

Newsletter 2021-2022

A Bittersweet Year for MAMT



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"It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness"



Mission

Provide quality education to underprivileged children in a stimulating and congenial environment, & ensure their intellectual & moral development to help them become responsible adults & productive citizens

Vision

To help eradicate illiteracy in Pakistan & nurture leaders for tomorrow

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Commitment
PASSION AND PERSEVERANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS AN EDUCATED PAKISTAN

Compassion
CONSIDER THE CHALLENGES FACED BY THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

Integrity
DOING WHAT IS RIGHT AND BEING ACCOUNTABLE

Respect
TREAT ALL STAKEHOLDERS WITH THE HIGHEST ESTEEM AND FAIRNESS, VALUE OPINIONS, AND CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

Teamwork
COLLABORATE WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS

Institution at a glance

Munir Arshad Memorial Tameer-e-Millat School was established in May 1996 as an English medium co-educational Junior School in Mouza Laber, 20 km away from the historic city of Multan. Over the years it has steadily developed into a campus housing a Junior School, a Higher Secondary School each for boys and girls, and a College of Commerce, Arts, & Science. Both high schools are registered with the Education Department, Government of Punjab, & affiliated with the Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education, Multan. The College of Commerce, Arts, & Science is registered and affiliated with the Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan.

These institutions are run by the Munir Arshad Memorial Trust (MAMT), established in 1994 as a not-for-profit, welfare trust in the memory of late Capt. (PN) Munir Arshad. He and his entire family lost their lives while travelling in the Iran Air passenger plane which was shot down over the Persian Gulf in 1988, at the height of the Iran-Iraq war.

A Star No More: Maj. Gen. W. D. Arshad

A man with a purpose; a driven soul that sparked hope in the eyes of the underprivileged children of rural Multan - Maj. Gen. Waheed Arshad was the co-founder of the Munir Arshad Memorial Trust & School. He regrettably passed away on 09 April 2022.

A lean figure, usually spotted in a Jinnah cap with a pen in his pocket and a book in his hand, Gen. Arshad was a poetry enthusiast with a couplet for every occasion; a storyteller who could grasp the attention of all in the room; a true devotee whose eyes would gleam when talking about our Prophet (SAW); an optimist who saw the good in every human being; a patriot keen on contributing to nation building; and a visionary who knew that education holds the answer to many of Pakistan's problems.

After serving in the Pakistan Army and leading the Pakistan Ordinance Factory as its Chairman, he settled in Multan post-retirement in 1986, to take care of his ailing mother. Two years later, his brother Capt. Munir Arshad, the then Military Attaché in the Pakistan Embassy, Iran died in a plane crash along with his entire family, while traveling from Tehran to Dubai. Gen. Arshad and his elder brother Col. Ziauddin Arshad decided to endow their share of his assets for social welfare projects. After much brainstorming, they decided to focus on educating the underprivileged. Thus, the Munir Arshad Memorial Trust (MAMT) was established & registered in October 1994.



Gen. Arshad would later recollect how he feared shifting to Multan and leading a retired life with nothing to do. But "Allah chose me to pursue this noble cause, and He made sure I remained busy in serving humanity." And this he made into his life's mission. Thanks to his sheer hard work and dedication, the school reached new heights. Over the years it expanded into three state-of-the-art buildings; a handful of young students became 500 toddlers, youngsters, and young adults; and the primary school grew into a higher secondary school and a College of Commerce.

The Principal of the school, who worked with Gen. Arshad for 26 years, very fondly remembers him as a dedicated, passionate, and principled leader. She reminisces, "it's been 26 years, and never once has there been a delay in paying the teachers and staff salaries. On the first of every month, I received an envelope with salaries enclosed. So much so, a month before he passed away, I went to visit him as he had been unwell for some time. Lying on the bed, visibly weak and barely audible, he instructed his granddaughter to find the envelope containing salaries and hand it to me"! She further added, "I've served in the education sector all my life and have never witnessed such uprightness and dedication."

