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A message from the Açı Pulse team

Welcome to Açı Middle School's very own magazine packed with interviews, news from around the world, film reviews, sports news, and lots more...

We have put in a lot of time and effort trying to make our magazine interesting for you.

We look forward to your feedback and ideas for future editions.

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School News

An interview with Açı Schools Chairman Mr. Cem Uygun

By Elay Sungur
Açı Pulse Reporter

Q: Could you tell us about yourself?

A: My name is Cem Uygun. I am one of the founders of the school. I graduated from university with a degree in mathematics. We started in the education business in 1998.

Q: How did you get the idea for Açı Schools?

A: We (did a lot of) research about the future of Turkey and realized that 65 percent of (the population) was young. Then we did more research to find the demand and needs of education, and we learned about the challenge of education. And then we decided to establish a new school.

Q: How did you come up with the name Açı Schools?

A: We discussed (this)

with the founders and we (came up with this name) for the new school. It (comes) from our view of life, our view of a new educational approach.

Q: Who are the other partners of Açı Schools?

A: There are 3 other founders of the school. They are my partners and friends from my high school. Engin Üstel, Alihan Haydaroğlu and Kerim Gürçay.

Q: What is your main job at Açı Schools?

A: I'm the chairman and the investments manager of Açı Schools. I decide on the new buildings for Açı and find out about new theories for education.

Q: Do you have another job apart from Açı Schools?

A: Yes, I'm in the service business with the same partners.



Mr. Uygun with Pulse reporter Elay Sungur.

Q: How many people work for you in Açı Schools?

A: We have 480 teachers and 120 people for service.

Q: What do you do when you have time to spare?

A: I play sports and read new books about education.

Q: You're interested in sports?

A: Yes, I play tennis. I watch football matches.

Q: How do you see the future of Açı Schools?

Q: We aim to be globally (recognized) as one of the (most) famous primary and high schools (in the world).

Catching up with Açı Middle School Volleyball

By Erim Habib
and Omer Uğural
Açı Pulse Reporters

There are a lot of sports in our school. For this issue we chose volleyball. We interviewed two players from our school, Duru Aksu and Nihan Cengiz.

Q: What do you feel when the match starts and people are cheering?

Duru Aksu: I sometimes feel excited but sometimes I just feel normal; it changes.

Nihan Cengiz: I get excited and also nervous.



Nihan Cengiz

Q: Do you think that you will lose badly or do you believe

that you will win the game? Does the atmosphere of the arena change your opinion? If it does, why?

DA: I don't feel that we will lose. I just believe that we will win this game. The atmosphere of the arena doesn't change my opinion.

NC: I feel that we are going to win. Yes, if it's

really quiet and silent, I get a little nervous.

Q: Why did you start volleyball and why did you decide to be a competitive player?

DA: I started volleyball because I always see my mum at the trainings and always want to play with them. I decided

to be a competitive player because I love it and I

behave myself at the matches.

NC: I started volleyball because I like volleyball. I decided to be a competitive player because I liked being on a team and I wanted to be a professional.

Q: Are there any players that are role models to you? If so, who are they? Why do you like them so much?

DA: Yes, I do have players who are my role models. They are my mom, Frust Christiane and Gözde



Duru Aksu

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Arts & Entertainment



Review: Red 2

By Ömer Uğural
Açı Pulse Reporter

Red 2 is a film for people who love watching action or adventure movies. It is about a group who tries to destroy a nuclear bomb that terrorists have made. There are many famous actors like Bruce Willis, Anthony Hopkins, and Byung Hun Lee. You should watch Red to understand Red 2. Its genre is comedy and action/adventure. I liked the series of Red films because I love action films. The film has very good action scenes. It is a film that you would watch without getting bored. I would recommend the film for everyone.



Game review: FIFA 14 Ultimate Team

By Ömer Uğural
Açı Pulse Reporters

FIFA 14 Ultimate Team is a game where you can build your own football club with the money you earn by playing matches. You can buy any player you want. You can play online matches with your friends and with random people. You can play it on PC, Playstation, XBOX, and on the iPhone or iPad. It is so fun to play. We prefer it to every other football game.

There is a team called TOTW (Team Of The Week) which comes out every week. There is a team called TOTY (Team Of The Year) which comes out every year. There is a team called TOTS (Team Of The Season) which comes out every



month. TOTW includes the players who are the best players of that week. TOTY includes the best players of the year. TOTS includes the best players of the month.

