

ABOUT US

Qalam Academy was established by a group of professionals with extensive experience in the educational sector in the UK. We believe, Inshallah, we can use these skills to make Qalam Academy truly synonymous with educational excellence.

VISION

Qalam Academy has a vision to establish educational institutions of excellence at primary, secondary and university levels and we have a detailed ambitious but realistic plan to achieve our goals.

Al-Qalam Primary School - Glasgow

Qalam Academy started its first school "Al-Qalam Primary School" in Glasgow in October 2010.

Al-Qalam Primary School is the only primary school in Scotland delivering Scottish Curriculum For Excellence with Islamic education. It provides educational excellence within the universal and eternal principles of Islam, to enable the next generation to excel academically and at the same time serve humanity and society. In order to achieve our objectives we will relentlessly pursue strategies to give our children access to the best resources and employ energetic, experienced and dynamic staff.

Management Committee:

- Shoeb Sarguroh (Curriculum Leader)
- Shakil Hussein
- Asif Sange
- Molana Yusuf Hajat

Staff:

Experienced and trained staff with passion and dedication to deliver the school's enhanced Curriculum for Excellence. Staff are trained on the school's Curriculum and Methodology to deliver with excellence Literacy, Numeracy, Arabic, Islamic and other real life context at Al-Qalam Primary School.

Some of the Key Activities throughout the Year:

- Eid Celebrations
- Sports Day
- Annual Day
- Annual Trip
- Parents/Staff/Pupils- Fun Day
- PRUS Meetings and Events
- Visits to educational centres
- Visits by Professionals
- Science Week/Technology Week/ Nature Week

Admissions:

Our school admission is usually at Primary 1 level. Open days are held at the school in December for admission of Primary 1 starting the following year. Parents can also register interest by going to our website.

Fees:

Management reviews the fee structure every year. Detailed information can be obtained from school office.



AL-QALAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROVIDING PRIMARY EDUCATION DELIVERING SCOTTISH CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE (CFE) WITH ISLAMIC EDUCATION

*"And say: My Lord increase me in knowledge."
(Qur'an, Ta-Ha 20:114)*

The Islamic values and principles make Al-Qalam Primary amongst the first schools to deliver the four capacities (effective contributors, confident individuals, responsible citizens and successful learners) of CfE in the right context and developing the four qualities of "character, attitude, discipline and principles".

HMIE Inspection Report

13 September 2011

"children are polite and well behaved"

"They are respectful and support each other effectively"

"staff expectations of children's attendance and timekeeping are high"

"staff meet children's personal, social and emotional needs very well"

General Enquiry

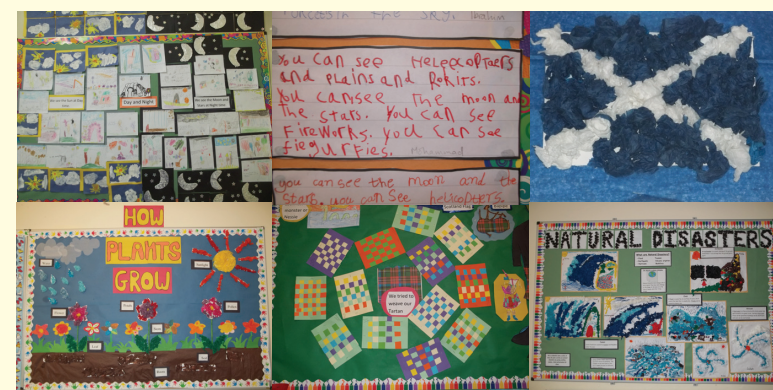
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Curriculum – enhanced Curriculum for Excellence (eCfE)

The school's curriculum is well balanced and combines Islamic values with all areas of education. We at Al-Qalam Primary believe that learning Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Wellbeing and other subjects are an integral part of Islamic teaching.

The curriculum is based on the values that all areas must be used for the betterment of humanity and for the purpose of contributing towards a prosperous society.

Our curriculum covers the seven broad categories of Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Wellbeing (HWB), ICT, Science, Social Studies, and Expressive arts of the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence. It also includes two additional categories of Quest (for R&D) and Islamic Studies with Arabic Language & Quran. It integrates good practices outlined by Scottish Curriculum for Excellence including the four capacities approach of being responsible citizens, confident individuals, effective contributors and successful learners.

