



Al-Ashraf Primary School
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Alhumdulillah, Al-Ashraf primary School has been providing National Curriculum based education in keeping with Islamic morals and ethics to Primary School students since September 2006. It now successfully operates and offers Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and is building the platform for Key Stage 2. We currently have 100 pupils in Reception – Year 3.

It is a vision of all whom are involved in the school that children should enjoy their school, find satisfaction in their achievement and realise their potential to the full. Our target is to continuously assess and positively reward the effort and progress made by our pupils. We aim to Insha Allah, deliver education in stimulating and challenging ways, setting tasks and goals that are achievable to all. The school endeavours to create tolerant individuals; we all aim to help pupils respect and appreciate others, their cultural background, feelings, views and all capabilities in an Islamic perspective.

We have high expectations of our pupils not only in academic excellence but also in standards of behaviour and character, both inside and outside school. We also hope to equip our pupils with skills to confidently accept the challenges of today's changing world. **At Al-Ashraf Primary School we aim to create a happy, safe and secure environment where each child is given the opportunity to learn and live with others**

Over the past few years the Reception class has continued to excel under the guidance of a very experienced and positive teacher and the excellent Muslim assistants who support her. Significant effort has been put into the school to develop the KS1 classes and we are very lucky indeed to have enthusiastic & professional staff members in Year 1, 2 & 3 who continue to give significant time and effort in delivering the best of education. The school also operates a special SEN fund to help children with learning difficulties.

The school operates a madressah within the school day combining a structured "*learn and enjoy*" attitude to Islamic teachings of Quran, Hadith, Morals and Manners. It is without doubt, the day-to-day hard work of each member of staff at Al-Ashraf including the administrators, trainees & lunchtime supervisors which makes it the success it has become. The school continually operates a waiting list of parents wishing to enrol their children.

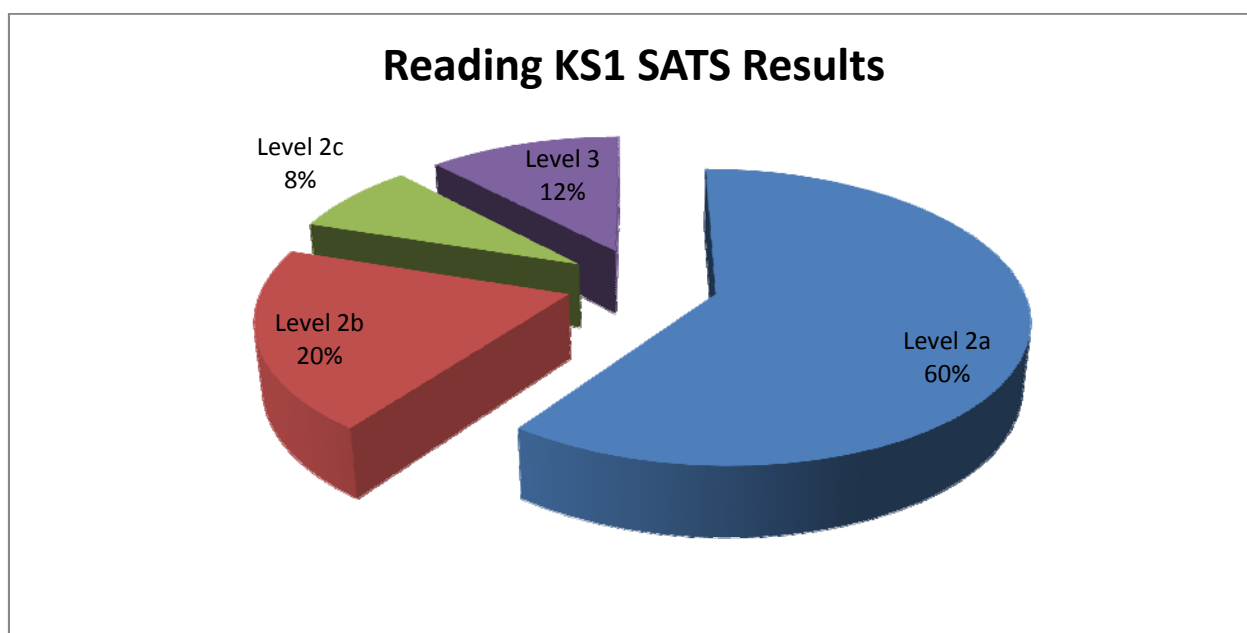
In early 2009 National Curriculum Teacher Assessments were published with Al-Ashraf Primary School first ever KS 1 results. The results showed the school excelled in all key subjects and attained extremely positive results compared to other local and national LA maintained schools.

