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Goodbye Class of 2022

Zainah Irfan Yazdani, 9C



The annual graduation ceremony for Class of 2022 was held on 26 March. The event was attended by senior member of the Board of Directors, Mr Rasheed Janmohammad and Principal, Mr Sami Mustafa. Heads of all the three sections: Ms Nasreen Bakar (Kindergarten Section), Ms Kashfa Samad (Junior Section), Mr Hasan Faraz Rizvi (Senior Section) alongwith Senior Section Faculty members.

outgoing President of the Student Government, Abdul Rafay Imran Motiwala delivered his speech on behalf of the Class of 2022. This was followed by a farewell address by Ms Reem Ansari on behalf of the faculty.

The graduation certificates, scholarships, awards and gold medals for academic excellence were distributed by Mr Rasheed Janmohammad and Mr Sami Mustafa.

Ms Faiza Ali opened the ceremony by welcoming students and their parents. After the choir song the school song,

This year the gold medals were awarded to Amna Imran Afzal, Umn Ahmed Kirmani and Abdul Rafay

Imran Motiwala.

Mr Janmohammad addressed the graduating class with inspiring words, after which Mr Sami Mustafa concluded the programme with an affectionate and heartfelt farewell note for the 88 graduating students.

After the ceremony there was a class photograph and the graduation class said goodbyes to their teachers.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022. We wish them the best in future endeavours.

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Grand Entry

On the morning of 24 March, the graduating Class of 2022 made their grand entry during assembly. As per tradition, students were dressed in colourful dupattas. They enthusiastically performed

choreographed dances. At the end of the performance, they snow sprayed all the students creating a festive atmosphere. Students of Class 11 also visited the Kindergarten Section

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Model United Nations

IBA Karachi MUNIK XII

Ayeza Qasim, 9B

This year's Model United Nations IBA Karachi (MUNIK XII) was held from 4 to 6 March. The theme was 'Impact through inclusion', highlighting how we must learn to incorporate and live alongside minorities, and focus on fulfilling their rights.

participated in a hybrid edition of MUNIK. The team also attended an exclusive seminar with His Excellency, the President of Pakistan, Dr Arif Alvi. The aim of this session was to discuss the eastern political landscape and the role played by forums such as MUNIK to encourage discourse about current issues.

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Delegates from the C.A.S. team

Evening of Rhythm and Rhyme

Syeda Zahra Abbas Zaidi, 9C



On 5 March, The C.A.S. School held its annual classical musical event, Evening of Rhythm and Rhyme. Students from classes 8 to 11 participated and gave a wonderful performance to the delight of the audience which included students, teachers and parents.

Intensive practice sessions had begun weeks before the main event under the supervision of our school musicians and directed by Ms Rakhshee Niazi and Mr Salman Wazir. The programme was coordinated by Ms Misra Tariq.

On 4 March, a dress rehearsal was held and attended by grandparents, aunts, and uncles of the participants

and students of Class 11.

The event was dedicated to Lata Mangeshkar, the Queen of Melody, and as a tribute began with her song *Naam Gum Jaiga*, sung by Kulsoom Fatima Naqvi and Rumaisa Aamir Khaliqdina. Poetry of Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Habib Jalib and Shahram Azhar were also sung by our talented student singers. The instrumental piece, a new addition to Rhythm and Rhyme, was introduced this year and was played by students of classes 8 and 9. The instrumental pieces were played on sitar, violin, and harmonium. Students played wonderfully along with their instructors. The Evening of Rhythm and Rhyme was filled with instrumental and singing

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Sports Day 2022

Eishal Ayesha, 9B

On 11 February Sports Day 2022 was held at the National Sports Training and Coaching Centre after 2 years. The day commenced with the walkpast led by the President, Abdul Rafay Imran Motiwala and Vice President, Amna Imran Afzal of the Student Government, followed by House Captains and Vice Captains. After the walkpast, Mikael Ahsan took the oath and Rania Fayyaz and Aiza Ahmed lit the torch.

After the banner was released by Junior House Captains, the school choir sang the National Anthem.



There was a taekwondo display followed by an exhilarating aeromodel display by Muhammad Monnoo, student of Class 11, who had designed and created his own remote-controlled model plane. The events took place amidst a lot of cheers and encouragement by students, teachers and parents. Students zealously contributed to their Houses from earning medals to motivating athletes, and everyone conscientiously played their part.

This year, a new event was introduced. Under-17 boys and girls mixed relay.

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14th KBC Inter-school Rowing Regatta

Mahnoor Ali Rizvi, 9C and Azka Azhar, 9A

The 14th Karachi Boat Club Inter-school Rowing Regatta took place from 29 January to 6 February at the Karachi Boat Club. Over 350 students from 16 schools in Karachi participated in this event. The C.A.S. rowing team consisted of 57 students

from classes 8 to 11 who competed in both water and machine events. The team's efforts were reflected in their outstanding performances and brilliant set of results. We are proud to announce that The C.A.S. School won the Regatta with a total of 19

gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals and became champion for the third year in a row with 182 points.

