



# Mid Term Newsletter Satellite Town Region 2009

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## welcome NOTE



Congratulations! Another issue of Newsletter is in your hands. This Newsletter will provide you with an insight to the school activities spread over the term fall 2009.

To start with I express my sincere wishes to all my students who are appearing in the Cambridge exams this summer and hope that they win laurels for their institution. I would also like to thank all the parents for their utmost cooperation with the school during the whole tenure.

Roots School System is a community and family of students engaged in many activities focused on one purpose developing leaders for tomorrow through achieving academic excellence across all tiers of education. Our graduates and students use the skills they develop at Roots to inspire change and innovation throughout their lives at work, at home and in other organizations, in their communities, and in society and country at large.

At Roots we will always put needs, welfare and experience of our students first. We will place a high value on developing a mature approach to learning in which students are encouraged to challenge conventional wisdom, handle complexity and benefit from difference and diversity.

We believe that learning is the process of gaining which leads to the modification of attitudes and behavior through acquiring knowledge, skills and values. We combine games, fun making and text with learning to make it faster and more efficient.

At Roots we deem that the education is not limited only to a classroom. We encourage our students to participate in different national and international competitions as it provides them a connection with the world community and gives them international recognition at a very early stage in their lives producing an increased ability to compete for admissions at famous institutions abroad.

I hope you enjoy going through the Newsletter and understand that Roots is all about giving value to our students, his/her experience and his/her personal perspective - thus in the end bringing out the best in our students.

**Best wishes!!**  
**Walid Mushtaq**  
 Director  
 Roots School System

**Yasmine Kazmi**  
 Regional Headmistress  
 Roots School System



# integration of German Language program



## ROOTS LAUNCHES ONLINE E-LEARNING WEB PORTAL FOR STUDENTS

In continuation of Roots School System's rich history of engaging students in world class learning and providing such enriching experiences Roots in the first of its kind initiative in Pakistan, has launched a special 'home study' web portal. The ultimate objective of the online web portal is to ensure 'learning never stops' and that the basic facets of learning are fulfilled even if the students are at home for any reason.

The Roots home study portal contains grade/class wise printable worksheet, teaching guidelines, virtual assessments, and comprehension sheets, activity sheets descriptive writing sheets, guided writing sheets, supplementary sheets and assignment sheets for all subjects for each age group. Moreover, it offers guidelines for parents and students, virtual Q/A forum for asking home questions and a host of web links with teacher advice. The worksheets are divided into levels which include Montessori to Grade 7.

The goal of the portal is to provide resources that our students could actually use to supplement their learning while at home and provide for self and home study guided learning opportunities in

parental and self supervision to catch up with lost teaching and learning hours at school in extenuating circumstances.



A great news for our students and parents is that we are starting German Language Programme in our preparatory level . It is a three year program of learning a foreign language and the students will be given certification after completing the whole course. Roots school system and Goethe institute have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). "Schools:partners for the future". Its goal is to build up a network with partner school to awaken students' interest in German Language and enthusiasm for modern-day Germany and German society. It will be coordinated by the Federal Foreign Office and implemented in cooperation with the Central Agency for School Abroad, the Goethe institute ,the Education Exchange Service of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Lander in the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Academic Exchange service.

Forging international collaborations is one of the cornerstones of the RSS 21st century learning &teaching approach. The MOU establishes the principles and guidelines of cooperation between two

parties.

We at Roots believe in giving our students opportunities of learning how to live in a global community and the partnership has played a vital role in enabling us to do so. The network of German Schools abroad and schools offering the German language Certificate will be strengthened and extended. This initiative will thus extend students' skills preparing them for study in Germany and a subsequent career. The number of full grants for study in Germany is to be doubled for graduates of Partner School.

**Learn to  
Speak German  
Language**



Roots, an institution marveled for its academic excellence firmly believes that a combination of studies, sports and extra-curricular activities completes a student. In same spirit, Roots Sports Extravaganza 2009, was held at RCI Satellite Town Campus, Rawalpindi. The teams of Roots Islamabad, DHA and Satellite Town Campus participated in the event. The participants were highly motivated and enthusiastic to display their potential in the field. The matches for Table-Tennis, Badminton, Volleyball, Football and Cricket were played on knock-out basis, whereas, the Basketball matches were played on League basis. The spectators witnessed a series of emotionally charged and professionally played matches. In each category, the winners were seen happy to claim the crown and the losers were found determined to return next year with intentions to win.