You can also open packs with coins and with FIFA points. You can earn coins by playing matches and by selling players. You can win players, coins, bonus packs, consumables by opening contracts and some other



consumables by opening packs.

Review: Despicable Me 2

By Ömer Uğural
Açı Pulse Reporter

If you like watching animated films, then you would enjoy watching this movie. It is about Gru trying to protect his minions from El Macho and saving the world. The characters are Gru, Edith, Agnes, El Macho, Lucy, and Margo. Gru is Edith, Agnes, and Margo's stepdad. Edith is Gru's friend. At the end of the film Gru marries Lucy and Lucy becomes the stepmother of Edith, Margo and Agnes. I recommend this movie for kids who like watching comedy films.

Game review: GTA V

By Emre Pinto
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Açı Pulse Reporters

GTA V is an action and adventure game, and in the game, you rob banks and escape from the cops. You have a lot of fun when you play this game. If you want, you can use cheats and kill everyone. The story is set in the fake city of Los Santos. In the game you have three characters: Franklin, Michael, and Trevor. You start with Franklin, then you open Michael and Trevor. Some of the cheats include the Helicopter cheat and the Skyfall cheat. Skyfall is very

fun: you jump from the sky to the ground. In the game, you can steal helicopters and other transportation vehicles from a military base. To go to the military base, you need to jump down from a tunnel.

In the online section of GTA V, you can play with your friends or play Deathmatch and Sports. You can kill your friends and you can complete missions to gain money. With money, you can buy weapons, garages, houses and vehicles. Buggati is the best car in the game, but it is very hard to find.

Lifestyles & Culture

My time in China

By Alp Altınok
Açı Pulse Reporter

Not so long ago, I was living in China, and I'd like to tell you about some of my experiences and some things I've learned about China that I found quite interesting.

The reason that I moved to China was because of my dad's job. My dad got a promotion and we had to move. When I learned we were moving to China, I was very happy and excited to be leaving Turkey. As soon as I got there, I was really curious about the new country that I was now in.

When I first got to China, I thought everyone there would be speaking a really awkward language and doing weird things, but

after living there for a while, I started to enjoy it and got used to my environment. Here are some interesting things about China that I experienced and learned during my four years of residence there:

First of all, China is a very big and enjoyable place with many friendly people and many shops. It is a very diverse country where you can get a lot of merchandise for a low cost, and most places are convenient to go to and do not take too long to reach. Most of the time people think there is traffic in China that makes it harder to get from place to place, due to its immensely high population. But since the size of the country is so big, it is easy to go from place to

place. There are also many native English speakers and many people that you can be friends with where you live, depending on your area.

When I lived in China, I went to an international school, and it was a really good school with kids from all around the world: Finland, Norway, America, Turkey, Germany, and much more. My favorite place in China was my house because it was really big,

and I had many friendly neighbors. There you get to experience new things like new foods and learn about new cultures.

I lived in Shanghai, but I visited many other places too, like Hangzhou and Beijing, which consists of many landmarks such as the Great Wall and The Forbidden Palace.

Overall, I really liked living in China, and I think many other people would enjoy living there, too.



The Great Wall of China.

Shake Shack stacks up to best burgers in Turkey

By Bengisu Baysal
Açı Pulse Reporter

I like Shake Shack because the food they sell is delicious, and I think it's healthier than the other fast food places.

My favorite Shake Shack is the one in Taksim because it's more comfortable, and they serve better food.

According to the website Wikipedia, "Shake Shack is a restaurant chain serving hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, milkshakes, frozen custard, and similar foods. The first Shake Shack, located in Madison Square



Park in New York City, opened in July 2004."

Shake Shack was named "Best Burger 2005" by *New York* magazine.

"Wait a minute. Or wait 60

minutes. For a hamburger. At New York's famous Shake Shack, you won't be alone," said Shake Shack founder Danny Meyer.

"I'm always down to try a new burger, but Shake Shack is still my top," said comedian Aziz Ansari. "What makes them so special is the bread they use for Martin's potato rolls, which are just the best hamburger buns ever."

"One of the big things I miss about New York is not my friends so much," Ansari said. "It's Shake Shack, the burger place. I miss Shake Shack."

