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Goodbye Class of 2023



The annual graduation ceremony for Class of 2023 was held on Saturday, 18 March. The event was attended by Mr Rasheed Janmohammad, member of the Board of Directors, Principal Mr Sami Mustafa, Ms Nasreen Bakar (Kindergarten Section), Ms Kashfa Samad (Junior Section) and Mr Hasan Faraz Rizvi (Senior Section), along with Senior Section faculty members and parents.

The ceremony began with a grand entrance of the graduating class who filed in and took their seats

amidst music and applause. Ms Faiza Ali welcomed the students and their parents, after which the school choir sang the school song. Outgoing President of the Student Government, Azka Azhar, delivered her speech on behalf of the Class of 2023. This was followed by a farewell speech by Ms Azmeah Khan, on behalf of the faculty.

Students of Class 11 were called on stage to receive their graduation certificates. The Honour Roll students of the

graduating class, were announced. Mr Rasheed Janmohammad addressed the students with motivational words after which Mr Sami Mustafa, in a moving speech, bade farewell to the graduating class.

Students of Class 10 who received scholarships were recognized and called on stage.

Mr Janmohammad and Mr Mustafa awarded gold medals for academic excellence to students of the graduating class.

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15th KBC International Interschool Regatta

The 15th Annual KBC International Interschool Regatta was held at the Karachi Boat Club from 2 to 5 February. The indoor events were

held on 28 January. Students from 26 different schools of Karachi, as well as from Sri Lanka, took part in the Regatta.

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Ration drive

The Student Government, with the school administration, organized a ration drive in March to help members of the school support staff during the month of Ramzan. In consideration for the support staff, ration bags were sold to them for a nominal amount of Rs 500, containing sugar, flour, oil, milk, lentils, worth Rs 9,500. Thank you parents for your support and generosity. Proceeds from the sale were donated to The C.A.S. Helping Hands Trust.



Harvard GlobalWE essay contest 2023

Mahnoor Osama Kapadia, 9A

Anoushey Osama Kapadia of Class 11B participated in the Harvard Global Women's Empowerment essay contest 2023.

High school students from around the world competed to showcase their writing talent. The topic; *What is the biggest challenge facing women and girls in your country today?* focused on spreading awareness on the various ways through which women are discriminated against and the stages at which they are restricted by societies throughout the world.

Anoushey Osama Kapadia won the contest with her essay which touched upon the traditional roles of women and societal pressures, which prevent them from achieving their true potentials. Well done Anoushey.

Good luck

Students of classes 10 and 11 will be taking 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.

Sports Day 2023

The Annual Sports Day was held on Saturday, 21 January. Practices and trials for the event started in October at The National Coaching Centre. The field events (long jump, high jump, javelin, discus and shot put) and few of the track events were held during the sports camp. This allowed for a more streamlined set of final events, not to mention reducing the pressure on the contestants.

Commentators, Ms Sana Zaidi and Ms Abeer Hussain,



announced the walk past which was led by Azka Fatima, President, Student Government, holding the Pakistan flag, and followed by Syeda Emaan Shujaat, Vice President, Student Government holding the school flag.

They walked past the parents' gallery with the four Houses in tow, led by the Blue House, last year's winning House.

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Student Government 2023-2024

On Thursday, 16 March, 22 elected candidates from Class 10 received their gowns. They will take on their duties as members of the Student Government from August 2023.



Standing (l to r): Mikaeel Ahsan, Syed M. Ibrahim Rizvi, Syed Rayan Ahmed, Eishal Ayesha, Zainab Mustafa Contractor, Abiha Taimur, Minaal Saad, Shiwam Kumar Dawani, Yash Perwani, Nael Manghi

Sitting (l to r): Shayan Aziz, Eshal Mundia, Muhammad Omer Siddiqui, Ayeza Qasim, Syed Raed Sohail, Maha Fahad, Azka Azhar, Muhammad Sufyan Siddiqui, Ebrahim Ali Khan, Aiza Ahmed, Mahnoor Ali Rizvi, Shahzain Habib

German Youth Camp (Karlsruhe)

Mahnoor Osama Kapadia and Maria Sarwat Nadeem of Class 9 have been selected to attend a German youth camp in Karlsruhe, Germany from 2 July to 22 July.

We are proud of them congratulation. Many thanks to the Goethe-Institut for giving our students this wonderful opportunity.

German Language Regional Youth Camp, Sri Lanka

Mikaeel Ahsan and Sayyid Haani Ali of Class 10 have been selected for a regional youth camp with a focus on media literacy. The camp is scheduled to take place in Embilipitiya, Sri

Lanka from 25 May to 2 June 2023. Our gratitude to the Goethe-Institut for supporting our German Language programme with these language camps.

Fit in Deutsch 1 Exam

Students of classes 8 and 9 took their Fit-1 Exam (German Language) in November 2022 and April 2023. We are pleased

to announce that all students who took their exam cleared it successfully.

