



Sunshine IV

Light of Hope School Newsletter 2023-2024



Message from the Principal

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

As we wrap up another incredible year at Light of Hope School, I reflect with pride and gratitude on the remarkable journey we have shared. This has been another year of accomplishments, growth, and memorable experiences.

To our students and families who have reached the end of their journey with us, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for being a vital part of our community. Your contributions and achievements have left an indelible mark on our school, and I wish you all the brightest of futures.

For those joining us in the coming academic year, I extend a warm welcome to the Light of Hope School family. We are excited to have you embark on this journey with us, and we eagerly look forward to seeing the impact you will make as we continue to grow together.

This year, our students have excelled in all aspects of their learning. Witnessing their progress—whether it's the youngest learners taking their first steps in reading or senior students achieving milestones like securing top marks in their exams—has been an absolute privilege. Every success story is a testament to the dedication of our outstanding staff, the unwavering support of our parent body, and the resilience and ambition of our students.

Being part of a school like Light of Hope is a true honor. The dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm of everyone in our community multiply the rewards we see in the growth and achievements of our students. From those who take their first strides in learning to those who step confidently into their futures, every child reminds us of why this work matters so deeply.

As we reflect on a successful year filled with joy, learning, and achievement, I extend my sincere thanks to each student, parent, and teacher who has contributed to making this year a success.





Message from the Dean of the Education Department

It is with great pride and excitement that I share the journey of our new campus, The Rose of Sharon which began its operations in September 2024. Over the past few months, the administration of Forman Christian College (A Chartered University) [FCCU], the principal of Light of Hope School, along with the school's administrators, teachers, and staff, have worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth inauguration of this campus. Their unwavering commitment and collective effort have laid the foundation for a thriving educational environment.

A special mention must go out to the dedicated principal, teachers, and staff for ensuring the smooth and continuous functioning of our original campus. Their dedication to creating a nurturing environment for academic growth and holistic development is truly commendable. They consistently inspire our students to excel in both academic and co-curricular pursuits, with high performances in the Board examinations being a testament to their hard work and the students' perseverance.

Our students have already immersed themselves in a range of co-curricular activities, which have greatly enriched their educational experience. Celebrations of significant national events such as Defense Day and Independence Day included performances that showcased students' talent and patriotism. The joyous Christmas play and carols fostered a sense of community and belonging, strengthening the bonds that define our school's spirit.

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the invaluable contribution of our school towards the internships and school experience programs for BS (Education) students of FCCU. These aspiring educators have benefitted greatly from the hands-on guidance and practical exposure provided by our teachers. This partnership between our experienced teachers and the future educators is instrumental in shaping a new generation of well-equipped teachers who are prepared to meet the demands of modern education.

Once again, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our teachers, principal, and the entire management team for their unwavering support and guidance. Your dedication ensures that our students, whether current learners or those gaining valuable internship experience, continue to thrive and reach their full potential. Together, we are building more than just a school; we are nurturing a vibrant community grounded in education, innovation, and personal growth.



PROMOTION ASSEMBLY

The Promotion Assembly for the academic year 2024 was a heartwarming and memorable event held in the school courtyard. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 9 gathered together, their faces filled with excitement and anticipation for what lay ahead.

The principal addressed the students with encouraging words, acknowledging their hard work, dedication, and growth throughout the year. In a moment filled with excitement, the principal officially announced the promotion of each grade, signaling the students to move forward to their next classes.

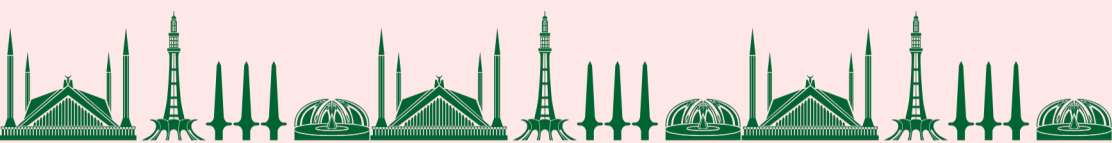
As students stood up and moved forward to their new classes, the courtyard echoed with applause and cheers, marking the start of a new chapter in their academic journey. It was a proud and joyful moment for everyone, filled with hope and anticipation for the opportunities that await in the coming year.



THE DEFENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

On September 6, 2023, Defense Day was celebrated by the students in remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives in the Indo-Pakistan War of 1965. Students dressed as members of the armed forces, sang patriotic songs, and performed tableaux, fostering a strong sense of national pride.

Mr. Col (R) Rana Khaqan Mahmood, our esteemed guest of honor, spoke about Pakistan's military strength and the sacrifices made by our soldiers in 1965. The Principal encouraged students to be honest, strong, and brave, embodying these values in their service to the country.