The magic and beauty of Iceland

By Defne Genç
Açı Pulse Reporter



Iceland is an amazing place, and in my opinion, a place everyone should visit. Iceland is full of meadows, waterfalls, volcanoes, and much more. One place you should definitely visit is Blue Lagoon. Blue Lagoon is a geothermal spa and one of the main tourist attractions in Iceland. There are also plenty of volcanoes in Iceland. For example, Eyjafjallajökull, which consists of a volcano completely covered by an ice cap. The ice cap covers an area of about 100 square kilometres. Eyjafjallajökull erupted about three years ago, but most survived and there weren't many deaths. They currently sell ash from that volcano in jars in Icelandic gift shops.

Some of the most well-known parts of Iceland are

the waterfalls. The most well-known waterfall is Gulfoss, also known as Golden Falls. It is the biggest waterfall in Europe. The restaurant at Gullfoss also has one of the best lamb soups in the country. Gulfoss has a rainbow and sometimes a double rainbow going over it. The waterfall has extreme pressure that could kill a person at contact (like most waterfalls).

Another famous waterfall is Skógafoss. You can walk behind the waterfall because there is some

space behind it. Legend says a farmer hid his treasure behind the waterfall to hide his wealth from his family and there was a troll protecting the treasure. You can even see the shape of a troll's face when you look at the waterfall's surroundings.

According to Wikipedia, "The Skógafoss is one of the biggest waterfalls in the country with a width of 25 metres and a drop of 60 metres. Due to the amount of spray the waterfall consistently produces, a single or double rainbow is

Legend normally visible on sunny days."

Something else that's very famous in Iceland is their hot dogs. Most people say that the world's best hot dogs are in Iceland. Iceland has a lot of unique animals. There are puffins and whales in Iceland. There are lots of places to whale- and puffin-watch.

Iceland's population is very low. There are about 320,000 sheep in Iceland, and that's more than the human population. Iceland also has Northern lights in winter.

Instagram popular among Açı students

By Serena Bilmen
and Selin Seskir

Açı Pulse Reporters

Everything you ever wanted to know about Instagram:

Why do people use Instagram?

People use Instagram because it is really fun to use. People can just refresh the page and look at other people's photos while they are bored.

Why is it fun?

For some people it is fun because you can follow someone or learn



VS.



what they are doing. To be on Instagram and see photos of your friends, family, famous people or others is fun for some people.

Who invented it?

Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger invented Instagram, and they owned it until this year, when Facebook bought Instagram.

Why did Facebook buy Instagram?

Facebook bought Instagram because Facebook wanted to make more



Money by selling ads on Instagram.

We took a poll of students about who uses Instagram, who uses Facebook, and which one they prefer.

Number of students who use both Instagram and Facebook: 32

Number of students who like Instagram better than Facebook: 28

Number of students who like Facebook better than Instagram: 4

Instagram wins!

View from The Shard, London's top skyscraper

By Deniz Hakman
Açı Pulse Reporter

The Shard, also known as the Shard of Glass or the Shard London Bridge, is an 87-floor skyscraper in London that forms part of the London Bridge Quarter development.

I wanted to learn more about the Shard, so I interviewed Açı English teacher Ms. Gülcan, who has been to see the Shard. Here are her answers:

Q: What does the Shard look like in person?

A: It's a scary-looking building, because it's made from glass, and it's cone-shaped. It's scary because it's bigger than all the other buildings in London.

Q: What view did you see when you were on top of the Shard?

A: Oh, no! I couldn't go

up the Shard because I'm scared of heights. I have also never been on the London Eye because looking through glass when I'm on a high place scares me.

Q: What makes the Shard so interesting to you?

A: It's very interesting because England never had skyscrapers like America before. Before the Shard, St. Paul's Cathedral was the tallest building in London until they built Canary Wharf. Later on, they built the Shard which is now the highest building in England.

Q: Would you go to the Shard again?

A: I have to go to the Shard again because I could not go on top the first time.

I want to go there a second time and go up the Shard, because I usually don't do something scary the first



The Shard towers over the Thames River in London. To the right, a picture taken by interview subject, Ms. Gülcan.

time I go there to try it or do it.

Q: Would you recommend that other people go to the Shard?

A: Definitely, there's so much to see. It has restaurants, it has a bar, it has everything.

Q: Where did you learn about the Shard?

A: Because I'm from London, I knew about it from the start. I can see the Shard from my house now that it's built.



Interviews with Açı Middle School volleyball players, continued from Page 3

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Sonsırma. I like them because their techniques are good and they play very good.

NC: Yes, I do have a role model. It's Neslihan Darnel. She is my idol because she is a really good player and she is my dad's friend.

Q: Why do you like volleyball and why do you want to continue playing?

