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## Message

Bismillah Hir Rehman Nir Raheem

Dear Students, Parents &  
Members of the Community  
Assalam-o-Alaikum



All praise to Almighty Allah who gave us the opportunity to serve HIM and HIS creation. It is always a pleasure to watch the future evolve in front of ones eyes. Children are the future of our nation and we all are responsible to groom and educate them in a manner that they go ahead to create a 'Just Society'. As I review our performance, I see that there are significant achievements along with challenges. In response to these challenges KPSIAJ/FEN remains focused, to foster its philosophy of various aspects of Community Service as envisaged in Islam for which we have pursued several important initiatives such as:

- 1) Provision of facilities for regular performance of Namaz at all campuses.
- 2) Introduction of the Quran Program from the ECD level, which has now progressed till Class IV this year, and will advance to a higher level every year.
- 3) Higher Education Scholarships for deserving students of the community on merit basis.
- 4) Aptitude Test/Preparation Classes, to encourage and prepare students for admission to the reputed colleges and universities.
- 5) Regular Seminars as a part of our commitment to promote worthy education, good healthcare and other services.
- 6) Professional and Value based Teachers' Training Program for FEN teachers, to enable them to transmit the same to their students.
- 7) Improved Co-Curricular and Sports Activities at all the units of FEN.

As members of the Governing Body and the Education Board, we are in-charge of the Community's most precious asset, its children. We pride ourselves as a 'Student Centered' Network offering an impressive range of services and activities designed to enrich your learning experience, in and out of the class. Our mission is to ensure that your time here is productive and rewarding. So do not hesitate to provide valuable feedback. When you share your thoughts, it helps us to make informed decisions.

Fatimiyah Education Network's success in the field of education is the result of strong commitment and diligence of our principals, faculty, staff and members of the Governing Body. I invite parents to take more interest than before and take active part in your child's education.

I take this opportunity to thank philanthropists and well-wishers for their confidence and support to take this divine mission of education ahead.

My Prayer and Best Wishes to you for the new academic year.

With Best Regards

Asghar Hussain Shaheedi  
Vice President – KPSIAJ &  
Member Education Board

## Convocation 2010

The annual Convocation Ceremony to honor the students of class X session 2009-10 of Fatimiyah Boys and Girls School was held on 4th and 5th December 2010 at Shaheed Hamid Ali Bhojani Hall. Educationists, members of the

Principal Al-Murtaza Madressa, Mrs. Fatima Altaf was the chief guest at the FGS ceremony on 4th December 2010. Ms. Samira Ramzan Principal FGS in her welcome address highlighted the various initiatives taken by the manage-



community and parents of the passing out students attended the ceremonies.

ment to improve the teaching and learning processes at FEN.

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## Seminar on Career Planning

More than 600 students of Fatimiyah College attended a Career Guidance Seminar organized on 30th October 2010 at Shaheed Hamid Ali Bhojani Hall. A collaborative effort of FEN and JIBA International, Karachi Chapter, it focused on addressing the issues faced by students when choosing a career. Mr. Shamim Zafar (Management Consultant & Head Hunter for MD's) presented an overview of the choices available to the students in adopting a profession in Pakistan. Mr. Samee-ul- Hassan (Consulting Actuary) highlighted the immense scope available in the field of Actuarial Science. Mr. Saleem Thariani (Faculty Indus Valley School of Architecture) informed students about pursuing

a career in Architecture. Mr. Syed Masood Naqvi (Partner KPMG), shared the opportunities available in the field of Chartered Accountancy in Pakistan. Mr. Mohsin Nathani (CEO Standard Chartered Bank) was the last speaker to share his experiences and views on the benefits of a career in Banking.



## Message

Education is like an ocean in which the sailors (students) have to sail and it is important for them to be equipped with the required skills, knowledge, and tools necessary for sailing. I have chosen the example of ocean, for the students to understand the vast scope of education. At the center of this ocean (education) is the belief in Allah, the Creator of the Universe. All knowledge, fields, technologies are the creation of Almighty Allah. Man has only explored and discovered these hidden treasures. We see that every sensible person is very objective in his/her actions. It is obvious that the Creator of all wisdom has not created this universe without an integrated goal.



Unfortunately the present Educational Systems have lost sight of this integrated educational concept and the result is a lost generation having no sense of direction, a lack of good honest leadership, and the majority of the students having been brought up with the belief in the dichotomy of education. (in other words secular education and religious education). The consequences of this dichotomy are very serious for all humanity and especially Muslims, as now most of them are acquiring education without the goals outlined by Allah in the Holy Quran.

