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Where is Cádiz?



What is Cádiz like?

Cádiz has an old town with narrow streets, tall buildings and a vast cathedral in a plaza. It also has a modern part, with busy roads, shops and offices, which is where the school is located.

Cádiz is surrounded by the sea on three sides, with a thin strip of land connecting it to the mainland. There is a big port where cargo ships and cruise liners dock.



Colegio Salesianos

Salesianos is a Catholic preschool, primary school and secondary school all in one building.

The Roman Catholic parish church is at the centre of the complex.

There are over 1000 students in a huge building with 4 floors and two enormous playgrounds.



The school day



School starts at 9am. Parents don't come into the playground, they say goodbye to their children at the gate.

The school is bilingual. English, science and art lessons are taught in completely in English. Everything else is taught in Spanish.

There are three lessons until 11.45am, when everyone stops for *breakfast*.

There are two more lessons until lunchtime at 2pm, then everyone goes home. A few children have lunch at school and there are afternoon sports activities from 4pm.



The classroom



Everyone sits at their desk and works mostly from books. There are no smartboards, just a whiteboard and a projector in each classroom.



Each child has their own desk with a space underneath for their books and a hook for their bag. Most children bring a rucksack, but lots of them have a trolley so they can wheel it along!



The classrooms look just like English classrooms, with displays of work and class rules on the walls.





Just like our school!

Lots of things about Colegio Salesianos are just like The Vine.

The children wear uniform. They have white polo shirts with the school logo on, red jumpers or cardigans, and grey trousers, skirts or pinafores.



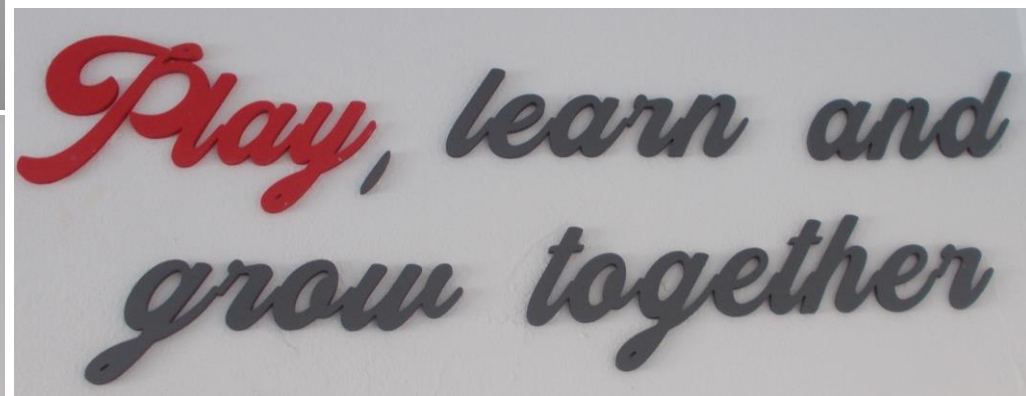
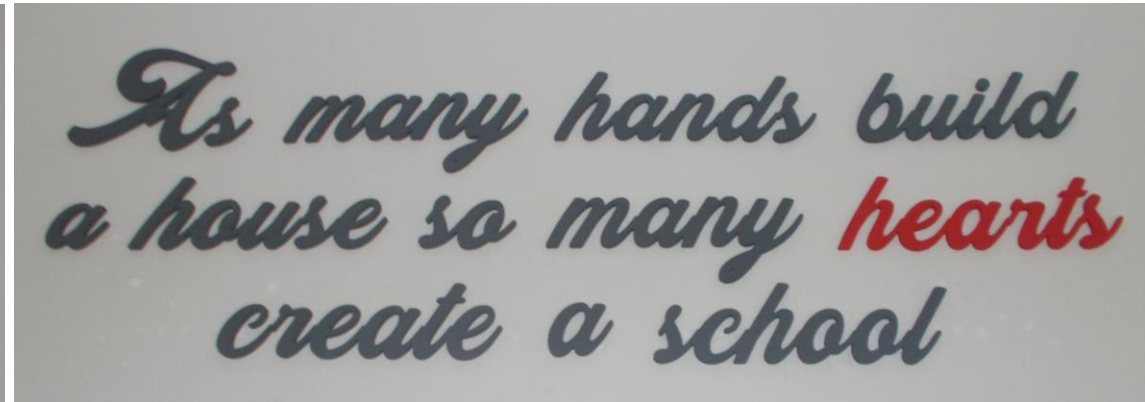
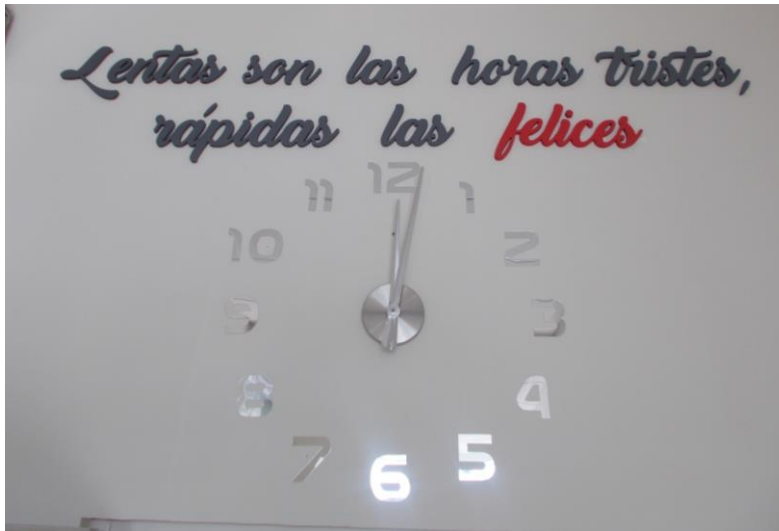
The children learn the same subjects as we do – maths, Spanish, science, English, art, music, PE, geography and history.