The Islamabad Campus emerged victorious in Volleyball and Basketball competitions. The DHA campus collected the trophy for Football tournament, while the Satellite Town Campus displayed their authority in Table-Tennis, Badminton and Cricket matches.

It is worth mentioning that the participation of girls from all the campuses was very encouraging. The girls' teams for Table-Tennis, Badminton and even Football were fielded by each campus. The Table-Tennis trophy was collected by Satellite Town campus, Badminton trophy by DHA campus and the Football trophy by Islamabad campus.

The ten days long event culminated on 23 December, 2009. A very colourful ceremony to award trophies to the winners was arranged at 82-A Satellite Town, Campus. Mr. Walid Mushtaq, Director RCI graced the occasion. He appreciated all the participants and congratulated the winning teams. He emphasized that such activities must be undertaken by all students quoting the famous English proverb that a healthy body keeps a healthy mind.



## "Pakistan - China Friendship" Poster & Slogan COMPETITION

To escalate the ever promising friendship ties between Pakistan and China, number of activities are organized time to time from both ends. This year again, a Poster and Slogan competition was arranged by embassy of China in September.

The contest was managed throughout branches of Roots School System. Students of all tiers participated with enthusiasm; students came up with interesting slogans and impressive posters which were appreciated a lot by everybody. Later on certificates were distributed among the winners and by Federal Minister Shahid Hussain Bhutto and Chinese Ambassador Luo Zhaohui in a prestigious award ceremony. They cherished the participation of students in Poster and Slogan competition arranged on the occasion of 60th anniversary of China's Founding Day.



Long Live Pak-China  
Friendship





## Awareness Today for a Better Tomorrow

- Opening/Closing Ceremony
- Musical Night/Concert
- Thematic Dinner
- Debates/Discussions
- Fashion Fiesta
- Global Village

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Thematic  
Dinner



Roots Youth Model United Nations (RYMUN), hosted by Roots at Roots Campus at 82 A Satellite Town was four days of mind harrowing debate, stimulating discussion and mind blowing Fun! Started on the 1st of October in which 20 delegations and 130 delegates from the renowned institutions of Rawalpindi/Islamabad participated in events like, **Global Village, Concert, Fashion Fiesta/Live Performance and Thematic dinner.**

Model United Nations is a decades old tradition that was first started by University of Berkeley in 1952. What was once a local event has now become a global phenomena and Roots College International is proud to be a part of this tradition.

RYMUN gave everybody a chance to argue and discuss various problems faced by our world today that require the newer, better and fresher approach to be dealt with. In the dilating world of today, debatable and problematic issues arise which have been repeatedly debated on international grounds such as the United Nations. For the past decade pupils in different institutions, countries and languages have synthesized, criticized and analyzed the problems faced by the world.



Both newcomers and experienced MUNers had fast-paced and intellectually stimulating debates sessions with other student delegates during the lively committee sessions.

In discussion sessions most of the significant and imperative issues came under argument. All of the delegates were well prepared and had deep knowledge about their assigned country and political personal. Issues like Nuclear Waste Disposal, Maintaining Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime and Compliance of IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) Policies, Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, Ensure Environmental Stability, Religious (Sharia) Laws and Possible Violation of Human Rights, Complete Ban on Death Penalty, Migrant Smuggling, Terrorism, Is the downturn ever going to wear out? Is waiting only the answer to the ongoing recession? Or different polices can be adapted to bring out a faster change, How have the world politics and polices changed in respect to Global economic scenario. These debate sessions gave out the beginning of new chapter of knowledge that widened the horizon of learning and wisdom for our youth to accelerate in their future and to turn up as most sensible nation.

On the opening day of RYMUN Mr. Zafar Iqbal Cheema; the Ex-dean of Quaid-e-Azam University, second day, Muhd.Ramzan Azhar, visiting faculty of universities and Mr. Yang Linhai, Cultural Counselor, Embassy of P.R.China, Islamabad were the chief guests. All the chief guests shared their views and experiences with students.

While participating in global village the delegates had the unique opportunity to display their assigned countries unique traditions and heritage with a touch of their own creative flair, which was conveyed very effectively. While participating in **Fashion Fiesta/Live Performance** delegates did flaunt their own style and wowed the crowd with their talent all in one night.