Annual concert

The annual concert of classes 6 to 11 was held on Friday, 17 February, at the Main Campus. Students of the Music Module who performed, had practised consistently prior to

the event. They set the stage on fire with their musical performance. Parents and students were invited to support them who enjoyed the evening thoroughly.



Class 11 Journalism competition

Aleena Adel Afridi, 11A

From 4 to 6 January, students of Class 11 participated in GRAMA, an annual journalism competition hosted by the Karachi Grammar School. Three teams of five students, featuring Aleena Adel Afridi, Amaan Asad, Syeda Mishaal Kazmi, Fatima Kazmi, Syeda Emaan Shujaat, Lovesh Kumar Kataria, Ammar Wilayat Ali, Arham Faizan, Ashka Naveed Khan, Ensi Qiao, Maha Alvi, Emaan Mushtaq, Umer Shah, Dua Fahad Khoso and Fiza Naveed Khan participated in the competition.



All three of our teams performed well, one of them receiving a special mention in 'Discover the Difference' for excellent work and another winning first place in 'Fake It Till You Make It', a module intended to challenge improvisation skills.

We took home the title of GRAMA 2023 External Winners as well as GRAMA 2023 External Runner-Ups. The participants would like to thank Ms Irum Kazmi for her instruction and support throughout GRAMA.

Foreign Language Programme (FLP)

On 21 February, the Department of FLP arranged a breakfast activity for students of the Senior Section. The activity featured a colourful ambience and assorted breakfast delights. Students enjoyed the

breakfast and later watched friendly futsal matches played between House teams. Yellow House was the winner of the matches, with Blue House in second and Green House in third place.



Photography exhibition and launch of *In Focus* 2022-2023

On 22 March, students of classes 8 to 11 who are enrolled in the Photography Module, were

invited with their parents to the Main Campus, to an exhibition of their work.

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German Language conference

From 27 to 30 January, the German Language faculty of C.A.S. attended a teachers' conference for German Language. The event was held in Multan and organized by the Goethe Institut, Karachi.

International Model United Nations

After a successful year of participating in competitions, The C.A.S Model United Nations team is excelling in debates and have proved themselves capable of representing the school on an international level. They will represent C.A.S. in Malaysia during the summer of 2023. Students were shortlisted after trials which took place in school on 12 March. They continue to train with their instructor Mr Umer Irfan, during their regular school sessions leading up to the event. We congratulate the debate team and wish them the best of luck.

Interhouse Tennis tournament

From 9 to 13 January, students from classes 3-9 from the Tennis Module, participated in the Interhouse Tennis tournament. The players did their best to earn points for their Houses. Red House won the 1st position, Blue House and Yellow House shared the 2nd position, followed by Green House in 3rd position.

Deworming campaign

On 10 February, a team of healthcare professionals from the DC South Office, Government of Sindh, administered deworming tablets, Mebendazole, 500mg, to the students.

Farewell dinner

Ammar Wilayat Ali, 11A

On Friday, 17 March, Class 10 hosted the annual farewell dinner for the Class of 2023. The graduating students were dressed in saris and suits for the evening and were welcomed by the hosts who were dressed for this year's theme *James Bond 007*.

The event started with hilarious skits and impersonations of students of Class 11. This was

followed by a series of songs and choreographed dances. We were then presented our titles and souvenirs. After a delicious dinner it was time to bid farewell to the hosts.

We would like to thank Class 10 and especially Ms Ghada Rahim for organizing the event. We shall cherish the moments forever.



Class 11 Grand Entry

On the morning of 16 March, the graduating Class of 2023 made their Grand Entry during morning assembly. It was a spectacular display of carefully choreographed dances, accessorised with colorful *dupattas* and shawls. Students performed amidst the cheering crowd of students and teachers.

They also visited the KG Section to reminisce their early schooling years and to say their goodbyes to Ms Nasreen Bakar, the KG Headmistress, to teachers and members of the support staff. The students later got their uniforms signed by their teachers and friends which will surely be a special keepsake.



Swimming champions

The 21st National Girls Swimming Championship was held at the Karachi Gymkhana on 10 and 11 December 2022. The Sindh team, comprising of 25 girls, 10 of whom were C.A.S. students, set new records. Hareem Malik of Class 9C and Zoya Omair Hafiz of 5C achieved the awards for best swimmers in their age group. The Sindh team was ultimately declared the winner of the championship.

Hareem Malik, along with Mina Riaz Kamlani of Class 8A and Maryam Naeem ur Rahman of Class 7B, participated in The National Open Swimming Championship held in Lahore from 3 to 5 March 2023. The girls competed in open-age category races and were a tough competition for other

contestants. Hareem secured 3 silver and 2 bronze in individual events and 3 bronze in relays.

On 12 March, Amna Momin Zia of Class 7C, competed in the Karachi Games Swimming Competition held at the KMC Sports Complex. She received a trophy for participating in the 50-metre backstroke race.

