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# Açı Pulse

Welcome to the final issue of the year!

It's been a wonderful year in the Açı Pulse club, and the students have worked hard to create a final magazine. Inside you'll find info on school trips, local businesses, football stars and more. Thanks for reading, and we hope you will join us again next year!

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# School News

## Our principal: Ms. Saliha Aslan speaks

By Selin Seskir, Sassan Vahabzadeh, Elay Sungur and Deniz Hakman  
*Açı Pulse Reporters*

Reporters from Açı Pulse sat down with Açı Middle School principal Saliha Aslan for interviews twice this year, once in the first term and once in the fourth. Here are some of her answers.

**Q:** Which university did you graduate from?

**A:** Boğaziçi University.

**Q:** How long have you been doing this job?

**A:** Ten years.

**Q:** When did you start doing this job?

**A:** 2003.



**Q:** Have you worked at other schools?

**A:** I have worked at one other school, TED High School.

**Q:** Do you have children?

**A:** Yes, I have two children, Ali and Kerim.

**Q:** What do you do in your free time?

**A:** Read books.

**Q:** Who was your role model when you were growing up?

**A:** My English teacher.



## Tulip Festival brings beauty to Emirgan

By Serena Bilmen and Selin Seskir  
*Açı Pulse Reporters*

Emirgan Park is a park right in the middle of Emirgan. It is surrounded by trees and is very peaceful. It is a great place to have a beautiful walk.

From the 1st to the 30th of April was the Tulip Festival in Emirgan Park. The tulip was originally a wild flower grown in Central Asia and was first cultivated by the Turks as early as 1000 AD. The flower was introduced in Western Europe and the Netherlands in the 17th century by Carolus Clusius, a famous biologist from Vienna, Austria.



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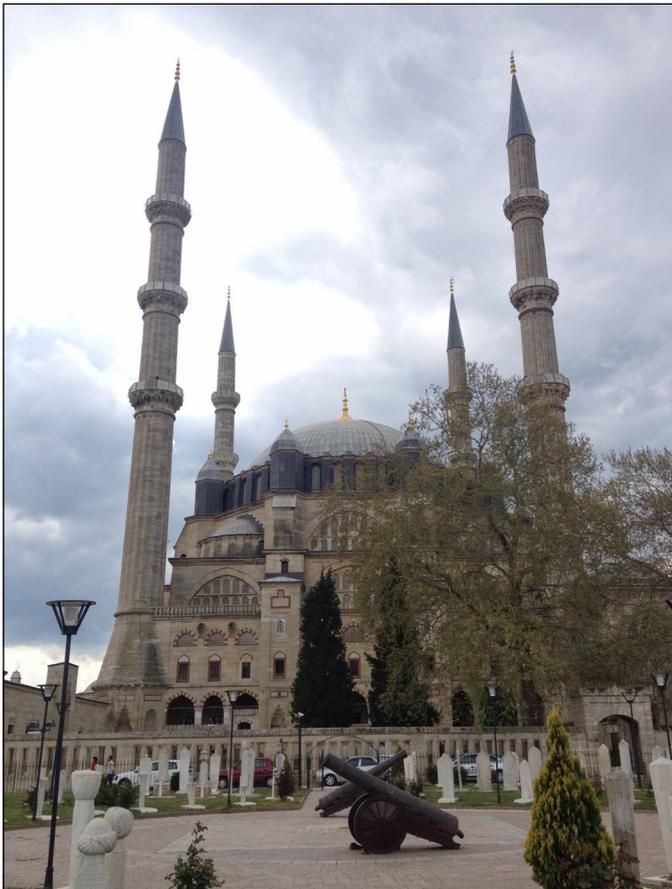
## Edirne shines for Açı students

By Emre Pinto

*Açı Pulse Reporter*

Students from grade 7 took a field trip to Edirne this spring, where they got to tour many important Turkish monuments. Among those were an Ottoman-era hospital, the largest synagogue in Turkey and Selimiye Mosque.

Selimiye Mosque is an Ottoman mosque in Edirne that is one of the greatest achievements of Islamic architecture. It was built for Selim II. This mosque was built between 1569 and 1575. It was considered by Sinan to be his masterpiece and one of the biggest in Turkey.



**Above:** Students sit on the floor of Selimiye Mosque and admire the patterns painted inside. The largest synagogue in Turkey was under construction while Açı students visited. **Left:** Selimiye Mosque, one of the largest in Turkey, built in 1575. **Below:** Students visited an Ottoman hospital museum and had lunch along the river. Photos by John Dugan.



