

Andalusia Academy



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Children Excel at Andalusia

Alhumdulillah we are very proud of the high achievements gained by our pupils in Year 2 with regards to SAT's at Key Stage 1. This is due to the hard work and commitment of Staff members, parents and most of all, the children.

The results are as follows:

Reading & comprehension - 100% achieved Level 2 or above, out of these **38%** achieved Level 3.

Writing – All pupils achieved Level 2 or above.

Numeracy – 100% achieved Level 2 or above, out of these **24%** achieved Level 3.

Creativity in the primary curriculum

This term we have focused on integrating creativity in our learning. Creativity enhances children's learning by providing an enjoyable opportunity for all children to access learning and apply their skills in a different way.

Year 1 have been creating their own animal poems using rhyming word and thinking about animals habits.

In Year 2 we have investigated our topic on nocturnal animals through ICT, art, DT and literacy. In Year 3 we have been exploring pattern in relation to shape and colour, linking it with mathematical understanding, and putting pattern in a historical context (Ancient Egyptians), as well as expanding the children's knowledge and skills in different artistic techniques.

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable learning experience for all the Year Groups, and is something they will remember, Insha Allah, and apply throughout their education.

Miss Razzak

Summer Fair

Assalaamu-Alaikum. We would like to thank all those who got involved and helped during the recent Summer Fair, especially Sr Nadia Powlowska who coordinated the event. It was a big success and we managed to raise over £1100, Alhamdulillah.

We are always looking for volunteers and If you would like to get involved in helping with general maintenance works during the summer, please contact Bro Tahir Mahmood on 07970 394011.

As the school year draws to an end we hope that you all have an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to seeing you back in Ramadhan, insh'Allah .

Jazakum Allah Kheiran

Zaynab Qazi



Nour Yr2 and Layla Yr2 running one of the many tables at the Summer Fair.

Year 3 BFG Trip

At last, the day had come for the long-awaited trip to see the BFG! As Year 3 made the exciting journey to the Hippodrome, they explored both the old and new parts of the city centre. The weather could not dampen their spirits! Magnificent costumes and the portrayal of huge giants made for spectacular viewing, bringing to life this classic tale of friendship between Sophie, a small orphan girl, and the Big Friendly Giant. It was a simple story of friendship and good triumphing over bad. However, it also had fine threads of bullying and self esteem running through the story, with the message being that it doesn't matter how big or small you are, or how much you know, it is your intention and courage that counts. It is safe to say that the performance was enjoyed by the young – and the not so young!

Mrs Chowdhury

Friends of Andalusia - FAAB

This school year has gone passed so quickly it's hard to believe there's only a few days left. Friends of Andalusia Academy Bristol (FAAB) have had a busy year, with cake sales, lunch time food sales, pyjama parties, ladies nights and much more.

This year alone £2635.45 has been raised through various different events (so far). Not forgetting that the next ladies night is coming up on the 19th July 2009, which we're hoping will raise another £1500 at least.

The money raised has helped to buy PE benches, cookers for the kitchen and has helped to pay towards the recent France trip.

FAAB has had some role changes in the committee, in May 2009 positions were rotated and the following was the result:

Chair : Nasreen Begum

Vice chair : Fareda Begum

Secretary : Amina Din

Treasurer : Tiara Sharif

Also, Alhamdulillah we now have four new members on the committee, whom we welcome to the team and look forward to working with them.

We are very grateful for all the help we have received. We hope that you will all continue to help and support our work and we look forward to seeing you all at the ladies night (sorry brothers, ladies only).

Please don't forget that the venue is Circomedia at 6pm. Tickets are £12 per person and this will include entrance, a three course meal and some fantastic entertainment. Please be sure to purchase your tickets as soon as possible, as spaces are limited.

Finally I'd like to say a big thank you to all those people who continuously support us through all our events and make the fundraising successful. We would kindly ask more people to come forward and help in any way they can and get involved because it's our school and we as a community need to make it work.

Sr Tiara

Reception News

Last term the Reception Class planted seeds and have been looking after the seedlings, watching them as they grow. You can see the fruits of their labour in the playground where we have geraniums, nasturtiums and even green beans.

This term our topic has been 'journeys and transport' and we have been on walks to two different parks; heard stories about trains, cars, boats and planes; and built models of space rockets, cars and buses.

The children especially enjoyed 'bike week' when they brought in their own bikes and scooters and set up an obstacle course in the playground to ride around; drew pictures of and labelled their bikes; drew maps of the obstacle course and wrote instructions of how to go around it.

We have also had visits from the children who will be the new Reception class.

The current Reception children suddenly seemed very grown-up as they showed the new ones around, helping them and explaining how things are done in Reception.

And finally we are looking forward to activities week when all the primary children will have the chance to do work with the other classes as they make cookies, learn new playground games, paint and create things; visit Noah's Ark Zoo Farm; take part in Sports day; and listen to Martin from St Paul's Library tell and read stories. They will deserve a holiday after that!

Mrs Hursthouse and Mrs Hashmi

Goodbyes...

We would like to say farewell and good luck to Mrs Haq who is leaving to have her baby. She will be sorely missed by staff and pupils. May Allah reward you with a happy and healthy baby Ameen.