The Rower of the Regatta award was won by Rayyan Malik and Rower of

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Congratulations C.A.S. High Achievers

Congratulations to our students who excelled in their O-Level (Cambridge Assessment International Education) exams, and received the Cambridge High Achievers Award. Well done.

Alina Jawad in Economics (Pakistan)
Mohammad Shujat in Physics (Pakistan)
Neha Haresh in Global Perspectives (Sindh and Balochistan)

Karwan-e-Hayat Study trip

On 28 January students from Class 11 taking Global Perspectives, visited Karwan-e-Hayat, Institute for Mental Health. The primary goal of the visit was to raise awareness about the long and short-term effects of substance abuse and the possible risk factors associated with drug usage.

Students had arranged a fund raiser from which the proceeds were donated to the Institute for the rehabilitation of patients struggling with drug abuse. Taila Ali, Maryam Ahmed Sheerani, Muhammad Moheeb Tabani, Haya Zehra Hasan, and Muhammad Shaafay Noor were presented with certificates for their hard work. Thank you Ms Ghada Rahim, teacher of Global Perspectives, for arranging this visit and encouraging us to develop empathy for the less-privileged.



Syeda Zahra Abbas Zaidi, 9C



German entrepreneurship Innovation Camp

Innovation Camp was conducted by the IW JUNIOR team in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut of the South Asia region and the PASCH initiative. At the Innovation Camp with IW JUNIOR, students come together to develop and realise their own business ideas. In doing so, they benefit from the expertise of IW JUNIOR, the mediation specialist for economic knowledge for young individuals of the Institute of the German Economy.

Ahmed Azam Samdani from the C.A.S. represented Pakistan and presented his idea of using old newspaper and jute to make paper

bags and eliminate the usage of plastic bags for grocery stores, shops and restaurants. The Camp was a great opportunity to involve and inspire students with UN's Sustainable Development Goals.



Mufti Day

The much-awaited Mufti Day took place on 2 March. Students dressed in colourful casual attire instead of their regular school uniform. They look forward to this day as they get to enjoy dressing up and play their favourite songs during break time.



Muhammad Zayd Baig, 9C

The atmosphere was cheerful and exciting, amidst the chatter and music. For the privilege to not wear school uniforms, students pay Rs 100, which is donated to the C.A.S. Helping Hands Trust.



Photography exhibition and launch of In Focus

On 25 March, students of classes 8 to 11 who are enrolled in the Photography Module were invited with their parents to enjoy a gallery-style exhibition of their work. *In Focus* – a compilation of the students' photographs – was also launched during a small ceremony in the auditorium.

Ms Reem Ansari, Head, Department of Learning Modules, opened the ceremony by welcoming the parents. She then invited Mr Taymur Ahmad Mustafa, Assistant Director of Studies to address the guests. Mr Mustafa also presented the *In Focus* to students and praised their creative talent. Module instructor Mr Amin Desai also presented the students

with the book. We are very grateful to him for passionately teaching and guiding us throughout the course, and along with Ms Reem putting together such a wonderful evening and book. Parents enjoyed refreshments while marvelling over the talent displayed in the exhibit. The photos were also available for sale for charity.



Class 8 research project

Mahnour Mohammad, 8B

As part of the English Language class, Ms Sarah Bilal organized an activity for the students of Class 8. The activity was based on researching inventions, and students were divided into groups to prepare a visual display or a leaflet about inventions that have a meaningful impact in the future. Students shared their short presentations for the class using information they gathered. This kind of interactive learning is engaging and highlights to students how rapidly the world around us is changing.

Building with bamboo workshop

Nael Atif Jan, 9C

From 7 to 15 March, students of classes 6 and 7 attended the workshop 'Building with Bamboo' organized by Archlore. Through the workshop, participants learned about bamboo as an eco-friendly and alternative construction material. They learned how to safely operate a saw and other tools. Students made their own bamboo chairs which they took home after completion. The workshop was certainly a great way of engaging students to learn about sustainable practices that require less maintenance while lowering our carbon footprint.



Results of Fit in Deutsch 1 and 2

Azka Azhar, 9A

A total of 39 German language students from classes 9 and 10 have passed their Fit in Deutsch 1 and 2 examinations held in February. Congratulations!

Class 11 picnic Hawksbay Beach

Mahnour Ali Rizvi, 9C

The annual Class 11 picnic took place this year on 25 February. The Class of 2022 went to Hawksbay, a popular beach located 20 km southwest of Karachi. They were accompanied by coordinators, teachers and staff members. The beach was beautiful with golden sand and waves crashing on the shore while some students relaxed in the cool water, others played different

games like throwball and volleyball on the long, white sandy stretches. After lots of activity in the sea and sand, they were served a delicious lunch consisting of *malai boti*, *chicken tikka*, *parathas*, *kachori*, *wontons*, *spring rolls* and *halwa*. Students spent a wonderful day with teachers and each other, making memories that will always be cherished.



