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# KEF

## Newsletter

TO PRODUCE A CRITICAL MASS OF FUTURE YOUNG CITIZENS, FROM THE UNDERPRIVILEGED COMMUNITIES, WHOSE KNOWLEDGE, INTELLECTUAL ABILITIES AND CHARACTER MATCHES THE CHALLENGES FACING PAKISTAN IN TOMORROW'S WORLD.

## Changes in the Management

The Chairman, all Trustees, staff and students of KEF thank Vice Admiral (Retd) Farooq Rashid for his dedication and devotion with which he steered KEF with a vision for better future of the country's youth. We wish Vice Admiral (R) Farooq Rashid good health

The Founder Chairman of KEF, Maj. Gen. (R) M. Rahim Khan assumed the appointment of Chairman-KEF after the relinquishment of the post of Chairman by Vice Admiral (R) Farooq Rashid on 4th May, 2010.

and success in all his future endeavours. All Trustees, staff and students of KEF extend a warm welcome and full support to Maj. Gen. (R) M. Rahim Khan, who has been extremely active in KEF affairs since its inception.



## External Evaluation of KEF's Institutions

Was carried out by Mrs. Penelope Thornton from UK and Mr. Shah Hussain. Both had a meeting with Chairman KEF and CEO on 10th March, 2010 & submitted their researched proposals and evaluation reports on all KEF's institutions.

## Volunteers from HOPE, UK



A five member team from Hamara Overseas Pakistan Enterprise (HOPE), UK visited Head Office and had a meeting with Chairman-KEF, available Trustees and CEO on 18th Feb, 2010. The team also visited ITE and SVPS to explore the possible avenues of collaboration and assistance in the spheres of teacher training and curriculum development.

### BOT MEETING

The 24th Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting was held on 7th January, 2010.

### KEF's NEW LOOK WEBSITES

The websites of KEF have been redesigned after a thorough consultative process. We request our friends and patrons to visit [www.kefintl.org](http://www.kefintl.org) & [www.kef.org.pk](http://www.kef.org.pk) and provide us with their valuable feedback.

### INSURANCE OF KEF's FIXED ASSETS

KEF's fixed assets such as buildings, equipment etc have been insured from Askari General Insurance Limited in April, 2010.

## Pearl Valley Public School & College (PVPS&C)

**SSC Examinations 2010:** PVPS&C students have achieved 100% success with school GPA of 5.18. Details of results are given below:

Class/Grade	A1	A	B	Total
SSC-I (Class 9)	11	3	2	16
SSC-II (Class 10)	10	5	2	17

The maximum marks secured by the students in SSC Examinations are:

- 498 marks out of 525 by Ayesha & Zara (Part-I)
- 989 marks out of 1050 by Tayyaba Tariq (Part-II)

We are expecting good results in HSSC examinations as well.

### Session 2010:

- New Prep class joined in first week of March 2010 with an intake of 61 students (29 boys & 32 girls).
- The total strength of the school now is 365 students.

### Extra-Curricular Activities:

Following activities were conducted:

#### Poetry Competition

#### Quiz Competition

#### Inter House Football Tournament

**International & National Days** were observed.

**Book Fair** was held on 14th April by Hassan Books, Islamabad. It was a very successful event, attended by almost all the parents and pupils. Hassan Books also donated books, generously to pupils who could not afford these.

### Emergency Evacuation Drills

Evacuation Drills are observed regularly to prepare the children for safe evacuation from the premises, in case of emergencies.

**Study Trip** Classes Prep to IV went on a study trip to KOT MATTAY KHAN on 17th April, 2010.

**Meena Bazaar** was held successfully for the first time in PVPS on 29th May 2010. It was held as a non-profit event. Local businessmen, friends and trustees of KEF contributed to the event in cash and kind.

**Natural Hazards/Disasters** Students conducted a campaign to educate people against local natural hazards/disasters.

**Tribute to Gen. M. Hayat Khan, Former President-AJ&K** On 19th of

May, the day of Gen. Hayat's death, PVPS&C conducted a special assembly to pay tribute to him. In addition Mr. Mohammad Habib Khan also addressed the assembly and apprised the students of contribution of Gen. Hayat towards development of AJ&K. A special dua was held in the end. The flags were flown at half mast in BVPS & PVPS&C.

**Anti Pollution Week** A cleanliness & antipollution week was observed during which the children went to Banjosa Lake to clean the litter and distributed leaflets about their campaign.



**Financial Assistance to Terrorism Victim** A sum of Rs.7,025/- was contributed by students of PVPS&C for the family of a youngster Shoaib who was unfortunately killed in a bomb blast near PVPS. Its main purpose was to inculcate a helping attitude amongst students.



### VACCINATIONS

Every year KEF organises vaccination at its schools. Children at PVPS and SVPS were vaccinated for Typhoid and Hepatitis during the months of April and June.



### ACHIEVEMENTS

• **Parsa Khan** a student of Class XI has been short listed among the first 50 students in the National Science Talent Contest (in Biology).

• **Pizwak Imtiaz** a student of PVPS&C has qualified on National Merit for admission in LUMS, in the B.Sc (Honours) program of SOCIAL SCIENCES & LAW.

This is a great honour and achievement for both students, their faculty, PVPS and KEF. We wish them the best in their future endeavours.