Since the inception of the Trust & establishment of the School in 1996, Gen. Arshad was the heart and soul behind the initiative. The zeal & passion with which he led the institution remains unmatched. And the partnerships he fostered with various donors, his colleagues, staff members, and other stakeholders will continue to benefit the underprivileged children of rural Multan.

While many amongst us donate funds for a cause, some donate their time, but only a chosen few dedicate their lives for it.

Message from the Chairman



A journey that the Munir Arshad Memorial Trust began over two decades ago based on the premise that **"It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness"** has been transforming many a life of the rural poor in Pakistan. A Junior School that commenced classes in May 1996 has grown into a campus housing two Higher Secondary Schools - one each for boys and girls, and a College of Commerce.

The past year has however been more challenging than ever. The campus finally opened to full capacity amid continuing COVID risks and accompanying restrictions. The learning process had been kept up with great difficulty during the COVID-related lockdowns. Since our students come from humble backgrounds, most cannot afford the luxury of laptops or internet connectivity at home for online classes. Our principal and teachers thus made valiant efforts to continue the learning process by asking students to come to campus in small groups and get instructions and homework. Subsequently, once in-person classes commenced, exceptional efforts have been made to cover the academic course in minimum time to attain impressive results.

In April 2022, we faced a major setback in the loss of our long-serving Chairman & Founding Trustee Maj. Gen. W.D. Arshad. In succeeding him as the Chairman of, the Board of Trustees I am acutely aware that I have big shoes to fill, and a legacy of commitment to excellence, passion, & dedication to continue. I will insha'Allah endeavor to do my best to follow the example of our pioneers.

The institution is fortunate to have Mrs. Shamim Saeed as its founding Principal. She continues to be a role model for many and has worked with great zeal and devotion, greatly contributing to the transformation of the institution and the lives of its students. I and the Board of Trustees are deeply indebted to her and our many long-serving teachers.

Our future plans include establishing a Technical Institute to impart skills to students whose parents cannot afford to, or are not inclined to, send them for higher studies. Thereby, they can begin earning a livelihood immediately after completing the courses in areas in high demand such as Information Technology, Geographic Information Systems, etc. May Allah Almighty guide us in our endeavors and bless us with continuing success. We also look forward to the generous financial support and assistance from friends and well-wishers, as in the past, to achieve our mission.

We remain committed to our philanthropic philosophy of providing the best education at the minimal possible cost. We will continue to focus on imparting quality education along with the character-building of our students through exposure to team sports, competitions, debates, exposure visits, and other extra-curricular activities. This Newsletter highlights our achievements over the past year. We would be delighted to host you at our campus to personally witness the change that our endeavors are bringing to the lives of our students.

Principal's Report

Dear MAMT Family,

I am proud to report the completion of another successful year for the Institution. 2021-2022 has been a tough year for institutions nationwide. Our faculty had to learn to deal with COVID and restart the learning process. It brought with it a lot of challenges but we managed to tackle them successfully.

With such a long break and rising inflation, parents were not willing to pay monthly fees for their children. We tried to explain to them the repercussions of discontinuing studies and managed to bring back 90 percent of our students. We also organized extra evening lectures for senior classes as well as multimedia for video lectures. Moreover, teachers remained available online for any guidance on Sundays as well. Our efforts resulted in outstanding results presented below.

To ensure the safety of our faculty and students, we followed all S.O.Ps. Mask and hand sanitizers were made compulsory, digital temperature guns were arranged, and every visitor & student had to wear a mask.

The year also brought with itself a grave tragedy. We suffered a great loss in the passing away of the board chairman Maj. Gen. Waheed Arshad. Since the inception of this project, General Sahib's whole life revolved around educating the underprivileged & being the moving spirit behind Munir Arshad Memorial School & College. He had a keen eye on all the affairs of the institution and was dedicated to its success. His death is a void that will never be filled. May Allah grant him a high place in Heaven. (Aameen)

We are proud to have started F.Sc pre-Medical classes in our college for the first time. I.C.S classes with computer specialization were also launched. Computer courses were conducted under expert faculty supervision. We have Alhumdulillah received a very good response to these new college programs.