All-Karachi Computer Science Contest 2022

On 9 February, the C.A.S. Computer Studies students participated in the All-Karachi Computer Science Contest 2022, organized by LyTech (The Lyceum's Technology Society). The event featured engaging challenges, fun packed games, and mega workshops, aimed to inculcate love for the subject. Seven different schools from Karachi participated in the event. The 3 teams from C.A.S. consisted of Shahmir Samnani, Zyan Naveed, Muhammad Abdullah Baig, Ali Fadoo, Madiha Parekh, Muhammad Ali, Abdul Samad Ahmed, Darian D'souza, and Shanzey Baqa. There were four rounds in total. The first round was for selections, in which teams were shortlisted to compete in the next round. The second round was rapid fire, during which students were asked a question and were given sixty seconds to answer. This was



an oral round and team discussions were not allowed. The third round was image trivia, in which students were shown images and had to either guess the image, answer the problems, or explain the diagram. The fourth and final round was programming, where students were given a programme and were told to execute it during the contest.

The C.A.S. team's efforts were reflected in their outstanding performance. They secured second position.

Geography project

Eshaal Humayun, 7C

Students of Class 7 were introduced to the 'renewable and nonrenewable resources' as part of their Geography curriculum. Their Geography teacher Ms Shirin Ali assigned them the task of creating a model for any renewable energy source. Students prepared models of windmills, solar powered cars, and geothermal power stations. After sharing their presentations, they were able to differentiate between renewable and non-renewable resources. Students were also able to classify

resources as renewable or non-renewable and understand and explain general ways to save energy at a personal, community and global level.



Ancient Egypt

Through the month of March, students of Class 4 studied ancient Egypt in detail as part of their Social Studies curriculum. They were asked to conduct research on ancient Egyptian civilization, its pyramids, pharaohs, mummies, and tombs. Students showed great enthusiasm and excitement for this assignment. They dressed up in Egyptian clothing, accessorized their outfits with ancient Egyptian jewellery, built models of Egyptian structures and landmarks. Their presentations were an amazing display of their communication skills and their in-depth understanding of the facts. Special Egyptian headgear and collars were also made in their design and technology class. It was a wonderful way to learn about ancient Egypt.



Soup activity

Students of Class 3 read a poem called *Hum na khaa' ain*. This poem is about children who would rather starve than eat veggies. Ms Najmatuz-Zehra, the Urdu teacher, and the students of Class 3 prepared delicious soup with a variety of chopped vegetables including tomatoes, cabbage, carrots, scallions, and corn. The activity concluded with the students enjoying the warm bowl of tasty and super healthy soup.



Easter eggs painting

As part of Social Studies unit on 'Festivals', students of Class 3 participated in an Easter egg painting activity under the supervision of their class teachers. In this unit, students learned about different religious and cultural festivals celebrated worldwide. They painted colourful and bright Easter eggs. They learned the importance and history of why these celebrations take place and to respect and celebrate cultural and religious diversity.



Workshop teachers of classes 3 and 4

A workshop on Question Formulation Technique (QFT), for teachers of classes 3 and 4 was held on 25 February at the Main Campus. The workshop was conducted by Ms Sadaf Khalid, a remedial therapist and teacher of the Junior Section. QFT is an evidence-based pedagogy that teaches students how to ask the right questions. It helps build curiosity and equips students with the tools to facilitate their own learning. It also allows teachers to assess



students' prior knowledge so they can plan their lessons more effectively, and make tests and assignments more meaningful.

Design & Technology

Students from classes 4 to 6 worked on some interesting projects in Design and Technology with their teachers Ms Uzma Shahid, Ms Zahra Mohammadi and Ms Khola Minhas. Class 3 made parts of flowering plants using chart paper, coloured dot markers, toilet paper rolls, beads and buttons. Students of Class 4 created moving caterpillars using cardboard. They also made wearable Egyptian headgear using



crayons, coloured pencils, and poster paint while learning about ancient Egypt. Classes 5 and 6 made bird feeders with recycled plastic bottles and other materials and objects that would normally be discarded. In addition, they also made, clocks, candles and rocket launchers. For Greek Day, they designed wreaths, and masks with different expressions, using paper and decorative material.



Chaat making activity

Students of Class 5 started a new Urdu reader *Plate Choti Ya Bari, Dahi Meetha Ya Saada*. On 17 March, they prepared a delicious chaat with the help of their teacher Ms Rabia Hashmi, in the school kitchen. Students were asked to bring

some ingredients from home like boiled chickpeas, potatoes, yogurt, coriander, onions, spices, tamarind sauce and *pappri*. These were mixed together to prepare this healthy snack which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

M. Zayd Khan, 5B



Woodworking

Woodworking is a new module that was introduced for students of classes 5 and 6. In our first class we were told about different tools utilised in woodwork. For our first project, we learned how to use the chisel and hammer to carve out a design and also became familiar with different polishing techniques. Next we began making a pencil holder and learned how to hammer nails safely. Our current project is the construction of a foldable beach chair.

transform simple blocks of wood into different designs and functional objects. I have become more focused and accurate in the way I construct my projects because I know that one wrong measurement will ruin it. This Module is a lot of fun and I hope other students find it as fascinating as I do.