We all know that in Islam it is obligatory for every Muslim to acquire knowledge and there is no mention of dichotomy in education in the Hadith of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) mentioning education as an obligation on all Muslims. Islam is for material and spiritual welfare of all humans, but unfortunately due to the misconception of education, people have become very materialistic in their outlook. We can see the result of this folly in the shape of wars, terrorism, barbarism, broken families and a decline in values in societies. These ills are due to the disconnection between man and God Almighty and his guidance. In other words, acquiring education (partial) without integrating it with the belief in God and His guidance (Holy Quran), Seerat-e-Masoomin and Knowledge of Islamic Sharia is fruitless.

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## EDITORIAL

Dear Reader

Assalam-o-Alekum

Professional development is the key to success. It opens up doors and expands the horizon of opportunities for people to develop skills and pursue their ambitions. The importance of developing one's professional skills in today's competitive world cannot be denied. Now it's more important than ever for people to continue learning to keep pace with the rapidly changing work trends.

In this issue Alumni (FGS) Sadaf Bhojani's academic journey to attain her professional goals amply illustrate that professional development has become essential to advancing your career. And professionalism and personal responsibility are not qualities that magically appear upon graduation, but rather evolve and strengthen over time with practice.

This issue also features the various annual events held at FEN such as Sports, Eid-e-Milad, Students Week, Cleanliness Drive, Youm-e-Hussain (A.S.), and achievements of our students at the Interschool competitions and Sports events held at Board of Intermediate Examination Karachi. As the session 2010-11, comes to an end I wish all our students success in all their endeavors. Take good care till the next issue.

Sakina Nanji  
Editor

## Flood Relief Efforts

The students of all the units of FEN collected funds for the flood victims of Pakistan. They collected cash, food items, mineral water and medicines for their brothers in distress and donated generously for the cause. The contributed amount and items were handed over to the managing committee of KPSIAJ. Convener Flood Relief Campaign Mr. Mazhar Jumani shared his observations regarding his visit to the flood affected areas. FBS also set up Camp in a Government School for the flood-victims. Students of Class IX and X, visited the camp in order to distribute the collected items such as note books, color pencil boxes, pencil boxes and similar other items among flood affected children.



## Cleanliness Drive at FEN

A forty days Cleanliness Drive was held at all the units of FEN. Highlights of the programs are presented below:

'Personal Hygiene and Environmental Cleanliness.' was the theme selected by FBS. The students enacted skits, speeches, poems and other items on topics such as Environmental Pollution.

The students of class VIII-A presented a skit on the importance of Personal Hygiene. Students of class VI-B (FBS) presented a play highlighting the problems of endangered species like turtles and fish.

FGS students cleaned their classes, walls desks and chairs in the last period on Friday. Role-plays were performed by the students of class III-VI on the importance of cleanliness. Plantation Day was organized by the Science and Social Studies teacher. Corridor walls were also decorated with Ayahs from the Holy Quran and Hadith. Students also put-up slogans they had prepared all over the school. The program concluded with the Cleaning Day Appreciation.

Children of ECE were given awareness through assembly presentations and classroom lessons. A project day was held on November 4, 2010. Students prepared different stalls to exhibit their learning, and shared experiences regarding activities. Integration of value related to cleanliness was beautifully presented on the walls with Quranic verses & their translations.

Fatimiyah College held Essay, Dustbin making, and Poster Competitions to spread the spirit of cleanliness among students. Altogether 30 essays were collected in Urdu and English. Posters were also displayed in the courtyard



## The Advantages Of Overseas Studies



Sunaina Shaukat  
B.Com I

Now a days, many students pursue their studies abroad One reason for this is that they think that the standard of education in foreign countries is better than in their own. In my opinion, studying abroad is a good choice but there are

many advantages and disadvantages in it.

Moving to another country and living on our own, requires a measure of confidence and resources. It can result in valuable experiences for the student. However, we need to give ourselves sufficient time to adapt or else we can get home sick.

An important benefit of studying abroad is the maturity and confidence one is likely to gain from spending time in a different cultural environment to the one with which you are familiar. You learn about different customs, different food, and different ways of thinking. When you live abroad you have a real chance to immerse yourself in another culture while maintaining your own cultural and religious identity at the same time. There is also the added benefit of learning a new language and hopefully, be able to speak the language fluently.

You meet students from other countries, form new friendships and also enhance a number of extremely important skills such as independent thinking, maturity, organizational and self management skills, including the ability to manage change and an ability to empathize with, and appreciate differences arising from language, culture, social history, or place.