# Lifestyles

## Ceviz Café serves up local treats

*Açı Pulse Staff*

Reporters from Açı Pulse visited Ceviz Café last week and tasted their delicious food. They interviewed Miss Çiğdem, who has been happily working there since 2011. Oya Özgen, the owner of Ceviz Café, was not there when we visited.

**Açı Pulse:** Where does the name “Ceviz” come from?

**Miss Çiğdem:** There is a walnut tree in the garden. The name of the café comes from that tree.

**AP:** Do you have a selection of vegetarian meals?

**MC:** We don't serve vegetarian food but we do not use food additives either.

**AP:** When was Ceviz founded?

**MC:** It was founded in 2006 in Göktürk.

**AP:** Do you cook your own food or do you buy it from outside?

**MC:** We cook our own food. We import the food daily from our main branch.

**AP:** Who are your customers?

**MC:** People come here from all over Istanbul, but of course people from Zekeriya köy and Bahçeköy are our loyal customers. There is the [Forestry

Department] close to here. Students and teachers from the faculty come here a lot. And of course Açı School's teachers.

**AP:** Do you have any other branches?

**MC:** Yes, we have two other branches. They are in



Members of the Açı Pulse team visit Ceviz Cafe in Bahçeköy.

Göktürk and Etiler.

**AP:** We saw a “Ceviz Café” in Edirne, is it related to this one?

**MC:** No, it's not related to us.

**AP:** What is your special recipe?

**MC:** We do not really have a special recipe but our

“mantı” and caterpillar-shaped cookies are very popular.

**AP:** How many days a week is Ceviz open?

**MC:** Ceviz is open every day from 8 o'clock in the morning to 9 o'clock in the evening.

## Wake-Up Café opens to middle school students

*Açı Pulse Staff*

Reporters from Açı Pulse interviewed with Grade 7 student Affan Belgü, who is responsible for the Wake-Up Café on Açı Schools' Bahçeköy Campus.

**Açı Pulse Students:** Why is the name of the cafe Wake-Up Café?

**Affan Belgü:** So people can drink coffee there and wake up.

**AP:** Is this project made by the high school?

**AB:** Yes, it is. They

decided 3 months ago.

**AP:** Will you expand the café?

**AB:** They [are profitable, so] they could consider it.

**AP:** Where does the money the café makes go?

**AB:** The money goes to a hospital for kids with cancer.

**AP:** Who opened the Café in the first place, and when?

**AB:** The café was opened three years ago by two Açı students.

**AP:** How do you decide on what to sell that week?

**AB:** They talk it over and Selin Esin decides every Wednesday what [we] should sell.

**AP:** What type of food does the café serve?

**AB:** They serve healthy snacks for students, not junk food.

**AP:** How did you get involved in this? Who is in charge of the café?

**AB:** I am in charge of the café but I have many

helpers.

**AP:** Whose idea was it to open up the café in the first place?

**AB:** It was the students' choice to open up a cafe and the Principal accepted their request.

**AP:** Who was this café open to before?

**AB:** Only the high schoolers were able to use the cafe until this year. From this year on it is open to middle schoolers as well.

# Lifestyles



## Finding media treasures at D&R İstinye Park

*Açı Pulse Staff*

At İstinye Park, a group of Açı Pulse reporters were able to interview the people working in the popular D&R store. The staff were really kind and friendly. They answered all our questions although they were super busy.

**AP:** When and where did D&R open its first store?

**D&R:** D&R was founded in November 1996 and opened up its first store in Erenköy in May 1997.

**AP:** Do you have any branches in foreign countries?

**D&R:** We do not have any branches in foreign countries at the moment.

**AP:** What are your best-selling items?

**D&R:** Our best-selling items are books, mostly novels and comics.

**AP:** What are your current best-selling books?

**D&R:** We have 20 best-

sellers at the moment. I'll give you names of the first three of them. They are: *It's Not How Good You Are, It's How Good You Want to Be* by Paul Arden; *The Decision Book: Fifty Models for Strategic Thinking* by Roman Tschappeler; and lastly *Wreck This Journal: To Create is to Destroy* by Keri Smith.

