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SARGODHIANS AIM HIGH

HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS TO AIR MARSHAL SYED ATHAR HUSSAIN BUKHARI, HI (M), S Bt, VICE CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

The School received with elation the inspiring news of yet another illustrious alumnus, Air Marshal Syed Athar Hussain Bukhari, HI (M), S Bt, rising to the prestigious post of Vice Chief of the Air Staff on 05 July, 2013. He joined the institution with 20th Pre-Cadet Entry in October, 1970 with School No. 1060. He was placed in Iqbal Squadron (Present Fury House). He became flight cadet with Pak No. 736631 in the 66th GD (P) course when the institution became part of PAF Academy, Risalpur in 1974. He stayed at his Alma Mater for 07 years, 03 years as a pre-cadet and 04 years as a flight cadet. He held the rank of corporal as a flight cadet.

The comments of Mr A Rehman Quraishi, Principal, paint the profile of a brilliant scholar. He states: **"He has been a very bright student-intelligent and intellectually sound. He is cool-headed, sober and well composed"**. His scholastic achievements, which include A+ grade in both matriculation and F. Sc as well as 1st Division in B. Sc, testify to his vibrant academic credentials. So does his 4th position in Sargodha Board in F. Sc examination. The School takes pride in its role as the nursery which nurtures saplings so that they can grow into lofty trees!



Flt Cdt Syed Athar Hussain Bukhari



AIR MARSHAL FARHAT HUSSAIN KHAN'S FAREWELL VISIT

Air Marshal Farhat Hussain Khan, HI (M), T Bt, Vice Chief of the Air Staff, paid a visit to the School as farewell note on 03 July, 2013. He had tea with the faculty and staff in the School Staffroom. While interacting with the faculty, he reminded them of the great cause they are working for and the challenges they have to face on their way. Grooming and preparing the youth for the desired noble task of national defence is not an easy job in a world where monetary gains take preference. He acknowledged the efforts of faculty in this regard and advised them to carry on with the same dedication and zeal. He was presented a memento and School Crest by Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Sajid Habib, Principal.



Principal presenting School Crest to VCAS

AIR MARSHAL SOHAIL AMAN, HI (M) GETS PROMOTION

The School conveys heartiest felicitations to its brilliant alumnus, Air Marshal Sohail Aman, on his promotion. Air Marshal Sohail Aman joined the School in 1974 with 69th GD (P) course as a Flight Cadet (746950-Allaudin). He proved to be an excellent student throughout and topped the Punjab University in B. Sc. Mr. A. Rehman Quraishi, the then Principal, highlighted his calibre in his graduation report. He remarked, "----- he has been very reliable and dependable --- He is highly motivated and expected to make a grade." Indeed he proved the truth of his principal's words once he set sail in the profession.

Air Marshal Sohail Aman is basically a fighter pilot and he has flown majority of PAF fighter aircraft including the most sophisticated ones. He has worked on various prestigious operational, command and staff appointments. Presently, he is deputed as Deputy Chief of Air Staff (Operations). The Sargodhians feel proud of his enviable career and wish him good luck for his future endeavours!



AIR VICE MARSHAL SAEED MUHAMMAD KHAN BECOMES DCAS (T)

Air Vice Marshal Saeed Muhammad Khan, SI (M), S Bt an outstanding Sargodhian, made the Alma Mater proud on being deputed Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (Training) at Air Headquarters, Islamabad. He assumed his new responsibilities from 17 July, 2013. Air Vice Marshal Saeed Muhammad Khan (757011-Munir) joined this institution on 9 August, 1975 with 70th GD (P) Course and passed out on 18 September, 1979. Mr. A. Rehman Quraishi, the then Principal, wrote about him, "He is well read, imaginative, straight forward and sincere. He was appointed under officer and proved to be a great success."

The capable alumnus has proved his potentials yet again being entrusted with great responsibility of heading the PAF Training Branch. The Sargodhians and Alma Mater wish him all the best to meet the trust reposed in him!



AIR VICE MARSHAL (Retd) SAJID HABIB, HI (M) TAKES OVER AS PRINCIPAL

Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Sajid Habib assumed charge of his Alma Mater on 01 July, 2013. Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Sajid Habib (School No.1023-Alam Squadron) joined PAF Public School Sargodha with 20th Entry in October, 1970 as eighth class student and became a Flight Cadet when School became a part of Academy in 1974. He proved to be a good student, versatile actor and excellent sportsman having athletics and gymnastics as his forte. On the literary front, he remained editor of Azm, Urdu Wallpaper of his squadron. He proved his mettle on being appointed Under Officer in the final year at the School. He graduated in October, 1978 from PAF Academy, Risalpur and joined Air Force.

Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Sajid Habib is a qualified Flying Instructor. He is also a graduate of the Air Staff College, Turkey and an M.Sc in Defence and Strategic Studies from National Defence University, Islamabad. During service, he remained on various important command and staff appointments. He has been an instructor at Combat Commanders School, Sargodha. He has commanded an elite Fighter Squadron, a Fighter Flying Wing and a Fighter Base. He has served as Director General Joint Operations in GHQ, Deputy Director General Civil Aviation Authority, Director General Air Intelligence and SSO Ops at Central Air Command. He has also been Defence Attache to Turkey, Ukraine and Albania. With so many achievements to his credit, the Alma Mater believes that he will make every endeavour to take the institution to further heights!



FIVE SARGODHIANS BECOME AIR VICE MARSHALS

The Sargodhians, Principal, Faculty and Staff heartily congratulate brilliant alumni namely Air Vice Marshal Pirzada Kamaluddin A Siddiqui (787512-Alam Squadron), Air Vice Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan (787603-Rafiqi Squadron), Air Vice Marshal Arshad Malik (787634-Munir Squadron), Air Vice Marshal Azhar Hasan Rizvi (787668-Saffi Squadron) and Air Vice Marshal Khawar Hussain (797746-Iqbal Squadron) on their promotion. It is a source of immense honour for the Alma Mater that all five Air Commodores promoted to the rank of Air Vice Marshal are Sargodhians. Buck up Sargodhians!

MAY ALLAH ALMIGHTY BLESS HIS SOUL

The School feels extreme sorrow at the demise of Air Cdre Farooq H Kiyani, Principal. Late Air Cdre Farooq H Kiyani was a man of great credentials and potentials. He had a long and rich teaching experience. He was amongst early few PAF Education Officers who graduated from the University of Leeds (UK). During service; he held the prestigious posts like Director of Studies at this School and PAF Academy, Risalpur; Director of Education and finally, ACAS (Education). After retiring, he headed PAF Public School, Lower Topa. He remained principal of Lawrence College, Gora Gali for ten years. He took over as Principal PAF Public School, Sargodha on 26 August, 2012.

He got hospitalized in CMH, Lahore in the mid of May, 2013 where he breathed his last on 14 June, 2013. His funeral was held at his native village in Chakwal on 15 June, 2013. The pre-cadets, faculty and staff pray for the eternal peace of his soul and endurance for his family.



GLIDING CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONY

The Certificate Award Ceremony for 41st Entry was held on 29 May, 2013 on completion of their Basic Glider Flying Familiarization Course (at Combat Commanders School Auditorium PAF Base, Mushaf). Gp Capt Rizwan Butt, OC Flying, was the chief guest on the occasion. Gp Capt Matloob Bokhari, Acting Principal; Wg Cdr Dr Pervaiz Akhtar, Acting Vice Principal; Sqn Ldr Tasavver Alam and Flt Lt Kashif Hussain accompanied 41st Entry on the occasion.

Sqn Ldr Shakeel and Sqn Ldr Shahamat, the instructors, informed the audience through a presentation that whole entry comprising 72 Pakistani and 03 Bangladeshi pre-cadets had carried out at least one sortie each of 20 minutes. After that, the Chief Guest gave away certificates to the pre-cadets. The guests and the pre-cadets were served refreshment at the Officers' Mess after the ceremony. The 41st Entry also visited Mushaf History Room before returning to the School.



41st Entry grouped with OC Flying and Guests

FAREWELL 41ST ENTRY

On 03 June, 2013, a dinner was arranged in the Pre-cadets Mess Lawns to bid farewell to 41st Entry at the culmination of their five years stay at the School. Soon after reception, the dinner was served. The guests and the hosts did full justice to the sumptuous dinner.

The formal proceedings of the evening began with recitation of the Holy Ayahs by Zeerak (3202-S). Hammad Akhtar (3045-S) from 42nd Entry expressed feelings on behalf of his Entry recounting the sweet memories of their four year association with their departing Bhajians. He immensely thanked them for always being there to guide and help them in every time of need. From the outgoing entry, Maumer Zaman (3031-Sf) spoke on behalf of Bangladeshi Pre-cadets. He thanked his entry mates, faculty and especially the housemasters for their unfailing support in making their stay at the School comfortable and productive. Then, Naimatullah (2983-F), outgoing Head Boy, delivered his farewell speech. He mentioned remarkable individual and collective achievements of his entry. He attributed the credit of their successful stay at the School to the untiring support of the School Administration and unflinching faith of their teachers in them. He ended by requesting junior entries to work hard to keep good Sargodhian traditions ever alive. Next in row was souvenir distribution which took place amidst roars of applause as each outgoing boy was aptly tagged with some humorous remark or nick by the comperes, Umair Ansar (3069-Sf) and Hamza Sarwar (3113-A).