DA: I like volleyball because it's very joyful and exciting. I want to continue playing because it is my life and I want to be a volleyball

player like my mom.
NC: I like volleyball because I love my team and my coach. I want to continue volleyball because I want to be a professional.

Q: Do you think that volleyball is the best sport for you? Why or why not?

DA: I think volleyball is the best sport for me because I have fun while I'm playing it.

NC: Yes, because I am good at volleyball and I know that I can't be as good at other sports such as basketball or soccer

(football).
Q: Did you ever think of quitting volleyball or doing any other sports? If you did, why?

DA: I thought about playing volleyball for another team, but I preferred Açı. I have never thought of quitting volleyball or playing another sport.

NC: No, I have never thought about quitting volleyball.

Q: Do you like your team? Why or why not?

DA: I like my team

because I am friends with my teammates, and we also play volleyball, both important things for the team.

NC: Yes, I do like them because they are funny and kind.

Q: Do you like your coach? Why or why not?

DA: I like my coach because she is so disciplined.

NC: Yes, she and her sister are the ones who taught me everything about volleyball.

Sports

Learning to love table tennis

By Yasmin Mızrak
Açı Pulse Reporter

Table tennis was created in England. It is a sport that you can play with two rackets, one ball, and one table. In table tennis, you have many hitting techniques. The starting techniques are forehand and backhand. This year, the Chinese are really good at table tennis. They put their hand backwards to hold the racket, which is different

from us.

I started table tennis because of my friend. I have been playing table tennis for a year. This will be my second year. I love table tennis. I am going to the Marmara tournaments. My favorite table tennis player is Xu Xin. I love his backhand. He is number two in the world. He has a different grip from the Chinese, too! Start to play table tennis, and you will love it!



Beko League features some of Europe's best

By Yurda Kararhasan
and Emre Pinto

Açı Pulse Reporters

Here is a breakdown on some of the key players in the Beko Basketball League this season:

Carlos Alberto Arroyo

Carlos Arroyo was born on July 30, 1979 in Puerto Rico. He plays for Galatasaray Liv Hospital in the Turkish League, and he is a professional point guard for his team. Arroyo had previously played in the NBA for the Toronto Raptors, Denver Nuggets, Utah Jazz, Detroit Pistons, Orlando Magic, Miami Heat,



and Boston Celtics. He played in Maccabi Tel Aviv for the 2008-09 season. After the season in Israel, he chose to come to Turkey. Beşiktaş Milangaz wanted him for their club, and Carlos went directly to the club. He had a very successful year, winning three trophies: the Turkish Basketball League Cup, the Turkish Cup, and the Euro Challenge. In 2013, he came to Galatasaray Liv Hospital, and he still plays for this club.

Bo McCaleb

Lester "Bo" McCaleb, was born in 4 May 1984 in Macedonia. He plays for Fenerbahçe Ülker as a point guard. His nickname is "Bo". In 2011, with Macedonia in Eurobasket, they finished fourth and everybody knew Bo McCaleb from the tournament. He was the MVP of Eurobasket 2011. Now he is one of the best guards in Europe. First, he played in Mersin Buyuksehir Belediyesi, then he went to Montepaschi Siena and was one of the best players in Europe. He won a championship in Italy, and they finished third in Euroleague, beating Real Madrid. After two perfect years in Siena, he came to

Fenerbahçe Ülker.

Zoran Planinic

Zoran Planinic (Born in 12 September 1982, in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina) plays point guard for Anadolu Efes in Turkey. His height is 2.01 meters, and his weight is 95 kilograms. With his assists and playmaking, he is among the best elite players in Europe. He played for the New Jersey Nets in the NBA until 2006. He signed in Khimki in 2010-11 until 2012-13. After he left Khimki, he signed for two years with Anadolu Efes.



Puzzles

Sport Word Search by Ömer Uğural

B	I	L	V	F	M	I	P	C	Z
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Crossword

By Ahmet Karadeniz

Each clue has the team, country and picture of a footballer.
Fill in the crossword with the surname of each player.

Down

1. Retired footballer, married to Posh Spice; England



2. Real Madrid; Spain



4. Barcelona; Argentina

6. Real Madrid; England



7. Bayer Munich; France



9. Barcelona; Spain



10. Juventus; Italy



11. Monaco; Colombia



Across

1. Manchester City; Spain



3. Chelsea; Brazil

5. Barcelona; Spain



8. Real Madrid; Portugal



12. Barcelona; Brazil



13. Bayer Munich; Holland



14. Barcelona; Spain