The C.A.S. School Interhouse Swimming Competition was held at the Moin Khan Academy on 26 April for girls, and on 3 May for boys. Green House was the winning House with 157 points. The runner-up was Yellow House with 104 points, followed by Red House in 3rd place with 87 points and Blue House in 4th place with 64 points. Well done children. Congratulations.

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Goodbye Class of 2023

Dr S.M. Mustafa Gold Medal went to Syeda Emaan Shujaat and Janmohammad Dawood Gold Medal went to Emaan Mushtaq.

At the end of the ceremony, a class photograph was taken. Students

and their parents thanked the teachers and said their goodbyes.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023. We wish them good luck for future endeavours.



Congratulations

Aly Muhammad Dadwani, of Class 10B, passed 18 proficiency badges to qualify for Pakistan Boy Scouts' Association. On 13 November 2022, he received the Quaid-e-Azam Scout Award Badge, which is the highest badge for boy scouts in Pakistan. Congratulations Aly.

On 12 March, Muhammad Elyoun Seja (9C), Mohammad Nyel Obaid (9B), Ayan Shah (8A), Syed Zohaad Omair (9A) and Mikael Khan (6B) represented The C.A.S. School in the annual Karachi United Open Youth Football Tournament held in Karachi, in which 20 teams from all over the city participated. They won first place in the tournament. This is the second time in a row

that C.A.S. has achieved 1st position in the Karachi United Open Youth Football Tournament. Well done boys.



Update on the Dodhys

C.A.S. felt privileged when quintuplets Sabrina, Laila, Uzair, Hameed and Basima joined the school in the Kindergarten Section. It was a pleasure watching them grow and finally graduate in 2015. The parents

were extremely supporting at every step. They are all pursuing their successful careers. We wish them the very best. Well done parents for bringing up such lovely children.



Hameed Sameer Dodhy



Basima Sameer Dodhy



Sabrina Sameer Dodhy



Laila Sameer Dodhy



Uzair Sameer Dodhy

Class 10 Internships

From 12 to 23 December 2022, students of Class 10 spent two weeks interning in social work and community service. They spent 20 hours a week helping with jobs assigned to them at the Karachi Vocational Training Centre, TDF MagnifiScience Centre, Layton Rahmatulla Benevolent Trust, Karwan-e-Hayat and Heritage Walk Karachi. The students observed that they had a fulfilling learning experience while giving back to the community and providing assistance where needed.



Aeromodelling display

On 13 December, students of the Aeromodelling Module showcased their models of different aircrafts which they had designed during the course of the term. Parents were invited to view the display where the students briefed them about the basics of aircrafts. Visitors were also given a chance to experience the flight simulator, which is used to train students to operate remote-controlled aircrafts.



World Rowing Virtual Indoor Sprints 2023

Students of the Rowing Module, featuring Zurain Tahir of Class 8C, Rohail Ahsan Choudhry of 9A, Inaaya Jahanaz Zaidi of 9C, and Ensi Qiao of 11A, participated in World Rowing Virtual Sprints held from 8 to 12 March, at the Karachi Boat Club. This event was a timed 1000-metre virtual sprint race. Despite the tough competition, our students performed superbly and earned certificates in recognition of their efforts.

Catagory	Rank	Name	Time
Junior 12	3rd	Zurain Tahir	3.45
13-14	8th	Rohail Choudhry	3.31
13-14	20th	Inaaya Jahanaz Zaidi	4.12
17-18	22th	Ensi Qiao	3.20

Class 10 Lahore trip

Mekaeel Ahsan, 10A

We departed from Karachi, on 5 January, 2023 for Lahore. Later in the day we visited the Wagah Border, and witnessed the ceremony of lowering of the flags of India and Pakistan. Thereafter, we headed to Monal Restaurant for dinner. We visited the Cholistani Tourism Resort, the Packages Mall and Lahore University of Management

Sciences. We enjoyed the local delicacies at the Haveli restaurant and the Chinese cuisine at the Yum restaurant, while also visiting Badshahi Mosque and the Lahore Fort to view the spectacular Mughal culture. A tour of the Walled City of Lahore, marked the end of our enthralling four-day trip, returning to Karachi on 8 of January.



Class 11 trip to Islamabad

Dua Fahad Khoso, 11A

We departed for Islamabad on Tuesday, 10 January. After settling in the hotel, we proceeded to Lok Virsa Heritage and Pakistan Monument Museum. We enjoyed trying out different cuisines during the trip. It was great interacting with our batch mates and teachers outside of school and making

good memories. The highlight of the trip was the hot chocolate and coffee we relished while taking in the spectacular view at Daman-e-Koh. From shopping at The Centaurus Mall to picking oranges and taking a boat ride at Khanpur Dam, every bit of the trip was truly memorable.



Class 11 picnic

On Friday, 24 February, Class 11 went on their last school trip to Masroor Hut, Keamari. After enjoying the scenic view and the calming waves of the beach, they relished a hearty meal and relaxed before heading back to school.



