

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Like any other term this one also ended with all its colour and fragrance, comprising hardwork and dedicated efforts of both teachers and students, culminating into a sense of pride full of achievement and satisfaction.

Though because of time constraints, it became very difficult to keep up to the given targets of academic, sports and co-curricular activities, but the school in accordance to its traditions, successfully, provided all the necessary opportunities to its students to polish their skills in all the spheres of their academic life, by developing in them the confidence, the character and the ability to think, analyse and act, thus, making them prepared for facing the outside environment, once they leave the gates of the virbaijeeite school.

The co-curricular activities began with the school participating in the second painting exhibition on October 27, 2007 organised by the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT). The theme of the exhibition being to create Health awareness among children which is a double edged sword for Disease Prevention. Muhammad Yaseen Fahim of 8 B won the first prize in the category of 11 – 14 years.

W.W.F. celebrated the world wetland day on February 02, 2008. The theme being Healthy Wetland Healthy people. Three students along with Mr. Farhan, the school art teacher went to Sandspit to participate in the Art Competition. Fahad Mirza of 8 B, Kamran Raza of 8 A and Yousuf Sharif of 8 B brought the second prize.

The Djuice- Telenor held an interschool Graffiti Competition in March 2008, with the aim of providing students the opportunity to express their artistic skills and translate it into colours. B.V.S. team comprising of Kamran Raza and Rameez Suleman of 8 A, Fahad Mirza of 8 B and Ahmed Sohail of 8 C won the 1st prize. Their Winning graffiti will be uploaded on djuice website and will also be displayed in the selected Telenor Service Centres.

In order to sharpen their abilities of thinking, analyzing and increasing their vocabulary the school as usual took part in a number of such Quiz Competition. On November 17th the school participated in the PTV Speed Quiz Competition, under the guidance of Ms. Naseha. The BVS team comprised of Daniyal Jelani of 9 A and Shahood-ur-Rehman of 9 B. The team won the 1st prize and brought home the trophy. The Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan School organized an elocution Competition based on the poems of Allama Iqbal. Fifteen schools were selected with thirty participants. The BVS team again represented by Danial Jelani of 9 A and Shahood-ur-Rehman of 9 B. The team stood first in the overall competition scoring 93% and Shahood-ur-Rehman came first in his category. In the 19th Scrabble Competition organized by the Samsung Organisation, Haseeb-ur-Rehman of 10 B stood 3rd in the over fifteen years age group category. The Competition took place at the Beach Luxury Hotel in November 2007. The school in order to enhance further the capacity of word building and spelling among students, conducted its own inhouse programme of Scrabble Competition. The results were as under:

Highest Spreads (Juniors) Murtaza Qasim 163 points (7A)

Highest Spreads (Seniors) Haseeb-ur-Rehman 310 points (10 A)

Maximum Bingos (Juniors) Talha Rehman 7 Bingos
Maximum Bingos (Seniors) Umair Irfan 7 Bingos (10 A)
Top scorers in Single game (Juniors) Talha Rehman
Top Scorers in single games (Senior) Ammar Ali 342 points (10 B)
Top scorers in double game (Juniors) Intisar Hussain and Mustafa Rafay) 141 points
Top scorers in a double game (Seniors) Sohail Khalid Patel and Syed Rafay Ali 244 points.

The House points are as follows:

1 st position	Quiad-e-Azam House	36 points
2 nd position	Lancelot House	32 points
3 rd position	Soparivala House	24 points
4 th position	Rezashah House	04 points

In the Dawn Group Spelling Bee Competition. Organized in March, 2008, the school team comprising of Osama Ahmed Ansari of 9A, Makhdoom Inam-ul-Haq of 9 A and Muhammad Adil Siddiqui of 8 C won the Karachi District Round of age group 12-14 years.

Our School also participated in the InterSchool Preliminary Round of the Mind Grind with Derek O' Brien Quiz contest for classes 7 and 8. After the written preliminary, the shooting of the Mind Grind Contest for Wikkid Plus was scheduled to be held from 5 to 11 April in Lahore.

Three teams as follows represented the school in the preliminary round. Muhammad Ayaz and Baber Zuberi as team one. Wasim Haider and Umer Farooq as team two. Team one earned the distinction of representing the school in the show at Lahore. The team was accompanied by Ms. Nasreen Saeed for the Final round which was held in Lahore.

Annual Sports are held in order to create the awareness of physical fitness and develop a sense of healthy competition. The Annual Marathon Race was held on Sunday December 9th, 2007, starting from Glass Tower Clifton and ending at Nihari Inn Boat Basin. Moiz Ahmed of Lancelot House came 1st clocking in at 25 minutes and 45 seconds. Shahmir Siddiqui of Soparivala House came second with 26 minutes and 10 seconds, and Nabeel Jawaid of Quaid-e-Azam House came 3rd with a timing of 26 minutes and 52 seconds. It is worth mentioning that a student of class 6 Sarmad Jameel came 4th, clocking 28 minutes and 10 seconds.

