

MAAN JEE

WELFARE LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL

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This leading English-medium school in the Nusrat Butto Colony, Mustafa Abad locality was founded by Mrs. Shamim Bilgrami, who is a highly-respected educationist and social worker. Mrs. Bilgrami has worked in the Mangopir and Nusrat Bhutto Communities for over 19 years now. She is generally known as “Maan Jee” (meaning ‘mother’) amongst the residents due to her devotion to the well being of residents and their children. Maan Jee School has been named after her to honor her contribution to these communities. This school pays particular attention to the training of teachers, teaching tools & techniques used and an overall personality development of students of these underprivileged areas.



Highlights of the Month

- 25th December Quaid Day
- Incident of 16th December
- Card Making Day (For New Year)
- Security Measures

16th December

December 16th 2015 dawned as a most devastating day in the history of Pakistan when a bunch of barbarian terrorists entered in Army Public School, Peshawar and killed more than 150 innocent students in an unimaginably brutal manner. They succeeded in entering the school building in the morning from a low height boundary wall and entered the Auditorium and nearby classes, showered bullets on the students and the faculty members, burnt a teacher who was trying to save the children and destroyed the Principal's office. The Principal herself was shot and killed when she came out of her office and tried to get the cognizance of the happenings. Soon after their brutal attack, nearby deployed Army troops reached the place and started their counter operation. They eventually were able to kill all the terrorists. Army was able to save another over a thousand students from this deadly attack. Entire country went into mourning over this incident. This event was highly condemned in the international media and the international fraternity showed their solidarity with the Pakistani nation on this difficult moment of their lives. This event shrugged entire nation and put all the stake holders such as security agencies, political leadership and common citizens on the same platform and they were able to pass a law in the Parliament giving more powers to the security forces to handle the law & order situation in an effective manner. Entire nation stands behind the security forces after this brutal event. Subsequently, government also issued directions for general public and schools to follow some necessary measures for enhancing security measures for the security of students, teachers and premises.

Students of MJWS also mourned the deaths of innocent children and the school administration held an event to show their sympathies and share the sorrow of bereaved families. School children offered prayers and remembered the martyrs. Students were given a brief of the event and the measures to take in similar situations, if necessary.

Security Measures subsequent to the event:

MJWS and its student body and staff were also not immune from this event and mourned the killings of innocent students of Peshawar. Following the instructions issued to the schools in Pakistan by the Government of Pakistan, the school administration started taking necessary measures to improve the security of school, staff and the premises. Administration has taken the following measures;

Increasing the height of boundary walls of the school premises so that intrusion is restricted

Installation of fire extinguishers on appropriate places and its training to the respective staff and senior students.

Imparting of Basic Civil Defense training to the students and teaching faculties which included how to save oneself in the wake of similar incidents.

Its interesting to share that the School administration had already started imparting Civil Defense training to the select team of students and the staff around a year back. Now, MJWS has its own contingent of cadets who have been trained in the Basics of Civil Defense techniques. A proper instructor has been hired who regularly imparts training to this select body of students. Having these steps taken to improve the security measures, we hope that it's a comparably a better place now.

Quaid-e- Azam's Birth Day---25th December

Making the most of the Birth Anniversary of the Quaid-e-Azam, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, a character building session was organized on December 25th, 2014 in the School. As someone has put it so rightly about Character, "True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character." Administration and faculty strongly recognizes this fact and continuously try to apply moral standards in all their actions. To consciously value the importance of character, hard work, perseverance and dedication in life as demonstrated by Quaid-e-Azam, this awareness session was organized for the students. During this session, senior faculty shed light on the similar personal attributes of some of our national heroes beside Quaid-e-Azam. The distinguished personalities discussed were;

1- Dr. Qadeer Khan, who successfully led the Atomic Program for Pakistan despite enormous odds.

2- Abdul Sattar Edhi, who is a philanthropist of international fame coming from a very humble background.

3- Ansar Buneay, who is a leading Social Worker, well known for his humanitarian service and is internationally recognized.

Students were informed about the hard work they put in their efforts for reaching their current status of fame. It was emphasized that all these people and hundreds of similar people achieve this status after continuous and persistent hard work, dedication, focus and believe in their own abilities and cause.

Students were told that despite their respective humble backgrounds, they can also contribute to the society even though how small their contribution is. One day they would be able to reach heights as these people have. Session was concluded with infusing a high level of motivation in the students and the other faculty members.



Card making Day

Like every year, a 'Card Day' was celebrated in the School on 20 December, 2014. Students took active part in Card Making under the able guidance of their teachers. It was planned that these cards would be sent to Mrs. Shamim Bilgarami, respectable donors and the members of the Parents Committee.