TDF Nature series

In collaboration with TDF MagnifiScience, the school screened documentaries on nature for students of Class 9 in the second term. These documentaries were on animals and their natural habitats, flora and fauna and were related to

their Geography syllabus. We would like to thank the guest speaker Ms Fatima Kanwal of TDF MagnifiScience Centre for conducting these interactive sessions with our students which helped them understand the diverse ecosystem in detail.

Junior Section Prefects

On 9 January, Junior Section Prefects for the Second Term received their badges. They took on duties as members of the Student Council for the term.



Blue House:
Zayd Khan 6B
Khadija Baig 6C

Yellow House:
Ali Imran 6C
Zara Shah 6A

Green House:
Zaid Mansoor 6B
Emaan Aziz 6A

Red House:
Rohail Ahmed 6A
Zyva Hyder 6A

Greek Day

On 4 March, the annual Greek Day of Class 5 was held at the Main Campus. The students studied Greek civilization in History which inspired them to celebrate Greek Day. They made their *chitons* (the traditional dress worn by the Greeks), along with masks and wreaths. The teachers had arranged different activities based on the daily lives of ancient Greeks. Students participated in

Olympic games such as javelin and discus, formally played by the Greeks. They recreated the Greek artwork in making jewellery out of shells and beads, another common practice of the Greek civilization. They also solved Pythagoras' theorem and made the Greek salad. The day concluded with a Greek themed feast which was enjoyed by everyone.



Bonfire Night

Syeda Maryam Zaidi, 6C

On Friday, 16 December, Class 6 had their Bonfire Night. This is a much awaited annual event where we stay at school overnight. Equipped with our sleeping bags, we reached school in the evening where our teachers welcomed us. The evening began with throwball matches for the girls and football matches for the boys as well as games like musical chairs and dancing statues. The lighting of the bonfire created a magical effect to the evening and we danced, roasted marshmallows and enjoyed a scrumptious dinner. The talent show was the highlight

of the evening as we performed dances and acts that we had prepared prior to the event. We were served hot chocolate before we shifted to our rooms. We had laid out our sleeping bags. A good part of the night was spent chatting with our friends and munching on snacks before we eventually drifted off to sleep for a few hours. The next morning at 6 am we did yoga and had breakfast. Then we got picked up by our parents around 9 am. It was definitely a night to remember and a memory to cherish for all times to come.



Bon appetit

Soup activity

On 26 January, Ms Wardah Mustafa and Ms Najma Zehra, teachers of Class 3, organized a soup-making activity for their students to promote healthy eating habits. The students watched enthusiastically and the teachers discussed the importance of eating nutritious foods.



Green Curriculum update

This term, the green curriculum kicked off with sowing activities for classes 3 to 6. The purpose of GC activities is to promote sustainable living and growing of pesticide-free and organic vegetables. Cabbage, carrots

and radishes were harvested by the students from the school's green patches. Different sections of Class 6 visited a vegetable farm from 30 January to 2 February to learn farming with the help of solar energy.



This year a total of 950 kg of organic compost was produced and sold, thanks to the students and their families for productively contributing their kitchen waste as part of the "homework".

On 28 February, Ms Fariha Rizwan and Mr Rizwan Salim, representatives of *Pick My Plastic*, a company which collects and recycles plastic items, visited the school and spoke to the students about the hazards of plastic and the benefits of recycling. Thank you Ms Fariha and Mr Rizwan Salim.



New publication

As many of you may know, the Junior Section has been doing the Green Curriculum for many years, where students from classes 3 to 6 make compost and grow their own vegetables. This year we have documented the Green Curriculum in a brochure called *The Green Leaf*. This publication

will now be taken out each year to honour our young students who are getting involved in issues of conservation, recycling, organic food, hoping that as they grow up, they will become more conscious of conservation and a sustainable lifestyle.



Class 3 study trip

On February 15, Class 3 visited Sheikh's Farm. They saw deer, goats, flamingoes and ostriches as well as crops of vegetables including turnips and carrots on the fields. This field trip was related to their social studies topic *Farms and Food*.



S'mores & S'mores

To celebrate the end of the term, students of the Culinary Arts Module cooked up some happy memories by making delicious s'mores in a makeshift kitchen in the front yard of the school.

The activity was held between 13 and 15 December. Students of classes 2, 5, 6, and 7 were divided into groups where each had to create their own unique recipe. They made different kinds of s'mores using roasted marshmallows, warm cookies and melted chocolate.



Sushi anyone?

Chefs from Chop Chop Wok were invited to school on 14 and 16 March to teach students of the Culinary Arts Module how to make sushi. The session was held in the school kitchen and students thoroughly enjoyed the activity.



Grandparents' Day

Syeda Maryam Zaidi, 6C



On 10 February, the annual Grandparents' Day was held at the Main Campus. Grandparents of the students of Class 6 visited the school and were welcomed by students and the teachers.

We had prepared a play and poetry recital which we performed on stage. A question and answer session followed where we asked them about their

lives as children. Our art and crafts were also on display. A hi-tea session followed and as the grandparents departed, they were given handmade flowers and organic vegetables as tokens of appreciation.

