



## THE LARGEST CITY OF TURKEY

### KONYA

Konya whose name in the history was "Ikonium", has been a special settling area since 8000 B.C. Konya has a great historical significance. Many civilizations as Hittites, Lydians, Persians, and Romans obtained in Konya. Konya was occupied by Sasanians in the beginning and by Emavians in the middle of the 7<sup>TH</sup> century and stayed as a state of Byzantine Empire by the 10<sup>TH</sup> century.

When Turks had the control of that place, they named it as "Konya" and build many buildings and transformed it into a great city.

Konya which was the capital city of Seljuk State, has a great history which reaches to 8000s B.C. in Neolithic Age. This information is a result of archaeological excavations in Çatalhöyük ruins in Konya.

Konya has been one of the most important trade and accommodation centres of the ancient Silk Road. City of Konya is like a connecting point according to the roads which are the main intercommunication roads in Turkey. The roads along the east and the north of Turkey pass through Konya. The northerly neighbour city of Konya is Ankara which is the capitol city of Turkey and in the south, Antalya which is one of the most important tourism and cultural centres in Turkey, exists.

Many religious and philosophic people lived in Konya and one of the most important of those is Mevlana undoubtedly. Mevlana's most significant philosophies are love of humanity and his limitless tolerance. Mevlana's following sayings can express these philosophies:

Come, come whatever you are, it doesn't matter.  
Whether you are an infidel, an idolater or a fire-worshiper,  
Come, our convent is not a place of despair.  
Come, even if you violated your swear  
A hundred times, come again."

## ŞÜKRİYE ONSUN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: *Girls:* 997      *Boys:* 1092      **Total:** 2089

NUMBER OF CLASSES: 63

NUMBER OF TEACHERS: **Male:** 39      **Female:** 45      **Total:** 84

AGES OF THE STUDENTS: From 6 To 15

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