

## Message from the Trustees

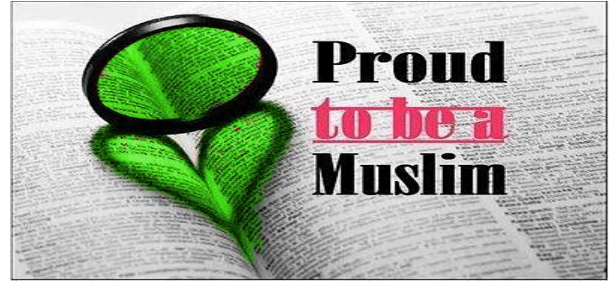
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Alhamdulillah it has been a very busy month and we are pleased to announce that we have had another very successful recruitment intake. The reception class will be full in September but we still have some spaces left for Year 7.

The Open Day in February was a great success and saw many parents filling in applications on the day. Many thanks to Shaykh Nagib's inspirational talk on 'Our Children, Our Future' as well as Friends of Andalusia for providing the refreshments. They didn't last very long! The pupils did a fantastic job showing parents around and I had many compliments from prospective parents.

In the last newsletter we informed you that we will be conducting a survey to establish whether there is a need for a secondary boys school. We aim to get this survey to the parents before the end of the school year, insha'Allah. If you have any suggestions or questions that you would like to ask the trustees please feel free to see us at the parents forum. Details are available on the school notice board.

Zaynab Qazi  
BIST Trustee



## Avonmouth Primary

Recently, Year 5 class Andalusia Academy, were visited by Avonmouth primary school. During this visit our year 5 class put together some presentations about Islam and presented them. We taught them Arabic, made decorations and had a look at Islamic art. It was a fun day for both the classes.

Year 5, Avonmouth primary kindly asked if we could visit them and it was too nice of an offer to reject. Mrs. Hanna arranged the visit for us. We went there on March 30th. We got there at 10:30 am and the first thing we did was listen to their presentations. They were about stories from the bible, Christian festivals and the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam. They were all fascinating! Then year 5, Avonmouth, took us to their music room. They taught us how to play Ghanaian drums. It was really fun!



## Primary Parents Evening

On March 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Primary children's parents were invited to talk to the teachers about their children's progress so far this year. It was a valuable opportunity for teachers to share with parents how well so many of the children have been getting on, and also how parents can help to move them on even further. It was rewarding to hear so many of you say how happy the children are and thanking the teachers for their efforts.

This year there was a very high turnout of parents so thank you all very much too— especially those who have two or three children in the school as we know it can be very time consuming. It seems that many of you found it very helpful to be able to meet the Quran and Arabic teachers at this time too. These teachers are only part time at this school and have various other commitments so we are very grateful to them for making time to meet you.

Please remember that you can speak to your children's teachers at anytime – preferably after school and by prior arrangement if at all possible - because we do try to work in partnership with you and any concerns you have about your child is our concern too.

## Red Nose Day

On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated Red nose day.



Everyone participated in this event, wearing at least something red. We also donated £1.00 for comic relief, children in need. We would like to thank Andalusia Academy for taking interest in this fundraising and to get everyone involved in our school.

All together we raised £86.22 mashaAllah.

By Yamina Khalfallah  
Year 5

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

## Year 4 News

We have been learning about Deforestation. Below are some questions and answers about this subject.

*What is deforestation?*

Deforestation is when forest are cut down. In this report it will tell you about Deforestation. Deforestation is very affective to the globe. Soil erosion will happen and Fludes will corrupt the city.

*Why do trees matter?*

To stop the fludes from reaching the city because soil erosion will happen for example there are no trees in the forest so the soil will become wet and every time it happens there will be muddy land and water will rise and the forest will be destroyed.

*How do forest dwellers live?*

They don't live like normal people they live in tribes and call the forest there home and they use objects in the forest to make a living.

*What is good for the environment?*

Healthy soil, fresh air and trees and less green house gases to affect the globe.

*How can we help?*

By cutting down less trees than the average rate. Recycle, reuse and reduce paper.

*How can environmentalist help?*

By touring the rainforests and discovering new plants and animals that have cures for diseases.

This is the end of the report.

By Mohamed  
Year 4

## Recycling seminar

On Wednesday 23rd March, Simon Anthony from the recycling department of the council came to talk to the whole school about recycling.

He did workshops for primary and secondary and spoke with the eco-council. We were very pleased to know that we at Andalusia recycle 70% of our waste compared to most other schools' 30%. We will be working on our food waste in order to do even better.