In his address, Gp Capt Matloob Bokhari, Acting Principal, wished good luck to the outgoing entry for their upcoming ISSB and future. He showed his satisfaction on their academic, curricular and co-curricular achievements and advised them to be geared up to face the challenges of the practical life. At the end, he also announced the New Command of the School. Hammad Akhtar (3045-S) was declared to be the new Head Boy. He was presented the Head Boy Cane by the outgoing Head Boy. Whereas, Kamran (3048-A), Nuaman (3066-Fn), Muddasir Jan (3042-F), Humza Jamil (3107-Hf), Talha Arshad (3108-M), Rao Talha (3061-S), Umair Ansar (3069-Sf) and Arsalan Ali (3100-T) were announced to be House Captains of their respective houses.



41st Entry being received on their Farewell



Hammad Akhtar receiving Head Boy Cane from Naimatullah

NEWS FROM ACADEMY

PAF Academy, Risalpur held the Commissioning Parade of 132nd GD(P), 78th Engg and 13 A&SD Courses and Graduation Parade of 74th Engg and 88th AD Courses on 26 April, 2013. Five appointment holders including Naimatullah (2983-F), Head Boy, accompanied by Sqn Ldr Javed Aziz and Flt Lt Asim Mehmood attended the ceremony. The Parade was viewed by General Khalid Shamim, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee. Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt, Chief of the Air Staff, was also present on the occasion.



The contingent felt immense pride when new appointments were announced as Sargodhians achieved two major appointments. Rai Ahmad (2835-M), from 39th Entry, is new Wing Under Officer of Squadron 1, whereas Jawad Jahangir (2758-M), House Captain Mirage from 38th Entry, is new Squadron Under Officer of Squadron 4.

NEW ENTRY GIVEN WELCOME DINNER

As per School tradition, 46th Entry had a Welcome Dinner at the Principal's residence on 24 April, 2013. The boys were warmly welcomed by Begum and the then Principal, Air Cdre Farooq H Kiyani; Gp Capt Matloob Bokhari and faculty at the tastefully set up venue. The boys had chit chat with their hosts for quite some time in a friendly environment. The dinner was served after a while. The young pre-cadets said goodbye to their homesickness by savouring the dinner with relish. After dinner, the young pre-cadets entertained their hosts and faculty through a variety show prepared under the guidance of Flt Lt Ishfaq Bali and Flt Lt Furqan Shakil.



46th Entry enjoying Welcome Dinner

FIVE YEAR CELEBRATION

On 13 April, 2013, the School organized an open air musical evening as part of Five Year Celebration on the fifth anniversary of joining date of the senior most 41st Entry. Celebrations began with cutting of the anniversary cake by Naimatullah (2983-F), Head Boy, all house captains and Gp Capt Matloob Bokhari, Acting Principal. The School Music Club entertained the audience with some melodious songs. Messum Abbas (3174-Hf) and Umair Ansar (3069-Sf) were appreciated a lot. Malik Hassan (2962-Sf) also paid tribute to his entry by singing their favourite songs. Finally, the stage was handed over to Jupiters, a Faisalabad based musical group. The celebration continued till mid night.



Gp Capt Matloob Bokhari and 41st Appointment Holders cutting Anniversary Cake

ATTACKER CLAIMS MINHAS TROPHY

The Attackerites claimed the Minhas Trophy by securing the highest 21 points in the inter house junior sports tournaments. They made a slot for themselves on the victory stand in all three tournaments. They were champions in Hockey, runners up in Football and third in Basketball. This time the Sabrites proved to be the runners up for Minhas Trophy with 16 points to their credit.

The Football Tournament was held from 29 April to 3 May, 2013. Teams of all houses started practicing well ahead in time and gave tough time to their opponents in pool matches. After facing such a fierce competition Attacker, Fury, Tempest and Mirage qualified for the semis. Among them, Mirage and Tempest made it to the final. Under captaincy of Quttab-ud-Din (3263-M) and Humair Raza (3281-T) both teams played tenaciously without letting each other score a goal. The match was finally decided on penalty shoots and the Miragians won. The Principal, gave away certificates to the finalists and trophy to the Miragians.

