



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

An Daras Multi Academy Trust - Latest News



"Gateway to Learning"

ADMAT - Expansion Plans

Many thanks to parents and other interested parties who responded to our recent consultations on the proposed expansion of the An Daras Trust from two to five schools plus pre-schools – your input has been greatly valued and appreciated. The Trust Board of Directors met recently and following completion of educational and financial due diligence checks and reviewing of stakeholder views unanimously voted to approve the expansion plan. This plan will now be developed over the summer break and discussions with the Department for Education will continue into the Autumn Term. ADMAT is confident the expansion will be completed by January 1st 2016 at the latest.

ADMAT - Autumn Term 2015

Plans are in place to ensure joint class curriculum enrichment events across the Trust continue into the Autumn Term. Classes enjoy mixing with their peers and feedback from pupils and parents is always very positive. The schools will also be collaborating next term on a number of creative projects including a Shakespeare festival and further joint musical clubs and events. We hope to offer a range of joint sporting events as the Trust expands.

ADMAT - Mini Bus Provision

We are pleased to announce the arrival of two brand new minibuses for use by An Daras Trust schools. They will allow us to take part in many more competitive sports events and also provide whole class transport for educational day trips. The buses will be with us towards the end of October. Below are the design sketches showing how the buses will look. We will be holding a competition for pupils at the start of the Autumn Term to come up with a name for each mini bus. This is a major investment for the Trust but we believe it is a positive way of extending educational opportunities for all pupils in the Trust schools.



ADMAT - 2015 Pupil Achievement Outcomes

Early indications in achievement results show both schools have delivered secure attainment and progress at all Key Stages this year. Particular thanks are due to our Year 6 teachers and pupils for working so hard – they can be proud of their efforts. An Daras schools are ensuring the vast majority of pupils by the end of Key Stage 2 have reached a standard that will allow them to continue to flourish as they move onto secondary education.

ADMAT - Successes

The Trust has ensured a number of teaching and learning opportunities have been extended and delivered across both schools within the Trust this year. Additionally internal school organisation has been refined to ensure front line pupil services are maintained. Some successes this year we are particularly pleased about include:

- Increased adult staffing for foundation classes
- Increased Speech and Language support for pupils needing this provision
- Increased 1 to 1 personal tuition at Years 5 and 6 for pupils needing this provision
- Continuation and extension of before school Breakfast Club services at both schools
- Updating curriculum computing hardware at both schools – by September both schools will have a 30 PC suite and 30 I-pad IT provision for pupils
- Ensured teaching staff are experienced, well trained and retained within the ADMAT organisation
- Established a range of learning support programmes for our most vulnerable pupils e.g. Thrive programme
- Provided a range of enjoyable curriculum enrichment events e.g. Big Bang science morning, joint music concert staged at Windmill Hill and Forest school days at St Stephens

Summer Break

Everyone within the Trust wishes pupils, parents and staff a safe summer break. We look forward to seeing pupils back on **Monday 7th September**.