Rhea Ahmed, 6C



I am enjoying this module because I love to construct things with my hand. It always astounds me when our hard work and precision can

Green Curriculum

Students from classes 3 to 6 learned about composting. The school was able to collect a significant amount of kitchen waste to convert it into compost. Class 6 students have been harvesting the vegetables and herbs that they planted. These included spinach, eggplant, mint, coriander, cherry tomatoes, turnip and radish. Additional activities included a

'nature walk' in and around the Main Campus during students learned to identify different trees. They were encouraged to observe birds, spiders, insects, different habitats, dry leaves and trees. They were also given information about marine life, importance of coral reefs and impact of oil spills. This awareness is an important part of education.

Spinach pakoras

Students of Class 6 had planted spinach and coriander as part of the Green Curriculum, which were ready to be harvested. Teachers of the Junior Section organized an

interesting activity for students. They used freshly harvested spinach and coriander to make pakoras. Which everyone loved.



Junior Section Student Council

In February, the new Junior Section Student Council was nominated. Students of Class 6 voted for students from each House. The Prefects and House Captains were announced during assembly. The House Captains were selected by the Sports Department based on their athletic performance and participation.



Prefects

Blue House Rhea Ahmed, Jayant Kumar, Zoya Zubair
 Red House Hamayal Khurram, Basil Jan
 Yellow House Mishel Atif, Manahil Shuja
 Green House Akbar Ali Alam, Affaan Naeem

Captains

Blue House Meesha Faisal Khan
 Red House Mosa Ali Zaigham
 Yellow House Shahmeer Salman Shaikh
 Green House Amna Imtiaz Saihna

Science Project

Muhammad Aarib Kashan, 5A

After students of Class 5 read the chapter, Earth and Space, our Science teacher, Ms Zehra Imtiaz asked us to make models of celestial objects in April. Students shared their ideas and knowledge on how life

might be in space. It was amazing to see the different materials everyone used to create interesting models. Our projects were displayed in front of the library, and all visitors were impressed.

Shaikh's Farm Study trip

On 2 March, students of Class 3 went on a study trip to a farm in Malir. They were warmly welcomed by the owner, Shaikh Abdul Wajid. The students saw ducks, geese, turkeys, and peacocks. They also had the opportunity to feed the ostrich which they lovingly named 'Ossy'. A charming, little fawn frolicked nearby as children enjoyed snacks. Students also got a chance to run around and enjoy the swings.



They were shown how coriander and pumpkin grow in the vegetable patch. In the end, they took a walk through the orchard which had lemon, guava and mango trees. They explored how food is grown and how animals are raised. It was a great way for students to explore their connection with nature. Thank you Mr Wajid for your warm hospitality.



Little Pied Pipers

Children of classes 1 and 2 have been mastering their skills on a recorder. Blowing softly, switching between notes, coordinating the

placement of fingers, our little Pied Pipers have come a long way.



Freshly harvested spinach on sale

Children of Class 1 got to harvest the second batch of spinach, and sold it to parents. The amount was

donated to the C.A.S. Helping Hands Trust.



Art exhibition

On 29 March, an art exhibition displaying the work of Class 2 students was held at the KG Section. Parents generously contributed and the amount was donated to the C.A.S. Helping Hands Trust.



Observing little creatures

Children of Class 2 have been observing animals in the mini zoo up close. They got to hold, feel and touch these animals to discover

various physical differences in them. They were particularly fascinated by the rough and hard shell of the tortoise and soft fur of the bunnies.



Storytelling session

Children of Class 2 had a fun, interactive Urdu storytelling session with Ms Amra Alam, a well-known writer of Urdu books, for children. They thoroughly enjoyed Amra's narration of a variety of stories including *Khata Bakra*. The session ended with a question and answer session from the very enthusiastic

audience. Thank you Ms Amra, the children had a wonderful time.



Sing Song – KG 1 & KG 2

With all the jingle and jangle, roar and moo, students of KG 1 and KG 2 set the stage with colourful costumes and melodious tunes at the Sing Song held on Friday, 8 April.



Sandwich making at a café

Children of Class 2 took a trip to N'eco's Natural Store & Café. They had the opportunity to make individual sandwiches under the supervision of the Café's chefs using organic ingredients. This trip was designed to encourage children to make healthier choices and inculcate better eating habits.



Picnic in the Tree House

Everyone knows that a breath of fresh air is good for the soul. What better place could there be for the children than in the Tree House to have a picnic. Children had a marvellous time sharing each other's snacks and are now looking forward to another picnic in the Tree House.



Congratulations

A big hand to Syed Muhriz Haider of class 1D who secured 8th position amongst 100 participants in Pakistan's Special Olympics 7th Unified Marathon by Lakson Investment. We are so proud of him. Well done, Muhriz!



