



Newsletter

OSC School

Becoming helpers of Allah

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Caring for the Uncared

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Highlights

- ◆ Class Fifth appears in Exams conducted by Federal Directorate of Education.
- ◆ Shortage of space and need for accommodating more students, OSCS is looking for more venues in F-11 sector Islamabad.
- ◆ Zoo trip arranged by staff of OSCS H-9 and Tarnol.
- ◆ Volunteering positions available for college and university students.
- ◆ I-8 Branch merged with new H-9 branch.

About OSC School

OSCS is a system of education designed for children who cannot take admission in regular schools due to financial constraints or being above age. Here one year's course is covered in 6 months. Children are prepared to enter main stream education. Starting with 20 students now OSCS F-11 branch has more than 170 students and four other branches.

Good news for OSCS Team Members

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said "The one who looks after a widow or a poor person is like a Mujahid (warrior) who fights for Allah's Cause, or like him who performs prayers all the night and fasts all the day." Hadith 265 Bukhari Volume 7, Book 64

New Branch in Tarnol Islamabad

Abrar free education foundation constructed a school building near a farm in Tarnol providing a beautiful environment for quality education for the poor children living in its vicinity. OSCS was asked to offer educational assistance and so we are happy to announce the opening of our Tarnol branch w.e.f. 1st October 2012. Apart from the regular morning school, adult educational program is offered in the afternoon. In the evening around 200 students of nearby schools are provided free educational assistance. In May 2013, Taleem al Quran course shall also be offered for ladies living in this area.



Front Office Entrance of Tarnol

OSCS Collaborates with NCPC



Bright eyes full of hope

In May 2012, collaboration was started with NCPC (National Child Protection Center), a subordinate office of Ministry of Human Rights, who bring children from slum areas to their center located in H-9. Previously UNESCO was providing teachers to these children but when UNESCO authorities withdrew the facility, children lost the initiative to come to the center. This came to our knowledge and we established a branch here. Today these children are disciplined and show an urge to learn and excel in education.

OSCS setup in DHA Lahore

In July 2012 a new branch of OSCS was set up in Lahore DHA. A motivated team of volunteers with a sound educational experience started working in a slum area near LUMS. The upper portion of a house was rented, white washed and furnished. Local teachers have been hired and are serving full time in the branch.

“No good deeds done on other days are superior to those done on these (first ten days of Dhal Hajja).” Then some companions of the Prophet said, “Not even Jihad?” He replied, “Not even Jihad”, except that of a man who does it by putting himself and his property in danger (for Allah’s sake) and does not return with any of those things.”(Bukhari 15: 86)

Exams and Result day

Result day is a happy occasion which is looked forward to, by most of the students.

At OSCS F-11, 145 students appeared in the exams out of which 125 passed and were promoted to the next class. Students of Tarnol branch showed much better results and apart from 2 students, all were promoted to the next class. At OSCS H-9 Branch a total of 61 students of Playgroup, Nursery and K.G. sat for the examination. 51 out of 61 students were promoted and 10 students were retained in their existing classes. First promotion exams also took place in Lahore Branch and good results were recorded.

All the parents were gratified that their children were getting quality education, completely free of cost.

Zul Hajj Activities

OSCS students learnt about the importance of the first ten days of Zul Hajj before the start of this month and were motivated to do as many good deeds as possible.

Meat Distribution

OSCS children enjoyed meat of sacrificial animals donated by friends of OSCS this year on Eid al Adha. It was a happy moment for students to take meat packets home for their families, many of whom only get to eat meat on such occasions.



Receiving a pack of meat

Selling for a Cause

House hold items donated by friends of OSCS were put on sale. Students and staff were able to buy useful items at an affordable price.



Gift Items for sale

Hajj Demo

On 8th Zul Hajj a demonstration of how Hajj is performed was given using a small model of the Holy Kabah and mount Safa and Marwa. The staff also got motivated to perform Hajj and Umrah.

Zul Hajj Banners

Attractive banners of Al-Huda publications displaying motivational messages for ZulHajj were displayed in school and helped students learn more.

Free Eye Camp at OSCS F-11

A free eye camp was arranged by Gulzari optics at OSCS F-11 branch on 13th of March 2013. Around 30 students were found to be in need of glasses. Few students have already been given glasses free of cost, while plans are underway to arrange for the remaining students.



