



# AS-SIRAAT

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## NEWSLETTER

### As-Siraat Public School Annual School Day - 2016



The annual day 2016 was held at the school building in Ahmedpur East on 13th March, 2016.

The fourth annual school function was a bright day in the presence of Chief guest Dr. Tehseen Cheema - Diplomat American Board and Professor of Orthopedics in New Mexico and currently heading the project of first private medical college in Bahawalpur. Students of As-Siraat Public school exhibited different performances like tilawat, naat, skits and hosting of the event. Results of class nursery till 4 were announced with the distribution of trophies and certificates for position holders. To encourage work performance, awards were nominated for many teachers and students. Student of the year award was won by Asmara Altaf and Mrs. Iram Wasim was entitled 'teacher of the year' as per her outstanding performance and interest in the school.

Parents and guests attended the whole event with the great interest and enjoyed lunch arrangement at the end.

The event got energized when Vice Principal, Ms. Fatima Khalid, broke the news of school building's extension and its promotion till high school level.

Near the end of the event, Dr. Tehseen Cheema addressed to the audience and praised the improvisation that As-Siraat school has brought to the rural area of Ahmedpur. He praised students for their confident behavior and neat outlook. Dr. Tehseen added that education is an integral part of a country's progress and important for everyone especially girls. If you teach a boy, you enlighten one person but when you teach a girl, you educate the whole family.



### INSIDE

#### GRADE - 5 Board Exams Result

100% result has been achieved in board exams by first ever school badge of grade -5!

It is indeed a moment of pride and honour for the school and parents. Alhamdulillah.

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"Individually, and as a whole, I saw myself how supported, safe and comfortable students of the school feel. In As-Siraat I saw mutual respect and relationship driven education. To witness these relationships in action was heartwarming. Its a great feeling to have such an innovative school in a deprived and remote area of South Punjab. I am sure at this pace you are going to achieve more and more success in the years ahead."

**Dr. Adil Mahmood (Medical specialist and senior registrar, Bahawalpur Victoria Hospital)**



"I am really impressed to witness the free quality education system with all the modern facilities As-Siraat is providing to the needy children of Ahmedpur East from their early childhood. I am sure that this novel education system will provide opportunity to the students to come out with new innovative ideas and skills to meet the future challenges. The future of our country depends on our children receiving education. I am confident that the high standards set by As-Siraat trust in primary and secondary education system will benefit the students by getting more exposure to the knowledge in their personal and social life and they will have potential to share their creative ideas with rest of the world through communication skills."

**Senator® Safdar Ali Abbasi (President Pakistan Peoples Party Workers)**

## School building extension and up gradation

In this fifth year of As-Siraat's existence, we are glad to start extension of school building along with its promotion till high-school level.

- Up gradation from primary to high level school
- Building classrooms from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Science lab, improved computer lab and bigger library
- Bigger staff room
- New admin block
- Construction of 8 to 10 rooms started in March, 2016

Note: Support the mission and donate generously to complete the construction.



## Up coming school events

- May: 5th class board exams' success celebration. Prize distribution + lunch
- School educational trip to cotton, ice and oil factories
- First term exams at school
- Summer vacations

## Masjid Renovation Program

Masjid is the house of Allah and it should be kept clean and in best possible condition. Muslims respect mosques and love to be part of any services related to the house of Allah.

This winter As-Siraat joined hands in revamping a Masjid with the masjid authorities in Ahmedpur East, Bahawalpur.

It was an already-built Masjid but needed renovation. The roof of this Masjid was completely destroyed and then renewed.

Following is the detail of the project:

- Masjid roof's renovation
- Paint and polishing (indoor and outdoor)
- Carpeting
- Lighting and electricity issues
- Prayer mats
- Sound system
- Taps installation

As-Siraat provided 50% of all the expenses for this Masjid project. Join us in community service projects to achieve best of both worlds, inshaAllah.



**NEW  
SCHOOL  
SESSION**

New school session has started from 21st March, 2016. In the start, students were provided with:

- Stationery
- Free books and copies



# Ramadan Charity Program - 2016

May - June

Prophet (s.a.w) used to be more generous than a fast wind in the month of Ramadan.”  
(Al- Bukhari)



In Ramadan of 2016, we are carrying out the charity program. In first Ashra, Ramadan rashan will be distributed like previous years.

The rashan pack includes: Flour, rice, oil, sugar, pulses, dates, basen, jam-e-shirin, milk and tea.

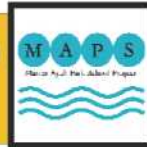
Average cost per rashan pack is: 4000 PKR

Number of families who will receive rashan: 250

In the 2nd and 3rd Ashra, Aftari arrangements will be made at Masajid and Islamic centres. Eid clothes will be distributed to deserving people.

We have started collected funds for the Ramadan charity program activity. The planning stage is complete and buying process is about to start.