Polio Drive

Polio vaccination drive was conducted by the Govt. of Sindh, on Friday 4 March at the KG Section.



Happy Helpers of KG 1

The little ones culminated their topic 'Happy Helpers' with children dressed up as helpers in our day-to-day life. It was wonderful to see children pretend play with their apas, teachers and their classmates.



KG 1's on the go!



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Senior Section Bake Sale



Japanese Consulate study trip

Shiwam Kumar Dawani, 9A

On 1 March, students of Class 9 visited the Japanese Consulate to attend the doll exhibition. The Japanese Ningyo doll exhibition was organised by the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi and Pakistan Japan Cultural Association (PJCA) in cooperation with the Japan Foundation.

Students also observed and learned about 4 different themes of Japanese dolls including dolls that depicted Japanese culture, folk art and fine art. They watched a short video on making of the traditional Miyagi dolls. Students would like to thank Mr Hasan Faraz for arranging such an insightful and interesting trip.



The exhibition presented a comprehensive introduction to Japanese doll culture, that reflects the customs of Japan and the interests of its people as the dolls possess distinctive regional attributes and have over the centuries developed in many diverse forms.

Aeromodelling Module field trip

Eisha Fahad Khoso, 7A

On 26 February, students of classes 6 and 7 from the Aeromodelling Module visited the Model Aeronautical Society Karachi, (MASK), Korangi Creek, near Airmen Golf Course. This field trip was organized by our instructor Mr Ahad Wali. Once we reached our destination, we were shown remote controlled (RC) planes. We were also given turns to fly the planes.

Owing to an earlier flying simulation practice, we were able to control the planes without any difficulty.

Students are now working in groups to create SU27, electric plane with electronic motor, battery and radio system. It is an amazing learning experience which has allowed us to learn more about the dynamics of aeroplanes.

Let's make herbal tea

In March, students of Class 4 read about the 'Uses of Plants' in science. They learned how plants and herbs such as cloves, ginger, mint, and lemon are used as food and for medicinal purposes. They also enjoyed making delicious ginger tea under the supervision of their teacher Ms Rabya Nasr. Students enjoyed learning how lemons, mint leaves, ginger and jaggery, ('gur') a natural sweetener obtained from sugar cane extract, were used in the preparation of the immunity-



boosting herbal tea. The teachers further emphasized on the health benefits of having herbal tea in routine diet.

Study trip to Sungold Organic Farm

On 8 March, students of Class 6 went on a study trip to Sungold Organic Farm. The farm is spread across 6 acres with organically grown vegetable. Students were shown how solar energy was used to generate power and were briefed about sustainable and ecofriendly agricultural practices. They were also

given the opportunity to harvest vegetables like radish. It was an excellent learning experience for students as they learned about various farming techniques which help the farmers grow food. Many thanks to Ms Rabia and Mr Muzzamil Niazi who had invited our students and were most hospitable.

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Model United Nations

IBA Karachi MUNIK XII

The C.A.S. team won a total of 6 awards. From SOCHUM, Nael Manghi and Raed Sohail Ahsan were both awarded an Honourable Mention and Eishal Aneek Bawla won Best Position Paper. From DISEC, Muhammad Omar Siddiqui and Aaiz Rizvi won Honourable Mention awards. From UNHCR, Nael Atif Jan won the Special Mention award. Students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and hope to continue participating in upcoming Model United Nations of 2022.



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Congratulations to the new Editorial Board of *Neemtree*. We wish them the very best in their new role.

Greek Day

Muhammad Zayd Baig, 9C

Students of Class 5 studied ancient Greece in their History class and on 26 March they celebrated Greek Day at school. They dressed up in Greek *chitons* (the traditional dress worn by Ancient Greeks), along with traditional jewellery and wreaths. Teachers had arranged different activities based on the daily lives of ancient Greeks. Students participated in Olympic games, such as javelin and discus, formerly played by the Greeks. They also recreated Greek artwork in making jewellery, mostly out of beads and shells, another common practice of the civilization. They also did some math activities. The day concluded with a Greek themed feast, consisting of various breads, salads, chicken, and popsicles which was enjoyed by everyone.



Salad making activity

Students of the Aerobics Module from Class 7, enthusiastically prepared salad as part of their aerobics fitness plan. They used a variety of vegetables like tomato slices, cucumbers, crunchy celery, cabbage, capsicum, lettuce and sliced carrots under the supervision of their instructor Ms Sehrish

Adeeb, who also assisted them with cutting up the vegetables. The sliced vegetables were then seasoned with salt, black pepper and vinegar and were enjoyed by the students. It was certainly a great way for them to learn about the nutritional benefits of healthy eating in a fun and engaging way.



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Student Government Elections Student Government 2022-2023



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Sports Day 2022

The day ended with an entertaining flash mob performance by students of Class 11, and a final tug of war, in which Yellow House won.