FASHION  
FIESTA





Long awaited welcome party for AS & B.Sc commenced in the last week of November at the Islamabad Club auditorium. All the students were asked to dress up according to any movie character of their own choice. Boys & girls showed up in interesting characters of

Scarface, Capt. Jack Sparrow, Mulan, The Pearl Princess & many others. The festive atmosphere was enhanced through short skits, titles, comedy & poetry. At the end of the party best costumes of the night were announced.



## Unilever Art Competition

Roots School System has participated in Unilever Pakistan Limited art competition, like ever before. The theme for this year competition was "Art from the HeartArt Competition 2009". The aim of the project was to reach out a diverse cross-section of young students from schools across Pakistan. Students were promoted to work in 2D, 3D and Film-Making dimensions. Students from Roots School System St.Town participated in 2D and 3D project formats. The projects were worth praising and showed the talent with its complete creativity and beauty. Projects of the students from O and A level were selected for the final exhibition that is expected to held in coming months.



The Inauguration of tennis championship was done in RCI Satellite Town campus. Syed Dalawar Abbas president of Pakistan Tennis Federation and Rashid Malik (Coach and captain of Pakistan national team) were invited to the campus, Mr.Walid Mushtaq were also present in the inauguration.

Mr Syed Dalawar Abbas told the students about the past and the future of Tennis and reiterate to promote Tennis from grass root level and assured to promote Tennis here in Roots School System.



Election represents democracy, freedom of choice and progression in a society and there can be no better place than school for putting right the foundations of democracy. Elections within the perimeters of school's rules and regulations, give our youth an insight and knowledge that will make them valuable members of the society in future.



## Common Wealth Essay Competition

Every year the common wealth essay writing competition inspires thousands of young writers from all over the world. Organized by the royal common wealth society of London the competition has been running for over 100 years and is firmly established as a highly regarded and popular international educational project, enjoying much esteem and support through out the common wealth. This year once again our students participated in this contest and were selected for awards. **Ammar Adil** of 'OI' received commendation certificate for his creative essay.

## OPEN DAY

At Roots School System, conventionally the last Saturday of each month is observed as an Open Day. Events are organized on Open days based on various themes with a purpose to develop wholesome personality of students by providing a forum to display their potentials. Such events also form basis of the participation by Rootsians in the National and International Competitions. Open day was conducted in the first term on 23rd October, 2009 by celebrating an International Day on PEACE THROUGH ART.



# 'O' LEVELS ACHIEVEMENTS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ACADEMICS



## VOLUNTEERING FOR OUR PLANET

RSS also joined the world in a global celebration of the International Volunteer Day on December 09, 2009 with a theme of "VOLUNTEERING FOR OUR PLANET" to commemorate and honor the hard work and dedication of volunteers committed to serving humanity and uplifting the lives of people in their communities.

Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) arranged a program in which students were invited for Tableaus and Speeches. Students from RCI O Levels also participated in the tableau highlighting the cause of climate change and encouraging people to volunteer for the challenge. By the grace of Almighty God our branch won 2nd position. SHAHRUKH AHMED, NAUMAN SHAHID, HASEEB SHAH, ALI ZAHEER, MOHID AHMED, MARIA QURESHI, MAHNUM SHAHBAZ, ZARA ATHET, AMEN NADEEM AND HIFZA IFTIKHAR participated in the Tableau.



We incorporated the **Peace Mural Exchange Program** to our school in order to create the "vision for peace" that is being exchanged among the students around the entire world. Children had an unprecedented **opportunity to impact their views** on peace through their thought-provoking visual communication. Lasting victory in the war against terror depends on educating the world's children, because educated children are much more likely to embrace the values that defeat terror

## ELECTIONS 2009-2010



To accustom students with tolerance, brotherhood and to inculcate in them leadership qualities, elections were held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. All students participated in the election campaign enthusiastically and elected the student council, the most dynamic and pivotal body of the RSS. In the campaign banners and play cards were prepared by the canvassing groups of the students for their candidates. Ramsha Pirzada was elected as Head Girl and Shahwez was elected as Head Boy.