## Master Ayub Park School (MAPS) project update



Master Ayub Park School (MAPS) is a free school for the under-privileged street children in F-6 park, Islamabad. Master Ayub is running this evening school from last 30 years. As-Siraat is providing following services to this school project:

- Salary of teachers
- Stationery and books for the students
- Teaching services (need-based)

Future plans: Contribution in school's building construction + help in electricity installation



Sponsor a family and donate Eid clothes

Identify deserving people for rashan & Eid clothes

Volunteer with your family and friends for packing and delivering of the items

## FAQs

### 1. When does As-Siraat start collecting funds for Ramadan Charity program?

It can be shared in any time of the year but there is a time near the arrival of Ramadan, when we officially announce the donation drive. Keep checking our website and facebook page to stay updated.

### 2. Where is the rashan packed and distributed for Ramadan program? Can I volunteer with my friends?

Rashan is packed and distributed from sector F-10 Islamabad. It is sent to different areas of Pakistan with the help of volunteers. We have many tasks at hand and volunteers are warmly welcomed.

You can contact us on our mobile number or send Facebook message and give your name as precious volunteer.

### 3. What is the purpose of Ramadan charity program?

Ramadan Charity Program is an effort to provide physical and spiritual comfort to others in the holy month of Ramdan. It is basically provision of rashan to needy families along with Islamic literature, Aftaar and Eidi.

### 4. Can I give my Zakaat for Ramadan Charity Program?

Yes, we take zakaat as well and make sure that it is utilized in best possible way.

### 5. Can I sponsor one Aftari arrangement at a Masjid/Islamic centre via As-Siraat?

Yes, you can. Make a booking with us.

# Model Village Project

**M**odel village project is the name given to the plan which is for the improvement of area around As-Siraat Public School in Ahmedpur East, Bahawalpur. The area has many important buildings including a factory, school, a public park along with residential area and a small market. This project will include grass landscaping around the school, plantation activities, growing seasonal flowers, making boundaries of the park, installation of benches in there, swings for the children, wall art and a fountain will be made in the park along with renovation of washrooms for the travelers. For cleanliness purpose in the model village, large size trash cans will be mounted.

A roundabout will be named after As-Siraat's name, near the market area. All of these changes, taken with proper account and effort along with the cooperation of area residents, will help in taking a step toward healthy and better environment.

### Estimated time

June-2015 to June-2017

The project aims to make the environment better, providing healthy surroundings to the people.

This effort is to let people know that for better and improved living in Pakistan, every citizen can play their part without getting any aid from government authorities.

To contribute, email us at: [as-siraat@hotmail.com](mailto:as-siraat@hotmail.com)

## SEWING MACHINE PROJECT



Mrs. Farzana received a sewing machine under As-Siraat's sewing machine project in the month of May. Thirty years old, Mrs Farzana is a resident of Barakahu, Islamabad. Her husband is a drug addict. To feed her five young children, the eldest of whom is only seven years old, she works as a maid on a monthly income of only five thousand rupees. Her rented house is in such a shabby condition that it can almost be called a mud house. However, even arranging for its initial rent payment was a difficult task for her, for which her kindhearted house owner gave her some extension in payment deadline. Fortunately, Farzana recently completed her sewing course certificate. With her own sewing machine awarded by As-Siraat, she can earn a respectable income as a seamstress and single handedly lift the financial burden of her family conveniently. We wish her good luck for her journey!



Gulnaz lives with her parents and two younger brothers in a rented house, mahala Sayidaan, Bhara Kahu. She is a student of 8th class, around 14 years of age. Her father washes cars at a car rental. His monthly income is Rs 7000-7500, with which he has to pay the rent of the house and children's school fee, among other expenditures. Gulnaz has taken free sewing classes from her neighbour for 2 months. Now she got her own sewing machine, she can sew her own and her family's clothes. And with this practice, when she becomes more skilled she can earn money through it. Hopefully she can self finance her own studies and support her father's meager income in this way.

### How to support our mission?

#### You can do that in many ways:

- Be a part of As-Siraat team of volunteers and provide your services in hour of the need
- Donate for Sewing Machine Project either by giving a working sewing machine or transferring money for a new one.
- Sponsor a child or a number of children at As-Siraat Public School.
- Contribute in for Ramadan Charity Program.
- Join and show interest in our ongoing community service project
- Share the message of As-Siraat with others.

#### Bank account details:

Account # 0148-02000910

IBAN: PK31ALFH0148001002483481

Swift code: ALFHPKKA148

Bank Alfalah, F-8 Markaz, Islamabad



Mrs. Rehana Kausar, resident of Rawalpindi, received a sewing machine in the month of July, under As-Siraat's sewing machine project. She is the mother of six children. Her eldest daughter, a divorcee and mother of one, lives with them as well. The younger two daughters are in marriageable age. Rehana and her husband both work hard to make both ends meet. Her husband sells pakoras on a cart, and she works as a maid earning a meager amount of 4 - 5,000 / month. Fortunately, Rehana is skillful in stitching and sewing. Her daughter has also done a diploma course in stitching. With their own sewing machine, both of them can supplement the family's income from within the security of their home. We wish them good luck for this!

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