If you are able to say to a potential employer that, in addition to your studies, you have also spent time studying abroad, this may give you an edge over those who have not had that experience

In conclusion, I think studying abroad is a good choice but we need to guard our selves by keeping connected with our own religious values.

## Visit to Family Park

Students of Class IX-B (FGS)

Friday 21st January 2011 was a fantastic day in our lives. Our English teacher Ms. Tabassum Hemani finally agreed to our request to take us to the Fatimiyah Sports and Recreation Centre Family Park, which is adjacent to our school. It was such great fun, since it was arranged as a surprise for us. Being there out in the open, blue sky, fresh air, and green grass, relaxed us instantly. Watching young students of Fatimiyah School of ECE, playing and enjoying themselves on swings and see-saws, we felt like young children ourselves, running, playing games or just chasing one another around. We were really excited when our teacher also joined us in our games. While running we felt a bit of pain in our legs, since we had not stretched our muscles in a long time. We returned to our class, happy, a bit tired, and thirsty. It was a bit strange to know that the majority of the students had never come to this park earlier, though it was inaugurated last year. To our teacher, we say 'Thank you' and 'Once More'

## BOOK REVIEW



Muhammad Raza Ahmed Hussain  
Class: IX -B (Green House)

A book "Sachay Rehnuma" By Raza Rizvi covers the biography of Imam Ali (A.S). Everyone who is interested in the life history of Imam Ali (A.S) should go through this book as it discusses his personal and social life, and highlights his dealings with common people, which are the practical proof of his attributes of justice, patience, honesty, bravery and his teachings. Imam Ali (A.S) is one of the noblest persons. He is a role model for every human being.



Hasnain Ali  
Class: IX-A (Green House)

**The Magic Ice Cream by Enid Blyton** is one of my favorite books. I have read many stories, like Furry Tail, Fussy Philips, and Trouble Child etc. The Magic Ice Cream is about two friends, named, Albert and Robin, who are from the family of Goblins. Once for a feast they have an ice cream which is touched by a witch's broom stick. Then they start wishing for luxuries but when they disturb others it causes difficulties for them. When they realize what they are doing is wrong, they pray to God to revert them to previous state. The moral of this story is that we should not only think of ourselves, but also for others, and should not harm others for our pleasure.



Congratulations to Ms. Siddiqua Bano Hameed Ali (Alumni FGS) on securing first position and gold medal in Diploma Homeopathic Medical Science Examination 2010.



Syeda Mariam Batool Naqvi  
Class: VIII-C

**Historical Stories for Children** published by Ansarian Publications contains many interesting stories pertaining to the Islamic period. One of the stories that I like is about a famous Muslim scientist named Jabir bin Hayyan. Also known as the father of Chemistry, because of his remarkable inventions and discoveries, he practiced Medicine and Alchemy in Kufa and is reported to have studied under Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq (A.S). The moral of the story is that we can do anything if we put our mind to it. I now realize that we should never give up and I take more interest in my studies to make my parents proud.

## Announcement

### Fatimiyah Institute of Educational Sciences (FIES)

Fatimiyah Education Network (FEN) is proud to announce the initiation of its new venture, The Fatimiyah Institute of Educational Sciences (FIES), an institution of Teacher Education/Professional Development. Its highlighting feature is to develop dedicated and quality teachers and empower them to educate the future generations.

FIES aims at providing opportunities to the youth of the country to enter into the noble profession of teaching and to start their careers as trained/skilled individuals. Moreover, it will develop a knowledge based shared vision to prepare committed and competent teachers and educationalists. At the outset, FIES will launch a two year B .Ed (Bachelors of Education) evening program which will focus on training and development of skills. The classes' will Inshallah commence from the year 2011.

We invite you to explore our program and to join us for a learning experience that will enhance your skills.

# Co-Curricular Activities

## Inter-School Competitions Speech Competition

Students of FBS and FGS participated in an Inter-School Speech Competition organized by Ghulam-e- Abbas School for the primary classes on 5th October 2010. Walia Batool Ali Abbas class IV-D FGS won the third prize in the English Speech and Marium Fatima Mubeen Raza class V-C won the consolation prize in the Urdu speech competition.

## Math Contest

Sixth International Math Kangaroo Contest results were announced in September 2010. Students of FBS and FGS appeared at three levels i.e. Ecolier, Benjamin and Cadet. All the students were declared successful and re-



ceived Participation Certificates and analysis report. Syed Kumail Haider Zaidi of FBS was placed amongst the first top ten participants. He secured 9th position at district level and 21st position at Pakistan level.