Moving forward, we plan to further focus on Quranic education by teaching the students comprehensive translation of Surahs of the Holy Quran. We have chosen an adequate program and will be using multimedia for this purpose. Furthermore, we also plan to upgrade the computer laboratory, and the primary school students will also be taught computer as a subject.

We look forward to continued support from our community and urge you all to visit our school.

Thank you.



What's been happening?

Plantation Drive

Students and teachers planted saplings together in the school gardens. They were taught about the importance of a clean and green environment and our role in its preservation. The students were also given seeds to plant at home to raise awareness amongst their families as well.

Parents Teachers Association

Feedback from stakeholders is an essential part of our system. A general body meeting is held on a quarterly basis. The teachers and parents listen to each other's suggestions and complaints and come up with solutions suited to the student body. We thank the members for their continuous support and cooperation for the school.

Funfair

As the weather got better in November, the principal and staff arranged a funfair along with the students. It was a day of fun and frolic, enjoying the school's lush gardens and eating various snacks available to purchase at the stalls.





Sports Week

After strenuous exams ended in March, the staff arranged a sports week for students to enjoy and encourage healthy physical activities and a competitive spirit. Cricket and volleyball matches were held between I.Com and Matric classes. The winning teams were awarded prizes.





Teacher's Training

We especially focus on the continuous development of the staff. In Nov 2021, the principal along with the teachers visited a school in Mian Channu to participate in a training workshop. The sessions ended with prize distribution and addresses by participating school principals.

At the end of the academic year, the staff was also assessed. They were required to take a written exam under the supervision of the principal to assure they are imparting quality education to the students.



Cooking Competition

The school treats its employees like family. After the teachers got done with another challenging year, a cooking competition was held amongst the staff. It was a scrumptious affair and everyone had lunch together to mark the last day of school.



Prize Distribution

The high achievers of each class were given shields from the Principal and kudos for their hard work in the presence of all the students and faculty. The event was kept small this year due to COVID restrictions & SOPs.



Pakistan Day

This year too we celebrated Pakistan Day with great enthusiasm. The students delivered speeches and national songs to commemorate the sacrifices made in achieving the country's independence.

Infrastructure Updates

Multimedia

Our primary school students look forward to watching cartoons and nursery rhymes on the multimedia each week. It is also used by the senior school for 'Nazra' studies, which have now been mandated by the Punjab Board of Secondary Education.

Maintenance of Premises

All buildings on the premises were painted internally and externally, thoroughly cleaned, and repairs needed undertaken.

Internet

As the school is situated in a rural area, Wi-Fi has been an issue. This year the board had routers installed so that students can do research online.

Cameras

To enhance the security of the premises and improve monitoring, additional cameras have been installed.

Matriculation & College Results

9th Class

	Student Name	Roll no.	Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	Muhammad Saqlain	581384	499/505	99%
2	Muhammad Mudassir	581369	498/505	99%
3	Muhammad Musa	581371	497/505	98%

10th Class

	Student Name	Roll no.	Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	Aleesha Altaf	174750	1022/1100	93%
2	Ayesha Fatima	174771	1017/1100	92%
3	Abdullah Tarim	174871	1006/1100	91%

11th Class (I.Com-i)

	Student Name	Roll no.	Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	Laiba Sajjad	811089	540/550	98%
2	Sobia Riaz	811067	535/550	97%
3	Haniya Akram	811083	535/550	97%
4	Hijab Fatima	811084	531/550	96%

12th Class (I.Com-ii)

	Student Name	Roll no.	Marks Obtained	Percentage
1	Rimsha Mukhtar	611340	1030/1100	94%
2	Rubina Bibi	611341	1016/1100	92%
3	Insa Ashiq	611374	966/1100	88%
4	Muhammad Hasnain	611455	966/1100	88%

Alumni Testimonial

Children enter the school gates every day with a dream of a better tomorrow. Many of them already have aspirations of what they want to become in the future. We try our best to hold their hand along the way. We talked to a few of our alumni and it gives us immense pleasure and pride when they share their success stories with us. Two of them recently shared their thoughts.