Our best wishes also go to Mr McGill, Mr Kewell and Mrs Youcef, who are also leaving.

Keeping the children entertained in the holidays

Alhumdulillah, the summer holidays are here! Whilst the children are happy to get a break, many parents dread the weeks ahead...how to keep them busy and occupied? Let us begin the holidays with the right intention; that these holidays are a time for us to relax, recuperate and spend some time with our families. A time to renew our mind, body and soul. Below are some suggestions to get us on the way to having a summer holiday full of blessings. And don't forget to check out what's on offer at your local sports or arts centres - the library will have listings of all the council-run activities.

1. DAYS OUT

While it's nice to go on holiday abroad, there are many affordable things we can do with our families either in the UK or just in Bristol. Picnics, bicycle rides, swimming, joining a sports club are all excellent ways to keep them active throughout the holidays.

2. ISLAMIC CAMPS

Islamic camps are an excellent place for families to go and meet others, listen to inspirational lectures and become closer to Allah as a family. Make some effort to attend at least one Islamic event or camp as a family, InshaAllah. Here are some camps that I have found which have a variety of outdoor activities as well as Islamic lectures for all the family.

Camp Magnificent Creation

Dates: Sunday 2nd August - Wednesday 5th August 2009

Venue: Penmaenpool, Dolgellau, Gwynedd, North Wales, LL40 1YB

For further information please contact: 07980 857 639 / email: shukoor@yahoo.com

Tawhid 2009 Annual Family and Youth

Summer Camp

Date: Friday 14th – Monday 17th August

Venue: Thriftswood Scout Campsite

For booking and enquiries visit www.islamlondon.com

Call 07786804044 / Email camp@islamlondon.com (camp@islamlondon.com)

3. DAYS IN

We all know that too much TV is not good for the mind or the iman so let's try and keep the children busy at home without turning the TV on too often. Cooking, crafts, gardening, sorting out their cupboards are all good ways to make time at home smoother. Why not try spending half an hour here and there doing some reading, writing or maths with the children? If they are not kept active they tend to get bored and when they are bored, well we know what happens then! Below are some useful educational websites for your children to browse. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL INTERNET ACTIVITY SHOULD BE MONITORED.

www.caniaskaboutislam.com

www.tinymuslims.com

www.islamicmedia.com.au/kids_corner.php

www.kids.farhathashmi.com

www.netrover.com

www.primarygames.co.uk

www.funbrain.com

4. SALAH IN THE MASJID

Children love going to the masjid, so this holiday why don't we try and make them attend salah with their mums and dads? Jumah especially is a good practice.

5. PLAY DATES

All the children have made some wonderful friends this year, Alhumdulillah, so why not take down some numbers and arrange to visit or go for play dates during the holidays?

6. GET READY FOR RAMADHAN

When our children are at the age to fast we MUST encourage them to fast. We should remind them about the rewards and blessings of this great month and ensure that our homes are fasting ones. It's a good idea to lead up to Ramadhan by slowly getting the children used to fasting. Why not let them fast on the weekend or even half a day? And reward them for their fast but always remind them that the real reward is from Allah. Another tip would be to prepare the house for Ramadhan. Have the children write & decorate the fasting duas to put in the house or a sign that says 'Ramadhan Mubarak' or 'Ramadhan Kareem'.

7. DO NOT OVERSPEND

MashaAllah our children are truly blessed by their parent's wealth and usually in the holidays we buy them new clothes & toys. But let us remember to not be too extravagant as extravagance in the duniyah is disliked by Allah. Also when children are continuously spoilt in this manner they can become greedy and ungrateful. So spend but do not go overboard InshaAllah, we do not have to give them EVERYTHING they ask for as we are teaching them a very bad habit.

Masha-Allah let us not forget that our children are a great blessing from Allah and require hard work, patience & effort from us as parents. We should remember that they are only children and they may do things to annoy us in the holidays but we should always be easy on them and remain patient.

Have a wonderful, fun-filled, iman-boosting holiday!

Zahrah Ali

France Trip

The bus journey was endless but it was all worth it when we got there. The weather was sunny and warm as we explored Parc Asterix. We were all excited as we queued up for the ride with SEVEN loops but came off feeling a bit dizzy. After the dolphin show we returned back home exhausted but happy!

Year 9



Please note as from September Primary school children will be starting lessons

TERM DATES for 2009-2010

Term 1 - FRIDAY 4 September to Friday 23 October 2009

- In-Set Day - Friday 4 September
- Eid holidays - Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 september

Term 2 - Monday 2 November to Friday 18 December 2009

- Eid holidays - Thursday 26 & Friday 27 november

Term 3 - Monday 4 January to Friday 12 February 2010

- In-Set Day - Monday 4 January

Term 4 - Monday 22 February to Thursday 1 April

- In-Set Day - Thursday 1 April

Term 5 - Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May 2010

- In-Set Day - Friday 28 May

Term 6 - Monday 7 June to Tuesday 20 July 2010

- In-Set Days- Monday 19 july & Tuesday 20 july

FIRST DAY BACK
MONDAY
7TH SEPTEMBER 2009

