day. In the secondary school, prizes were awarded to the following pupils for their costumes:

- Maryam Hussain from Year 8, who was dressed as the Snow Queen
- Hannah Tawfeek from Year 7, who was dressed as a witch

Aniqa Ali from Year 7, who was dressed as Red Riding Hood

IT'S NOT WHAT IT SEEMS

By Aalaa Nounu Yr 11

The words from a past escaped me easily.
I sit here, when I used to stand.
The passionate fear deteriorating my limbs.

Open hands welcome me.
A new beginning awaits.

The fears are not demolished, just put aside.
I have no worries, one says to himself.
Just take my hand.
Lead me away
To a new beginning.

You tell me it's life, give me a cup
Of warm, brewing tea. It's filtered
Just like that approach to others.

The buzz of a motorcycle. The complaint of a 'friend'.
Is my anger taking over?
Is it jealousy
Or what you call, Life?

I say I don't care – of course I do.
I care because we're the same – Right?
And then it happens- a bang.
Definitely not the one we want.
Rush. Irrational, with no conscience in both parties.

Just because I stood my ground.
I shout at you. You don't know your priorities.
You just don't know who you really are
I do.
Do you ?

FRIENDS OF ANDALUSIA

Thank you to all the parents who have donated food and their time in order to make our events a success.

The Food Sale in February raised £145.61 and the money was spent on dictionaries for the primary school.

Last month's Food Sale raised £319 and the money is being spent on extracurricular activities for the children in both schools. A special thank you goes to Pak Butchers who without their support the events would not be as successful.

Our next fundraising event is the **Ladies Night**. Sorry Brothers but we thought the ladies deserved a night off.

Shades of Red : Ladies Night & Charity Fundraiser

Friday 13th June

Parents can support our event by bringing or sending in cans of drinks. We will be collecting these as from Monday.

A word (or more) from a trustee...

The school needs YOUR help. Alhamdulillah, we are now full to capacity for our primary school. From September we will have 83 primary school children which is a truly remarkable achievement considering just 4 years ago we had a humble number of only 5! There's been a lot of interest from parents wishing to send older siblings and although we don't have a Year 4 yet we are compiling a list so if you have a child starting in that year or know someone who might be interested we need their details!

I'm also happy to report that we have now filled our new Year 7 class BUT still have spaces in Years 8, 9 and 10. We're a school that likes to engage parents and hope that YOU can help with our recruitment. In short, if you know family friends or relatives that have children who could fill these spaces.....SPREAD THE WORD. As an incentive, if you introduce someone we'll give you a **5% discount** off your annual school fee....that can't be bad! There are also scholarships available for these secondary years and further details can be given upon request.

Jazak-Allah Kheirun
Zaynab Qazi

Robot Project

Andalusia Academy were selected by the police to participate in their Islamic Awareness week at Bristol Airport. The school were asked to build a robot to be displayed at the airport. The pupils involved were Aisha Simpson, Tanzela Malik, Hannah Tawfik, Nawal Mohamed from the Year 7. The Pupils from year 1 were Yasir Awale, Mohamed Sulaiman, Zara Ansar, and Nour Tazaoui.



Dawud Wharnsby Ali



On Wednesday 4th June 2008 Andalusia Academy were very honoured to invite the world renowned Nasheed artist Dawud Wharnsby Ali. During his visit Dawud talked a little about his life and how he came to Islam. He also spoke about his Nasheeds, the lyrics and where he got his inspiration from. He performed a number of Nasheeds and even got the children to join in. Both primary and secondary children found his visit to be most informative and educational as well as inspirational. The staff and pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and Dawud was presented with a small trophy by Dr Nounu as a token of our appreciation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YR 9 PUPIL'S / PARENTS OPTION MEETING

9TH JUNE - 2.30PM

INTERNAL EXAMS FOR Yr 7 & Yr 10

16TH JUNE

VISITS BY NEW PUPILS FOR PRIMARY CLASSES

23RD & 26TH JUNE - PM ONLY !

Yr 11 LEAVERS CEREMONY

27 JUNE – 1ST SESSION 10AM – 11.30AM QU'RAN

RECITATION

ONLY PARENTS OF Yr11 PLEASE

2ND SESSION - 2PM -3.30PM

SECONDARY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Yr 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

30TH JUNE – 4TH JULY

INFORMATION EVENING FOR NEW Yr 7 PUPILS

1ST JULY - 5PM – 6PM

Yr 7 INDUCTION DAY

3RD JULY - 9.30AM – 2.30 PM

SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENTS EVENING

7TH JULY 5PM – 8PM

FRENCH TRIP

9TH JULY

PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

9TH JULY

SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

11TH JULY

SECONDARY SCHOOL VISIT TO ISLAMIC EXPO

14TH JULY

VISIT BY ISLAMIC RELIEF WORKER

16TH JULY

WORKSHOPS BY CARTOONIST

17TH JULY

END OF TERM AND AWARD CEREMONY

18TH JULY

INSET WEEK

21ST - 25TH JULY

RETURN TO SCHOOL – 3RD SEPTEMBER 2008

Andalusia Academy Bristol

We have availability for the following positions:



1. Full-time

- Year 1 & Year 4 class teacher – must have knowledge about Islam

2. Part-time

- KS3 : Geography
- KS3 & KS4: Information Communication & Technology
- KS3 & KS4: Physical Education (female teacher)
- KS3 & KS4: Islamic Studies & RE

To apply, please send your CV and Covering Letter by 15th June 2008 to:

Headteacher, Andalusia Academy, Halston Drive, Bristol BS2 9JE.

THE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Education Conference was held on Sunday 30th March and was a fantastic event. Alhamdulillah there were more than 400 people who attended this event, with some coming from all over the West Country including Cardiff and Swindon. Guest speakers included brother Bilal Phillips and Brother Yusuf Chambers.

There were many people who helped put this event together and it would be impossible to name all. It was clearly a successful team effort and the support from the community was tremendous, without whom this would not have been possible. May Allah (swt) continue to help us to succeed in this way, ameen. Over twenty thousand pounds was raised on the day so thank you to all parents, pupils, staff and indeed anybody who came on the day, giving up their time to help raise money for our school. We hope Insha Allah there will be many such events to come in the future.

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