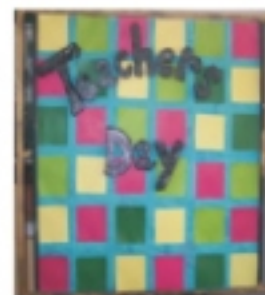


## PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL DAYS



### TEACHERS DAY

A very brief ceremony was arranged on 5th October 2009 in which students read out the messages recognizing the importance of teachers and their contributions towards the quality of education. These students acknowledged that teachers really play a leading role in giving students the knowledge, attitudes and values that help them understand the world in a better way.



## INTERNATIONAL POVERTY DAY

Before October 16, children of RSS pasted the Posters of Stand up and Take Action at a prominent location of our branch, so that all students can become aware of the Poverty day. Students prepared dozens of placards and some white head bands with different slogans on poverty eradication. These placards and Head Bands were kept ready for the action day.

On the event day we assembled the students & teachers together and asked them to stand up t for 1 minute. The petition forms were filled signed by the students and teachers, those physically or symbolically participated in the event.



### UNIVERSAL CHILDREN DAY

Roots School System celebrated the universal children day on 20th November 2009, children and teachers participated with full zeal and enthusiasm. The basic aim of the day celebration was to create awareness among children, teachers and parents of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. For this purpose speeches were delivered by the children of RSS.

### CELEBRATIONS OF DEFENCE DAY

On this day students paid tributes to the shuhadas of 1965 war and sung the national songs in the assembly.



## Art Day

First open day peace through art was celebrated to provide an engaging, fun and creative work environment for children and maintain culture of peace within their school and community. Students made beautiful posters and painting related to the theme.



## ELECTION DAY

The school had its annual elections for the head girl and the head boy. Campaigns were made and votes were casted in a well organized manner. The winners were:

Head girl	Fatima Aitazaz
Deputy Head girl	Sara Zulfiqar
Head Boy	Yousuf Farooq
Deputy Head Boy	Zakriya Amjad



## POVERTY DAY

The International day for the eradication of poverty was celebrated with full enthusiasm. Students wore head bands and raised slogans. One minute

silence was observed. Students made cards also giving suggestions how they can eradicate poverty.

Giving suggestions how they can eradicate poverty. Ply cards Made For This Day

- Out of poverty
- Fight poverty
- Give them a hand to realize their dream
- End poverty: a road to personal Liberation and Prosperity
- Achieving the millennium Goals - empowering the poorest of the poor.
- Donate and fight hunger
- Poverty is a call to action

## STAND UP TAKE ACTION AGAINST POVERTY AND INEQUALITY



## 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER DIABETES DAY

Diabetes is fluctuation of glucose level in body. It's an incurable widely spread disease. Awareness was developed among students about it on diabetes day.



## 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER WORLD DAY FOR REMEMBRANCE OF ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

The third Sunday of November each year is designated as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. This year, the World Health Organization (WHO) set aside November 18th, 2007 to remember the over one million people killed and 20 to 50 million injured in road traffic crashes each year worldwide, and to draw attention to the devastating consequences of these deaths on families and communities. We in our branch also highlighted the importance of road signs.



## 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY

The only way to build a better future is with children. Rootsians celebrated Universal Children's day in our school as the whole world did. Kids participated in all activities very enthusiastically as it was their day. We did a small skit about the day and teachers and students made head bands, ply cards, banner, and four screens. Children are flowers handle them with care.

### Head bands

- Honor each child
- Protect children from harm
- Healthy Children,
- Healthy Communities
- Save the children
- Global movement of children
- The right to play
- The right to study
- The right to education
- The right to learn
- The right to good food
- The right to peace
- The right to love
- The right to books
- The right to respect

Universal Children Day was conducted in 77-A Satellite town making students aware of their rights

Universal Children Day was conducted in 77-A Satellite town making students aware of their rights to good up-bringing and education. Students presented their views about this particular day through speeches.



## 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER QUAID'S DAY

Quaid e Azams birthday is celebrated every year with great zeal and zest. We pay tribute to our great leader who won us freedom. He gifted us a wonderful land "Pakistan our homeland"



## ASSEMBLY PRESENTATIONS

Participation in assembly presentations makes the students more confident, bold and awares them about new issues regulating in the world.





