

Newsletter



**RAMADAN Charity
PROGRAM**

**As-Siraat public
school through year
2017**

**HOW CAN YOU
HELP?**

**How was year 2017
for As Siraat Trust?**



2017: A Look Back!

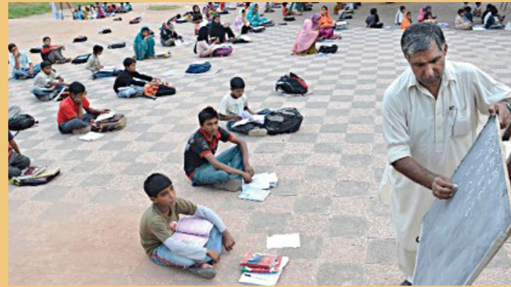
2017 was an eventful year at As-Siraat. The **Edhi Block** was inaugurated at the beginning of this year with the welcoming of grade seven who joined our ranks! A great school experience makes for fond childhood memories and an excellent adulthood. We tried to build on it by improving our library and computer laboratory. The school children were a part of the wonderful Independence Day celebrations, some poetic Iqbal Day eloquence, and Earth Day hands-on creativity to name a few.



The **Ramadan Ration Programme** by As-Siraat Welfare Trust saw some heartening generosity. With the help of people, we were able to deliver ration to 300 families in need, hosted iftaars dinners, and got 'Eid gifts for more. What are festivals of joy, but happy times shared with one and all?

Little deeds of kindness, little words of love, Make our earth an Eden like the heaven above.

- Julia Abigail Fletcher Carney, poet



The world may have been mourning the bad rulers, but we tried our hardest to help out each individual we could reach out to. As-Siraat continued with its efforts to increase employment through the Sewing Machine Project. You remember **Master Mohammad Ayub**? Yes, we refer to the stalwart teacher who taught children in the park! As-Siraat continued its monetary support to this great man. It was the least we could do- have you ever tried teaching children in a park? It isn't easy!



Do you know? Science agrees with our grandmothers when it comes to the young playing in the dirt! The second day of the **Environment Week** was all about plantation and our children were all for it. It is said that connecting to nature this way is the best Therapy for the young and old- gets our creative juices flowing. The **Poster Competition** brought us artists and activists- all for planet earth.

In some other remarkable news, our fifth-grade children brought home numerous accolades for their PEC Board Exams. Sure, we received a **hundred percent result**, but five students achieved more than 80%, and one of them hit 91%! The high-achievers received gifts along with a **paid academic year at As-Siraat**. All the fourth-grade students must now work hard to bring their work up to scratch. You are planning on breaking these old records and making new ones, aren't you?



Yasir Rafique

Suraya Nawaz

Hamza Kashif

Asmara Altaf

Alishba Akhtar

Parveen Shakir

24 November 1952 - 26 December 1994



Perveen Shakir had a passion for writing, and like any other lover of the creative language arts, she started early. She would write Urdu poetry for daily newspapers, and blog in English. It is said that she would often write under the pseudonym Beena. You may have heard of the fabled poetry collection **Khushboo** by this talented poetess.

Starting with her matriculation in the year 1966, this amazing genius went on to do her Masters in English Literature and Linguistics. She then took up position as an instructor of the English Language before joining the Civil Service. Perveen Shakir was then appointed as the second secretary in the Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad. She is even reported to have taught for a long time at Abdullah College.

Born on 24 November 1952, five years after Pakistan came into being, Shakir's first volume of verse **Khushbu** (Fragrance) was published in 1976 to national recognition. She went on to pen down incredible works of art including **Sad-Barg (Marsh Marigold)** in 1980, **Khud Kalami (Talking to Oneself)** and **Inkaar (Denial)** in 1990, and **Kaf e Aeina** (The Mirror's Edge) first published in 1996. She was awarded the prestigious civil service award **Pride of Performance** in 1976 in recognition for her extraordinary commitment to writing. Some of her works of poetry have been compiled together in the volume **Mah e Tamam**.

مکنہ فیصلوں میں ایک، ہجر کا فیصلہ بھی تھا
ہم نے تو ایک بات کی، اس نے کمال کر دیا

پروین شاکر

Perveen's poetic style varies between the ghazal and free verse. She would write on varied topics like women, love, nationalism, bravery and others. She was a brave lady who was bringing up her only son, Murad, alone whilst working professionally. On her way to work one day, Perveen Shakir met a **road accident** in Islamabad and died at the youthful age of 42 years on 26 December, 1994.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Donate for our projects



AS-SIRAAT PUBLIC SCHOOL

- Sponsor a student
(Rs.1000/10\$ per month or Rs. 12000/120\$ per year)
- Books & copies package (Rs. 1500/15\$ per student)
- Donate new or used computers
- Donate new or used books for library



RAMADAN CHARITY PROGRAM

- Sponsor families for ration packages every Ramadan
- Sponsor Eid clothes
- Sponsor aftaars & dinners



SEWING MACHINE PROJECT

- Identify deserving individuals
- Sponsor or donate sewing machines
(Rs. 4000/40\$)



MASTER AYUB PARK SCHOOL

- Donate for financial assistance of Master Ayub in running of school



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