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Annual Day

The Prophet of Allah ﷺ has been reported to have said, 'Actions are judged by their endings.' And what a spectacular end of the school year (2016-2017) it was here at As-Siraat Public School! The children's efforts bore fruit, and a hundred percent successful results were achieved, with all students being promoted to the next level. Twelve students had appeared for the PEC 5th grade examinations, all of whom passed. Five students, who scored more than 80%, were awarded bicycles.



There were speeches, tableaux, and skits, and it was a proud moment when MPA (Tehsil Ahmedpur East), Qazi Adnan Fareed, distributed trophies, certificates and prizes among the position holders. The chief guest was impressed by all that the school had been able to accomplish in such short a time, and appreciated the role played by the administration, management

and staff in producing such brilliant results. He also applauded the confidence and skill with which the students performed, remarking that it was admirable for unprivileged students from Ahmedpur to give such flawless and synchronized display of their talent.



Parents, students and guests were jubilant when Vice Principal Fatima Khalid announced that the construction of school's new building, Eidhi Block, is completed and that secondary school classes shall take place there from the new session.



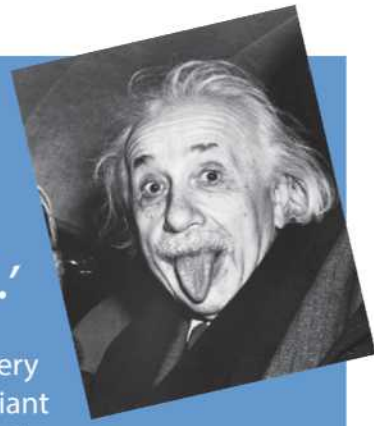
It is not extraordinary for me to attend such school events, but this one stands out for its execution and results. I shall make sure I bring a team of principals from other schools in the vicinity to come and learn from the team of As-Siraat Public School.

- Chief Guest (MPA Qazi Adnan Fareed)



PEC Board Exams

Albert Einstein said, 'Genius is 1% talent, and 99% hard work...'



Isn't that inspiring? Hard work is within every person's reach. Such was the case with the brilliant students of As-Siraat Public School, who had put their noses to the grindstone and came out of it shining. Undaunted by the challenge of Grade 5 Board Exams, our teachers and students worked hard together.



There were twelve students altogether who sat for their board exams, receiving a hundred percent result; five students achieved more than 80%, with Asmara Altaf attaining 91% marks and scoring a whopping 99/100 in her English paper! The school shall bear the complete expense of their academic necessities this year.



New School Building

The Edhi Block as it is called, dedicated to the great humanitarian Abdul Sattar Edhi, consists of classrooms all the way until the tenth grade. Previously, we were only catering to the Primary years (Nursery-Grade 5) in the old building, but we go up a grade every year and 2017 is no different Alhamdulillah; we welcome grade 7 this year!



With the advance in technology every moment, Pakistan is sometimes left behind. We are establishing a sophisticated Computer Lab holding 30-35 computers, with the hope that our students can keep pace with the world. We are also in process of having a bigger and better science laboratory and library for our students, all these in a locality which wants for basic facilities of life unfortunately.



Pakistan's primary school drop-out rate is still high (more than 40%) – As-Siraat is here to change this state of affairs.



New Session

We don't know about you, but we sure do love the smell of books, be they old or new. They say old books smell of vanilla and almonds, while the new ones smell of chemicals. Either way, books really are one of the most amazing creations of Allah, and man has done well to stand by them through happy times and sad.

The new session here at As-Siraat Public School commenced from 27th March 2017. It was a fresh start to what shall be a promising year in the days to come, for our teachers, students, well-wishers, friends and family. We now hold nine classes in our humble school, from Nursery till grade Seven; and 204 little buds to cherish, care for, teach, and nurture into wondrous human beings!

Did you know? All the students have been equipped with the essentials for the school term; we made sure we provided every student with a complete set of textbooks, copies and stationery items.

Environment Week

In the month of April, As-Siraat Public School celebrated Environment Week, which consisted of:

★ **Cleanliness Day** - The children enthusiastically took part to help clean their classrooms and the school.

★ **Plantation Day** - As you may have guessed, this day was all about plants that were planted in and around the school.

★ **Poster Competition** - The students took part in the competition to highlight the importance of keeping their environment clean and green.

★ **Iqbal Day** - The great thinker, philosopher, politician who was among the prominent leaders of yesterday, and directed us towards the creation of Pakistan! The children lauded his achievements by presenting tableaus, fiery speeches, and skits.

★ **Earth Day** - On the final day of this momentous week, students walked to the nearby market with their posters, and advised the shopkeepers on the steps to a cleaner environment.



Save Earth – Save Life. Trees are our friends!



Ramadan Charity Program 2017



Ramadan is nearly here! Do you know what it means for the people at As-Siraat Trust? Well, it implies a hubbub of activities at the organisation starting shortly; there are food packages to ready, clothes to be wrapped up, religious literature to be put together for distribution, and aftaar arrangements to plan. Do you want in? You can help us plan for Ramadan as a volunteer!

The best of sadaqah is given during the month of Ramadan. Narrated Ibn 'Abbas: 'The Prophet ﷺ was the most generous person, and he used to become more generous particularly in the month of Ramadan...more generous than the fast wind in doing good'. [Bukhari]

Do you know why? Because it is in Ramadan that the reward of good deeds is increased many times over, and also that we have been told to break fast with others (or give out food for aftaar), and it is only about Ramadan that the angel Jibrael had been sent down to the Prophet of Allah ﷺ to advise of Allah's anger on those who live through the sacred month and do not improve (i.e. do not work to get their sins erased).



This year, As-Siraat aims to reach out to 250-300 families for the provision of food for the month, so they feel a part of the community & try to attain blessings for the month with less worry about rationing; brighten up Eid day festivities for 100-150 people with new clothes; arrange for aftaar at different masjids & madrassas in the spirit of helping people in breaking their fast to earn reward; & distribute Islamic literature in order that the fire of knowledge continues to burn ever more brighter.

- ★ Total number of families to be supported (250-300).
- ★ Total number of new clothes to be distributed (100-150).
- ★ Aftaars to be conducted.
- ★ Islamic literature to be distributed.

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What is your plan for Ramadan? Do good, and more of it than ever before by reaching out to others. Sure, we have got to empower people to stand on their own, but this is the month wherein charitable food donation, teaching (however little that you know, perhaps even a skill to last them a lifetime!), gifts, all contribute towards greater reward. This also helps us thoroughly realise the importance of the blessings that we have, and that we have merely been fortunate to receive them. So how do you thank your fortune? **You can join us as volunteer, or donate:**

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