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Mariam Murad

Established more than a decade ago, The Knowledge School Network aims to improve opportunities for children and young people in Pakistan and equip them with the knowledge, skills, strategies, and values that will allow them to excel in a fast-paced and competitive world. Through its affiliations and initiatives, TKS aims to push the boundaries of education across the region within and beyond the classroom, and to promote positive change and counter the stagnation and decline of quality education and learning outcomes. Pakistan's key resource is its people and investing in their education and skills is of paramount importance to Pakistan's socially inclusive development and its global economic positioning.

In Pakistan, TKS aims to become a reference point on educational change, and to serve as a hub of new ideas for education and development.

TKS will also act as an incubator for new educational programs. The identification of these new programs, which address educational gaps and needs in Pakistan as well as respond to opportunities for innovative approaches, is based on research and field experience and reflects Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad's vision for educational reform.



SHF
Sitara Hilal Foundation
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TKS and SHF Collaboration

The Knowledge School Network (TKS) signed a 'Memorandum of Understanding' with Sitara-o-Hilal Foundation (SHF) on March 18, 2019 to inspire and encourage patriotism in the youth and the next generation of Pakistan.

Sitara-o-Hilal Foundation is a non-partisan apolitical non-profit forum that aims to inspire and promote patriotism in the youth of Pakistan. This network aspires to bring change for the welfare and prosperity of Pakistan by bringing together vibrant youth under Sitara-o-Hilal Parcham.

SHF and TKS have signed this MoU in accordance with their mutual interest in promoting moral values and character building. As such, SHF values the TKS initiative of introducing value based curriculum entitled 'Life and Learning' in their nationwide network in 2018. SHF believes in promoting social ethics and morals to inspire and encourage patriotism in the youth and the next generation of Pakistan. TKS and SHF will work together to incorporate all aspects of 'Patriotism' into the curriculum of 'Life and Learning' to stand by with the core values of SHF.

TKS invites everyone to promote the cause of SHF. Become a member of SHF to show your profound love for our beloved country. Spread SHF's message amongst your peers, teachers, students and parents.

Pakistan Zindabad!

National Day Celebration



March 23rd is a day that is remembered and celebrated every year to commemorate the adoption of the Pakistan Resolution by the All India Muslim League in March 1940 at Lahore's Minto Park.

TKS pays tribute to heroes of the Pakistan Movement, whose sacrifices and sheer dedication turned Pakistan into reality. Students of TKS participated in different activities such as speech competitions, performances on national songs, quizzes, etc.



TKS Shalamar Campus, Lahore



TKS Almo Campus, Quetta



TKS Expo Campus, Lahore



TKS Dalazak Campus, Peshawar

TKS Head Office Activities

TKS Network Associates Orientation 2019

TKS Head Office organized 'Network Associates Orientation 2019' on February 16, 2019 at UMT, Lahore. More than 10 campuses participated in this session. Brig(R) Shahid Akram Kardar, Country Director, TKS, gave the opening remarks and welcomed the newly inducted NWAs. It was a great honor for TKS to have Abid H K Shirwani, Director General, UMT, as the chief guest. The ceremony concluded with his visionary speech for the TKS stakeholders. Certificates of Association were also presented to the freshly inducted NWAs. The event was also clubbed with Award of Recognition for three best employees of TKS Head Office who were also awarded certificates: M Nasir, Manager Publication and QA, was presented 'Award of 10 Years Excellent Service Recognition.' 'Employee of the Year' award was presented to Sabeen Gul Farhan, Asst. Manager, HR, while M Waseem, Recovery Officer, became 'Employee of the Term' (June-December 2018).



Classroom Management Training - Lahore and Gujranwala Region

TKS Head Office Academics team ensures that the school teachers are well equipped and familiar with the latest educational practices to meet the educational needs of 21st century students. To serve the same purpose, a training workshop entitled 'Classroom Management' was conducted by Anjum Mumtaz, Academics Head, Ishrat Tabassum Preschool Coordinator (Teaching of Phonics) and Naureen Nazir Subject Specialist (Scope of Life and Learning). Child Psychology session was conducted by Dr Zahid Mahmood, Director ICP, UMT Lahore and his team from Institute of Clinical Psychology, University of Management and Technology, Lahore.

Dr Zahid Mahmood and his team briefed about why studying the child's mind is important for one's mental and physical growth. The team talked about how the school students need counselors and mentors to become good citizens with positive minds. They also shared how child psychology has evolved over the last decade.

The teachers gave positive feedback after the sessions and were keen to apply the latest pedagogical techniques in their classrooms.