Shanzeh Adnan Ansari was the Athlete of the Year from the Senior Section and Raania Fayaz was declared Athlete of the Day. From the Junior Section, Mikaael Haris Hafeez was declared Athlete of the Day.

Yellow House from the Junior Section won the first position and Green House from the Senior Section took home the trophy as the winners. A very big thank you to the teachers of the Department of Physical Education, and in particular Ms Nazma Azhar, Asst Head, who organized the Sports Day with professionalism and passion. And congratulations to all the participants.



Sports Day Results 2021-22

Junior Section		Classes 3-5
1 st Position	Yellow House	73 points
2 nd Position	Green House	64 points
3 rd Position	Blue House	58 points
Athlete of the Day	Mikaael Haris Hafeez, 6A	(Blue House)
Senior Section		Classes 6-11
1 st Position	Green House	316 points
2 nd Position	Yellow House	274 points
3 rd Position	Red House	203 points
Athlete of the Day	Rania Fayyaz, 7C	(Green House)
Athlete of the Year	Shanzeh Adnan Ansari, 11C	(Yellow House)

Records set on Sports Day 2022

Category	Name	Previous Record	New Record
Under-13	100m	Rania Fayyaz 15.28s	14.54s
	400m	Rania Fayyaz 1.22.34s	1.15.64s
	800m	Rania Fayyaz 3.32.18s	2.58.34s
Under-15	Shotput	Saif Malik 9.32m	9.52m
	Shotput	Aiza Ahmed 6.97m	7.30m
	Discus	Abiha Taimur 17.06m	18.05m
Open	800m	Rafay Imran Motiwala 02.28.00s	02.27.77s
	4x100m relay (boys)	Yellow House 54.69s	53.70s

9th Inter-school Staff Cricket Tournament

Organized by The C.A.S. School, the 9th Inter-school Staff Cricket Tournament was held from 7 to 24 March at the Main Campus. C.A.S. was one of the seven schools that participated in the tournament. The school team included players from both the Main Campus and Kindergarten Section. C.A.S. Team A was captained by Faheem Shehzad Baig, Team B was captained by Muhammad Hanif Yousuf and Team C was captained by Rahim Khan. The teams which

qualified for the semifinals were Cedar College, C.A.S. teams A, B and Baba Island. Cedar College and C.A.S. Team A reached the final match and Cedar College was the winner of the tournament. The award for the Best Bowler went to the Baba Island team. For the Best Batsman, to Mohammad Irfan from C.A.S. Team A and Man of the Match to Muhammad Aslam from Cedar College.

Well done all the teams.



Karachi United School Championship

Shiwam Kumar Dawani, 9A

The C.A.S. football team participated in the Karachi United School Championship, which was held from 13 - 28 January against 16 other schools from Karachi. The C.A.S. team consisted of students (boys and girls) from classes 7 to 11 which had been practising prior to the tournament. Our teams made it through the first group stage round with a draw against Foundation Public School and Aga Khan KDR. However, in the quarter finals they were unfortunately defeated 1-0. Despite the loss early in the knockout stages, the team learnt a lot and this experience will greatly help them in future tournaments.



Bicycle race

On 30 March students from Class 4 competed in a bicycle race. The race takes place every year as a follow-up activity of the chapter, *Pahya ghooma* from the Urdu textbook. Organized by the Urdu Department and the Department of Physical Education, the race was a competition between all four Houses and the winners received medals.



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14th KBC Inter-school Rowing Regatta

the Year 2021 award was won by Ensi Qiao. It is a matter of great pride that we also set 9 new records. We would like to thank KBC management, in particular Mr Arif Ikram, Captain of the Boats, and Mr Faizan Rehan, Rowing Committee Member, Ms Reem Ansari, Head of Learning Modules at The C.A.S. and the rowing coaches, Mr Anil Shehzad and Mr Mubbaraz Ashraf for their support throughout this event. The team would also like to thank the rowing Captain and Vice-Captain, Miraal Zafar and Rayyan Malik for their commitment and hard work. The C.A.S. School achieved a total of 182 points and won the championship. Congratulations to our young rowers.

