

# Dalgarno Supplementary School Newsletter Autumn 2008

## A bronze award for Dalgarno Supplementary School

After months of hard work by the teachers, coordinator, management committee and parents, Dalgarno Supplementary School (DSS) have been awarded a Bronze Award in the Quality Framework for Supplementary Schools. This award recognizes the good practice of the school. To get the award evidence was collected to show the organized learning environment, the resources suited to the children and young people and the partnerships the school has developed.



Mohamed and Ali present their portfolio to other schools.

Nikesh Shukla, Supplementary Schools Assistant, Quality Standards, Awards and Publications of the National Resource Centre for Supplementary Education said, "The delegates judging the school's application and presentation were incredibly pleased with the school, noting its newsletter and annual trip to Morocco as inspiring pieces of work." Val Patterson, Coordinator of the Partnership of Supplementary Schools, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea congratulated the school and paid special tribute to Mohamed Benrahma, the Coordinator of DSS who spent a lot of time collecting evidence and to Mohamed Katbi and Mohamed Ali who did an excellent presentation to the judges.

## Success in attracting funding

For the first time DSS has attracted two year funding for its supplementary school from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in partnership with a consortium of supplementary schools. It is hoped this will be the beginning of securing funding for tutors of English, Maths and Arabic.



## Dalgarno/Morocco '08



Dalgarno plays against Raja Club

Our footballers went on a trip to Morocco and took part in a football tournament organized by Agadir and Casablanca Football clubs. When they arrived they spent some time training and getting used to the hotter climate and different football surface.



The Moroccan and British flags representing both the teams



Training in preparation

We went straight to Casablanca where we stayed six days and played friendlies. We played with two big teams in Morocco: Widad and Raja Club. There was a lovely reception at the end and we were looked after well. Thanks were given to the directors, players and members of both clubs. We then went to Rabat where we have a long-standing partnership with a club. We watched them training. We then finished at El Awamra, a club Dalgarno helped to set up last year. We had a tournament between the four clubs, three Moroccan and Dalgarno! Dalgarno got to the final but unfortunately lost to penalties. All the young people were presented with medals. We finished with a tour of a coral farm and learned the history of how the strawberry gets from the land to our local supermarkets. A day was spent swimming in the sea at La Rache. During the trip the children had the opportunity to learn more about Morocco and the experience Moroccan football, culture and other children's lives. Every year Air Maroc support this event and we are grateful to the Director and her staff for their help.



## End of term celebrations



Christmas party 2007



Everyone enjoyed the couscous at the summer party 2008

DSS had two very successful end of term parties, one at Christmas and one at the end of the summer term. This party awarded certificates to all the children and young people who had attended throughout the year. Games were played and children enthusiastically joined in. Parents watched then after the formal presentation of prizes and certificates students, parents and staff shared a meal.



Latifa accepts her prize from Val Patterson, the coordinator of the Partnership of Supplementary Schools for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea



Prizewinners, volunteers and Management Committee

## Art project proves to be great success

Students enjoyed the art project, Moroccan Memories in Britain run in partnership with Migrant and Refugee Communities Forum in the summer term. They created their images of Morocco over seven weeks with professional artists. An exhibition of their work was held over a week at the Migrant and Refugee Communities Forum. Mohamed Benrahma, Chairman of DSS said, " The children were so happy to be involved. Their work was of a very high standard."

# Training

Mohamed Benrahma, Mohamed Katbi and Mohamed Ali successfully completed the course Effective Management of Supplementary Schools run by the National Resource Centre for Supplementary Schools. They received a Level 2 certificate. They had to produce a portfolio of evidence that showed the efficient organization of the school.

Other members of the school undertook First Aid training and Child Protection courses with the Partnership of Supplementary Schools, Westway Development Trust.

Every year DSS send members of the school to become qualifying coaches for a football qualification. This year Mohamed L Sadi completed the course at the David Beckham Academy and has started training our children on Fridays at Westway Sports Centre.

## The Power of Parents

Mohamed Katbi undertook two workshops with parents. He covered the role of parents and what Every Child Matters means to parents. The workshops were successful. Naima will be doing the next training course so look out for her workshops.



Parent session in process

A BIG *thank you* to ...

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- The following for their financial support:
  - Royal Air Maroc
  - Westway Development Trust
  - Local Network Fund
- The Dalgarno Community Association for all their help and support
- The communities in Morocco who supported the tournament
- ABI Services Ltd for supporting the football trip every year
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Welcome! Why not get in touch...

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Get in touch for information on sport, education and community events and trips run by the school, plus courses for members.