The Islamic values and principles make Al-Qalam Primary amongst the first schools to deliver the four capacities in the right context. In addition to the four capacities the curriculum blends the four qualities of Character, Attitude, Discipline and Principles

eCfE is delivered using ecoLearn methodology which allows learning experiences across contexts (ICL) and covers Inter Disciplinary Learning (IDL) within each context.

Methodology - ecoLearn

Al-Qalam Primary School has drafted a methodology to deliver Scottish Curriculum for Excellence. We are the first school to have an established methodology to deliver Scottish Curriculum for Excellence.

Experienced based **Context Oriented Learning** (ecoLearn) is a methodology that has been developed by the school's curriculum leader to assist staff deliver eCfE in the context of real-life experiences. This methodology provides the flexibility that is the key for eCfE. Several contexts have been identified by the school within the draft methodology.

The school is already experiencing the benefits of this methodology and its ability to deliver the outcomes of the curriculum effectively. ecoLearn allows experiences to be delivered within real life context covering the broad areas of curriculum such as Literacy, Numeracy, HWB, Islamic Studies, Science, Social Studies, Expressive Arts, ICT and Quest.

ecoLearn provides a sound platform for the school to ensure that accurate Assessment and Reporting is carried out for recording pupils progress. This is reflected in Pupils Progress Reports. Another important benefit of using ecoLearn with ILE is profiling the child's performances from as early as Primary 1. At Al-Qalam Primary School, we collate pupil's progress right from Primary 1, thus ensuring a smooth transition from one learning stage to another.

Intelligent Learning Environment (ILE)

Al-Qalam Primary School has developed a collaborative tool "Intelligent Learning Environment" (ILE) which is used extensively by the school staff, pupils and parents. This is the tool that is used to assist delivery of eCfE across all levels.

ILE allows staff to prepare forward planners, edit, modify and update them electronically. This allows staff to spend more time on pro-actively preparing for advanced resources and delivery of the curriculum. It allows more collaboration between Management and staff for review and revising the planners and resources and enhances the delivery of curriculum outcomes. ILE allows pupils to work collaboratively with peers and staff. Pupil profiling from Primary 1 level is possible using ILE.

Parents have a separate site in ILE to discuss issues of importance to the school and contribute towards helping raise funds for the school.

Quality Indicator Grid (QUIG)

Qalam Academy gives emphasis on the quality of delivery of education in its schools. Recently the school's curriculum leader has drafted a unique process of linking Quality Indicators with the delivery of curriculum. Quality Indicator Grid allows the school to identify what quality indicators are covered by the curriculum delivery. Educationists, consultants and Inspectors will be able to locate curriculum planners, delivery and resources that conforms to the expected quality and standards.

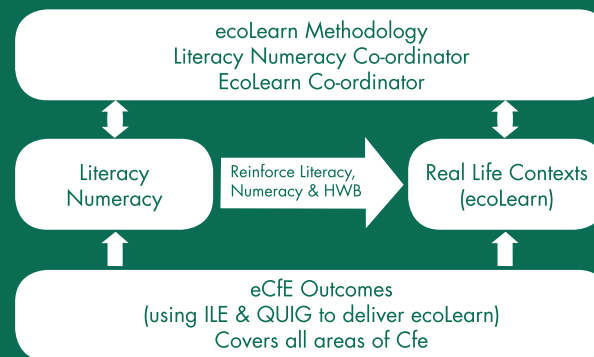
The school uses ILE to record these indicators. QUIG will be our basis of measuring the school's progress and performances and ensure that standards are maintained and improved throughout the year.

Qalam Academy will be happy to assist schools in delivering Curriculum for Excellence using ecoLearn as a methodology and ILE & QUIG as delivery tools.

For details on ILE, ecoLearn & QUIG contact:

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The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:
"God, His angels and all those in Heavens and on Earth, even ants in their hills and fish in the water, call down blessings on those who instruct others in beneficial knowledge." (Al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 422)

"Allah will raise up, to (suitable) ranks and (degrees), those of you who believe and who have been granted knowledge. And Allah is well-acquainted with all you do." (Qur'an, Al-Mujadilah 58:11)