

Andalusia Academy



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Congratulations!!

Well done to all the pupils who sat exams last year. All the staff are proud of the achievements of all our pupils during 2007/8. However we are not complacent and we aim to continue to work proactively in order that the results increase year on year.

Masha Allah the Year 11 GCSE results were well above the local average and we would like to congratulate them on their success.

All the children sitting KS1 SATS achieved the national target or above.

80% of the pupils sitting KS3 SATS achieved the national target or above.

Reception News

Welcome to all the new children and their families in this year's Reception class! We have an amazing 23 children at the moment, which is 18 more than we started with 3 years ago.

It has been a very short but busy term for our children, who are just beginning to settle down into the school routines. We had our first Parents meeting recently which was well attended (sincere apologies for the mix up over the starting time - Mrs Hursthouse and Mrs Maqsood claim joint responsibility for that) and many thanks for all who took the time to attend. We really do value your support and we will try to keep you regularly informed about what the children will be doing over the rest of the year.

Mrs Hursthouse - Reception Teacher

News from the Trustees

We hope you are as excited about the new premises as we the Trustees are. It's been a huge step forward for our humble project and we are proud to see the school open for its 4th year. We would like to thank all those people who helped in the move. May Allah (swt) reward you all for your efforts. There are still lots of things needed to be done like painting, decorating and clearing, some of which will be carried out during the end of term holiday. We are always looking for people to help so if you're able to lend a hand please contact Brother Tahir on 07970 394 011.

Zaynab Qazi
BIST Trustee

EID PARTY

On 3rd October 2008 the Primary children enjoyed the celebration of Eid-ul-fitr with a party. Indeed, the fun and games (pass the parcel and musical chairs) were very vivacious. The party ended with a delightful treat of party food and drinks, with compliment from the friends of Andalusia Academy. JazakAllah-khairun for your support and effort, May Allah reward you.

Miss Razzak - Year 2



Contact Details

Please could all parents and carers ensure that the school has up to date contact details. There should be at least three contact names and numbers, these could be relatives or close friends. This is vital information that the school needs in case of emergencies.

Nut Allergies

Please note that the school has a NO NUTS POLICY. Some of the children in school have severe allergic reactions to certain foods, particularly nuts. Therefore please avoid sending in nut products in lunch boxes and donations to cake sales. Jazak Allah for your support.

Sickness

Could parents/ carers note that the school procedure for reporting absences is a phone call before 9.15am, on the 1st day of non-attendance. This must be supported by a letter on the day of return.

Please also note that children who have been sick (vomiting or diarrhoea) should not return to school for at least 48 hours after symptoms have settled.

FRIENDS OF ANDALUSIA

The Friends of Andalusia was set up in October 2007. It's main aims are to organize ways to raise money for the school and help the staff with extra curricular activities.

We have had a busy start to the year. The Iftari Meal and Eid Party was very enjoyable for all who attended. This week's food sale raised approximately £170.00.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and helpers who helped make the events a success.

Currently it is led by a small number of parents who really need the help of others. Our next meeting is on the 11th of November at 2pm at the school. Our meetings are open to all parents and friends of the school and it is an enjoyable and ideal way to get to know other parents. If you have found it difficult in the past to attend meetings and would like to be involved please leave your contact details with Mrs Khan (Admin Assistant) who will pass your details to the group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 2

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER TO 19TH DECEMBER

YEAR 2 & YEAR 3 PARENTS MEETING

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER - 11AM

FRIENDS OF ANDALUSIA MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - 2PM

YEAR 7 & YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 5PM – 8PM

YEAR 8, YEAR 9 & YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 5PM – 8PM

PRIMARY PARENTS EVENING

WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 3.45PM – 6.30PM

EID HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 8TH & TUESDAY 9TH OF DECEMBER

TERM 3

MONDAY 5TH JANUARY TO 13TH FEBRUARY 2009

Somali Speaker

A Somali speaker is available every Tuesday between 9.30am & 10am and Wednesdays between 11am & 12pm to discuss any concerns parents or carers have with regards to their children's education. Please can all parents advise Somali parents that this service is now available.

INSHA'ALLAH THE ANDALUSIA NEWSLETTER WILL BE PRODUCED ONCE EVERY TERM. IF ANYONE HAS ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS AND INDEED ANY CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE TEAM. AABNEWS@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

THERE IS ALSO A SUGGESTIONS BOX SITUATED OUTSIDE THE ADMIN OFFICE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO USE.