## Speech Competition

All Karachi Speech Competition was organized by the Dhaka Group of Education on 8th November 2010. Two competent students Hadi and Kumail Shirazi class VIII-A (FBS) participated in the debate competition and received certificates of participation.

Syeda Fatima Shirazi of FGS class X-B clinched the second position out of the twenty schools participating at the Jamshed Town level.

## Speech & Quiz Competition

Students of FBS and FGS participated in the Speech and Quiz competition organized by the Imamia Students Organization on the 28th November 2010. Huda Taqi Nayani and Farzeen Ansar Hussain of class X-D (FGS) got third position in the Quiz competition. Fatima Shirazi was declared winner of the speech competition and received a prize of Rs.2000. Two shields were also awarded to Fatimiyah Girls School.

## Poster Competition

Markaz-e-Umeed the school for Special Children arranged a Poster and Essay writing Competition on 3rd Dec 2010, to create awareness about the needs of special children. Students of FBS & FGS participated in all the



events. The best essays and posters were displayed at the Expo-Centre, Karachi.

## Hygiene Program

Idara -e-Taleem- o-Agahi (NGO) conducted a hygiene program for schools, six students of FBS and four students of FGS attended and completed 1st phase of a training program on 8th Dec, 2010. The trained students were given vice captain's badges. The winner of the best essay and poster will get a chance to meet Cricketer Waseem Akram.

## Art & Quiz Competition

Students of FBS were invited to participate in the Inter School Art, Quiz and National songs competition held at Habib Public School on Monday the 29th Nov, 2010. Different themes were assigned to different categories; topic 'Natural Disaster' was for Class V & VI. Topic 'Colors of Heritage' was for Class VII and VIII, 'Peace for All' was the topic for Class IX to X. Competition was tough as students from many reputed schools participated. Certificate of Participation were awarded to all the students.

## Animal Day at FSECE

Fatimiyah School of Early Childhood Education organized "Animal Day" on Dec 3, 2010, titled "Animals at School". The success of animal day was the result of mutual efforts of stu-



dents & faculty. Camel, Horse, Rabbits, Fish, and Birds etc were displayed at the event. Students were fully prepared to brief about the animals to the visitors and students. The parents cooperated with the school by sending their pets and food for the animals.

## Namaz at FEN

The management of FEN has provided facilities for Namaz-e-Zohrain to all the students of FBS, FGS and Fatimiyah College. Students are now offering prayers at their respective campuses, under the supervision of their teachers.



## Introduction of House System at FBS

Principal FBS Ms. Tahira Naqvi, announced the establishment of four houses in FBS. These houses are named Honesty, Faith, Unity, and Discipline. Colors Red, Yellow, Green, and Blue. Elections were held on 22nd August 2010 and students class III -VIII casted their votes. The following students were declared successful and took their oath of office at a colorful ceremony. M.A. Shabbir- Captain, Saqlain, Vice Captain. (Blue House) M. Ali Moni Captain, Hasnain Ali Vice Captain (Green House) M. Ali Imani Captain, Ali Jawwad Vice Captain (Yellow House). Awais Captain, Tanveer Vice Captain, (Red House)

## Eid Milan Party

### (Eid-e -Ghadeer, Eid-e Mubhiala)

Students of all units of FEN celebrated the three Eids in a festive way on the 26th November 2010. At FBS the program started with the recitation of Quranic verses. Students paid homage to Hazrat Ali (A.S) by presenting



Qasidas, Rubaiyats and Manqabats. The chief guest Maulana Asghar Hussain Shaheedi addressed the audience. He acknowledged all the participants and the efforts of the concerned teachers. The students of FGS organized a Milad and Eid Milan party to celebrate the occasion. They held a manqabat competition and presented a skit on the significance of the occasion. Later students had one dish party in their respective classes. Fatimiyah College

## Co-Curricular Activities



organized a Quiz Competition as part of their students' week celebrations. Professor Shaista Zaidi the chief guest elaborated the significance of the occasion. Fatimiyah School of Early Childhood Education conducted a program at Bhojani Hall (Basement) on November 30, 2010. Students' participated in different role



plays, recited manqabats, Quranic verses and action rhymes. The ambiance revealed the interest and involvement of the students.

