



Burn Hall



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Manor House UK For Mill Hill Missionaries 1866



St Joseph's School Baramula IHK-1903



Burn Hall School Sirinagar IHK-1943



Junior Burn Hall School Abbottabad-1948

Army Burn Hall College for Boys Abbottabad



Editorial

Dear Readers!

The glimpses of the occurrences at the Campus compel us to be humbly grateful to our Creator for being with us to carry out what had already been planned so dearly and devotedly. The New Year brings fresh opportunities to perform better and excel wherever we are destined to serve. The academic session 2019 commenced with revived energies and loftier aims to accomplish and set new standards. The Principal in his opening address shared the goals and objectives planned for the new session and boosted the morale of the faculty and urged upon them to work with more dedication and enthusiasm. The year was dedicated to 'Back to Basics' with revised culture of classroom teaching, achievement of learning objectives and setting up yearly academic goals for improved standards. It bodes well for the future that Almighty's ever present help will encourage the Hallians in every right endeavor to soar higher and higher throughout the year.

Let what has now become a history, chronicled on the glossy leaves of this newsletter be a source of enlightenment and motivation to go beyond the heights and depths of our destiny as Hallians--as genuine human beings, who will leave their mark for many to follow.

Blessings!

Miss Aamira Emmanuel
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First Ever Visit of the Mill Hill Missionaries after 1977



After a lapse of over four decades, since the handing over of the College to Pakistan Army, the Revd. Fathers of the Mill Hill Mission once again stepped in the sanctuary of learning that was erected by them with great devotion and love in 1943.

On 3rd May, 2019, Revd. Father Richard Anguyo, a Mill Hill Missionary from Uganda, visited Army Burn Hall College for Boys. Bishop Humphrey Sarfaraz Peters helped materializing the visit, whereas Revd. Rafiq Javed and local Clergy hosted the visiting guest. A solemn ceremony was arranged in the honor of the revered personages. They were cordially received by the worthy Principal and senior faculty members. In the conference room, a briefing was given about the College History and the journey from its inception to the glory of excellence. The dignitaries were then led for a Grand Morning Assembly. The visit of the Campus rejoiced them even more as they witnessed the historic





infrastructure constructed in the times of MHM, and were delighted to see the preservation of the legacy. In the Scanlon Hall, the program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by the introduction of the guests and recognition of the services of the Mill Hill Missionaries in the establishment of Army Burn Hall School. The venerated guest, Bishop Humphrey Sarfaraz Peters delivered a motivational lecture to the students, which indeed raised their spirits and enlightened the audience with special emphasis on the promotion of moral attributes. Revd. Father Richard Anguyo also shared his treasured thoughts and briefly told about his own ministry and the current services of the Mill Hill Missionaries in Pakistan. He expressed his pleasure to be among the students and advised them to serve the Pakistani community after completing their studies. The students attentively listened to the distinguished speakers and participated in the question answers session.



In the end, the worthy Principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha extended his immense gratitude to the revered guests and presented them College souvenirs.

The contingent was then led to the Teachers Colony, where the Teachers' Colony Renovation Project was inaugurated by Bishop Humphrey Sarfaraz Peters and Revd. Richard Anguyo. After the lunch, the guests were bidden farewell with utmost respect from College Administration and Faculty. They departed with heaps of memories of the blessed visit.





Inauguration of Faculty Flats

“Created with the heart, built with the mind”

It needs indeed the ingenuity of ideas, generosity of heart and integrity of intentions to take new initiatives to strengthen the institution as well as facilitate the working body. With the said concern, the Teachers' Residential Colony Project was orchestrated to provide much needed on Campus accommodation for the faculty to provide academic wardens for the evening coaching of the boarder students. Its foundation stone was laid by Lt Gen Abdullah Dogar, HI (M), on Oct 24, 2017. The passionate and steady efforts and Almighty's ever present help, made it possible to complete the task in January, 2019. A set



of 14 flats constructed as faculty accommodation was inaugurated by Maj Gen Akhtar Nawaz, HI (M), Comdt PMA on Feb 16, 2019. Allotted faculty members, their families and Ex-Principals of the College had been invited on the occasion. Addition to faculty accommodation, has boosted the morale of the faculty members and is a sound step towards consolidating the institution.