Outdoor Events

Girls		
U-15 Youth 1x	Soha Hamid	Bronze
U-15 Youth 2x	Inaaya Jahanaz Zaidi, Amna Baber Khokher	Silver
U-15 Youth 4x	Soha Hamid, Inaaya Jahanaz Zaidi, Aliza Adnan, Hareem Malik	Bronze
U-18 Junior 1x	Miraal Zafar	Silver
U-18 Junior 2x	Abiha Taimur, Eishal Ayesha	Gold
U-18 Junior 2-	Azka Azhar, Maha Fahd	Gold
U-18 Junior 4x	Azka Azhar, Abiha Taimur, Eishal Ayesha, Maha Fahd	Gold
U-18 Junior 4+	Shiza Saqib, Amna Imran Afzal, Amat-ul-Zahra Naqvi, Syeda Emaan Shujaat, Cox: Abiha Taimur	Silver
U-18 Junior 8+	Miraal Zafar, Hareem Malik, Shiza Saqib, Aiza Ahmed, Amna Imran Afzal, S. Zoey Kazmi, Amat-ul-Zahra Naqvi, Syeda Emaan Shujaat, Cox: Shayan Aziz	Bronze
U-21 Senior 4x	Ayza Mazher, Mahnoor Ali Rizvi, Zaara Azam, Zara Yawer	Bronze
Boys		
U-15 Youth 1x	Syed Rayan Ahmed	Gold
U-15 Youth 2x	Rohail Ahsan Choudhry, Danish Feroz	Silver
U-15 Youth 4x	S Rayan Ahmed, Rohail Ahsan Choudhry, Hasan Mustafa, Shaikh Aariz Danish	Silver
U-18 Junior 1x	Rayyan Malik	Gold
U-18 Junior 2x	Daniyal Shazim Kothawala, Aadil Mohsin	Gold
U-18 Junior 2-	Abdul Samad Ahmed, Mekaal Talal Ahmed	Gold
U-18 Junior 4x	Saim Rizwan, Abdul Samad Ahmed, Mekaal Talal Ahmed, Aadil Mohsin	Gold
U-18 Junior 4+	Syed Raed Sohail Ahsan, Ensi Qiao, Ali Mustafa, Muhammad Amaan Asad, Cox: M. Taha Umar Khan	Gold
U-18 Junior 8+	Ensi Qiao, Muhammad Ibrahim Rizvi, Ali Mustafa, Abdul Rafay Imran Motiwala, Saim Rizwan, Muhammad Amaan Asad, Syed Raed Sohail Ahsan, Rayyan Malik, Cox: Shayan Aziz	Gold

Indoor Events

Girls		
U-15 Youth 2x500m	Hareem Malik, Aliza Adnan	Gold
U-18 Junior 500m	Miraal Zafar	Gold
U-18 Junior 2000m	Azka Azhar	Silver
U-18 Junior 5000m	Syeda Emaan Shujaat	Gold
U-18 Junior 2x1000m	Miraal Zafar, Syeda Emaan Shujaat	Gold
U-18 Junior 4x500m	Hareem Malik, Aliza Adnan, Aiza Ahmed, Azka Fatima	Gold
Boys		
U-15 Youth 500m	Saif Malik	Gold
U-15 Youth 2x500m	Syed Rayan Ahmed, Shaikh Aariz Danish	Gold
U-18 Junior 500m	Rayyan Malik	Gold
U-18 Junior 2000m	Syed Raed Sohail Ahsan	Bronze
U-18 Junior 5000m	Ensi Qiao	Gold
U-18 Junior 4x500m	Rayyan Malik, Ensi Qiao, Ali Mustafa, Arham Faizan	Gold

Sports Week



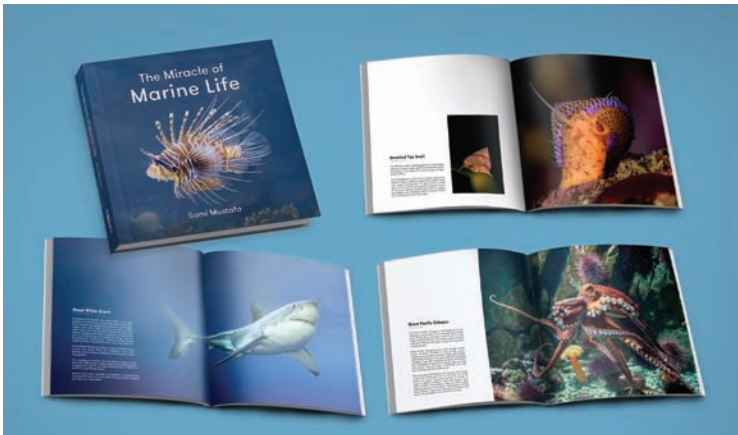
1st Inter Club Gymnastics Championship

Rhea Ahmed from Class 6C participated in the 1st Inter-Club Gymnastics Championship on 27 March. She won 2nd position in the Floor Routine category. Well done Rhea!



The Miracle of Marine Life

Author: Sami Mustafa



The Miracle of Marine Life is a hardbound, 300-page coffee-table book which explores the beauty and mystery of the fascinating lives of the magnificent ocean creatures. This well-researched book takes you on a journey through the depths of the seas and leaves readers in wonder of just how spectacular our marine life truly is. According to Sami Mustafa, the author, this book has been written also to draw attention to how we humans are destroying our oceans and all the species that live in it. Just as much as we are destroying our land animals, bird habitats and our forests. That we must put our individual and collective efforts to save our planet. Perhaps, it's still not too late.

Copies of books were given to the Class of 2022 as a graduation keepsake. *The Miracle of Marine Life* is now available at the Main Campus.