### Seven Ages of Man (William Shakespeare)

The students' of class XII- Commerce gave a Multi media presentation on making 'Poetry more learnable' on 9th October 2010. The objective was to motivate students to develop confidence in their speaking and writing skills. The activity provided the students an opportunity to broaden their visual studies and create awareness about the role of Shakespeare in English Literature. Maulana Asghar Hussain Shaheedi and Head HR. & Careers Mr. Raza Abbas the chief guests distributed certificates to the winners.

### Student Week Fatimiyah Education Network

The management of Fatimiyah College organized Students' Week from 30th of November 2010. The trophy for overall performance was won by BAMB P.E.C.H.S College for Women. A Drama Competition was held on 2nd December 2010 at Shaheed Hamid Ali Bhojani Hall. The first prize was won by XII Science for the play "Wajood-e-Zan se he Tasweer-e-Kainat mein Rang". The Second Prize went to the students of XI Science for presenting an adapted version of "The Merchant of Venice". The students of XI Commerce received third prize for the play "Baap Ki Azmat". On 3rd December 2010, 10 stalls of different food

items, jewelry, dresses and a haunted house were setup for the students. Project and Model Competition was held on 6th December 2010.



The following projects were awarded prizes in science a) "Water Purification Plant". b) "Ammonia Solvay Process" and "Acid Garden". The Prize winning Project was "The Commerce Bank" The Prize winning Project for Humanities was "The Comparison between City and Village Life"

At Fatimiyah Boys School the celebration of Student Week began from 23rd Nov, 2010. Inter House competitions in Art & Vocational (bouquet making), Qirat, Naat, and General Knowledge were organized. Students Primary section (III-V) participated in the Inter-House Art Competition. Three best posters were placed in the category of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and displayed on the main soft board. Classes VI-VII participated in Vase, Screen, Tissue Paper Box, and Pen holder making activity. There were multi-colored and well-



made vases, pen holders, tissue paper boxes, and screens, displayed on the stands. Following are the results of the competition.

Event	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Qirat (primary)			
Qirat (secondary)			
Naat-Manqabat(primary)			
Naat Manqabat(sec)			
Quiz VI-X			

Student week at Fatimiyah Girls School commenced with Iqbal Day Celebration on 8th November 2010. All the classes spent an hour to explore the games at the Math Fair 2010 on 11th November 2010. 25 stations were set up which were equipped with different mathematical games with relevant material. Talent hunt/ show for classes III, IV, V and VIII were held on 22nd November 2010.

The Social Studies teachers (Primary section) prepared different role plays about the children's rights and responsibilities. A separate program was organized on Universal Children's Day on 23rd November. Students of class VII presented a tableau based on 'Child's Rights'. Fasahat Batool VIII-D won first position in English speech while Kainat Fatima IX-B won the Urdu speech competition. Following students won the Social Studies Olympiad held on 24th November 2010. Class III B Shan-e-Ruqqaiya Mehdi Raza, and Zoha Azeem Alwani. Class IV C Fajar Zehra Ghulam Raza, Tanzeel Fatima Shaukat Ali. Class V C Marium Zehra Mubeen Raza and Kirat Fatima Fayyaz Hussain. Social Studies Olympiad Quiz competition held on 25th November 2010 for the secondary section was based on identifying personality and naming the famous historical monuments. Rida Fatima Abbas Ali, and Mashal Fatima Ali Raza, class VI-C. Syeda Marium Rehan Haider and Ayliya Faiz class VII-B. Afza Batool Ali Jaffer, and Salwa Ghulam Hussain class VIII-A and Zahra Mahjabeen Muhammad Mohsin, and Gulrukh Rizvi. IX C won the Olympiad.

### Youm-e-Hussain (A.S.)

All the units of FEN held Majlis to pay homage to the sacrifices rendered by Hazrat Imam Hussain (A.S) and the martyrs of Karbala. Fatimiyah Boys School's majlis on 9th December 2010, commenced with a recitation of Dua by Ali Jawad IX-A, Tahreem Haider VIII-B recited Noha, and Ali Hasnain VII-A Salaam. Majlis was recited by Muhammad Hadi VIII-A. Students class X recited Marsia, Salaam-e-Akhir was recited by Hasnain Ali IX-A. Mualima Tahira Fazli addressed the gathering of mourners of FGS on 10th December 2010 at Shaheed Hamid Ali Bhojani Hall. Mothers of the students of class VI and VII were also invited. Salwa Hussain recited Hadees-e-Kissa, Batool Asghar presented Salaam, and Marsia was recited by Laraib Hussain and group.