Thank You grandparents for making the day so meaningful for us. We wish you the best of health and long life.

The Neem play

Class 3 put on a riveting performance for their annual presentation titled *The Neem*.

Adapted from *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein, the play followed the friendship between Ahsan and the *Neem*. From the opening scene to the final bow, the acting

was admirable. Attention to detail was evident in every aspect of the production.

The message at the end, to protect and preserve the earth, is sure to stay with the audience for a long time to come. Well done, students.



Class 4 bicycle race

Arshaan Neville Wadia, 4C

On 7 February, we participated in a bicycle race. I was super excited about it. The event was arranged for us by Ms Humaira Kashif and Ms Kanza Hassan, as well as the sports teachers. It was a follow-up activity of the chapter *Patthe* from our Urdu textbook. Winners were announced according to the timing. We were awarded a trophy and medals at the end of the races.



Visit to the Dairyland Farm

Yasaa Adeel Rasheed, 4C

Class 4 went on a fieldtrip to Dairyland farm on 15 February. After a long ride, we reached the farm and started off by watching videos of how Dayfresh milk is produced and packaged. Meanwhile, we were served flavoured milk. Later, we headed



off to see the milking and packaging process first hand. It looked really impressive. Lastly, we went on a tractor ride and saw the cows in the cowshed. The best activity of the day was feeding the calves. After a lovely day out, we made our way back to school.



Horse-riding and Tennis Module presentations

Students of Class 6 from the Horse-riding Module, had a presentation on 21 March at the Gallop Club.



On 10 March, students of classes 3 and 4 from the Tennis Module had a presentation at the Defence Authority Creek Club.



Parents of the students were invited to attend the presentations to see their child's progress in their module and to cheer them on.

Bake Sale Bake Sale Bake Sale

The annual Bake Sale was held on Thursday, 16 February, at the Main Campus. The school is grateful to all the volunteer mothers of the Junior Section, who took the responsibility of preparing food and organizing the event.

A range of delicious food items such as burgers, pizza, chicken shawarma, khaosuey and desserts like ice cream, brownies, cookies and cotton candy were available. Both faculty and students enjoyed the scrumptious food and lively music.

The Design and Technology stall proudly displayed and sold candles that the students had made during their classes.



The Green Curriculum stall sold healthy salads made from vegetables that the students had planted and harvested in school.

Compost that been prepared in school, as well as vegetable pot plants were also sold. The highlights of the day were the *Walk the Dog* activity and the rickshaw rides.

The students and faculty extend a big thank you to the mothers who put in the time and effort to make the Bake Sale a huge success. A big thank you to Ms Sehrish Sami, mother of Elizah Rehman of Class 5A, for coordinating the mothers for the Bake Sale. The amount collected at the end of the Bake Sale was donated to the Helping Hands Trust.



Breakfast activity

On 15 March, students of Class 4 enjoyed a healthy breakfast in school in the course of studying 'Healthy and Unhealthy Foods'. The menu cards were created and printed by the students themselves during their computer lessons.



Keeping fit

On 16 March, Class 4 went on a field trip to *Pulse Fitness* gym. The trainers there introduced the students to the different machines in the gym and emphasised on daily exercise for healthy living.



Let's have barbeque

Students from the Culinary Arts Module had their barbeque week from 7 to 9 February. They prepared a scrumptious meal of barbeque chicken, *malai boti* and *tikka*. Students enjoyed barbequing the chicken with layers of different sauces and enjoyed the treat afterwards.



Class 5 field trip

Mohammad Huzayl Omer, 5B

On 22 March, Class 5 visited Biscozni biscuit factory. As we got there, we were divided into groups and taken inside to view the making of *cocomo* and *Novita*. After the tour, we were given free biscuits. We then enjoyed a bit of sunshine outside before heading back to school. I really enjoyed the field trip.



Module presentations

The students of KG Section finally had a chance to perform gymnastics, taekwondo and rollerblading in their module presentation where they showed their skills to the parents; they did somersaults, cartwheels and jumped over ramps in rollerblading. Parents loved watching the little ones perform. There was electrifying excitement in the air and the little ones outdid themselves. We are so proud of them!



Art display

Class 2 for the first time had an Art display this year which included different activities like a clay making station, painting on easels, a model of Karachi city made by the children from junk material, their science projects, their paintings, a culinary station where the culinary art students prepared a few appetizers for the parents and also colourful bird feeders and wind chimes made by the children. Students from the Music Module also played some beautiful tunes on instruments like the recorder, guitar, drums and keyboard.



Pizza activity

With rolling pins and flipping doughs, melting cheese and baking shows, students of KG1 to Class 2 enjoyed making scrumptious pizzas by Pizza Loca. The oven in the mini van and chefs in caps made the pizza making so much fun. It was a great learning experience for the students and they had a great time.



