

News Letter

Out of School Children's School



April 2013 to May 2014

Allah sends help!

O you who have believed, be supporters of Allah, as when Jesus, the son of Mary, said to the disciples, "Who are my supporters for Allah?" The disciples said,

"We are supporters of Allah." And a faction of the Children of Israel believed and a faction disbelieved. So We supported those who believed against their enemy, and they became dominant. (As-Saff: 14)

Students in OSCS Branches

F-11 Islamabad	120
H-9 NCPC Islamabad	65
Tarnol Islamabad	78
New Lalazar—Pindi	40
DHA—Lahore	17

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This year we plan to open new branches in H-13 and E-11 sectors of Islamabad

Catching up on lost years

A few lost years should not become a source of lifetime regret making illiteracy a verdict for those not entering school at the right age due to poverty. OSCS not only provides a way to catch up to time but also equips its students with the ability to understand and learn. Started in 2009, today our third batch has passed the 5th grade and attending regular Government Schools. OSCS is not only offering these students an invaluable stamp of literacy, it is offering them a world of academics along with vocational skills to help them stand on their feet to become constructive and productive citizens of Pakistan. In order to stream line the system, efforts are underway to get the schools registered with PEIRA, Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority.

OSCS student addresses the Youth Convention

On 29th March 2014 OSC School participated in the Youth Convention hosted for United Nation's special envoy for Education, Mr. Gordon Brown at the Convention Center in Islamabad. One of our ex-student, Tanzeela Akbar gave a speech at the occasion discussing how OSCS helped her achieve the dream of being educated. Tanzeela comes from a family that is struggling hard to make both ends meet. She started formal education when she was 10 years old at OSCS and passed 5th grade with flying colors in a short span of 3 years. She is currently studying in class 8th in IMFG Secondary school F-11 and bags top positions in her class. She wants to become a doctor and work in her village. She is the first in her family to get this far in education.



At the Convention Center

Mr. Gordon Brown and other officials appreciated these efforts and encouraged such hard working students, who despite their difficulties and problems are committed to education.

Volunteers from EMS High School F-11 teach reading at OSCS

The EMS High School administration arranged a special reading program named "Kutub Been" in summers. In this one month program, internee O' level students taught students at OSCS how to improve their reading and writing ability in English, Urdu and enhance their basic Math skills. These young and energetic students effectively executed the study plan chalked out by their teachers. Nearly 100 OSCS students from F-11 and H-9 branch benefited from "Kutub Been". At the end of the month students were able to read basic level story books *alhamdoliAllah*. This year we also plan to include Tarnol Branch in the program. We especially thank the EMS Administration along with the team of volunteers, teachers and students, who made this possible. This program can make a long lasting impact on the level of education of our children if it becomes a regular yearly activity or a weekly Saturday program.



A combination of an eager teacher and learners

Using Flash Cards

Reading with the help of Phonics

Boys teaching in H-9 Branch

Painting Contest at OSCS F-11

In March 2014 a painting competition was held among students of various OSCS branches. Young guests judged the art exhibits and prizes were given out to the winners.

Medical Camps at OSCS Branches

Organization of medical camps is a regular feature at OSCS. Keeping in line, camps were arranged at various OSCS branches this year also. Free medicines donated by our team of doctors were distributed amongst the students of F-11 and H-9 campuses.

Providing Drinking Water for OSCS

OSCS F-11 branch was facing problems in acquiring clean drinking water for its students. *Alhamdulillah* before the start of summers, a generous young sponsor donated distilled water bottles along with dispensers. It was a very happy moment for our students to have the facility available next to their classrooms. Many of these children were suffering from stomach disorders due to unsafe water and now a marked difference can be seen in their health condition.

Cricket Match OSCS H-9 vs DIC

On International Street children day, two cricket matches were played between the students of OSCS H-9 and children of Drop-in-Centre (DIC) in Islamabad. Our team became champions winning both matches.

