

#### ENGLISH WORKS English for workforce development in Pakistan

English Works is a U.S. Department of State's funded project which aims to improve English language along with employability and entrepreneurship skills of the underprivileged youth of age group (17-25 years old) in the period of six months. The project's duration is from November-2022 to July-2023 and it is catering 200 male and female students to develop their language and life skills that will assist them to excel in their professional careers as well as to provide services to the community. This course offers activity based learning rather than traditional lecture method where students practice English language with cultivating their communication skills, critical thinking, creativity, personal growth, entrepreneurial skills and use of latest technology/digital tools efficiently.





#### Seminar on Students' Character Building

Character building ensures that students attain their personal goals as well as becoming trustworthy and admirable in the social context. Since, it entails constant and unceasing dedication to development, growth, and maturity so realizing its significance, Senior Tutor office at PARS arranged a seminar for its students on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. Our honorable guest Speaker Dr. Hafiz Masood Qasim, Assistant Professor at Department of Islamic Studies (UAF), graced the occasion with his thought provoking talk. He described the worth of developing character in the light of Quran and Sunnah. He emphasized to develop the sense of being amusing to others without hurting them, to remove enmity, grudge against each other, to be optimist and respectful instead of having disagreements and to be tranguil to handle the difficult situations. Dr. Hafiz Masood Qasim emphasized to develop above mentioned gualities in students' character by referring to Islamic teachings

along with our cultural and social scenario in a gratifying manner which motivated the audience to follow the presented thoughts. As sign of appreciation, the respected guest was presented with shield and certificates were awarded to encourage the students who collaborated in managing the event.



## Study Tour for BS-Chemistry Students

On March 14, 2023, the students of BS Chemistry (4<sup>th</sup> semester) visited International Polymer Industries (Pvt) Ltd. Islamabad, which was arranged by Dr. Muhammad Adnan Iqbal and Dr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman. The purpose of this tour was to gain practical insight into the various operations of polymer processing facility and to acquire more about the

production process. During the industrial visit, the students comprehended the real-world application of theoretical ideas and gained hands-on experience which in turn broadened their perspective of Applied Chemistry particularly. The participants had the opportunity to ask questions to field experts and interact with operations technicians that made it an excellent knowledgeable experience. This newfound interest encouraged students to pursue internships and research in the field of Applied Chemistry.



**Annual Sports Gala PARS 2023** 

The "Annual Sport Gala" was jointly organized on 14-15 March, 2023, by Senior Tutor Office and Deputy Director of Student Affairs Community College PARS. Several games including cricket, badminton, tug of war and board games like Ludo were played where all the students and teachers participated energetically.



# Capacity Building Workshop on OBE and Blended Learning

Workshops help to build the understanding of the complexity of the relevant issues and to receive hands-on training. Keeping in view this significance, a Capacity Building Workshop on OBE and Blended Learning for the faculty was held on 16th March, 2023, at UAF Community College PARS. The OBE team presented various aspects of OBE (Outcome Based Education) and accentuated the importance of implementing it practically. Prof. Dr. Allah Bhaksh described the benefits of OBE together with the clarification of vision and mission statements, curriculum framework and its adoption. He stressed to design such courses that will facilitate students in developing the skills which will succeed them in their professional lives. Prof. Dr. Tanvir Ali elaborated hybrid/blended learning by conducting activities with the participants for demonstrating the difference between traditional pedagogy and OBE. He highlighted to change the attitude of both teaching and learning for implementing OBE in its real sense. Then Dr. Babar Shahbaz presented the outcome based assessment which is a vital element of OBE. He discussed in detail the elements of curriculum and the development of assessment tools that align with the learning outcomes. The faculty members of PARS actively participated in the workshop and they were encouraged to follow the ideology of OBE to provide students a real life learning experience. At the end, the respected Principal of PARS, Dr. Muhammad Anjum Zia paid gratitude to the OBE team and the honorable Vice Chancellor UAF, Prof. Dr. Igrar Ahmad Khan (Sitara-e-Imtiaz) for his support in promoting outcome based education.



# Celebration of World Water Day and World Forest Day

An awareness walk was organized by Dr. Maria Naqve (Visiting Lecturer, Botany) on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 to celebrate **"International Forest Day"** and **"World Water Day"** on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 to promote awareness of the importance of all types of forests and the need to conserve water. Students were encouraged to organize activities for preserving forests and trees as plantation activity while choosing the right plants for the right places by considering their specific water requirements. Another purpose of these activities was to meet the requirements of OBE for the course entitled "Biodiversity and Conservation (BOT-405)" offered for the BS Botany program during Spring Semester 2022-2023.

Addition of new faculty: Dr. Safura Bibi joined the UAF Community College, PARS as Assistant Professor (IPFP).

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**Plantation Campaign-2023** 

Plantation has been a regular spring time activity at PARS for several years. All the teachers as well as the students vigorously took part in the activity throughout the spring season and planted all kinds of ornamental species and shady trees to make the environment a better place to live.





"Rose Conservation Project" More than 500 rose plants of almost all colors were planted all over PARS campus. This project was organized by the Botany department and "SAB Plantation Committee".



"Spring Plantation Campaign 2023" More than 1100 plants were planted at UAF Community College, PARS during Spring Plantation drive. The drive was inaugurated by Dr. Muhammad Anjum Zia (Principal UAF Community College) along with the guest dignitaries, Dr Manzoom (Director HR), Mr Umar Saeed Qadri, (Treasurer) and Dr. Baber Shahbaz (Director Academics) from the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.



"Cactus Conservation Project" initiated and supervised by Dr. Maria Naqve. A special corner of the Botanical Garden has been reserved for cacti . A huge collection of various species from the cactus family were planted by the students of the Department of Botany (PARS).



Patron in Chief: Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan (S.I) Vice Chancellor

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Activities Performed at Junior Laboratory School PARS



Hostel Cleanliness Competition in connection with Pakistan Resolution Day

A competition was held among the PARS hostels for cleanliness on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023 and the students enthusiastically decorated their surroundings as well. Resultantly, Iqbal Hall stood 1<sup>st</sup> among the 5 hostels of females at PARS.





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