

NEWSLETTER



MAY 2026

OUR MISSION IN ACTION

This month, Phonics Club continued its mission of transforming early literacy education through impactful teacher training sessions across Pakistan. From the mountains of Gilgit to the classrooms of Lahore, our journey has been inspiring, engaging, and full of learning.



Empowering Educators Through Phonics Training

Through carefully designed workshops, we equipped educators with practical phonics strategies, interactive teaching methods, and effective classroom techniques. Each session focused on building strong foundational reading skills and boosting teacher confidence in delivering phonics instruction.

Our trainings were collaborative learning experiences where teachers actively participated, shared insights, and explored innovative ways to make learning enjoyable for young learners. The enthusiasm and dedication shown by educators in every city truly reflected a shared commitment towards improving literacy standards.

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 **GILGIT, HUNZA** **AT 11TH AND 12TH APRIL 2026**



Our journey began in Gilgit, where enthusiastic educators participated in a dynamic phonics training session. The workshop focused on foundational reading skills, sound recognition, and classroom engagement techniques.

“An inspiring session that brought new energy into teaching practices.”

PAKISTAN FIRST INDEPENDENT BILINGUAL DAILY

NEWSMART

Small Lockdown in Murree Causes Hardship for Tourists and Business Community

Murree (Sohail Ahmed)

Due to the small lockdown implemented in Murree, tourists and local business circles are facing severe difficulties, which has caused a wave of concern among tourists and business circles. Former Anjuman Tajran Murree Raja Tufail Akhloq, while talking to the media, said that tourists visiting Murree visit various entertainment places during the day, but at night when they come to eat and shop on the Mall Road, they face severe problems due to the closure of markets, shopping malls and restaurants. He said that tourists enjoy the splendor of Murree especially at night, but they are facing disappointment due to the small lockdown, which is also having a negative impact on tourism. He said that the business community is also being severely affected by the small lockdown. Business is almost non-existent throughout the day, while in the evening, when customers start coming, the administration closes shops, due to which the businessmen are having to suffer financial losses. The business circles have demanded that the higher authorities take into account the tourist status of Murree. While keeping it, it should be exempted from the small lockdown or at least business hours should be relaxed so that tourists and traders can get relief.

Phonics training sessions in Hunza and Gilgit, teachers made aware of modern teaching methods

Hunza (PR)

A comprehensive training session was organized at Hunza Public School by the Phonics Club, led by Dr. Fatima Taz-e-Zahra. The aim of the session was to familiarize teachers with modern phonics-based teaching methods to promote literacy in primary education. The training was provided by renowned phonics trainer Saima Mazhar, who provided detailed guidance on effective ways to improve students' reading and correct pronunciation skills.

Another training session in this series was also held on April 11 at Elysian Academy Gilgit, in which various teachers participated. The session was held under the supervision of the academy's principal, Najmi, where the importance of phonics in basic education was highlighted. Local shopkeepers also provided full support in organizing the event. These training sessions were considered very important for promoting quality education and enhancing the professional skills of teachers. The organizers expressed their determination to continue such initiatives in the future as well to further improve literacy and educational standards in the region.



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Gilgit, April 11, 12: A comprehensive Jolly Phonics training session was successfully organized by Phonics Club under the leadership of Dr. Fatima Tuz Zahra, at Hunza Public School.

The training was conducted by renowned phonics trainer Ms. Saima Mazher. Participating teachers and ambassadors of Phonics Club Ms. Greeni and Ms. Nur Jehan actively engaged in the session, gaining practical insights into innovative classroom strategies.



A parallel training session was also held at HUNZA Public School Aliabad on Sunday, April 12. The event was attended by participants across the region.

The session highlighted the growing importance of phonics-based instruction in foundational education.

Special acknowledgments were extended to Mr. Altaf Hussain and Ms. Shamsie for their contributions and support in ensuring the success of the initiative.

The event was organized in collaboration with local shopkeepers who provided essential resources. Notable contributors included Naeemullah of Nasseer Book Depot and Abdul Rasheed of Shan Stationers.

The training sessions were widely appreciated for promoting quality education and strengthening the professional skills of teachers in Gilgit-Baltistan.

Organizers expressed their commitment to continuing such initiatives to advance literacy and educational excellence across the region.

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LAHORE

STARFISH PAKISTAN SCHOOL

AT 18TH APRIL 2026 IN UNIQUE SCHOOL, TOWNSHIP BRANCH



The training focused on practical classroom implementation of phonics, including sound recognition, blending techniques, and strategies to improve reading fluency and pronunciation. Teachers actively participated in interactive activities, group discussions, and hands-on exercises designed to make phonics learning engaging and effective.



In collaboration with Starfish Pakistan School, Phonics Club successfully conducted a comprehensive Jolly Phonics training session in UNIQUE SCHOOL ACADEMY, Lahore. The session was led by **Dr. Fatima Tuz Zahra**, bringing together passionate educators committed to enhancing early literacy practices.

Under the leadership of **Ms. Caroline White**, the session reflected a strong commitment towards teacher development and quality education. Special appreciation is extended to **Professor Irfan Akhtar** for his valuable support and contribution, which played an important role in the success of the training.