The Hockey Tournament was played from 13 to 21 May, 2013. Starfighter and Attacker from pool "A", whereas Falcon and Fury from pool "B" made it to the semi finals. Among them Attacker and Falcon reached the final. In the final, both teams tried their level best but the Falconites remained unable to counter the strategic attacking moves of the Attackerites. The match ended 2-1 in the Attackerites' favour. A lot of credit goes to their resilient captain, Zain ul Abideen (3266-A). Gp Capt Matloob Bokhari, Acting Principal, awarded trophy to the jubilant Attackerites and certificates to the finalists.

Last in row was the Basketball Tournament that was played from 1 to 7 June, 2013. All the teams played well but at the end, Sabre, Attacker, Starfighter and Halifax houses emerged to be the semi finalists and among them, Sabre and Attacker proved their supremacy by reaching the final. The teams remained at par in the first half of the final displaying an excellent game and the crowd kept cheering as it was also the last day before summer holidays. The Sabrites became domineering in the second half and won the match with a lead of 10 points. Gp Capt Matloob Bokhari, Acting Principal, awarded certificates to the finalist teams and trophy to the Sabrites. Though Attackerites lost the Basketball final, they were the most exultant on being declared the Junior Sports Champions for their overall better performance.



A decisive moment from Football Final



Gp Capt Matloob Bokhari awarding Hockey Trophy to Attackerites



Sabrites receive Basketball Trophy from Gp Capt Matloob Bokhari

FRIENDLY MATCHES WITH TOPIANS

The School hosted a friendly sports fixture sequentially comprising Cricket, Basketball and Football matches with PAF Public School, Lower Topa from 19 to 21 April, 2013.

The Sargodhians exhibited a superb game in Cricket by scoring 222 runs in twenty overs. The Topian openers gave a good start to their innings but their team



failed to chase the target and their last batsman went back to the pavilion at a total of 97 runs. The Sargodhians proved their supremacy in Basketball too by winning the match with a huge margin of 75 to 38 points. The next evening, the football teams played an extremely exciting match giving each other hard time but the Sargodhians proved themselves yet again and the match ended 1-0 in their favour. Overall, the fixture provided an ample chance to the pre-cadets from both institutions to interact and strengthen the fellow feelings further.

46th ENTRY VISITS MUSHAF BASE

On 17 May, 2013, the 46th Entry visited PAF Base Mushaf under the supervision of Sqn Ldr Shahid Hafeez. They were received by Flt Lt Fahad Rashid, a 31st Entry Sabrite, who escorted them to the No.9 Squadron known as "Griffins". There they were welcomed by another Sargodhian Sqn Ldr Imtiaz, a 27th Entry Miragian. After his welcome speech, the pre-cadets were conducted to visit the tarmac, Air Crew Room and Mushaf History Room. At the end, they were served refreshment at the front lawn of 38 Tac Wing.



FACULTY ATTEND COURSES & PRESENTATIONS

School English and Computer Depts organized short courses simultaneously in the Berlitz and Computer Labs from 10 to 12 June, 2013. Flt Lt Ishfaq Bali familiarized his trainees with different levels of language software 'English Discovery' with major focus on Listening and Speaking Skills. Whereas Flt Lt Yasir and Flt Lt Kashif helped the faculty to work independently on Power Point.

From 14 to 15 June, 2013, Sqn Ldr Abdullah, School Councillor; Sqn Ldr Sohail, SAO; Flt Lt Imran, Log Officer and Flt Lt Sher Afghan, School Adjutant, shared valuable information, respectively on the topics of Personality Assessment Techniques, Command and Control, Customs of Service and Discipline Letters.

A POOR GIRL



Gp Capt Matloob Bokhari

In a fortified city, land of social divide,
Where lordly rulers, sadly greedy reside.
I saw a girl, searching for a scrap of food.
Hunger poured out from her innocent face.
Pain and poverty had silenced her smile.
On my question, stammering, she replied;
"In sorrows, I am walking on thorns of life;
Parents without shelter, pass nights in a tent
And days of dismal rain in the shadow of tree."

Listening this, my eyes wept with tears.
Kissing her soiled and tired hands, I said:
"Love you, my poor girl; your story is so sad."
Looking at me, my Murshud smilingly said,
"O created for Eternal Bliss, Give and will be given,
True joy in life is to share a slice of bread
Live a simple life; so others may simply live."

LECTURE ON HAZARDS OF SMOKING

Dr Mehwish, a team member from Shaukat Khanum Hospital, Lahore, delivered a lecture to the pre-cadets and faculty on "Hazards of Smoking" on 7 May, 2013. In the most interactive manner, she made her audience aware of the harmful effects of smoking and drugs. She shared how the use of drugs is becoming more and more rampant in the society.