Plantation for a Greener Tomorrow



Learning to plant flowers at Tarnol Branch Tree Plantation at H-9

The Prophet Muhammad, (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said: *"If the Hour (the day of Resurrection) is about to be established and one of you was holding a palm shoot, let him take advantage of even one second before the Hour is established to plant it."*

Learning to keep our Environment clean



Scrubbing the walls of the classrooms



Making Dustbins

Tree Plantation and gardening activities were carried out at Tarnol and H-9 branch. Although people of all ages enjoy gardening, but children in particular enjoy and learn new skills. They gain responsibility by caring for plants and gain understanding of nature's processes. They develop love for nature getting a chance to learn about the outdoor environment in a safe and pleasant way. Physical activity is also involved as they get hands on experience of working with soil. *Alhamdulillah* OSCS students gained all these benefits and have developed a liking for this activity.

An activity on hygiene was carried out at OSCS H-9 Branch. The students learnt that as cleanliness is a part of faith, to be good Muslims we have to always keep our bodies and surroundings clean. Children scrubbed the walls of their classrooms and beautified their school. They also made dustbins from recycled materials and learnt about the importance of using them at home, in parks and in classrooms. A similar outdoor activity is also being planned.

Educational and Recreational Trips



F-11 students visiting Science fair at Al-Huda International School



Students of H-9 Branch at the Pakistan Monument



Tarnol students enjoying the Islamabad Zoo

Students of F-11 branch enjoyed a memorable trip to the Aviary (Bird Park) located in Lake View Park Islamabad. It was their first visit to such a place. They observed many exotic birds and experienced the joy of holding Cockatoos and Macaws in their hands.



Walking towards the Bird Park



Standing close to a Peacock



Holding a Cockatoo



Walking inside the Bird Aviary

Visit of Students and Teachers from Universal School System E-11/4



Taking a Spelling Quiz



Doing art work

On 10th December 2013 a team of students and staff from Universal School System E-11/4 visited OSCS F-11 branch to spend a day with the Nursery and KG classes. Art activities, spelling contests and games were conducted by the visiting students and gifts were given out. Winter clothes were also donated to the school. These clothes were later distributed amongst the students of OSCS who had shown full attendance during the month.

Abu Hurairah (RadiyAllahu anhu) reported: The Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said:

"One who strives to help the widows and the poor is like the one who fights in the way of Allah."

Activity Based Learning in class



The concept of buying and selling at Tarnol

Teaching at OSCS is done, keeping in mind the interest of students. Activity based lessons are planned out at the start of each week. Concepts of weight, height, buying, selling, mass, ordinal numbers etc. are all taught through practical demonstration. Activities like reflection and pondering upon the creation of Allah are encouraged in order to develop the thinking and learning capabilities of children.

Learning about Hajj and Sacrifice

This year Hajj workshops were arranged in all OSCS branches. Pictures of Hajj sites were displayed on the wall. A 3D model of the Holy Kabah was made to show the position of *Hajr-e-Aswad* and starting point of *Tawaf*. Students learnt that people run between Mount Safah and Marwah (*Sa'ee*) because Allah *Ta'ala* accepted the struggle of a woman, *Hazrat Hajrah* and in recognition, made *Sa'ee* a part of Hajj and Umrah for all times to come. Students eagerly listened to the story of love, sacrifice and worship of Ibrahim *Alaihis Salaam*, his submission to Allah's command of sacrificing his beloved son, Isma'il *Alaihis Salaam*, and efforts of both father and son in building the Kabah. Students were most fascinated to hear that it was Ibrahim *Alaihis Salaam* who called the people of the world to come for Hajj, thousands of years ago and till today, millions respond to that call and travel to Makkah to perform Hajj. The students of Tarnol Branch showed how men are dressed in two white sheets in the state of *Ihram* and learnt the importance of this humble attire. At the end of the event, children drank Zam Zam water and ate dates.