To acknowledge the services of the legendary teachers of Burn Hall, Miss Imtiaz Minto and Mr. Francis Xavier Khan, the Residential Blocks have been named as Miss Minto Block and FX Khan Block respectively.

A visit to Rise School Abbottabad

On 9th April, 2019, nine students under the supervision of Miss Amira Emmanuel, Mr. Ummar Ali, and Mr. Muhammad Nisar visited Rise School (an institution for special children) Abbottabad with the purpose to hand over a donation of Rs. 0.1 million collected by the students. Rise School is a private institution that was established in 2013, with the objective to impart career oriented quality education and vocational training to special children. It is a matter of pride that two students of Rise School clinched gold medals in Special Olympics games held in 2015 & 2017. The Rise School is a project of Rise Welfare Organization which solely relies on donations provided by individuals and organizations. Presently 45 students, both boys and girls are enrolled in the school. During the visit, the contingent interacted with the Faculty and the students of Rise School. It was a unique and memorable experience that gave immense inspiration and motivation to the students and faculty to do something greater for the children with special needs. During interaction, the Principal of the School revealed that in our society special children are considered as burden and parents do not like to have their interaction with public. Visiting the special children and creating awareness about their needs can only help to uproot such taboos from our society.



“Giving is the Greatest Act of Grace”



Send-Off to 2nd Year Class

The Army Burn Hall College for Boys bid adieu to the 2nd Year students of 2018-19 batch on April 11, 2019. The splendid function was held in the august Scanlon Hall of the College. The outgoing students, their parents and the faculty members attended the ceremony. Honorable Federal Minister for Power, Petroleum and Natural Resources, **Mr. Omer Ayub Khan, an Ex-Hallian, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.** Moreover, the presence of Dr. Junaid Sarwar, another guest of honor and member of BOG, accentuated the worth of the ceremony.



The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by Kalam-e-Iqbal. Then, the Burn Hall Anthem was sung by the young Hallians with pride and enthusiasm. The outgoing students, Imaad-ud-Din on behalf of the boarders and Ibrahim Sherwani representing the day scholars delivered heart-touching farewell speeches, in which they cherished the days spent at Burn Hall and paid tribute to the teaching faculty for the immense contribution in their lives. Muhammad Umer Khanzada, the outgoing College Prefect, also shared his feelings and extended his deep gratitude to the College for enriching his life with education, confidence and most importantly, the values. The Principal, in his speech, thanked the honorable Chief Guest, for sparing his precious time, appreciated the parents for their trust in Burn Hall and congratulated the boys for their achievements and embarking upon the new journey of their lives.

The venerated Chief Guest, Mr. Omer Ayub Khan, gave away prizes and souvenirs to the outgoing students. In his address he expressed his joy to be in his Alma Mater. He reminisced the memories of his school life and urged upon the Hallians to carry on the values they have received from their teachers. He also motivated them to become true patriots and committed citizens of the country. The College souvenir was presented to him by the worthy Principal. Moreover, on the Mega Night on April 10, 2019, a grand farewell dinner was served, followed by a musical concert. The famous singer, Sahir Ali Bhagga, rocked the audience with his breathtaking performance. The splendid fireworks made the night memorable as the entertainment reached its peak turning every heart jubilant. The departure of the 2nd Year students made everyone sad yet there was joy to see their readiness to face the world, and determination to conquer it.







Burn Hall Model United Nations



For the first time in the history of the College, Burn Hall Model United Nations at Inter House level was organized in order to polish the innate talent of its students in the art of diplomacy, foreign policy and working of UN. 16 students from College Section and Senior Cambridge actively participated in the competition held on 24th and 25th May, 2019 in Scanlon Hall of the College. The sessions were chaired by the old Hallians who along with the organizing committee put their heart and soul in conducting the simulations. All the delegates thoroughly enjoyed this unique opportunity to learn about international relations by actively debating about the most pressing issues of our times. At the end, the successful conduct of the sessions was highly appreciated by the Principal. The best and outstanding delegates, chairs and co-chairs and the organizing committee received accolades. The Principal, at the end announced that in near future Burn Hall All Pakistan MUN Contest to be conducted in the College.