Primary Sports Day was held on February 9th, 2008 at the KPI Ground. Brig. Shahid Behram Khan Regional Co-ordinator Army Public School was the chief guest. Classes 3, 4 and 5 presented a colour ful display which was highly appreciated by the parents and the guests. This athletic event ended the prize distribution with Rezashah House standing first with 134 points while Quaid-e-Azam House standing 2nd with 130 points while Lancelot House came 3rd with 76 points and Soparivala House coming 4th with 58 points.

The Secondary Sports Day 2008 was also held at the KPI Ground on Saturday March 1st, 2008. Brigadier Muzzaffar-ul-Hasan, Director Education DHA was the chief guest. The function started with a March Past of the respective houses which was won by Lancelot House. The Fakirjee Cowasjee Championship Trophy was won by the Soparivala House with 223 points. Rezashah House came in second to lift Najamai Sethna Trophy with 221 points. Lancelot and Quaid-e-Azam House both scored 207 points each.

The annual Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi function was held in school on Wednesday March 19th, 2008. The function started with the recitation from the Holy Quran, while Naat were sung by the children in praise of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) The life as lived and preached by the

Holy Prophet was highlighted and the function ended with prayers of prosperity and peace for the country and for the world at large.

To develop love and affection with the nature, the school participated in the WWF Nature Carnival 2008 at the PAF Museum Faisal on Sunday April 6th, 2008. While taking part in two categories of 'Wetland are not Wastelands' and 'Values and Benefits of Wetland'. The school won the first prize in 'Wetlands are not Wastelands'. The pupils who took part in this category were: Intisar Hussain, Obaid, Shams, Shagil, Aneel Ahmed and Burhanuddin Amir all from 8 B- Zawahir, Adbullah. Iftikhar from 8 C, Osama Akram, Saad Ali, Shaun Malbari from 8 A, Daniyal Jelani from 9 A, Hassan Hibibullah, Abdul Rafay, Ruwaid Zafar and Ramis Imran from 7 E. In the next category 'Values and Benefits of Wetlands' the school won the second prize. Students who represented in this category were: Salman Marfani. Abdullah Ashfaq, Kumail Raza and Humayun Qureshi from 6 A, Zain Hasnain, Owais Khaild from 6 B, Saad Quddusi, Tabish Khan, Ali Akbar, Nadir Bharucha and Mudassir Fayyaz from 6 D, Abdur Rehman, Nafeel Farooqui, Salman and Talha Rehman from 6 E and Mazda Bhesania from 5 A. The school also won the overall stall presentation 3rd prize.

Providing students with recreational opportunities the school took the entire primary section to the Alladin Amusement Park on Tuesday May 13th, 2008. Classes 6 and 7 were taken to the Cineplex to watch the movie "Taray Zameen Par" on Tuesday 30th May, 2008. Classes 10 A,B & C were taken on a visit to Makli Hills, Khinjar Lake and Debal on May 27th 2008 to acquaint themselves with the heritage, culture and history of Sindh.

For sometime now the managing committee of the school was working on the expansion of the school building in order to create more accommodation for students. Keeping in this view the phase II has been launched. The infrastructure expansion has started with work on additional classrooms, new washrooms, labs, audio-visual room and multipurpose hall, which are the prerequisites. The Limbuwala Block was renovated in the summer of 2007, which was then followed by the laying of foundation of phase II on May, 23rd 2008 at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Ervard Kaivan Solan offered prayers and assisted our Montessori Directress Mrs. Meher Khambatta in performing the foundation laying ceremony. It is on this very day that the BVS Parsi High School started as a small BALAKSHALA in the year 1857.

The BVS Parsi High School decided to discontinue its Montessori Section and saw the last batch of toddlers move out on Friday May 23rd, 2008. A small party was organized by the Montessori Directress Mrs. Meher Khambatta. The children bid an emotional farewell to their Directress as she has resigned after serving the school for over 45 years. The school will miss her smiling face and kind demeanor. We wish her all the best.

Last but not the least the term activities concluded with a farewell to the outgoing matric of 2008, given and organized by class 9th on Wednesday 19th March, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the school premises. Daniyal Jelani of 9 A compered the programme, with Hamza Aamir of 10 C. Funny skits were performed, songs were sung and a jovial talk show was presented. The programme ended with Principal Mrs. Kermin Parakh wishing the class of 2008 all the best in life. The function ended with a delicious lunch.

Regards,

Mrs. Kermin Parakh
Principal