Academic Excellence Awards

The Annual Day is a moment of celebration in every school. It is a day when every child gets an opportunity to demonstrate his/her talent on the stage. TKS campuses celebrated Annual Day with full enthusiasm. Students delivered speeches and displayed exuberant role-play performances on pertinent issues facing our society.

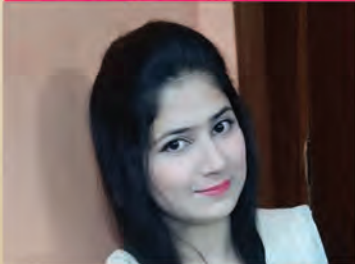
For teachers, it was a great opportunity to showcase the talents they have nurtured in the children and for the parents, it was a matter of great pride to watch their children on stage.

The students along with their parents, were awarded trophies and certificates to appreciate their hard work, determination and willpower to achieve their goals successfully.



International Day Celebrations

Since ages, women have been struggling to be socially and professionally recognized as equivalent to men. There are many incidents in a women's personal and professional life where her abilities are undermined against that of a man; thus, having an adverse effect on her overall personality and hampering her growth. I personally experienced these things in my life. But in spite of all hardships, I am the first woman in my family who has completed MPhil degree.



I would like to give message on this special day to everyone: *"Never underestimate the power of a woman; if she is determined to achieve anything, no earthly power will be able stop her".*

Saima Shafeeq
Quality Assurance Manager
TKS New Campus, Okara



TKS celebrated 'International Day of Happiness' in full swing on 20 March, 2019. Students were engaged in purposeful activities to promote happiness and highlight its importance to live a healthy life.

The theme of International Day of Happiness 2019 was 'Happier Together, focusing on what we have in common, rather than what divides us.'



TKS Allama Iqbal Campus, Okara



TKS Al-Shreef Campus, Okara

WORLD Water Day

22 March, 2019

International World Water Day was celebrated at TKS to provide opportunity for students to learn more about water related issues, be inspired to tell others and take action to make a difference. Students organized a march to create awareness among people. Holding placards, charts and banners; students raised slogans 'Save Water, Save Earth' and 'Walk for Water.' Many locals joined the march to support their cause.



TKS celebrated 'World Wildlife Day' under the theme of 'Life Below Water: for People and Planet,' which aligns with goal 14 -Life below water - of the Sustainable Development Goals. TKS found it a great opportunity to raise awareness among students about the breathtaking diversity of marine life and the importance of marine species.



TKS Shalamar Campus, Lahore

TKS Participation in Life Skills Olympiad

The Knowledge School (TKS) Network always endeavors to inculcate 'Critical Thinking' and 'Life Skills' among its students in order to prepare them to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Carrying forward the mission of TKS, the Head Office offered an excellent opportunity to all TKS students to participate in 'International Life Skills Olympiad (ILSO 2018-19)' to ensure their holistic development.

ILSO is a worldwide mission across 100+ countries to assess the real world readiness of school going children from class III-XII. It is the world's 1st test on Life Skills to check the proficiency of young citizens in skills such as: Leadership, Economic Common Sense, Ethics, Goal Setting, Teamwork, Decision Making, Negotiations and a whole range of other 21st century skills.



Uzaima Rashid, TKS Idrees Campus, G6



Mursaleen Jameel, TKS Idrees Campus, G4



Muhammad Usman Ghani, TKS Idrees Campus, G6



Muhammad Bin Ehtesham, TKS Idrees Campus, G3



Malaika Amjad, TKS Idrees Campus, G7



Muhammad Arsalan, TKS Idrees Campus, G5



Imama Sajid, TKS IMT Campus, G-pre 9



Hira Fatima, TKS Omer Campus, G6



Fatima Sajid, TKS IMT Campus, G7



Amna Yousaf, TKS Idrees Campus, G5



Abeera Rizwan, TKS Omer Campus, G5



Abeeha Amjad TKS Idrees Campus, G5



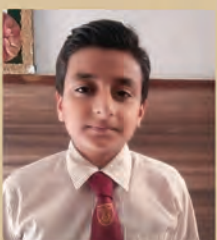
Muhammad Hamza, Haroon Campus



Mahroo Amjad, TKS Idrees Campus, G5



Anum Taufiq, TKS Idrees Campus, G7



Ammar Shabbir, TKS IMT Campus, G5

TKS Head Office extends warm congratulations to the students who successfully completed the ILSO Test 2018-2019. Their hard work and dedication is really appreciated.