Everyone plays in the playground together! They play football, basketball and chase each other around.

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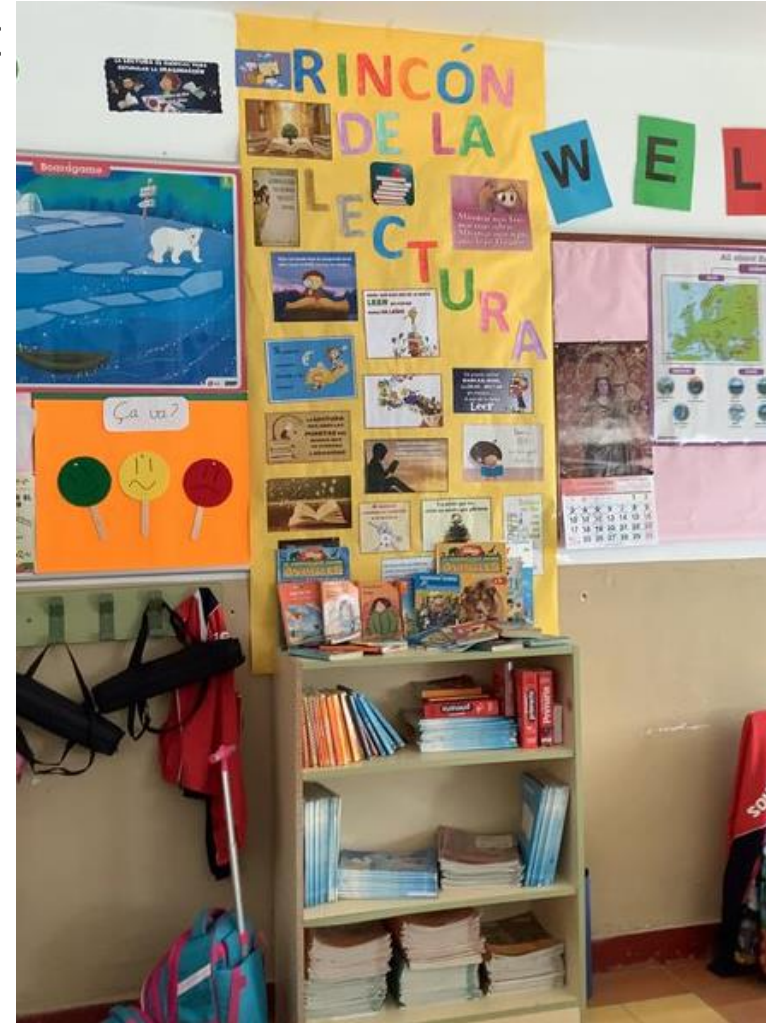


All over the school, there are murals and inspirational quotes in English and Spanish. See if you can see one you recognise!



Just like our school!

The school also loves reading as much as we do at The Vine, with classes recommending books to each other in a book review caterpillar, and enjoying reading corners, just like ours!



Expressing their faith



The Salesians are a religious order founded by Dom Bosco, dedicated to making sure all children have an education, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Colegio practices Salesian spirituality by incorporating their Catholic faith into their everyday life and putting reminders of that faith all over their school.

Every classroom has a picture of Dom Bosco, Mary and a crucifix at the front of the class, over the board.

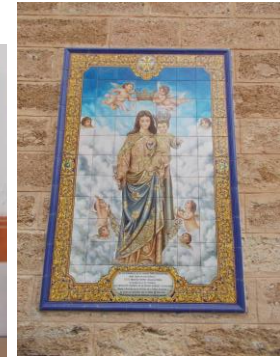


Expressing their faith



There are statues and pictures all over the school which remind the children to focus on their faith.

First thing in the morning, there is *buenos días*, which is like our worship. On Thursdays, this takes place in the church. They sing a song, listen to a story and say their prayer, the Hail Mary, in Spanish.



Dios te salve, María. Llena eres de gracia, El Señor es contigo. Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús. Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.

International Links



Our trip to Cádiz has helped to strengthen our link with Colegio Salesianos.

Years 4, 5 and 6 wrote some letters in Spanish which we have given to the teachers, so we hope to hear back from them soon.

We had a fantastic time in Cádiz and look forward to developing our year 5 and 6 links with the school!

