



# NJV NEWSLETTER

Issue. 1

“Knowledge is coupled with deed”

NJV Govt. Higher Secondary School

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“Akhuwat is no less than a movement now, and the way it has been institutionalized, I would want to see Akhuwat one day, hopefully not too far in the future, being acknowledged as an organization that contributed majorly in alleviating poverty from this country.”

**Dr. Amjad Saqib**  
Executive Director Akhuwat

## Overview of NJV High School

In 2015, Akhuwat adopted NJV School, with the support of Government of Sindh and SEF, to restore it back to its original grandeur. Our mission is to equip our



## DICE Youth Innovation Event

We sent our students off to Dice Youth Innovation event (Michigan), an inter-city competition on 24th December 2018, with projects they spent months working on! To our utmost pleasure, they secured 1st position despite the competition.

students with world class education, so they become compassionate leaders, independent thinkers and creative problem solvers of tomorrow.



## Winter & New Year's Celebration

Our energetic Primary Warriors brightened our New Year with their dance and play performances on 5th January 2018. Their performance was an amalgam of New Year's Celebrations and Winter Day. Therefore, students also gave suggestions like wearing jackets in the cutest manner possible!



## Project Making Day

Project Making Day for the Primary Section was held on 25th January 2018. Students demonstrated their creativity by making projects of NJV School, like Plant cycle and Mazar-e-Quaid.

## Life at NJV High School



Football Ground



Home Economics Classes



Afterschool Activities



Fully renovated auditorium



School Bus



## Moon sighting on NJV rooftop

The Super Blue Blood moon was awaited with excitement by our students and students of The Kiran Foundation, who joined us at NJV School roof top. A detailed insight was given to our students of the phenomenal event which was last seen 152 years ago.

The students watched the various stages of the lunar eclipse very keenly, and were inquisitive about this celestial display.





### Kashmir Day

Kashmir Day was held on 3rd February 2018 at NJV High School by our Primary Warriors. The objective was to give them awareness about the Kashmir issue.



### Admissions at NJV School 2018

Admissions for the new term took place in February. This year, NJV made history and broke all records by having admission registration of over 1170 candidates. Tests took place on 10th February. The huge turnout of talented marginalized students was promising for NJV!



### KGS Olympiad 2018

Karachi Grammar School Science Olympiad was held on 17th-18th February 2018. Students from O-A Levels and Colleges participated with NJVians being the only Government School. Regardless, NJV Government Higher Secondary School secured 3rd position in the construction and engineering module. Congratulations to the students! You make us proud!



### NJV Carnival: Bandar Road se Kemari



NJV School hosted a Fundraising Carnival on 18th February 2018 between 10:00 AM-8:00 PM. The theme of the Carnival was Bandar Road Se Kemari, so our audience could enjoy and relive the old aspects of Karachi, like desi food, dances, and plays from Lyaari, Kemaari, Empress Market and different areas. Toffee Tv, Sania Saeed and Rumana Husain were invited for story telling. Our students also got an opportunity to showcase their talents to a much bigger and diverse audience and contributed in

providing our audience with the pleasure of food, fun and arts. Apart from other stalls, our home economics department also set up their own Akhuwat Café mentored by Chef Kausar Z. Ahmed, where the students sold cupcakes, pasta and sandwiches which were made by them. The ambience around our arts corner was vibrant and colorful. Students demonstrated their artistic, creative talent on easels. NJVians also performed through plays and performances. All in all, it was a lovely day for our students!

Mohammad Yazdan from class VI-A says: "Mera favourite Akhuwat Cafe tha, wahan ki cheezein khayi thi, cheese sandwich best tha."

Mohammad Aliyan from KG-II says: "Carnival acha tha. Maza bhi aya mene tableau mein perform kia tha or sherwani peheni thi."



### Science World Day

Our primary section demonstrated much zest and energy in creating their projects for Science World Day. It was held on 24th February, 2018.



“Love of beauty is taste. The creation of beauty is art.” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



**Acrylic Painting Workshop By Nasreen Haroon**

NJV had arranged a painting workshop with Nasreen Adaya Haroon, an internationally acclaimed LA based artist on 7th March 2018. Our Art fanatic NJVians thoroughly enjoyed the workshop!



**Karachi Biennale**

KB17 was Pakistan's largest international contemporary art event that took place from 22nd October-5th November 2017. NJV High School was amongst the 12 free public exhibition venues.



**Paint with LED light workshop**

Paint with LED lights, a unique workshop held at NJV School from 3rd October 2018-6th October 2018, with new media artist from Berlin, Wolfgang Spahn.