**RECYCLING**

The teachers and students of SVPS collected junk material from their school, homes and surroundings. By recycling that stuff, the students created amazing and useful items/articles.



**Management Council - KEF UK**

To further enhance the activities of KEF UK some businessmen and professionals have joined the Management Council which comprises seven members.



Members of Management Council

**MANCHESTER TEAM**

Mr. Abdul Qayyum restructured the Manchester Team in January 2010 and welcomed the new members who would enjoy the leadership of Mr. Tariq Munir who has once again accepted the responsibility for the development of KEF's activities in Manchester.

**Soan Valley Public School (SVPS)**

**Session 2010:**

- New Prep class joined with an intake of 59 students (27 boys & 32 girls). The total number of students has now grown to 282.
- In line with KEF's policy, Class VI has been added this year.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

Following were held:

- **Cleanliness Day**
- **Arts Competition**
- **Spring Season Painting**
- **Qirrat Competition**
- **Creative Writing Competition** was held on the Mother's day. An informative and interesting bibliography was also



displayed. All the students participated devotedly and paid tribute to their mothers by designing fascinating cards and writing essays.

**Clubs & Societies** To provide extra-curricular activities to students, sports, arts, social and literary clubs along with Science Society have been formed.

**Banjosa Valley Public School (BVPS)**

**Session 2010:**

- New Prep class joined in first week of March 2010 with an intake of 43 students (27 boys & 16 girls).
- The total strength of the school now is 144 students.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

Following were held:

- **Quiz Competition**
- **Plantation Day** was held on 3rd March, 2010. A large number of seeds/ saplings were planted by the students and faculty.

**Environment Cleaning Trip** The Students visited Banjosa Lake (accompanied by the PVPS students) to clean its surroundings as a part of their Social Activity.

**Meena Bazar at PVPS&C** Students of class Two attended Meena Bazar held at PVPS&C.

**Fun Day** was celebrated on 11th June, 2010. All the students actively participated in different interesting games and had a great fun.



**Institute of Teacher Education (ITE)**

**Training Workshops at ITE**

ITE conducted a two days workshop for the teachers of SVPS on 8th & 9th of March, 2010 which covered subjects of English and Professional Studies. The aim of the workshop was to train and guide teachers to use a variety of teaching activities in the class and improve their classroom management skills.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

**Competitions:**

- Sports competitions of rounder, badminton and table tennis were held during February.
- Poetry Competitions in Urdu & English were held on 30th March, 2010.

**Celebration of Days:** Following days were observed at ITE:

- Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi
- Women Day (8th Mar, 2010)
- Water Day (22nd Mar, 2010)
- Health Day (7th April, 2010)
- Labour Day (1st May, 2010)
- Mothers' Day (3rd May, 2010)

**Educational Visits:** Following visits were conducted:

- REDCO Textile Mill, Grid Station, Flour Mill, Mehran Degree College at Rawat on 12th March, 2010.
- On 17th May, 2010 to Sultana Foundation & LOK VIRSA Museum, Islamabad.

**In-Service Program for KEF Teachers**

Following workshops were held at the Head Office for the faculty and trainees of ITE:

- "Curriculum Development and Teacher Evaluation" on 20th and 21st Jan, 2010.
- "Effective Student Handling and Teaching Methods/ Techniques" on 13th and 18th March, 2010.



ITE Students at REDCO Textile Mill, Rawat, Rwp.

**Visit of Bahria University Officials**

A four member delegation from Bahria University, headed by their Registrar visited the ITE on 24th June, 2010. The delegation was briefed by the CEO and the Director ITE. Later, they were conducted to the classes and shown the facilities available at the ITE. The head of delegation and other members interacted with the faculty and the trainees and were impressed with the standards maintained by the ITE.

**KEF-UK**

**Annual Dinner**

A fund raising dinner was held on 26th June, 2010 at Ilford Town Hall, Ilford, Essex. The event was attended by the local Pakistani and British community, including Mr. Mike Gapes, Member of Parliament. Maj. Gen. (Retd) M. Rahim Khan, Chairman KEF PK and Mr. Nadim Shafiqullah, Trustee KEF (PK/UK) also attended. The event got an exclusive coverage in the UK edition of Daily Jang, The Nation, Ausaf and Pukar.

**Ilford Seminar & KEF's Team Setup**

- Mr. Abdul Qayyum arranged a Seminar in Ilford on 23rd of January 2010. It was attended by the local community which showed great interest in the activities of KEF. The Seminar was also broadcasted on Prime TV.
- London Chapter of KEF was also formed after the seminar .



**Chairman's Visit to Bowdon**

Maj. Gen. (Retd) M. Rahim Khan, Chairman KEF-Pakistan, visited Bowdon to meet and thank Mrs. Prue Wallis Myers, 94 years old lady, a famous painter, who sold her paintings for KEF and raised £4000 last year. She also presented a painting which was auctioned at Manchester Dinner and we raised £250. She has promised to paint one more picture for KEF children in future. We are grateful for her involvement with KEF.

**Donation of School Equipment to KEF PK**

Acklam Grange School, UK donated following equipment to KEF Pakistan for its schools:

- 13 Interactive Whiteboards with projectors.
- 60 Flat-screen PCs.
- 3 Laptops.
- Furniture.
- 40 Security Cameras.
- Graphic Calculators.
- 13 Projectors.

KEF thanks the School's management for their generous support.

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