Playgroup Sing Song

Playgroup had their Annual Sing Song on 24 January. It was the perfect way of bringing children together with songs,

rhymes and actions as they were grooving to music and moving to the tunes being played for them.

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Launch of Stroberis and Peechs and Ants

The launch of the 11th volume of Stroberis and Peechs was held on Friday, 3 March. Stroberis and Peechs is a collection of writing by young authors of Class 2.

Ants, the school yearbook, was distributed to students of the KG Section on Thursday, 27 April. Ants is dedicated to students of Class 2. Both these publications are a wonderful keepsake for the KG students. This is the 36th volume of Ants.



KG1 and KG2 Sing Song

Roar, Grr, Chatter, here comes the trumpet for students of KG1 and KG2 Sing Song held on 25 November, 2022 based on the

theme 'Animals'. With colourful costumes and melodious tunes, children on stage sang songs and enlightened the audience

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Playgroup orientation 2023-2024

An orientation session was held for new Playgroup parents on 27 April at the Main Campus, addressed by Mr Sami Mustafa and Ms Nasreen Bakar. Parents were briefed on the school's policies and facilities offered for early childhood education. This was followed by a lively 45-minute question-answer session.



Poetry recital

Class 1's had their poetry recital where groups of children learnt different poems and presented them in front of the parents. The students were confident and must be applauded for their talent, hard work and recitation of poems which they did beautifully.



Sports week

The much-awaited Annual Sports Week of KG Section was held in December in a lively and exciting atmosphere at the Kindergarten Section. It began with the little ones displaying their skills as they ran and jumped over colourful hoops and balanced over planks. The week ended with the graduating students showcasing various skills competing in different activities including hurdle race, sack race, three-legged race and sprints. All in all, it was indeed a thrilling experience for children and their parents.



Class 2 field trip

Students of Class 2 visited Sungold Organic Farm earlier this year. It was an enriching experience for the little ones. They were able to see and were explained how vegetables are grown and got to pick vegetables as well. They were also explained the difference between root and leafy vegetables. During their visit, they also saw how compost was being made and used at the farm. Students enjoyed their interaction with the animals at the farm and spent lots of time with them. Delicious pakoras were served with milk after the whole tour of the farm.



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15th KBC International Interschool Regatta

The C.A.S. Rowing team, comprising of 69 students from classes 8 to 11, participated in the Regatta in both water and machine events. They went through intensive practices with their coaches Mr Aneel Shahzad, Mr Umar Allah Rakha and Mr Mubarak Ashraf, in the early hours of the morning during their winter holidays.

The first day saw students participating in the indoor machine races in which the C.A.S. team won 8 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze in

both boys' and girls' Under-15 to Under-21 events.

Neemtree would especially like to congratulate students of Ghulam-e-Abbasi School, Lyari, which has been sponsored by The C.A.S. School, for putting up a good performance in the indoor events. Noman and Faheem Abbas won two bronze in Under-15 500 metre and 2x1000 metre races.

The C.A.S. Rowing team's efforts were reflected throughout the

outdoor events as well. Amidst the resounding cheering of family and friends, they performed brilliantly in the water races, achieving 6 gold, 9 silver and 3 bronze medals.

Syeda Emaan Shujaat of Class 11C, received the award for Best Female Rower 2023, while the Under-15 boys received the Youth Trophy. With an overall score of 142 points, 14 gold, 14 silver and 5 bronze, The C.A.S. School came 2nd in the 15th KBC International Interschool Regatta.

Water Events		
Event	Players	Medal
U-15 Boys 1x	Rayan Saad	Gold
U-15 Boys 2x	Rayan Saad Castro Shahnawaz Sprung	Gold
U-15 Girls 2x	Aiza Fayyaz Rania Fayyaz	Silver
U-15 Girls 4x	Mina Riaz Kamrani Pareezeh Haroon Marziya Amir Shah Ryana Gir	Silver
U-15 Boys 4x	Castro Shahnawaz Sprung Hamza Omair Hafiz Muhammad Shafay Kashan Cyrus Khan	Silver
U-18 Girls 1x	Inaaya Jahanaz Zaidi	Bronze
U-18 Boys 2x	Sheikh Aariz Danish Usman Feroz	Bronze
U-18 Girls 2x	Inaaya Jahanaz Zaidi Salina Ovais Allawala	Silver
U-18 Boys 2-	Mekael Talal Ahmed Aadil Mohsin	Bronze
U-18 Girls 2-	Mahnoor Ali Rizvi Ayzah Mazher	Silver
U-18 Girls 4+	Azka Azhar Abiha Taimur Eishal Ayesha Maha Fahd Cox: Shayan Aziz	Silver
U-18 Boys 4+	Syed Muhammad Ibrahim Rizvi Mekael Talal Ahmed Saif Malik Syed Raed Sohail Ahsan Cox: Syeda Zoey Kazmi	Gold
U-18 Boys 4x	Arham Faizan Shahzain Habib Aadil Mohsin Syed Rayan Ahmed	Silver
U-18 Girls 4x	Syeda Emaan Shujaat Ayzah Mazher Amna Imran Tabba Hareem Malik	Gold
U-18 Girls 8+	Zara Yawer Maha Fahd Azka Azhar Abiha Taimur Eishal Ayesha Hareem Malik Amna Imran Tabba Syeda Emaan Shujaat Cox: Shayan Aziz	Silver