Book review

Zahra Hayat, 9C

The Village by the Sea by Anita Desai is a remarkable novel, addressing poverty, responsibility, hopelessness, family issues and bonding. It is centred on a family living in Thul, a remote fishing village. When the mother falls ill, the oldest daughter and son, Lila and Hari, take care of their two younger sisters. What does not help is that their father is an alcoholic. So, in desperation, Hari goes to Bombay and leaves Lila to fend for herself and the family. Thus begins a journey full of hardships faced by the pair of siblings. Lila is a determined young woman, set on providing for her family while her brother is away. Her character is inspirational. Hari, on the other hand, is characterised by the childlike fear and anxiety that comes with change, making him relatable for the young readers. Although some might think he left his family out of uncertainty, that is not the case. He went to Bombay to earn money for his family and he succeeded in doing so.



This novel is full of conflict, fear and hardship, but with hardship comes happiness and Lila and Hari are given the fruits of their labour towards the end. It is an inspirational story about perseverance and family. It is bound to make the readers go through a rollercoaster of emotions.

Bake sale

Senior Section

Syeda Zahra Abbas Zaidi, 9C

On 2 March, the annual bake sale, organized by the Student Government was held at the Main Campus. The theme of the Bake Sale was *Basant*, welcoming the arrival of spring. Students were dressed up in vivid colours. There were several games, food, and song dedication stalls for everyone to

enjoy. The event was a kaleidoscope of colour, fun, music, and games. Everyone loved the festive atmosphere, and delicious food. The proceeds from the bake sale went to the C.A.S. Helping Hands Trust. Many thanks to the Student Government for organizing the event.

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Wishing

students, teachers and non-teaching staff

Eid Mubarak
and
a very restful and enjoyable
summer holidays

Biology experiment

Umn Ahmed Kirmani, 11A

On 24 February, Biology students of Class 11, under the supervision of their teachers Dr Saadia Raheel and Ms Talat Ansari carried out experiments to study biological processes such as diffusion, osmosis and the effect of the enzyme catalase. To investigate the process of diffusion, copper sulphate crystals were dissolved in water to observe how the blue colour of the crystals spread throughout the flask. The experiment of osmosis involved observing the change in size of slices of potatoes in both water and a sucrose (table sugar) water solution. These practical experiments were a great learning experience and an amazing opportunity for the biology students to understand the topics they studied in class.



We made French toasts

Natasha Saleem Khan, 7A

On 5 January, students of the Culinary Arts Module from Class 7 prepared scrumptious French toasts. They were taught how to make four different varieties of French toast, which are Churro French toast, chocolate French toast, crunchy French toast and strawberry rolls. Students learned how to soak sliced bread in a mixture to be pan-fried. They also learned what bread to use, how to make the perfect egg batter. It was a delicious and most indulgent treat that everyone loved.



Good luck!

Students of classes 10 and 11 will be sitting for their O-Level Cambridge Examinations from the month of May. On behalf of all the teachers and fellow students, *Neemtree* wishes them the very best for their exams.

Movie review

Mahnoor Ali Rizvi, 9C

Based on the New York Times bestseller, *Wonder* is an American drama film that won millions of hearts. It follows the inspiring story of August Pullman, a young boy who is born with a rare facial abnormality. Auggie meets cruel bullies and true friends as he attends mainstream school for the first time after years of home-schooling. The story shows how he never gave up because of his supportive family and friends. Also, it shows how kids can be cruel to each other, especially to those who are different. August makes new friends, confronts the challenges of attending mainstream school and deals with bullies who taunt him and make fun of his looks. The movie has clear positive messages about kindness, appreciating everyone for who they are and true friendship.

Origami balls

On 21 February, students of Class 6 were taught how to make paper balls by folding square sheets of paper by their teacher, Ms Aqeela Murtaza. This activity engaged them in a fun and exciting way.



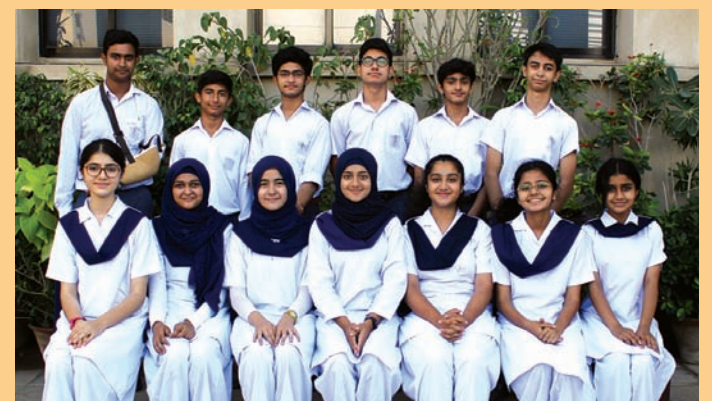
Urdu poetry project

Muhammad Zayd Baig, 9C

In January, students of Class 9 learned step-by-step how to get poetry ideas and turn them into poems. With the help of their teacher Ms Aliya Nayer, students wrote various poems on their favourite seasons, inspired by the great Urdu poets like Mirza Ghalib, Faiz Ahmed Faiz, and Parveen Shakir. Students' poems were displayed in the library for others to enjoy.



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