GRANDPARENTS DAY

At Light of Hope School, we celebrated Grandparents Day on September 22, 2023, with the students and their grandparents from Pre-K, KG, and Grade 1. This special day honors the cherished bond between grandparents and their grandchildren. After all, grandparents, alongside parents, love their grandchildren unconditionally. The event was a heartwarming gathering, bringing together grandparents and their grandchildren for a memorable celebration. Our esteemed chief guests for the event were Dr. Jonathan Addleton, the honorable Rector of FCCU, his wife Madam Fiona, Dr. Martin Thomas, the Dean of Education, and Madam Dolly, in charge of the information desk at FCCU. Their presence added grace and warmth to the occasion.



READING AWARENESS MONTH



Books are a source of knowledge and life lessons, teaching us about love, fear, hardships, and the complexities of life.

To celebrate the power of reading, Light of Hope School kicked off its Reading Awareness Month with students and teachers presenting story characters in the morning assembly. Various reading-related activities were held in the classrooms, where students engaged in storytelling, book discussions, and creative exercises. To cap it off, students dressed up as their favorite characters from the stories they read and showcased them in a special assembly. English and Urdu reading presentations highlighted the joy and importance of reading.



IQBAL DAY



The Iqbal Day event was organized at Light of Hope School to celebrate the life of Allama Muhammad Iqbal, our national poet and esteemed scholar. Dr. Aneel Samuel, Head of the Urdu Department (College), graced the event as the Chief Guest. Students recited Iqbal's poetry and performed a tableau based on his works and philosophy. Additionally, they sang patriotic songs to pay tribute to our national poet.

Students created posters featuring Allama Iqbal and his poetry, which were displayed throughout the event. It was a memorable occasion, allowing everyone to enjoy and revisit the valuable life lessons found in Iqbal's poetry and philosophy.



TEACHERS' DAY

On September 5th, we celebrated Teachers' Day, honoring the dedication and hard work of our educators. A special assembly was held where teachers were presented with badges and chocolates by the principal as a token of appreciation. Students expressed their gratitude through heartfelt messages, poems and thoughtful gifts. The day highlighted the invaluable contributions teachers make in shaping young minds and fostering a love for learning. It was a joyous occasion filled with appreciation and respect for those who guide and inspire us every day.



HALLOWEEN



AN EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO THE ZOO

On November 3, 2023, Grade 3 students embarked on an exciting educational trip to the zoo, perfectly aligning with their new English story about a family visiting the zoo. This adventure allowed them to see animals up close, deepening their understanding of the story's themes. The children learned fascinating facts about various species and their habitats, making the experience both informative and enjoyable. It was a day filled with exploration and fun that brought their classroom learning to life!



ELECTIONS

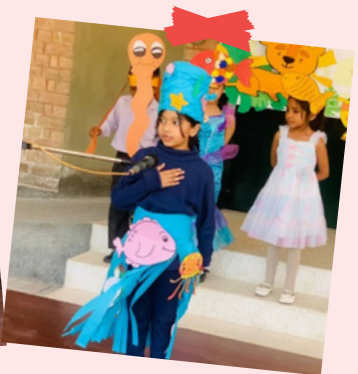
"Leadership is not about being in charge. It's about taking care of those in your charge." – Simon Sinek

On October 9, 2024, our school held elections for the positions of Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, and Deputy Head Girl. The candidates enthusiastically campaigned, and students actively participated in the voting process.

This experience instilled a sense of responsibility and discipline among the students, helping them understand the importance of leadership and teamwork in a school community.

HABITAT CLOSING

On March 25, 2024, Kindergarten students showcased their learning from the 'Habitat Unit' through engaging presentations during their Habitat Closing Unit event. The morning was honored by the presence of Madam Eileen Dass, who praised the students for their performances. Such events enhance students' understanding and help them learn more effectively while celebrating their creativity and hard work!



PRE-K 100 DAYS CELEBRATION



At Light of Hope School, the 100th day of school is a special milestone for our Pre-Kindergarten students. To celebrate this achievement, we organized a fun-filled day of engaging activities. The event showcased the remarkable progress our young learners have made over these 100 days. We are excited to share photos from this joyful occasion, capturing the enthusiasm and excitement of our students as they continue their learning journey.





Christmas Caroling

This year, Light of Hope School brought a fresh twist to its annual Christmas celebrations. Instead of the traditional Christmas play, students lit up the stage with a heartwarming Christmas Caroling event. Students performed to live carols sung by the School Choir and the Alumni Choir, creating a festive and melodious atmosphere.