Water Events		
Event	Players	Medal
U-18 Boys 8+	Arham Faizan Syed Muhammad Ibrahim Rizvi Mikael Shahruckh Paracha Muhammad Zayd Baig Syed Rayan Ahmed Syed Raed Sohail Ahsan Saif Malik Muhammad Amaan Asad Cox: Mohammad Asher Kazmi	Silver
U-21 Boys 1x	Ensi Qiao	Gold
U-21 Boys 2-	Ensi Qiao Muhammad Amaan Asad	Gold
U-21 Girls 2x	Amna Baber Khokher Syeda Aleezah Zaidi	Bronze

Indoor Events		
Event	Players	Medal
U-15 Boys 500m	Zurain Tahir	Silver
U-15 Girls 500m	Aysha Razvi	Gold
U-15 Boys 2x1000m	Rayan Saad Cyrus Khan	Gold
U-15 Girls 2x1000m	Marziya Amir Shah Shiza Fatima Ladhuhai	Gold
U-15 Boys 4x500m	Castro Shahnawaz Sprung Rayan Saad Cyrus Khan Zurain Tahir	Gold
U-15 Girls 4x500m	Aysha Razvi Marziya Amir Shah Shiza Fatima Ladhuhai Ryana Gir	Silver
U-18 Boys 500m	Shahzain Habib	Silver
U-18 Boys 2000m	Saif Malik	Bronze
U-18 Boys 5000m	Castro Shahnawaz Sprung	Silver
U-18 Girls 5000m	Syeda Emaan Shujaat	Gold
U-18 Boys 2x1000m	Rohail Ahsan Choudhry Syed Muhammad Ibrahim Rizvi	Bronze
U-18 Girls 2x1000m	Hareem Malik Inaaya Jahanaz Zaidi	Silver
U-18 Girls 4x500m	Syeda Emaan Shujaat Hareem Malik Amna Imran Tabba Aliza Adnan	Gold
U-18 Boys 4x500m	Saif Malik Shahzain Habib Syed Raed Sohail Ahsan Syed Muhammad Ibrahim Rizvi	Gold
U-21 Boys 5000m	Ensi Qiao	Gold

10th Interschool Staff Cricket Tournament

The C.A.S. School organised its 10th Interschool Staff Cricket Tournament from 1 to 21 March, at the Main Campus. The schools that participated were Alpha College, Eden College, Bay View High School, Haque Academy, Bay View Academy and Hampton School.

The C.A.S. team included players from both the Main Campus, Kindergarten Section and Bookgroup.

Bay View Academy and Eden College competed against each other for third place in the semifinal. The match was won by Bay View Academy. Their captain Muneeb Ahmer received the trophy for Second Runners-up.

The final match was played between C.A.S. Team C and Alpha College. After a tough struggle, it was won by Alpha College and captain Zaeem Siddiqui received the Winner's trophy. Victor Iqbal, captain of C.A.S. Team C, received the trophy for Runners-up of the tournament.

Hamza Zakaria from Bay View Academy got the award for Best Bowler; Irfan Khan from C.A.S. Team C for Best Batsman and Waqas Ali from Alpha College for Man of the Match.

The tournament ended with a high tea session in the front yard of the school. Well done all teams and congratulations to the Department of Physical Education for coordinating the tournament.



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Sports Day 2023



Rania Fayaz of Class 8A, Junior Nationals bronze medalist in high jump, took the oath, on behalf of all the participants.

Athletes of 2022, Aiza Ahmed, Ayan Shah and Amaan Mehta, lighted the torch. The school banner was released and the school choir sang the National Anthem. A taekwondo display was followed by an exhilarating performance by the cheerleaders of the Junior Section.

Races took place with many close finishes and record breaking timings. A special mention to the students of the Senior Section, Syeda Aleezah Zaidi, Hania Polani, Lovesh Kumar Kataria, Eman Hussain, Syed Ahsan Ahmed, Barirah Asif and former student Muhammad Munoo who, equipped with their drone and cameras, clicked photos of the event under the supervision of their instructor Mr Amin Desai. The tug of war was won by Red House, with Green House in



second and Yellow House in third place. Towards the end of the event, the graduating batch of 2023 surprised us with a performance, marking their last sports day.

New records were made by the students. In the Junior section, Yellow House was declared winner, Blue House was first runner-up and Green House, the second runner-up. Meanwhile, in the Senior Section, Red House was the winning House, followed by Green House as first runner-up and Yellow House, the second runner-up. Rania Fayyaz and Sheikh Ariz Danish, students of Class 8, were Athletes of the Day with a total of 46 points, while Muhammad Rehan with his admirable performances in sports throughout the term, was declared Athlete of the Year 2023. This year a separate trophy was reserved for the overall winner of the Sports Day. Congratulations to Green House for winning the Champions Trophy for 2023.



