

Newsletter

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Aftaar drives

Multiple large scale aftaar drives

Family Package

One package includes: 20kg wheat, 5kg rice, 5L oil, 2kg sugar, 1kg dates, 500g tea, 24x250ml milk cartons, 1.5L roh afza, 1kg besan, 4x1kg lentils packs 4200/- rs per package

> Clothes Package 500/- rupees per package



Ramadan Charity Program

If you are a Pakistani, then you probably already know what it means to live Ramadan in our country. There's a calm that fills the air because most people consciously take care to be good, and fortunately, many are just too sleepy to be bad! All sorts of delicious food fills the markets with people crowding shopfronts in the evening, clamouring to get their hands on some of it to break their fasts with.

It is times like these that invite us to be more generous to the less fortunate so they can taste some of the goodness too. Have you ever had to eat food you were unhappy with while your friend had a happier meal? You know the feeling! At As-Siraat, we feel that everybody should get to experience the richness of Ramadan, be it with treats of food or clothes, or with the noble act of giving.







Muslims get to celebrate two wondrous festivals in one year, each one better than the other. This 'Eid, as with the last, As-Siraat brings you the wonderful opportunity to give to the less fortunate, earning twice the rewards for yourself. You can donate online or in-person with cash, your time, or appropriate material things. You can even volunteer with our team for some fun in the spirit of brotherhood!

The first ten days of Ramadan are spent distributing the food packets consisting of money, clothes, books and medicines, to the people. We arrange aftaars at masjids and/or Islamic centres in the next ten days, until we arrive at the last ten days of Ramadan wherein we distribute clothing gifts to people. It's the best feeling when they smile at you!

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Annual Day 2018

It was a happy day. Chief Guests Chowdhury Tariq Bashir Cheema, General Secretary for Muslim League (Q) and Mr Iftikhar ul Hassan Gillani were present for the 6th Annual Day organised by AhmedPur District's As-Siraat Trust. The ceremony began with the recitation of the word of Allah and naa't sung in praise of Muhammad (s).

Little cherubs of class Nursery were quick to welcome the guests in their own sweet way. Other students followed their able juniors with beautifully executed skits and song performances of their own. The children did not disappoint with their oratory skills either; there were fiery speeches on the importance of education and how it equips us to live a fulfilling life.



Vice Principal Fatima Khalid then took up the stage and began by congratulating the parents, students, and teachers on achieving 100% result yet again. "I will be prouder the day these children contribute to the progress of their country, just the way they have brought laurels to their city." Ms Khalid informed the audience that the school mostly caters to the children of underprivileged and low income households. These students are being provided with free of charge education facilities, including books.



Chowdhury Tariq Bashir Cheema said that

Educating young minds, and that too free of cost, is a noble mission indeed. This responsibility falls upon our government but we should be encouraging of those who take on the momentous task of taking education to the remote areas

At the end of the ceremony, he distributed prizes and shields among students with outstanding results (first, second and third highest scores).

High Achievers

Nursery - Zehra Nasir, Kiran Bibi and Uzairah Qasim

Prep - Fatima Bibi, Javaria Bibi and Mehak Bibi

One - Sagib Shahid, Alizah Bibi and Sania Bibi

Two - Yusra Younis, Ali Altaf, Sonia Altaf and Muhammad Irfan

Three - Hamna Kashif, Maria Bibi and Mishal Akhtar

Four - Sharjeel Naseer, Asifa Ghulam and Haseeb Kashif

Five - Ashir Afzal (433/500), Timmer Abram (431/500) and Farhan Akhtar (425/500)

The high achievers of the PEC Board Exams (Class V) were awarded bicycles and cash prizes!

Six - Asmara Altaf, Muhammad Ahmad, Surayya Nawaz and Alishba Akhatr Seven - Chingez Abram, Ayesha Afzal and Shazia Arshad







Exams are a crucial and recurring part of every student's life unfortunately. And they are twice as important when it comes to Board exams! But were our children here at As-Siraat scared of them? No, sir. They rose to the challenge magnificently, working hard with their teachers and peers to do their part well.

Of course, these ambitious students' teachers were no less brilliant. They worked hard to ensure that the children had lots of exercises to work with, support to get through the tricky questions and a friend who they could look up to when things got tough. All of their efforts paid through for the result was a satisfying and humbling 100%!



Our top scorer was Ashir Afzal who scored an amazing 433 out of 500. His was the best result among his classmates. Ashir was closely followed by Timmer Abram in second place who achieved 431, followed by Farhan Akhtar in the third place with 425 marks. Nine students appeared for the board exams and every single one of their efforts were laudable indeed. The rest of their names in order of their scores are Muhammad Shan, Areeba Sajjad, Javaria Emaan, Sania Saeed, Ahmad Nadeem and Adil Shabbir.











Ashir Afzal

Timer Ibram Farhan Akhtar

M. Shan Areeba Sajjad

The students received bicycles and cash prizes as tokens of their wonderful efforts. They were also provided with books for the next term.

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

You may have heard about rising temperatures all over the world. The sea levels are rising because of the heat, causing water to spill on to land in the form of floods. We also keep hearing of hurricanes and earthquakes. But how does all this affect us Pakistanis?

Well, you remember the heat strokes that have been plaguing us since a few Summers now? That is because of climate change. And climate change came about because of several reasons, one of them being deforestation (the cutting down of trees in a large area).





Trees keep the environment cool because not only do they provide shade, but they also trap sunlight, release Oxygen, and cause transpiration (loss of water from the leaves). Trees hold the soil in place and keep it fertile (good for plantation). We try to wear light colours in the sun to keep cool, but how can we bring the temperature of the cities down? Environment experts say that the easiest way may be the plantation of forests.

Shahzad Qureshi is a young entrepreneur from Karachi who has taken steps to grow a small forest in his city. According to Rafi ul Haq, a member of the Horticultural Society of Pakistan, trees can decrease urban temperatures by as much as 5°C. Hassan Abbas, an environmentalist and climate scientist, agrees with this view claiming that trees also clean the excess Carbon in the air and are refreshing to the eye.





Inside Qureshi's forest, the temperatures were lower and the chirping of birds felt calming against the noise of city traffic. For a city like Karachi, 25 such forests will greatly help in fighting the urban heat effect, Qureshi says.

We know what to do now, don't we? Plant as much as we can!



For those of us who had been active on social media in the past year, Master Ayub is a celebrity in his own right. A civil defence servant (fireman) by profession, he saw children begging and working the streets even in a city as developed as the capital of Pakistan, and decided to do something about it. He started teaching those children and soon he had the sceptics converted in his favour. Shortly thereafter, parents started bringing their children to him.

Master Ayub converted a park in Islamabad to his teaching grounds, until he could get his own piece of land and laid the foundation of a school building upon it. As-Siraat has been working in collaboration with him since 2016.





At the beginning of new academic year in April, like previous years As-Siraat once again provided notebooks for over hundred of his students. We are also providing continuing financial aid for the running of his school, including monetary benefits for Master sahab and his staff.

We humbly salute Master Ayub for his generous services to the nation's children. Such ventures are those that ought to continue to grow, and they can only do so with our support. In May of this year, Master Ayub shall retire from his services as a fireman. Doubtless, he will be able to dedicate himself to his cause more earnestly than ever, but he shall need generous donations from us all to do so. Let's step in and do our bit for education in Pakistan.