HAFSA AKRAM (MBBS STUDENT)

Over 2005 - 2016, the school van would pick me up every day from near my house in Derapur and we would reach the school gates in 30 minutes. Going to a school was a dream as no one in my family had access to education. I was amongst the fortunate ones to be able to get quality education at MAM School. My father used to work at someone's house and my mother tried to manage the household with the limited income he earned. But they both made sure their children had a better quality of life.

My school taught me discipline in life, it gave me the confidence to interact with other people. Besides Urdu language, now I can also write and converse in English. This helped me a lot in pursuing my higher studies in a foreign country. Our principal, madam Shameem Bhutta inspired me a lot because of her kindness and tireless energy every day. I observed how she dealt with challenges in school and learned from her.

I'm currently doing MBBS from Kyrgyzstan, a state of Russia. My university name is the International University of Kyrgyzstan. It was my dream to become a doctor and my school helped me achieve this dream. My advice for all young students is to work hard and never compromise on your dreams.



MUHAMMAD ZAFAR (MEDICAL LAB TECHNOLOGIST AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST)

I remember the time when my father would drop me off every day to school on his bicycle. He had a small shop in the village and worked hard to make sure we had access to books. I was the first in my family to be enrolled in a school. I was admitted in the second batch of Munir Arshad Memorial School and studied here from Nursery in 1998 to Matric.

School was a golden period in my life and changed my mindset completely. In my final year, I was named the head boy of the school. The respect and love I got from my teachers and fellow students is unforgettable. It is a very proud memory for me and I will forever cherish it.

The school developed my character and boosted my confidence. I can now interact with people at my job fluently. My school years laid the foundation of my career. I am currently working in the healthcare department, Government of Punjab as a medical laboratory technologist at T.H.Q Hospital Shujabad.



I would advise young students to pursue their dreams. You can get admission in any big university if you work hard. Always respect your teachers and seniors. MAMT was a game changer in my life, I was lucky to get admission there. This school is Allah's gift to the rural area of the locality. Without this institute I might have not been able to achieve what I have now.
THANK YOU SO MUCH MAMT!

How can you help?



Packages

Sponsor a Child

1. For a month: **PKR 2500**
2. For a year: **PKR 30,000**

University Fund for Students

One-time Total = **PKR 600,000**

Sponsor Teacher/Student Transport

1. Monthly: **PKR 220,000**
2. Yearly: **PKR 2,200,000**

Volunteer for us:

- Donation drive in your school
- Sponsor a school event
- Conduct an educational workshop at school
- Guest lectures for students in relevant subjects

Easy ways to give:

Courier a cheque

Crossed Cheques/Bank Drafts made in the name of Munir Arshad Memorial Trust, OR Munir Arshad Memorial School, sent to our office at Munir Arshad Memorial Trust, 20-H, Arshad Street, Iqbal Road Multan Cantt, Pakistan.

Deposit or Bank Transfer

- Online Transfer to Munir Arshad Memorial Trust A/C No. 013100008874-6 at Askari Bank, Abdali Road, Multan
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Give cash at the HeadOffice

Munir Arshad Memorial Trust, 20-H, Arshad Street, Iqbal Road Multan Cantt, Pakistan.





MUNIR ARSHAD MEMORIAL TAMEER-E-MILLAT
HS SCHOOL AND COLLEGE OF COMMERCE SCIENCE
AND ARTS MOUZA LABAR MULTAN



Munir Arshad Memorial Schools

Providing Quality Education to Poor Children of Rural Area of Multan

**Thank you for your valuable
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