Sports Day 2023 new records

U-17

1.	800m	Maha Fahd, 10B (Blue House)	3.10:14 sec
2.	High jump	Aiza Ahmed, 10B (Yellow House)	1.29m
3.	Javelin throw	Minelle Faruqi, 11B (Green House)	2.65m

U-15

1.	100m	Rania Fayyaz, 8A (Green House)	13:71 sec
2.	200m	Rania Fayyaz, 8A (Green House)	30:89 sec
3.	400m	Rania Fayyaz, 8A (Green House)	1:12:65 sec
4.	800m	Rania Fayyaz, 8A (Green House)	2:55:64 sec
5.	800m	Shaikh Aariz Danish, 9C (Green House)	2:41:37 sec
6.	Javelin throw	Shaikh Aariz Danish, 9C (Green House)	30.27m
7.	High jump	Shaheer Samdani, 9B (Red House)	1.52m
8.	Shot put	Saif Malik, 9B (Yellow House)	10.22m

Interview with Mr and Mrs Muzammil Niazi

On 2 February, *Neemtree* editors Ehaab Asim Sheikh of Class 9A and Aimen Parekh of 9B interviewed Mr and Mrs Muzammil Niazi at their Sungold Organic Farm located about 40 kms from Karachi, where they live permanently. The Niazis are organic farming enthusiasts, with long association with the C.A.S.

Why is it important that students at this age learn about where their food comes from, we asked.

You are what you eat. Today's children need to know if the food they eat is healthy so they can stay healthy, they said with great conviction.

Great people with great ambitions. By focusing on organic production, the Niazis are dedicated to improving the food supply chain at all levels of production and distribution. We wish them the best of luck for the future.

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Playgroup Sing Song

It was indeed a wonderful sight to see them having such a great time. We are pleased to see their confidence grow and it is delightful to watch them learn

through these fun, musical activities. We hope parents continue to encourage them towards music.



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KG1 and KG2 Sing Song

with various animal sounds and actions. It was an enjoyable

performance and we can't wait to see them perform again next year!



Kat Putli

Aaniya Najam, 7C

Students of Class 7 created handmade puppets as a visual aid, in relation to our Urdu topic *Kat Putli*. With the guidance of our teachers Ms Naima Akram and Ms Sosan Naqvi, we made a variety of puppets including marionettes, sock and finger puppets, which were later displayed in the library.

MUN-IBA Karachi

From 10 to 12 January, students of The C.A.S. School attended MUNIK, one of the biggest Model United Nations conferences in Karachi, initiated each year by the Institute of Business Administration. Students from across the city presented their speeches.

A special mention goes to Eshaal Hamayun Sajjad of Class 8B (C.A.S.) for winning an award for her position paper. Well done students.

Cambridge trainer

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our teacher Ms Ghada Rahim by the Cambridge Board as a trainer for History. She will now be conducting workshops for History to train teachers in the subject.

Udaas Imaratein

Class 9 created models representing the famous monuments of the Mughal era. This project was done in March in relation to their Urdu chapter *Udaas Imaratein*.

Music Mavericks

On 16 March, students from classes 6 to 8 participated in Music Mavericks, a singing competition held at the Beaconhouse College campus. The students were shortlisted after a lengthy process of auditions. They put up a splendid performance and made us proud. Ifza Khan of Class 6C won the trophy for Best English Solo Singer. Congratulations to all participants.



Textile design workshop

On 26 January, Ms Asiah Seemab, Head of the Department for Textile Design at the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, conducted a workshop for Class 10 students of Art and Design. The workshop was in relation to the textile design component of their syllabus.

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Photography exhibition and the launch of *In Focus*

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, began by welcoming the parents. Mr Taymur Ahmad Mustafa, Assistant Director of Studies then

addressed the guests and complimented the students on their creative talent. He, along with Mr Amin Desai, module instructor, presented the *In Focus* to the students. Parents and students enjoyed the gallery-style exhibition of their work and chatted over refreshments.



Trip to the vegetable farm

Muhammad Zayd Khan, 6B

Class 6 went on a study trip to Sungold Organic Farm on 27 January. We enjoyed plucking out carrots and other vegetables and watched the goats, cows and dogs. We came back to

have some yummy *pakor*s prepared by the hosts. It was a wonderful experience at the farm and we brought back some healthy organic vegetables to take home with us.



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Editor's note

A quick shout-out to the Junior and Senior Section students who contributed their articles. We know you look forward to *Neemtree* and hope it is an enjoyable read. It was pleasing to scroll through articles and pictures. Thank you teachers for being patient with us. With deadlines inching closer, we relied on your support. Articles have been slightly modified for clarity and space. We hope you like it as much as we do. Cheers.

Syeda Aleezah Zaidi, 9B