The students and faculty Fatimiyah College (Girls) organized Youm-e- Hussain (A.S) on 7th January 2011 at Shaheed Hamid Ali Bhojani Hall. Mrs. Tabassum Sohail the guest speaker spoke on the topic. 'The reason of Imam's (A.S)'s stay at Karbala.' She elaborated the reasons for which the Imam decided to address Muslims and preach them the true ideals of Islam like Amr bil maaruuf wa nahi anhil munkar.

Keeping its traditions, Fatimiyah College (Boys) organized Youm-e-Hussain (A.S) on 11th January 2011. Dr. Zahid Ali Zahidi was the guest speaker. Zain XI-A recited Naat, Salaam was presented by Sajjad XII Sc. Ali Sajjad XII Com gave a speech, and Intiaz XII Sci recited Noha. Islamiat teacher, Syed Rehan Haider also spoke about the sacrifices rendered by the Shaheed Imam (A.S). Soz and Marsia were presented by the students of class XII-Sc. The Chairman Education Board & Secretary Education Board attended the Majlis.

# Annual Sports Day - Fatimiyah Boys School

The Annual Sports Event of FBS was held at the Pakistan Sports Board Complex on 20th February 2011. President, World Federation KSIMC-London, Dr. Asghar Ali Moledina presided as chief guest, while Olympians Mansoor Ahmed, Safdar Abbas, and Test Cricketer Shoaib Muhammed were guests of honor. Secretary Education Board-FEN, Mr. Ali Naqi Taqi welcomed the guests and declared the sports ceremony open.

All the students of Fatimiyah Boys' School participated in events much to the delight of the parents, teachers and guests. Green House Captain Muhammad Ali Mooni, administered the oath to the competitors in the various events such as PT display; Taekwondo, Races, Tug of war, Shot Putt, Javelin Throw, and numerous other events were held. Ms. Farah Khuwaja, was the guest commentator. The chief guest addressed the students and shared his views on the importance of sports at the school level; he recalled his school life memories and gave away prizes to the successful participants. The principal FBS Ms. Tahira Naqvi proposed the vote of thanks. Annual Sports 2011 Cup was won by Green House; Red House secured the runners-up position.



# Annual Sports Day - Fatimiyah Boys School



## Sports

### Taekwondo

Physical activity and games are necessary for the holistic development of students. Keeping this in mind, FBS has introduced Taekwondo as part of co-curricular activity. Students have welcomed this healthy sport. Now, the students of FBS positively utilize their energy as they practice and learn Taekwondo.

### 5th Sindh Throwball Tournament 2010 -11



Fatimiyah College (girls) Throw ball team won third position in the under 19 Girls Tournament held at Habib Girls School from 5th to 13th October 2010. The team won five of the six matches played by them.

### Inter-Collegiate

#### Body Building Championship

Yawar Abbas class XII Com. secured 1st position in the Inter-Collegiate Body Building Championship 2011 in 65 kg category held in Feb, 2011 and has been selected in the Body Building team of Board of Intermediate, Karachi for Pakistan Boards Championship.

### Inter-School

#### Table Tennis Boys Tournament

Hassan Raza, Muhammed Raza Khan, and Mehdi Abbas Poonawala of FBS secured runners-up position in the Inter-School Table Tennis Boys Tournament organized by the Board of Secondary Education, Karachi on 3rd February 2011. Twenty six schools participated in the event in which the Fatimiyans lost by one point in the finals. The Board of Secondary Education, Karachi selectors nominated Mehdi Abbas Poonawala as (captain) and Hassan Raza, to participate in the All Pakistan Inter Board Table Tennis Tournament held on 7th February 2011, at Sukkur.

### Inter Collegiate Athletics Championship 2011

In the Inter Collegiate Athletics Championship held in Feb, 2011, Ali Raza Shabbir, class XI Com got 1st Position in Long Jump Competition, and Mohsin Abid class XI Sci, won 2nd position in 100 meters Hurdle Race Competition at Karachi University organized by Board of Intermediate, Karachi.

### Teachers Convention 2010

Every year KFC acknowledges the services of teachers from all over Pakistan. This year, Ms. Tabassum Hemani Professional Development Teacher FEN was awarded the KFC Teacher's Excellence Award at a ceremony held at the PAF Museum on 30th October 2010. Ms. Kaneez-e-Sayyeda Coordinator FGS also received certificate of participation.

### Teachers Day (FBS)

Teacher's day was celebrated at FBS on 7th October 2010. Abbas Rizvi VII-B presented a poem to praise and pay tribute to the teachers. Ali Hunain VII-B presented a quotation relevant to Teacher's Day. A Teacher Mr. Jamal planned an individual discussion game. The students' class III-VIII brought accessories to prepare greeting cards for the teachers. The best cards were pasted on the main soft board of the assembly hall at FBS.