- A: What do you call a bee having a bad hair day?
 B: Why did the cookie go to the hospital?
 C: Why was the math book upset?
 D: What has four legs but can't walk?
 E: Why did the grasshopper go to the doctor?
 F: What kind of flowers are on your face?

Search for the answers in the Newsletter!

Students Say

I Love my school

A beautiful playground
Airy classes
What else you need
When you can walk on grass

Efficient teachers
Fellows' lovely faces
When going to canteen
Walk in slow paces

It's an institution
The Knowledge School
Let me tell you one thing
It's very cool

Anaya Waseem
Grade 2
TKS Omer Campus, Chistian



Principal's Say

Learn to Earn



Every child is given a beautiful name after birth and parents start thinking about his/her successful future as a doctor, engineer or pilot. So, parents put all their efforts to realize their dreams and sacrifice their comforts of life in the hope of securing a bright future for their children. Our entire efforts end up in planning to earn more money, upgrading their lifestyles, and maintaining the social status. I really wonder if this is the purpose of life?

Man, the supreme being after Allah Almighty, has been sent to Earth blessed with unique gifts of knowledge and wisdom, and with the notion to conquer the world. The greatest gift that a father can give to his child is indeed good education and Islamic upbringing. In our society, the word education is considered as one of the synonyms for good job or any professional degree which could guarantee high social status. So every child is given a dream about such kind of future or to be more precise, a certain 'aim of life.' In order to attain this good education, parents choose to send their children to quality institutions (institutions with very high fee structure) to help their loved ones achieve their 'aim of life.' So, the foremost duty of educational institutions has become to put children in a race to get high percentage in exams for attaining merit, also to beat others in this race.

Innocent minds are tempered and tortured to infuse cruel feelings of competition. After getting successful, practical lives are started with the sole purpose to upgrade the social status and acquire as much material belongings as possible. Lives start revolving around whims and wishes.

Where is the mutual respect and compassion for each other? What about training of the minds and inspiration for the soul? Why our children are not taught the actual meaning of life? Are our educational systems lacking in something? Allah has created this World for man and not Man for this World. Now the question is, 'What is man doing'? As discussed earlier, Man is spending all his life in achieving the comforts of life and making money. Materialistic achievements are considered to be the ultimate success; days and nights are spent to realize the so-called dreams of making one's future. And what is the result: increased frustration and depression in society. Despite having lavish lifestyles that mankind needs, it is getting deprived of values, morality and above all, peace of mind.

What is man created for? If you search for the answer to this question, you will end up with a complete solution. If man is not created for this world then why is he striving to accumulate so much for it. Allah created man and guided him about the purpose of life in this world, He sent prophets in different epochs. These messengers of Allah educated mankind according to the needs of those times and eras. As mankind evolved, it was the time to equip them with the highest values, highest nobility and a complete code of life. So Allah Almighty sent his last Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the very first revelation was to emphasize education (اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي). This is the type of education in which we are told to contemplate, think, understand and evaluate. It is the spirit of education that invokes understanding in the child to probe through the secrets of this world, appreciate the immense creations and hence recognize the Creator, Almighty Allah. So the ultimate purpose of education is to have clear vision about life, and development of a personality full of self-discipline, contentment, integrity and harmony. This ultimately inculcates the ability to lead the world after acquiring complete faith in Almighty Allah.

To sum up, I would like to request all the concerned authorities to join hands to make our educational institutions the breeding grounds for quality education. Let them be a places to develop reflective minds, compassionate hearts, responsible and productive citizens, enriched with great values and morals needed for peaceful society whether they are doctors, engineers, scholars, scientists, inventors or businessmen.

Let's educate our children to earn; not money but morals, not degree but education, not competition but companionship and compassion, not fame but selflessness and have beautiful and contented hearts along with their respectful names to get real success in life herein and hereafter.

May Almighty Allah bless us to become a strong and prosperous nation. Aameen.

Romaisa Mir
Principal TKS, Uzair Campus, Pun

Key Dates

Tech Savvy Competition	April 17, 2019
Parent – Teacher Meeting-1	April 20, 2019
International Earth Day	April 22, 2019
Labor Day	May 1, 2019
End Term Assessment -1	6th-14th May, 2019
1st Term Parents Teacher Meeting (Result and Summer Pack)	May 25, 2019
Summer Vacation	June - July, 2019

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WHY TKS?

TKS
MY FIRST
CHOICE

- 24/7 e School Parents App
- Generous Scholarships
- Exclusive Curriculum
- Global Partnerships
- Focus on Extra-Curricular Activities

Nationwide Partnerships

Available

200⁺

Campuses
Across
Pakistan

35,000⁺

Students

100⁺

Cities

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