St Benedict College, Qrendi Primary School Experience with AfL.

The Assessment for Learning (AfL) section within the directorate for quality and standards in education (DQSE), under the able management of Ms Joanne Grima EO (AfL) in collaboration with the Head of Department, Ms Doreen Said Pace, has been supporting the above school for over a six months.

It all started with the training course for A.Heads where Mr Fenech was one of the participants, now A.Head, at SBC Mqabba Primary. Eventually, he in agreement with the then Head of School have invited us to support the school. The HOD held a number of sessions with the teachers during the 90 minute slot to give an overview of AfL, to explain the support that will be provided by the HOD and the EO, to plan a demo lesson and to discuss in a critical and constructive way the strategies observed during the demo. After this period of support, the SMT wanted to strengthen this by including a procedure about AfL in the school procedures booklet. The teachers were consulted so they could choose at least three strategies which they think would be possible to implement. In agreement during their SDP day held in June, they opted for the understanding, learning intention and success criteria. Since this booklet was given to each student for their parents/guardians, it was a must that we explain its content to them. For this purpose, a meeting was held on the 5th November, 2012, in the school board room and conducted by the HOD, Ms Doreen Said Pace. According to the school administration team, the parents’ turn over was very encouraging as we had around 30 attendees from a small school population.

Parents’ meeting on the 5th November, 2012 at SBC Qrendi Primary School.