Eye check up in progress by doctors

Zuhur Salah at OSCS F-11 Branch

The activity of performing daily Zuhur Salah at OSCS F-11 Branch is very popular among students who enjoy doing Wudu and offering Salah together. Due to shortage of space Nursery and K.G. classes have a different Salah time during which they also learn how to read and recite Arabic text. They are also taught concepts of Tawheed, Ahadith in Arabic and Seerah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. They are rewarded for arranging their shoes and good seating mannerism. These sessions have helped children in improving quality of Salah



During Sajdah in Salah

“Whoever treads on a path in search of Islamic knowledge, Allah will ease the way to Paradise for him. The angels will lower their wings, pleased with this seeker of knowledge, and everyone in the heavens and on earth will ask forgiveness for the knowledgeable person, even the fish in the deepest of waters will ask for his forgiveness.” (Sahih hadith of Abu Dawud, Ibn Majah, and Tirmizi)

Seerah Workshop—Prophet ﷺ and Children

A class on Husne Akhlaaq is held for teachers at OSCS F-11 every Friday. The topic of the class on 9th February was **“Affection with Children”**; so a combined session was arranged where students were present as well. They were thrilled to hear how Prophet ﷺ used to treat children; and were especially amazed to hear a hadith that once Prophet ﷺ touched the cheeks of all the children around him ﷺ and the child narrating the hadith remembered the fragrance of

his ﷺ hand even at an older age. Students were also told how Prophet ﷺ treated his daughter Fatima RA whenever she came to meet him; how he used to stand and greet her; hold her hand and make her sit at his place; and how Fatima RA used to do the same for Prophet ﷺ. Students were asked to treat their parents the same way. They were really excited by this activity and were eager to share all these new found facts with their siblings and family

Jaabir bin Samurah – a young child – narrated that he prayed Dhuhr with the Prophet (saw) in the masjid. He said that Rasool (saw) went to his house and he went with him. As the Prophet (saw) was walking, he would wipe his hands on the cheeks of the kids passing by. Jaabir said that he never smelled a fragrance that was more beautiful than the fragrance of the hand of the

Monthly Teachers Training Workshops

An Extensive teachers training workshop was arranged for staff members of all OSCS branches on 8th December 2012 - One member from each branch was given chance to share experiences and new ideas implemented in class. It was

an exciting learning experience for all. A training session was also conducted by AFAQ trainers.

After positive feedback from this exercise it was decided that this should become a regular feature at OSCS.

Workshops are now being organized on the first Saturday of every month and are compulsory for staff of all branches to attend. Three training sessions have been arranged till now. Each session opens a new horizon of learning and proves to be beneficial for the capacity development of teachers.

OSCS gets an Accounting Software

The OSCS administration was looking for a good accounting software for automation of its accounts system. The accounts and sponsorship system could not be merged into any software available in the market. By the grace of Allah SWT a software developer presented OSCS an accounting

software which was adopted after a few alterations. The accounts system is now fully **automated and students' data will be entered** into the system. Special thanks to all team members involved in this project for achieving a difficult task.

OSCS H-9 Students win medals



All Lined up

On 16th October 2012, students of H-9 branch participated in a race titled **“ Race for Survival”** in Islamabad Sports Complex, **organized by an NGO, “Save the Children”**, . One of the students bagged 3rd prize. In other race held on 28th November, 2012 a student won a solo prize. H-9 team also won a cricket match with a local team.

EMS High School supports OSCS

In the spring of 2013, students of EMS High School supported OSCS by donating a large amount for uplifting the school. The EMS teachers also gave trainings to OSCS staff to improve our education system and shared effective ways to teach reading skills. It is planned that the students of EMS shall visit OSCS to spend time with the children and share their knowledge and skills. We all look forward to a very productive and fun filled summer session.

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Giving in the way of Allah

Prophet (pbuh) said: "There is no day on which the people get up but two angels come down and one of them says, 'O ALLAH, give in compensation to the one who spends (in charity),' and the other angel says, 'O ALLAH, destroy the one who withholds (charity).'" (Narrated by al-Bukhaari)

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
Looking for a Job or Place to Volunteer? OSCS is the place for you. Join us and bring a positive change to the lives of many.

Upcoming in 2013

Teachers Trainings

4th May

1st June

6th July

7th September

5th October

2nd November

7th December

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