Alhumdulillah this is fantastic news!

## Secondary News

Alhumdulillah, another term has come to an end. We have been very busy this far and would like to thank all the staff and students for their continued hard work. We wish all the parents, pupils and staff a good holiday. May Allah make it a beneficial time and enable you all to rest and be ready for a new term.

Zahrah Ali

## Year 9 - VE (victory in Europe) World War Two presentation

The students have been enthusiastic to learn aspects of life for people during the Second World War. They even had a chance to become a secret agent to find out what life was like during the Blitz for the population of Britain.

However they were brilliant when they worked together in groups to produce talks that were on the Subject of VE day, a time when the country celebrated the end of the war. This entailed explaining how they would organise a party, keeping historically accurate, for instance: rationing meant that they were limited to certain foods only that could be put on the menu. As you can see one group actually cooked a cake, made sandwiches, drinks, menu's and name settings. Well done year 9! Some really good talks from all of you!



## Y10 Trip to Bath

On the afternoon of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the Year 10 pupils went on a trip to Bath.

First we had a meal at Jimmy Spices Restaurant as part of some research for an art project in which Year 10 are designing various aspects of restaurants. This restaurant is multi-cultural which is appropriate for the project - the girls' restaurants are supposed to be on an Islamic/Arabic theme. They serve food from India, China, Thailand, Mexico and Italy. The walls are decorated to follow these themes with paintings and photos. Table style is quite plain. Food is served buffet style - you help yourself working your way around the different countries' produce and can have noodles cooked to order. Although the meat was supposed to be halal, there was no certificate so the girls ate fish and vegetarian. Two of the teachers are also vegetarian and felt that there was a good choice. To make the most of it though, more time was needed, to have one type of food at a time on your plate so that the flavours don't all get mixed up.

Desserts were a bit disappointing as a lot of them had gelatine in, but there was fruit, Indian sweetmeats etc.

Then we visited The Jane Austen Museum, which will help the students complete their next controlled assessment in English on Moving Images – A Review of a Jane Austen film.

There were models and a man in Georgian costume, interesting displays, films to watch and a talk to listen to. There were a few minutes to make purchases in the museum shop. After that it was home time in the mini-bus. It was a very busy afternoon, but the girls seemed to enjoy themselves and hopefully the learning experience will help them to achieve excellent grades in their work.

Ms Ellery and Mrs Bingham



## World Book Day

On World Book Day the secondary pupils were encouraged to dress up as a character from a book. There were a lot of interesting outfits, but first prize went to Somayah Ahmed in Year 7 who was dressed as Oliver Twist.

On the day the Year 7 pupils visited the Year 4 and Year 5 pupils to talk about their favourite books. The Year 7 pupils presented some wonderful posters on their favourite books and read aloud their favourite extracts. It was nice to see so much enthusiasm and interest from both secondary and primary pupils for books and reading.

## KSM- School Web System

You can now access your child's school information from the comfort of your home. With a touch of a button you can find out the latest in school exam results, attendance record, school fee payments and more.

You should have received an email from our admin department, detailing how you can access the system. If you haven't, maybe we don't have your correct email address. Please contact admin who will be happy to help.

## Andalusia Parents Forum

Last month saw the introduction of two new parents groups. One for brothers and one for sisters. The main purpose of these groups is to offer a platform to enable parents to share views and ideas and this information then feeds back to the school and trustees.

Minutes of the sisters meeting are displayed in the notice board in the playground. If you are unable to come to meetings, there is a suggestion box located next to the notice board. Please feel free to suggest or communicate any issues or views you want us to discuss at future meetings.

Sisters can contact Amina Din, parent of Iqra in Year 5 and brothers can contact Mr Abtidon (primary support staff).

**Sisters Meeting – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2011  
2pm – 4pm**

## LOLLIPOP PEOPLE



Would you like to join the best loved team in the City? Could you help school children in the City on their route to school? We are looking to recruit more 'Lollipop People' to this well loved team to assist the school population of the City and **there is a vacancy at your school!**

The pay is currently £6.38 an hour and we pay 10 hours per week this is annualised so you get paid every month. Full training and uniform will be provided. This is a term time only role so you get all school holidays.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Frances Dansie on 0117 9224464.

## **Term Dates for 2010/2011**

**End of Term 4 – Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Apr 2011**

**Inset Day : Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**Term 5 – Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 2011  
to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Bank Holiday – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
(Royal Wedding )**

**Bank Holiday – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011**

**Year 9 Options Evening – May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Term 6 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011**

**Inset Day : Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**