**AP:** What does D&R stand for?

**D&R:** It's an abbreviation for Doğan and Raks Group, who are the owners.

**AP:** How many books do you sell per week?

**D&R:** It's hard to tell the amount of books we sell because it changes from week to week.

**AP:** How many D&Rs are there in Turkey?

**D&R:** There are 148 D&Rs in 26 cities in Turkey.

**AP:** What do you look for in your employees?

**D&R:** We look for smart and cheerful employees.

## Organic foods thrive at İstinye Park bazaar

*Açı Pulse Staff*

Açı Pulse reporters interviewed the people working at the Organic Food Bazaar.

**Q:** Why are organic fruits and vegetables more expensive than organic ones?

**A:** Organic foods are grown without pesticides, chemical fertilizers or genetically altered seeds. It takes a few years to prepare soil to produce high-quality organic crops.

This is where most of the extra cost comes from, plus composting and natural pesticides are more expensive than chemical fertilizers. That's why organic fruits and vegetables are more expensive.

**Q:** Where do you get your vegetables and fruits?

**A:** We buy the vegetables and fruits from a wholesale market hall in Bayrampaşa.

**Q:** Are there other organic food bazaars in Istanbul?

**A:** There are many organic food bazaars in Istanbul. Two of them are available on Fridays, both

on the European side. One located in Bakırköy Airport Outlet Center, and the other one located in Levent Kanyon Shopping Centre. There are three markets available on Saturdays, in Feriköy, Beylikdüzü and Zeytinburnu. There are two bazaars on Sunday. They are in Kartal and Mecidiyekoy (Profilo).

**Q:** Is the organic food bazaar temporary or permanent?

**A:** Our organic food bazaar is permanent, unlike the others. When was the organic food bazaar founded? Are you satisfied with the result?

**A:** We opened the organic food bazaar in 2007. We are very satisfied with the results since then.

**Q:** Is it possible to grow organic food in gardens?

**A:** As I said before, if you do not use any pesticides, chemical fertilizers or genetically altered seeds, it is possible for you to grow organic food in your gardens. But you have to wait for a couple of years for the soil to become ready for organic seeding.

# Entertainment

## 'Divergent' exciting for all

By Deniz Hakman and Elay Sungur

*Açı Pulse Reporters*

*Divergent* is about a future in which people are put into factions based on their personalities. People can be in Abnegation, Dauntless, Erudite, Candor or Amity. When children reach the age of 16, their faction is chosen either based on a personality test, or based on what they want to choose.

The test discovers the factions they are best for. But if the test doesn't work on someone, that means

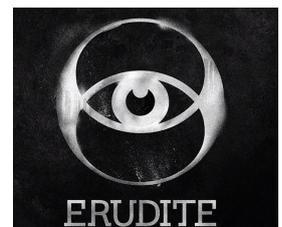
they are different. They are different because they are Divergent—a person who does not belong only in one faction.

So this is the story of Beatrice Prior. She took the test and then she learned that she was Divergent. Divergents are threats to the factions. They are dangerous. But she makes her choice of Dauntless (the brave faction) and turns her name into Tris. Then she

must hide that she is Divergent. Here is some information about the factions:



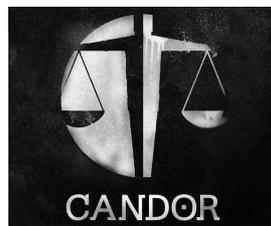
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The brave faction



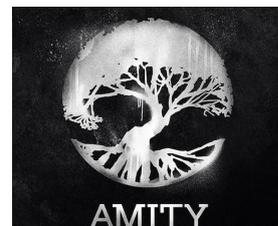
ERUDITE  
The thoughtful faction



ABNEGATION  
The selfless faction



CANDOR  
The truthful faction



AMITY  
The peaceful faction

## Haribo sweets a treat for years

By Deniz Hakman and Ahmet Karadeniz

*Açı Pulse Reporters*

Haribo is a German candy company, founded in 1920 by Johannes Riegel. Haribo's main factory is in Germany. Haribo made the first gummy candy in 1922, when Hans Riegel made the first little gummy bears. After Hans Riegel died during World War II,

his son, also named Hans Riegel, took over the company.

Haribo is one of the biggest companies that makes gummy and jelly sweets in the world. Its main products are gummy bears, other jelly sweets, and licorice. There are five factories in Germany and 13 throughout the rest of Europe.