Ihram Display

Listening to the story of Sacrifice of Ibrahim (as)

Model of Kabah made by Teachers of F-11

Learning about the places and sites of Hajj and Umrah

Opening your own OSC School branch

In order to facilitate community members desirous of opening OSCS branches in their locality, training workshops are arranged as per need. Academic/administrative guidelines are given in these trainings. This year, two teams from Lahore took this training and opened small setups for Out of School Children. These branches work on self help basis to provide education to street children in their community. They have become two of the six such setups being facilitated by OSCS Administration, Islamabad.

NEW TEAM MEMBERS

We welcome our new team members joining different OSCS branches. We hope to see you all prosper as active staff members serving OSCS for a long time to come. May Allah *Subhanahu wa Ta'ala* reward you for being a part of this noble mission.

OSCS—H-9 Branch

Started in June 2012, this branch has helped educate many children residing in the slum areas near Islamic University in Islamabad. Starting with 80 children, this branch suffered a sudden drop in enrollment when the homes of these children in *Kachi Abadis* were demolished by the Capital Development Authority. Our team then visited nearby localities and motivated other out of school children to join OSCS. Their efforts bore fruit and nearly 50 new children have been enrolled.

A program was arranged to acknowledge the services of the dedicated team of this branch which was attended by many donors and officers of NCP. Joint Secretary CADD, Mr. Rafiq Tahir was the chief guest at the occasion. He emphasized the need to work in this area. He appreciated the efforts of the staff working for this cause and ensured his continuous support to OSCS administration.

Be a part of OSCS

You can volunteer at an OSCS branch to bring about a positive change in your community.

Sponsor a student and be a part of our committed members who make OSCS a reality. The sponsorship amount is Rs.800 per month covering all expenses from books, uniforms, shoes to lunch.



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OSCS Tarnol Branch

OSCS Tarnol branch was established in October 2012 and is currently educating nearly 80 children. It's building was constructed and is being fully funded by Abrar Foundation. A play area has also been added this year. The premises provides a healthy environment to make learning enjoyable. Its facilities are termed "better than many private schools" by visitors. Starting from play group this branch has gone up to class II and this year in sha Allah class III will also be started. This branch offers a creative and elated environment for it's students and shall in sha Allah provide quality education to more than 200 students in the future.



A beautiful building to match our mission

A word of thanks for CADD

We would extend our thanks to Secretary CADD (Capital Administration and Development Division), Mr. Fareed ullah Khan and Joint Secretary, Mr. Rafiq Tahir for giving OSCS the support and encouragement to move forward. CADD donated a Multimedia Projector to OSCS, that is being used in all the branches of OSCS on rotation basis to show educational videos in classrooms.

Understanding of The Hearts A special class for teachers

Weekly classes of Fiqh al Quloob have been started at OSCS F-11 and H-9 branches as the *Tarbiyah* and *Tazkiyah* sessions for teachers. The book *Fiqh al Quloob* meaning 'Encyclopedia for Understanding of the Hearts', was written by Muhammad Ibn Ibrahim At-Tuwaijiri in Arabic language and is being taught by Dr. Farhat Hashmi every Friday.

It is hoped that the study of this book will help staff at OSCS find inner peace and develop good character ethics besides strengthening our mission. These sessions are improving the work quality by increasing the motivational level of teachers. This book is available for downloading, along with audio explanation of chapters at:

www.farhathashmi.com/fiqh-al-qulub/

Sport day at OSCS

This years sports event arranged by OSCS at the school ground in F-11 campus was very exciting due to the maximum participation of sister schools. It was a memorable day for all participants as a large number of sponsors came to see the students performance. Highlight of this event was the colorful PT display at the start of the program. Contestants of hurdle, sack, and spoon race got a lot of applause from the audience. Three legged race held separately for boys and girls was also enjoyed by the spectators.



A colorful PT Display by OSCS F-11 Branch

Younger students participated enthusiastically in musical chairs held on the drum beat. They also recited various *duas* and narrated *ahadith* in Arabic. At the end of the program our distinguished guests distributed trophies among the winners and encouraged them to keep working hard to achieve their goals.



Sack race



A Memorable Moment



Winning Trophies and Prizes