Visit of the Sri Lankan Delegation

A delegation of Sri Lankan Cadet Corps (NCC) comprising 30 members headed by DG NCC, Maj Gen MMS Perera visited the College on April 10, 2019. A detailed briefing about the College history and its functioning was conducted in the conference room.



The delegation

visited the Campus and appreciated the infrastructure and facilities available in the College. The personages were

then served light refreshment followed by exchange of souvenirs. At the end, group photo was taken to capture the cherished moments.



Visit of the Trainees of Civil Services Academy Walton Lahore

A delegation from the Civil Services Academy Walton Lahore, visited the College on April 03, 2019. They were cordially received and led to the conference room for a briefing about the institution. During the visit of the Campus, they were fascinated by the educational philosophy of College and recent initiatives towards personality grooming of younger generation and admired the beauty of the infrastructure. College souvenirs were presented to them, followed by light refreshment. The worthy guests departed after a group photograph.



Faculty Exchange Program

In continuation to Faculty Exchange Program which was initiated last year, a contingent comprising Chief Instructor, Col Muhammad Afzal Baig, Mr Nadeem Ahmed, Section Head Cambridge, Mr Bakhtiar-ud-Din, Assoc. Prof. in Physics and Mr Habib-ur-Rehman, Asst. Prof. in Mathematics visited three renowned institutions of the country to exchange the best teaching practices related to Cambridge Scheme of Studies. From Feb 17-19, 2019, Lahore Grammar School, Aitcheson College Lahore and Garrison Academy for Cambridge Studies Lahore were visited. The team was briefed about the working of these institutions followed by detailed tour of the Campuses. The visit was rewarding as sharing of the effective pedagogical techniques and the healthy interaction with the faculty of these institutions proved to be a source of encouragement and further grooming of the Cambridge staff.



Teachers Training Workshop



Teachers Training workshop was conducted in the College from February 20 to 28 2019 which was attended by all the faculty members and 32 teachers from Abbottabad and the surroundings. They were guided and updated with new teaching techniques and methodologies by the eminent resource persons. The interactive sessions added much to the knowledge of the participants and the interaction among them provided an ample opportunity to sharpen their teaching skills. The purpose of the workshop was to encourage the faculty members to achieve highest standards of excellence. The training workshop was effective and ended with a pledge to use the latest techniques and pedagogical practices for the utmost benefit of our students and the society at large. Subsequently, intense sessions of the sections and the departments managed to plan and forecast learning objectives and academic goals for each grade towards improved academic environment of the College.





Orientation of Prep Class and Arrival of New Entries



Army Burn Hall College for Boys (Junior Campus) organized orientation session on Monday, March 11, 2019 for the new students of class Prep. The parents and the pupils had a positive and healthy interaction with the teachers which helped to foster understanding between them and start the new academic session joyfully. On March 02, 2019, the new boarders from all over Pakistan arrived in Junior Wing and were warmly welcomed. The parents were apprised about the boarding houses, available facilities and learning activities. It was a day full of joy for the young boarders as they had finally reached the institution of their dreams.