## A HAPPY-GO DAY!!!

31<sup>st</sup> Aug, First day of new academic year when all the students were back with enthusiasm and fervor. Students made a tour of every corner of their new campus. They enjoyed all the activities planned for them by their teachers.



## NAMAZ DAY

**NAMAZ Day** was held at 77-A Satellite Town, reinforcing the importance of Salat among our students. They assembled in the school ground to offer salat and special prayers for peace

Wow!!!! What a talent!!! Our Students appeared on ATV special program for **Juma tul wida**. They presented Naat khawani and Hamd-o- sanah.



## HAND WASHING DAY

Towels and soaps, hands in rounds, Yes you are right we had **Hand Washing Day** around. Reinforcing the importance of cleanliness students of 77-A Satellite



## PAK-CHINA POSTER COMPETITION

**Pak-China Poster Competition** was another chance for the students to come up with their creativity and art depicting Pak-China friendship. Rootsians of 77-A Satellite town showed their tremendous effort in poster making



## GOOD NEWS!!!!

77-A Satellite Town Branch held its **Juniors Cricket Tournament**. Students very enthusiastically participated in it and played with their full energies.



## AWARD WINNING STORY BY MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH SIDDIQUI OF RJS IN WETLAND COMPETITION 2009

### Save the Wet Lands

Once upon a time in the far far land of Siberia lived a family of cranes. Ooooh!!! It is getting cold. Time to fly to a warmer land. Let's fly to Pakistan's Haleji Lake" said father crane, flap flap flap "Down Stream Land!!!" said brother crane excitedly. "We have seen that beautiful lake" shouted sister crane. "It is like heaven on earth..... pretty flowers, colorful fishes and fresh clean water", said mother crane. "We should start early morning" said father crane.

They flew for days and days and days..... flap flap flap..... finally they landed at the lake. "Why is the water so muddy and dirty?" said sister crane sadly. "There is litter everywhere ..... shopping bags, wrappers..... all rubbish" said brother crane. "Where are the pretty fishes.... All gone...!!!" added mother crane.

Daddu the toad was unhappy "People come here for picnic and throw coke bottles and wrappers all over the place. They even cut our trees." His heart was filled with sorrow as he sang;

Our fishes are gone  
Our trees are gone  
We are so sad  
It is too bad.....!"

Baby crane said, "We are very sad, our wetlands are no more beautiful." Soon father crane appeared and said, "Look look.... Some children .... They are learning about wetlands. Now they know they should not cut trees, keep the earth clean and our wetlands green."

All the cranes and toads were happy.... Flap flap flap.... Croak croak croak .... They all sang;

Our fishes will come  
Our trees will grow  
We are so happy  
We are so happy"



A pride to Roots School System Ayesha Ahsan teacher of 77-A Satellite has won **Intel Education Award-Getting started 2009**.

Indeed a great honour!!!



# Roots Thematic Montessori

Satellite Town Region

Rootsians of 33-A Satellite Town celebrated **Universal Children's Day** in a very creative manner. Students presented their innocent concept of this particular day through colors and drawings.



My first concept of **Juma-tul-Widah!!!** Students of 33-A Satellite Town celebrated this day with lots of prayers and wishes. They excitedly shared the preparations of eid.



What an idea of coloring a goat together!!! Celebrations of **Eid-ul-Adha** was great time with friends. Students of 33-A so bright and colorful, had a lot of fun on eid millan party.



**Activities** have always been fun for the students!!! 33-A Satellite Town branch had their pave ahead of everybody in celebrating different activities like Fruits, Seasons, Colors, Traffic signals etc.



Balloons, Cake, Sweets and Birthday bumps are always so fun in the school. Students and teachers celebrate the birthday together and share a lot of care and love.



Students of **Montessori** celebrated **Universal Children's Day** in a colorful way. Information on this particular day was given to the students. Beautiful head bands shone up their faces



**Peace Through Art** was the first open day. Students made posters to express their message of peace through art.



**Sports Day** was a true fun in **Montessories**. Students had competition in a lot of games. Hurrah!!! and applauses made sports day so bright.



**International Day of Eradication of Poverty** Was celebrated in 80-A Satellite Town. Students raised their hands against poverty and expressed their views in writings.



Colors, Fruits, Animals, Seasons all are FUN when it comes to activities. Students of 80-A Satellite Town get their talents out to celebrate each such day.