### Teachers Day (FGS)

The members of the Student Council FGS made surprise arrangements for appreciating their teachers on Teachers Day on 6th October 2010. They prepared greeting cards and selected an adjective beginning with the first letter of the teacher's name. Each teacher was presented a flower and a card with the adjective. Basma Batool the Head Girl FGS



also greeted the teachers on behalf of all the students in the morning assembly. Teachers were presented a memento with a touching message emphasizing their role and impact on the students

### Annual Lunch

The Governing Body – FEN, arranged a lunch on 27th November 2010 to celebrate Eid-e Ghadeer and Eid-e-Mubhiala. In his address to the Faculty Vice President – KP-SIAJ, Hujjat-ul-Islam Maulana Asghar Husain Shaheedi highlighted the achievements of FEN. He also updated the faculty on the steps taken by the current management to bring about further improvement in KP-SIAJ/FEN. Emphasizing the positive role of the teachers, he also shared some of his observations with the faculty.

### Refurbishment of Computer Labs (FBS-FGS)

Inauguration ceremony of new computer labs at FBS was held on Mon 20th of September 2010. A philanthropist Mr. Ali Husain Rajab Ali performed the formal rite of inauguration. He also visited the library, which has been recently equipped with the audio-visual system to enhance the listening skills of the students. Principal FBS Mrs. Tahira

Naqvi gave a briefing to the chief guest on the importance of audio-visual labs in the development of language skills.

### Quran Program at FEN

The learning of the Quran is crucial in the life of all Muslims and needs to be passed on to our children right from an early age.

The Quran program was introduced in Fatimiyah Schools with the objective to instill its eternal values in the minds and hearts of our younger generation. This activity based program was successfully incorporated in class I and II this year. Inshallah we hope to begin it in class III and IV in the session 2011-12. By the grace of Allah (SWT) our efforts have been well received by the parents and students alike.

Our children are going to be the men and women of tomorrow and it is important to groom them for the future. This responsibility should not be left on the shoulders of teachers and educators alone. Both parents and teachers should work together to teach and reinforce learning, so that children can grow up to be the best they can be.

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The chief guest congratulated the students on their success and advised them to work with the same devotion in future. She also disbursed Shaheed Hamid Ali Bhojani Matriculation Award Certificates to the successful students.



Professional development Teacher Ms. Tabassum Hemani, Teachers Ms. Haseen Zehra of FGS, Ms. Shaheena Mehmood of FSECE, and Ms. Nasreen Akhtar of FBS, Mr. Muhammed Talib, and Mr. Ali Haji (non academic staff) received 10 grams gold coins in acknowledgement of 10 yrs services. Appreciation Shields were awarded to the Alumni Fatimiyah Girls School, Ms. Sana Taufiq, Ms. Tahira Mohsin, and Ms. Sadaf Bhojani. A memento was presented to Mrs. Fatima Altaf by Mrs. Nasra Sajjad, Head of Women's Wing KPSIAJ.

Group CFO Engro Pakistan limited, Mr. Rohail Muhammed presided as the chief guest, and Mr. Riaz Premjee, as the guest of honor at the FBS Convocation ceremony on 5th December 2010. Muhammed Ali Muni class X Green House, was the master of ceremony at the FBS convocation. The Principal FBS highlighted the ongoing activities and future plans of FBS. Shaheed Hamid Ali Bhojani Matriculation Award Certificates was distributed among the successful students by the chief guest and Special Patron Awards were also presented to members of KPSIAJ.

## Professional Development Sessions

### Fire Awareness Session

Professional Development Teacher Ms. Tabassum Hemani's presentation on 13th November 2010 was based on fire fighting hints, and the safety measures to be taken in an emergency situation. Hand outs and activities were given to the teachers which could be shared with the students in class. Several recommendations received from the participants included Fire Safety Week, Fire drill Sessions for students and escape-route plans to be developed by the teachers in case of emergency.

### Anger Management.

Head of HR and Careers, Mr. Raza Abbas conducted a session on 'Anger Manage-



ment' for the teachers at the ECE Auditorium on 22nd November 2010. Anger is an emotional state that varies from mild irritation to tense fury and it is important to find the reason and cause of anger to understand and resolve issues and problems. The facilitator also shared a few problem solving strategies with the participants.