Oath Taking Ceremony of New Appointments

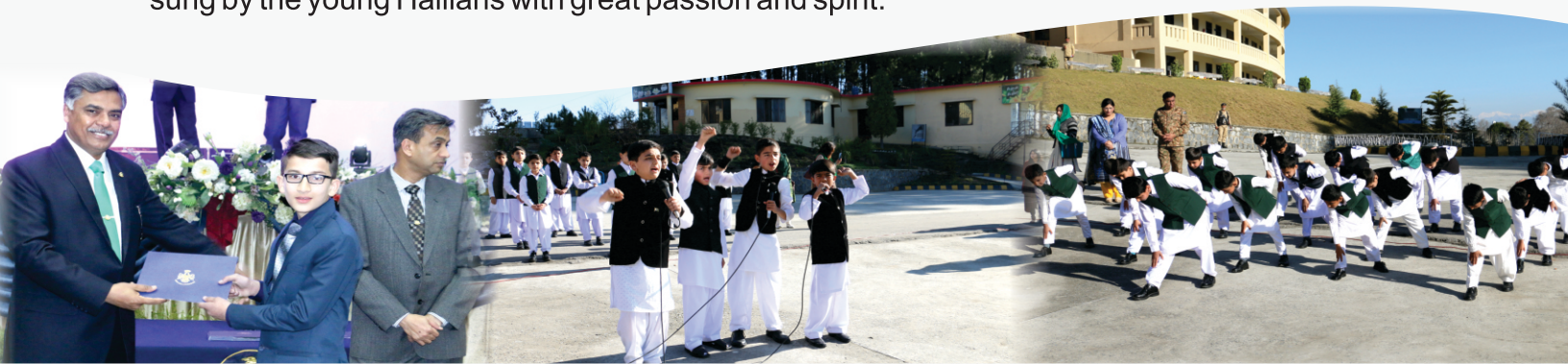
In the Senior Wing, the new appointment holders were selected to inculcate leadership qualities in the students and give them a sense of responsibility. The solemn ceremony of oath taking was held on April 11, 2019. The College Adjutant Captain Nouman Ahmed took oath from the newly designated students. They vowed to remain committed to perform their duties religiously and become role models for the juniors. The ceremony was presided over by the Principal. He congratulated the Appointment Holders and advised them to accomplish their assigned tasks honestly and wholeheartedly.

For the academic session 2019, the oath taking ceremony of the selected prefects and council member of the Junior Wing was held on April 01, 2019 in the special morning assembly at Junior Campus. The ceremony commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Senior Instructor, Col. Safdar Abbas awarded sashes and badges to the Head Prefects and Council Members respectively.



Pakistan Resolution Day Celebrations

Pakistan Day was celebrated from March 22-23, 2019 with national zeal and fervor. To commemorate the day, a detailed program was chalked out. The day of 23rd March started with the recitation of the Holy Quran in the College Mosque, followed by a splendid function held in the Scanlon Hall, in which the history of Pakistan was highlighted. Motivating speeches compatible to the day were delivered by the students. A quiz competition based on Pakistan Day was also conducted. It included a verbal round in which questions were asked about Pakistan Movement and Post-Independence period. In the visual round, slides were shown to the contestants and questions were asked about those slides regarding Pakistan Affairs. The national songs were sung by the young Hallians with great passion and spirit.



Adieu to College Adjutant

The College Adjutant Major Abid Ali was bid farewell on 23rd March, 2019. During his tenure of two years, he served the College with dedication and zest. The Principal, Brig. Wajid Qayyum Paracha, presented the College souvenir to him and the lady wife and wished them all prosperity for future.



Inter House Debate Competitions

Juniors' Inter House Urdu Debate Competition was organized by the College Bazm-e-Adab on April 27, 2019. It was held between the students of SKS-A and SKS-B Houses. After qualifying the initial two rounds, twelve students came up for the final round. Convincing speeches were delivered by all the speakers with lucidity of expression which made it a tooth and nail contest.

Naeem Abbas of SKS-A House bagged 1st position, Abdullah Hassan of SKS-B stood 2nd and Zeeshan Bukhari of SKS-A got 3rd position. SKS-A House was declared the winner of the contest.



Juniors' Inter House English Debate Competition was held between SKS-A and SKS-B Houses on April 27, 2019. The contest was well organized by the College English Literary Society. Twelve students qualified for the final round. The eloquent speakers impressed the audience with their forceful arguments and gave their opponents a tough time. The Chief Instructor, Colonel Afzal Baig, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. He appreciated the contestants and gave away certificates to the position holders.

Sibgutullah of SKS-B House bagged 1st position, Salar Kazmi of SKS- B stood 2nd and Abdullah Tahir of SKS-A got 3rd position, the contest was won by SKS-B House.