One of the standout moments was the creative commercials performed on stage, which added a fun and playful vibe to the event. The festive question-and-answer session kept the audience engaged, with exciting gifts handed out for correct answers. The celebration was a joyful blend of music, creativity, and togetherness, leaving everyone with warm holiday memories.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

At Light of Hope School, Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs) are held periodically to ensure open communication between teachers and parents regarding each child's academic progress. These meetings provide a platform to discuss detailed progress reports, highlighting areas of strength and identifying where improvement is needed. By addressing both achievements and challenges, we guide parents on how they can support their child's learning journey at home. This ongoing collaboration helps foster student success and strengthens the partnership between the school and families.



ONGOING TARGET-BASED TRAINING AND MEETINGS



Our teachers benefit from continuous, needs- focused professional development and regular meetings led by Principal Madam Furry George. These sessions are designed to address individual needs, ensuring each educator is equipped with the right strategies to achieve their goals and enhance student outcomes.



EASTER EXHIBITION

This year's Easter exhibition was a vibrant showcase of creativity, uniting students, and staff in a joyful celebration. The event featured colorful displays, including beautifully decorated Easter eggs, handmade cards, crosses, and tombs, all reflecting the spirit of Easter.

Students from various grades eagerly shared their artistic talents, creating unique crafts that conveyed messages of hope and renewal.

It was greatly appreciated by attendees, and Friends of Forman also visited and enjoyed the exhibition.



POSTER COMPETITION

On April 22, 2024, an exciting poster competition took place, showcasing creativity while raising awareness about important global issues. Students from Grades 2 to 7 enthusiastically participated, with each grade focusing on a unique theme. Grades 2 & 3 illustrated the importance of planting trees, Grades 4 & 5 addressed the issue of child labor, and Grades 6 & 7 depicted the effects of global warming. The event was a resounding success, with Mr. Robin Dass as our esteemed guest, selecting the winners. Adding to the excitement, teachers also participated, making it a fun and engaging experience for all. The competition was streamed live on our official Facebook page, allowing the wider school community to join in the celebration of art and awareness.



Field Trip Khawarzmi Science Fair



FRIENDS AND FORMAN VISIT TO LOH



In February, 2024, the Friends of Forman visited Light of Hope School and were warmly welcomed by students and staff. They attended the morning assembly, where students presented an inspiring performance. The Friends of Forman spent quality time in the classrooms afterward, engaging with the students and taking home wonderful memories of their visit.





SCIENCE FAIR

This year's Science Fair was an exciting display of creativity and knowledge, where students presented a range of group and individual working projects and models. Each project reflected the students' understanding of scientific concepts, demonstrating their skills in research, problem-solving, and innovation. The event was graced by our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Sufian, who commended the students for their hard work and enthusiasm. From interactive models to hands-on experiments, the fair was a platform for students to apply their learning in real-world contexts, sparking curiosity and a deeper appreciation for science. It was a day of discovery, collaboration, and celebration of young minds at work!



SLEEPOVER

On a chilly February 2nd evening, 10 high achievers from the middle section experienced a special treat—a sleepover at school. For many, it was their first night away from home, making it all the more exciting.

The students, along with teachers and administration, shared stories, enjoyed a delicious dinner, and gathered around a crackling bonfire. Special guests, including Dr. Martin Thomas, the Dean of Education, and his wife, joined in the fun.

The night continued with a movie screening of "Rise of the Planet of the Apes", and ended the evening with a fun game session, creating lasting memories.

This sleepover was not just about fun; it was a unique experience of bonding and personal growth for everyone.



FAREWELL



On February 13, 2024, the Light of Hope School community gathered in FCCU's auditorium S009 to bid farewell to the Class 10 batch of 2024. The event began with recitations from the Holy Bible and the Holy Quran, followed by a touching video presentation of memories. Grade 9 students entertained their seniors with a dance, Qawwali, and traditional tapas, while Class 10 students performed a ramp walk, dance, and a humorous skit. The event concluded with words of wisdom and blessings from Vice Rector Dr. Trimble, Dean of Education Dr. Martin, and the principal Madam Furry George, wishing the students success in their future endeavors.



MUSIC CLUB

As part of a new initiative, a Music Club was launched to offer students a unique opportunity to explore their musical talents. Six students were selected for the program—three focused on learning the piano, while three others took up the guitar. Over the course of four months, these students honed their skills through an after-school program, gaining valuable experience and confidence.

The program concluded with a special closing ceremony where all six students showcased their musical growth through live performances. The event was graced by Mr. and Mrs. Furqan Seith, who served as the chief guests and distributed certificates to the students, recognizing their dedication and achievements.



OUR HARDWORKING TEACHERS AND STAFF



Thank You



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