# Sports

## World Cup to feature top stars

By **Ömer Uğural, Emre Pinto and Yurda Karahasan**  
*Açı Pulse Reporters*

The World Cup is being held in Brazil this year and will be very exciting for everyone. Here is a look at some of the top footballers in the world, both in Turkey and elsewhere:

### **Hakan Şükür**

Hakan Şükür is a Turkish footballer. He was born on the first of September, 1971, in Adapazarı. He retired in 2009. He played as a striker and was the top goal scorer in the Turkish League. He was also the top goal scorer on the Turkish National team and the 19th top scorer in the world. He scored 383 goals in his club career.

In his youth, he played for Sakaryaspor, and he signed his first professional contract for Bursaspor in 1990. In 1992 he got transferred to Galatasaray, which was the best team in Turkey at the time. Then an Italian Serie A team, Torino, transferred him in 1995, but he didn't play, and he went back to Galatasaray. In 2000, he was transferred to Inter Milan and he played very well. The teams in Serie A were interested in him. He was transferred to another Serie A team, Parma, in 2002. Then in



Hakan Şükür

2003 he was transferred to the English Premier League team Blackburn Rovers. Then he went back to Galatasaray for a while and he played for 5 years. After 2008 he ended his career.

Now he is a business man and a member of a Turkish Parliament.

### **Burak Yılmaz**

He started his career in Antalyaspor, and he is now a legend. He is currently playing for Galatasaray SK. He won four



Roberto Mancini

championships with Galatasaray and a total of eight championships. The striker of Galatasaray is 1.88 meters tall, and he scored 32 goals last season and four goals during the current season. He has a total of 99 goals in the Turkish league.

### **Roberto Mancini**

Mancini is the current manager of Galatasaray. He was born in 1964. He achieved his biggest successes while he was the manager of Sampdoria. He started his career at Fiorentina when he was 35 and continued his carrier at Lazio, both Italian clubs. In 2009, he started his career at Manchester City. He won a total of 12 trophies.

### **Andrea Pirlo**

Andrea Pirlo is an Italian soccer legend in his early thirties. He continues his



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career with the club Juventus. Pirlo is known for his control, technique, dribbling, incredible vision, inventive play, and his accurate passing ability. He is also a set-piece and penalty kick specialist who is known for his long distance shooting and passing. Pirlo started his career in Brescia. During his career in Inter Milan he had few chances to play, so he was loaned to Reggina, and another season to his old club, Brescia. After three seasons with Inter, he was sold to AC Milan for £18 million. His most successful time was in Milan, and he spent most of his career there. After 10 years of adventure in AC Milan, he transferred to Juventus for free. He won three league championship in a row with Juventus. He continues his career as a maestro of Juventus.

# Sports

## Champions League more exciting than ever this year



**By Emre Pinto and Yurda Karahasan**

*Açı Pulse Reporters*

This year the Euro Champions League was very competitive. Thirty-two teams in eight groups fought to win the cup, and the Spanish team Real Madrid finally won. Last year Bayern Munich won the cup. This year the favorites were Bayern, Real Madrid and Barcelona. Galatasaray was the only club from Turkey. Real Madrid has won the most, with now 10 Champions League cups. No team from Turkey has ever won the



cup. The final was played at Estadio Da Luz in Lisbon, Portugal. The top scorer in Champions League history is Raul Gonzalez. In the group stage this year, the top scorer was Cristiano Ronaldo from Real Madrid. In the first match, the amazing score was between Galatasaray and Real Madrid. The match finished 6-1 and the winner was Real Madrid. In the same group Kobenhavn and Juventus drew 1-1. The shocking outcome was that Chelsea lost against Basel in their home stadium 2-1.

In the second round, Galatasaray and Juventus drew 2-2. Bayern defeated Manchester City 3-1 at Etihad Stadium. Paris won 3-0 against Benfica.

The third round was the best. Galatasaray beat



Kobenhavn 3-1 at Türk Telekom Arena. Milan and Manchester United drew 1-1. Barcelona defeated Bayer Leverkusen 5-0.

Dortmund beat Arsenal 2-1 at Emirates Stadium. Real Dortmund beat Napoli 3-1. The last round was the most exciting ones. The Galatasaray-Juventus match was postponed because of snow, and they played the match on a Wednesday at 3 pm.

Galatasaray won the match 1-0, and they finished second in the group. Napoli defeated Arsenal 2-0, and they went to the Europa Cup. In the fourth round, the shocking result was against Kobenhavn and Galatasaray. Kobenhavn beat Galatasaray 1-0. Arsenal defeated Dortmund 1-0 at Signal Iduna Park. In the fifth round Real Madrid beat Galatasaray 4-1 in