Lecture by the Guest Speakers

On 12th and 14th March, 2019, Mr. Dinar Wali from Institute of Management Sciences Peshawar and Dr. Shahid Khattak from COMSATS University Abbottabad delivered informative lectures regarding Career Counseling to the senior students of the College. The lectures were attended by the faculty members as well. The aim was to provide opportunity to students to learn about the new avenues in their future planning. The guidelines were keenly absorbed by the students as this was going to be a great help for them in opting the right career in future.



Accomplishments

GIK- 20th All Pakistan Science Fair

Under the supervision of Mr Shahid Mehmood, Asst. Prof in Mathematics, 10 students of the College participated in the 20th All Pakistan Science Fair held at Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute, Topi, Swabi from Feb 15 to 17, 2019. It was organized by the Science Society of GIKI. The first team of the Hallians was led by Daud Khattak and Asad Malik and the second team was led by Muhammad Saim and Hamza Sikandar who grabbed the title of being 1st in Holocene All Pakistan. Participation in the Science Fair heightened the interest of the students in science projects and motivated them to leave their mark in the field of science.



48 International Letter Writing Competition for Young People (2019)

The College students participated in the Letter Writing Competition for Young People (2019) on March 08, 2019 under the arrangement, of Office of the Postmaster General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Muhammad Suraqa Jadoon of Senior Cambridge bagged 3rd position in the competition.



Activities at Junior Campus

Sports play a vital role in shaping the character of the students. The enthusiasm to win, the struggle to build the stamina, facing the failure and yet learning the lessons of honesty, dedication and perseverance are the integral attributes of a sportsman. Hallians being blessed with the best facilities available to manifest their expertise, take pride in participating in games and making the events memorable. The Junior Inter House sports competition was held between SKS-A and SKS-B Houses from April 23 to April 27, 2019. A series of Cricket, Hockey, Table Tennis, Squash and Lawn Tennis competitions were entertaining both for the players and the spectators. SKS-B House won the cricket match, whereas, rest of the matches were won by SKS-A House. The football matches were played from 6th to 8th May and once again SKS-A House whitewashed the teams of SKS-B House and won the series.



Fruit Day

ABHC Junior Campus arranged "FRUIT DAY" to highlight the importance of fruits as healthy food and encourage healthy eating habits. The students of class Prep wore colorful costumes, performed upon different poems and talked about the importance of fruits. Students celebrated "Fun with Fruits" activity related to their lesson and the topic was "different fruits". It was an exciting event and the activity helped the children to learn about the importance of fruits for a healthy life. The Section Head, Junior Campus, appreciated the performance of the students and gave her support to make the day successful.



Social Night Juniors

Social nights provide a great opportunity to the Hallians to perform in a number of activities and brush their hidden gifts. A beautiful program was presented by the students of SKS House Block A and Block B on April 27, 2019.

The striking performances of the boarders included Hamd, Klam-e-Iqbal, dances, songs and skits. Their confidence and level of preparation was highly appreciated by the Chief Guest, the Principal ABHC. The Chief Instructor, HMs, AHMs, Faculty Members and the young Hallians were also among the audience and enjoyed the lively presentations.





Tree Plantation

Following the National Campaign of Green and Clean Pakistan, the spirited Hallians planted 700 saplings in the College during spring of 2019. The students enthusiastically participated in the activity by planting and watering the saplings and were determined to carry on the mission of making Burn Hall even greener. The campaign was organized to generate interest and awareness among the students about the vitality and significance of the trees. They were overjoyed with the realization that they had contributed a life-long investment for the future generations.

HRCA

HRCA is an international competition which is held to motivate the students for arts and creative writing competition. This year the theme was "FORESTS". 23 boys participated in this contest from Army Burn Hall Junior Campus. To honour and appreciate the efforts of the contestants of HRCA, prizes and certificates were awarded to the students.



Blessings of Ramadan

Iftaar Dinner at KPK House

On the eve of Eid Holidays, a sumptuous Iftar Dinner was arranged in the Governor House KPK on May 31, 2019. A large number of Faculty Members and their Families joined and had a wonderful time together. The gathering symbolized religious fervor and harmony which heightened the joy of Eid.



Inter House Sports Competitions (Seniors)