**Pottery Ceramics Workshop**

Creating a vessel from clay is an ancient art. Each step in the process is an art in itself. Pottery Ceramics Workshop was held by local artist Khalid on December 20, 2017 to January 13, 2018





## Originalities by our Secondary Students



## NJV Annual Function 2018

Annual Function was held on 22nd March 2018. Students' performances were held to boost their confidences, and results were distributed.







**Students Day**

Students Day was held on 14th October 2017. Nine speakers from different professional backgrounds were invited to deliver a motivational or educational lecture based on their interests.

**Moving from Good to Great!**

"Moving from Good to Great", a speaker session delivered by Edris Khamissa was held on 14th November 2017. Edris Khamissa is an international educationist and trainer. Our staff and students both attended it.

**Mothers Program**

Mothers' Program were 2 months classes held at NJV School for the mothers of our students. English, Hygiene and General Knowledge was taught in it.

**Humans of NJV**

Mohammad Sahib Sadiq from Class VB, has 2 sisters and 1 brother, and his father is a carpenter. He got enrolled last year. He says: "NJV School is very nice. Teachers are very good. Classrooms are colorful. This year I learnt that all planets move take rounds around the sun."



**"What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good" - Aristotle**



**Cedar College**

Cedar College regularly sends a passionate team to NJV School to help sort our antique literature for the NJV library.



**OPEN Karachi organized Annual Dinner 2018**

OPEN Karachi organized Annual Dinner 2018 on 19th January 2018 in collaboration with Akhuwat Foundation, hosted by Dr. Essa Laboratory and Diagnostic Centers. History was created that day, as NJV Endowment Funds was launched. Mr. Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar (Minister for Education & Literacy, Government of Sindh) was invited as the Chief Guest and Dr. Amjad Saqib Founder and Chairman of Akhuwat Foundation was the Guest of honor and Keynote Speaker.



**Nisar A. Memon's Book Launch on 4th March, 2018**

Nisar A. Memon, Senator from 2003-2009 and also an NJV Higher Secondary School Alumni, recently wrote a book "Insight into the Senate of Pakistan" and decided to launch it at NJV School on the 4th of March. All proceeds from the sales of the books were gifted to the NJV School to educate the marginalized.

We welcomed around 150 guests, who were excited to buy the books and benevolent in contributing to NJV School. We thank all for their generosity!



**KGS Peer Tutor Society**

KGS peer tutor society visits NJV School 3 days a week to tutor NJV students. This month, they helped them prepare our students for their final exams by teaching them Math, English and Science.

**Mega Interest-free Loans disbursement at NJV School**

On 24th February 2018, Akhuwat held a Mega Loan Disbursement at NJV School. An amount of Rs. 12.84 Million was distributed among 481 beneficiaries. Total Number of attendants were 700+. To the 481 beneficiaries.





## Too Many Languages

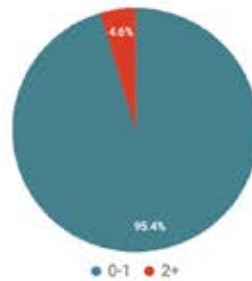
By Uzair Qarni, Director of Academics

How many languages are too many to teach a primary or secondary student? Two? Three? Four? Five? In Sindh government schools, we currently attempt to teach four: Urdu, Sindhi, English, and Arabic. Each language has its proponents. Urdu is the national language.<sup>1</sup> Sindhi, endemic to this ancient land.<sup>2</sup> English remains the international language for the foreseeable future<sup>3</sup>, and Arabic the language of our nation's dominant religion.<sup>4</sup> Looking forward, a fifth - Mandarin - is slowly entering the dialogue, whose advocates stress the language's necessity in tapping China's economic spring.<sup>5</sup>

Many readers will undoubtedly be wary of looking for guidance to the West, to whom we can credit an irreversible erosion and devastation to our native tongues. Yet, in answering this question of second languages, Europe can provide a wonderful example, grappling for centuries with many of the questions faced by our education system today. The European Union has 24 official languages

and 28 countries.<sup>6</sup> Thanks to the Schengen Agreement of 1985, European residents enjoy free travel within the EU, enabling unprecedented mobility within a diverse array of linguistic and cultural environments.<sup>7</sup> European parents must choose among globally spoken languages such as English, Spanish, French, German, Russian, Italian, and Dutch (not to mention their native language, if none of the previous), collectively whose speakers are in the billions in every populated time zone on Earth.<sup>8</sup>