### Print hand-writing Workshop

The Principal, FS ECE conducted a seven day workshop for the teachers to train them in Print handwriting and number writing techniques. The objective of the workshop was to give awareness that handwriting develops self esteem, concentration, and self discipline in students.

### Teaching Strategies

Professional Development Teacher Ms. Tabassum Hemani gave a Presentation on 31st December 2010, titled 'Teaching Methodologies'. The three concepts used in 'Teaching Pedagogies' i.e. Knowledge, Skills, and Attitude, were discussed in detail at the interactive session. The facilitator also explained in detail the concept and techniques of an efficient and effective teacher.

### Speed Reading Workshop

Director Teacher Development Centre Mr. Abbas Hussain conducted a speed reading workshop at Shaheed Hamid Ali Bhojani Hall on 20th October 2010. The session was arranged for the Intermediate students of Fatimiyah College. Mr. Abbas Hussain emphasized the importance of reading habits and explained innovate ways on how to effectively read books.

## Interview

### Alumni of Fatimiyah Girls School Ms. Sadaf Bhojani

**1. Could you briefly tell us about your educational background and qualifications?**

I did my matriculation from Fatimiyah Girls School and moved on to DHA Degree College for women for my Intermediate. Later on I obtained admission in University of Karachi to pursue a Masters degree in International Relations. Immediately after my Masters I started working for Sindh Education Foundation as a Master trainer, training teachers in the rural areas of Sindh. I was nominated by SEF to attend a certificate course in Research Methods and Evaluation from Plymouth State University, New Hampshire USA. Taking a mid career break and to excel in the academic aspect of teachers training I attended the University of Melbourne, Australia to attain a Masters degree in Education.

**2. You are presently associated with an organization known for its contribution towards education in Pakistan – what motivated you to join SEF?**

Sindh Education Foundation is a very popular organization known for the cause of promoting education at grass root level in the province of Sindh. Being passionate about education, I thought that working with SEF would give me an opportunity to educate the children in the rural areas of Sindh. In addition, SEF offers a lot of opportunities for the professional development of its employees, and this attracted me the most. Last but not least, the Inspirational leadership of Prof Dr. Anita Ghulam Ali was one of the major reasons to work with SEF.

**3. What are the rewards and challenges of working for an NGO?**

As mentioned earlier it has a lot of opportunities of professional development and personal growth. In capacity of a

teacher trainer, I have traveled across rural Sindh, and met scores of people. I call this a real life learning experience as I have learned a lot about the context and its realities. On the other hand the challenge is that as the funding comes from donors, they have their own goals that might not always match with the needs of our context.

**4. What are your future plans?**

I look forward to opportunity of training the trainers. This will have a multiplying effect on my quest for imparting knowledge to upcoming generation.

**5. You received an Appreciation Award at the Convocation 2010 of Fatimiyah Girls School. How did it feel to be remembered by your school?**

Well it was heartening to have been honored by my Alma Mater. I cherish the fond memories of my school days at Fatimiyah Girls School. It was a manifestation of the bond between the teachers and students.

**6. Would you recommend our students to join this profession?**

Of course this is the only profession that provides utmost satisfaction while grooming the students and imparting knowledge. It has immense opportunities for growth. Teaching in itself carries immense Sawab.

**7. As an Alumni of FGS, what message would you like to give to our students?**

Just work hard and harder. You will be rewarded with precious jewels of heritage of Ahle- Bait. (A.S) you will feel elated when you gain knowledge and feel honored when you share the same. Remember not to miss an opportunity to seek knowledge from whatever source you can lay your hands upon.

## Scholarships

The Careers and Scholarship Department of Fatimiyah Education Network is proud to announce that a total of 144 students have been awarded scholarship in public sector colleges and universities.

Break down of academic level as on February 2011 is given as under:

<b>Bachelors (4Years)</b> .....	<b>111</b>
<b>Masters</b> .....	<b>15</b>
<b>M.Phil/PhD</b> .....	<b>10</b>
<b>Ms. M. Phil</b> .....	<b>2</b>
<b>Pharm D (5 Years)</b> .....	<b>6</b>
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>144</b>

## Useful scholarship resources

- Australia  
[www.ausaid.gov-au/scholar/overview.cfm](http://www.ausaid.gov-au/scholar/overview.cfm)
- European Commission  
[www.ec.europa.eu/education/programme/mundus/projects/index-en.html](http://www.ec.europa.eu/education/programme/mundus/projects/index-en.html).
- United States  
[www.usefpakistan.org/](http://www.usefpakistan.org/)