The results can be seen in the table below.

% of pupils achieving Level 2 or above at Key Stage 1 by Local Authority (Gloucester) and England in 2009	READING			WRITING		
	BOYS	GIRLS	ALL	BOYS	GIRLS	ALL
Gloucestershire	82	91	86	79	89	84
ENGLAND (LA maintained only)	80	88	84	75	87	81
ENGLAND (all schools)	81	89	84	75	87	81
Al-Ashraf Primary			100			88

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	BOYS	GIRLS	ALL	BOYS	GIRLS	ALL
Gloucestershire	88	93	91	88	92	90
ENGLAND (LA maintained only)	88	91	89	87	91	89
ENGLAND (all schools)	88	91	89	87	91	89
Al-Ashraf Primary			96			96

The school has been extremely successful with 100% of our pupils achieving level 2 or above for reading and also doing exceptionally well in other subjects.



NATIONAL AVERAGE 2+	84%
LOCAL AVERAGE 2+	86%
AL-ASHRAF AVERAGE 2+	100%

These outstanding results are down to the hard work put in by pupils, parents, teachers & staff who continue to support us. However we understand that there is always room for improvement and the school is already investing significant effort in obtaining resource profiles for talented and gifted children and electronic pupil tracking software. We hope to use the data to ensure all pupils meet expected targets and identify under achievement early on.

The school has a fully **functional ICT suite, with internet access** and numerous software packages for educational and training purposes. The ICT area also incorporates a reference library and quiet area. “Jazakhallahu Kairun” to all who were involved making this possible, *May Allah SWT reward them for all their efforts.*

We are also fully conscious of the Government’s ‘Every Child Matters’ initiative and endeavour that the five outcomes (**Be Healthy; Stay Safe; Enjoy & Achieve; Make a Positive Contribution; Achieve Economic Well-being**) are embedded at the heart of the curriculum.

Over the past year the school has invested heavily in diverse projects in order to widen the breadth of experience the pupils attain at the school from healthy eating policies, recycling reuse & reduce waste workshops; Haiti Appeal, Swimming lesson; Young Writers Competitions; visits to the museum & art gallery, taking walks to explore the surrounding area; cycle training; and a school play for parents on the “Romans in Gloucester”.

At Al Ashraf we strive to maintain close co-operation between the school, parents and the wider community. Partnership with parents continues to be a major theme throughout the school as this is key to overall pupil development. The privilege of a low-cost independent Muslim School can only be maintained by a active commitment and participation of Parents. It was parents that approached our Principal (Mufti Abdullah) regarding the inception of an Islamic Primary School in order to safeguard their children’s future, and it is with the continued support of parents that so many successful fund raising events continue to be organised and managed. Our Mothers Committee continue to meet on a regular basis and have organised numerous events, such as “Mums & Munches”. With support from fathers and the school as a whole, similar future events continue to be planned. Insha-Allah

With significant help from a local web site designer in the community may Allah reward him abundantly), Al-Ashraf Primary School has an official website with information about the school, its history, aims, downloads, and a gallery of images from around the school, see www.al-ashraf.org.uk for more details If you wish to email the school for more information, write to info@al-ashraf.org.uk direct from the website form.

The future poses its unique challenges; the school continues to be extended with an extensive playground development programme and future classroom planning. Year 4 continues to be a major focus for the school. However, the work does not end there. To provide a fully implemented Primary School for ages 4-11, it needs much support and help from everyone. The whole Gloucestershire Muslim Community needs to be involved, in allowing our children to develop into wholesome and strong Muslims that project the true peaceful teachings of Islam.

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the overwhelming support received from the community to whom we remain deeply indebted. We have witnessed the fruits and blessings of unity and mutual support, Alhumdulillah, and we appeal wholeheartedly to the community to continue with this support. Insha-Allah.

May Allah (SWT) accept our efforts, grant us sincerity and help us to help our future generations. Ameen.

Mr. Shahid Mohammed Vaid
Chair of Governors