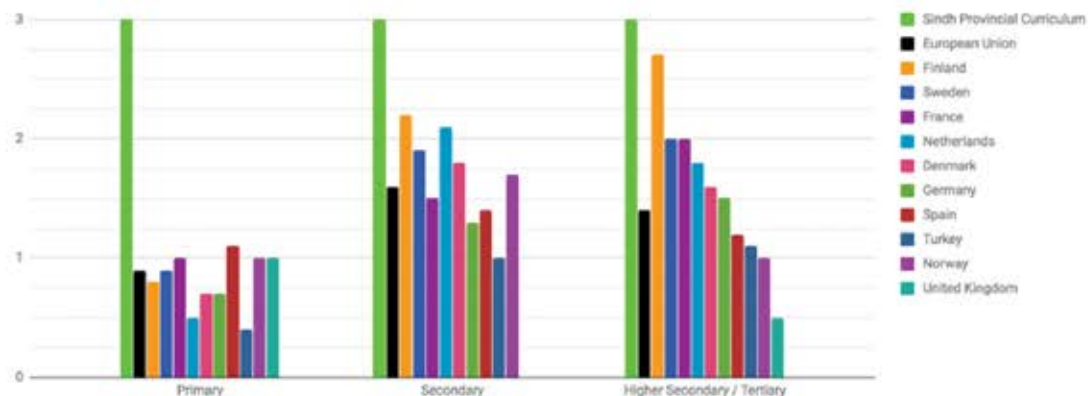
Second Languages Studied by EU Primary Students



So, how many languages do European children, beset on all sides by world languages, learn in school? Two? Three? Five? Six? The data is startling. Based on figures published by Eurostat, a research and publishing body of the European Union, only 4.6% of EU primary children study 2+ second languages.<sup>9</sup> This is in stark contrast to Sindh, in which all government school children are learning three second languages.

Looking beyond primary, the data doesn't get much better. The graph below is a startling indictment of our government language education system. Our ambitions in primary are off the charts, utterly out of sync with the policies of major European countries, some of whom themselves, like Finland and Denmark, lack globally-spoken native tongues. In secondary, the gap narrows, but remains, with all listed countries save Finland and Netherlands still below the 2 mark. Only Finland, in the highest levels of education, begins to approach what we are attempting to do.

Average # of Second Languages Studied, 2012



Education statistics published by AlifAilaan bolster the claim that our attempts are failing. 55% of class 5 students cannot read a story fluently in Urdu.<sup>10</sup> 76% cannot read a sentence fluently in English.<sup>11</sup> In attempting to teach children four languages, they are mastering none. Something must change.

The discussion of which languages to focus on, and which to eliminate, incites fiery political and religious rhetoric. My proposed solution is simple. Let parents of primary children choose two languages: the main language of instruction, and a single other second language. Be it Urdu and Sindhi, Urdu and Arabic, English and Sindhi, or Sindhi

and Mandarin. Then, in secondary, parents and students can opt to select another second language. Of the three total (one main, two second), one must be Urdu, the national language. We do not need every person to know every language. We need stewards, care-takers, flag-bearers, of the great languages spoken in this land. We need to produce poets, philosophers, scientists, and great speakers of these languages, not millions of people who grasp only the shadow of each. Making such a change would reduce the load on students, allow more time in school for other core subjects such as Math, Science, and Social Studies, and refocus our nation's education system to help our

children succeed.

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**NJV GOVERNMENT HIGHER  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**



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<p><b>Educate-a-Child</b> PKR 3000/month 36,000 Annually Books and Supplies Cost of Education</p>	<p><b>Educate-a-Child</b> KG-to-Matric PKR 396,000 Books and Supplies Cost of Education</p>	<p><b>Support a Primary Teacher</b> PKR 40,000/month Training costs and Materials Developing SMART skills</p>
<p><b>Sponsor a set of textbooks</b> PKR 30,000 School textbooks for one class</p>	<p><b>Support a Smart-Classroom</b> PKR 220,000 Smart boards Other Equipment's</p>	<p><b>Sponsor E-learning</b> PKR 50,000 Projector Other Equipment's</p>
<p><b>Contribute to Endowment Fund</b> PKR 10,000 - 10 Million Education cost Total operations</p>	<p><b>Transport a Child to school</b> PKR 3000/month Conveyance cost Fuel and maintenance cost</p>	<p><b>Sponsor a school Bus</b> PKR 7.5 Million Purchasing cost Maintenance cost</p>

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