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Assessing Post-Pandemic Learning Gaps : CBE-K & Monash University Research Survey 2023

The CBE-K Academics Department, with Dr. Venessar Fernandez, is actively conducting the Monash Research Survey to assess the learning deficits and challenges encountered by CBE schools in 2023. This initiative comes in response to the significant disruptions caused by the pandemic from 2020 to 2022, which have had lasting effects on student learning and educational outcomes. The focus is on collecting valuable insights regarding the specific learning gaps and difficulties that students have faced during this unprecedented period. By fostering open communication and collaboration, the CBE-K aims to identify the unique challenges that different schools have encountered.



Empowering a Sustainable Future: CBE-K Begins Solar Energy Implementation

Catholic Board of Education Karachi is excited to announce the implementation of solar energy systems in its institutions, beginning with St. Patrick's High School Karachi. This initiative, launched in partnership with Beyondgreen Solar Solution, aims to reduce environmental impact and promote sustainability within the school community. The project commenced with a signing ceremony on July 27, 2024, marking a significant step towards creating a greener and more energy-efficient future. Plans to continue rolling out the solar energy system across other schools under its administration, ensuring a long-term commitment to renewable energy.



#### ECCE Closing Ceremony 2023-2024

ECCE Closing Ceremony was held in the month of August. Our dedicated teachers showcased their mastery of innovative techniques, impressing us with their creative low-cost and no-cost teaching materials. We were delighted to welcome ECCE teachers from other CBE-K schools for a special walkthrough of these inspiring resources, fostering

collaboration and sharing of ideas. A special thank you to our facilitators, Ms. Erum Sohail and Ms. Renita Gill, for their guidance and support throughout the year. The event concluded with a heartfelt award ceremony, where our talented participants received well-deserved certificates in recognition of their hard work and dedication.

#### Aug 09, 2024

#### Pre-Orientation Session (NCEC-Leadership Programme)

The pre-orientation session for the NCEC Leadership Programme, conducted by Ms. Renita Gill and Ms. Shakila Rashid, served as a valuable introduction for CBEK participants preparing for the upcoming training. The session offered an overview of the training objectives, expectations, and resources available to



support their learning journey. Participants engaged in meaningful discussions about the training content and had the opportunity to resolve thier queries.



#### Paigham-e-Pakistan Conference organized by DIRPIS

The Directorate of Private Institutions, Government of Sindh, in collaboration with Paigame-Pakistan, held a conference on August 12, 2024 at Bahria Auditorium Karachi focusing on promoting peace and positive youth engagement. Principals, Teachers and Staff from across the Catholic Board of Education Karachi attended this impactful initiative. The event featured key messages on the importance of peace, with speakers like Prof. Mustafa Kamal Pathan and Qari Sajjad Ahmed Tanoli emphasizing the role of education and creative thinking. Chief Guest, Mr. Asif Ikram, Secretary of the College Education Department, praised and recognized the broader mission of Paigam-e-Pakistan in fostering unity and tolerance among youth of Pakistan. The event concluded with awards and recognition for the efforts of all contributors in promoting peace and harmony within society.



#### Aug 27, 2024



#### Teaching Strategies By Oxford University Press

On August 27, 2024, Oxford University Press (OUP) organized a dynamic webinar centered on effective teaching strategies. Educators from diverse backgrounds came together to explore innovative approaches aimed at boosting student engagement and improving learning outcomes. The session provided valuable insights and practical techniques to help teachers create more interactive and impactful classroom experiences.



#### Sept 07, 2024

#### Annual Executive Secretary Meeting: NCEC Lahore

The Annual Executive Secretary Meeting was held in Lahore on September 7, 2024 & hosted by NCEC Pakistan, bringing together all the key positions across Pakistan. This important gathering provided a platform for sharing insights, discussing strategic initiatives, and addressing challenges faced by educational institutions nationwide. The meeting focused on enhancing collaboration, strengthening governance, and aligning efforts to improve the quality of education within the Catholic Board of Education network.

Sept 02-07, 2024



#### Empowering Educational Leaders Conference: Lahore

The National Catholic Education Commision organized an extensive week-long series of sessions in Lahore from September O2 to O7 2O24, uniting Teacher Educators and Master Trainers from all seven dioceses across Pakistan. These sessions centered on two key themes: "Empowering Education Leaders" and "Developing a Growth Mindset." Through collaborative workshops, participants explored effective leadership practices, strategies for fostering a growth mindset, and the critical role these play in educational advancement.













#### Misereor Phase VIII Implementation in Karachi

On September 18th, the Executive Secretary held a meeting with Principals and Heads to plan the implementation of the Misereor Phase VIII Project. Key objectives were outlined, focusing on improving educational outcomes and innovative teaching methods. The meeting ensured alignment on roles and strategies for effective integration within schools.

#### Art of Transforming Leadership

On September 20, Ms. Renita Gill conducted an insightful session on "The Art of Transformational Leadership." The session brought together 10 coordinators from various schools, focusing on the strategies that drive transformational leadership. Participants delved into methods to motivate both staff and students, fostering a culture of growth. Interactive discussions allowed attendees to share their experiences and challenges, creating a collaborative learning environment. The session aimed to equip attendees with the mindset necessary to lead impactful change and drive positive transformation.



#### Sept 25, 2024

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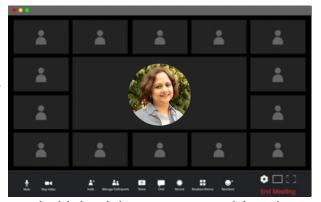
#### Teaching Social Studies in Digital Age

On September 25, 2024, Oxford University Press (OUP) conducted a webinar titled "Teaching Social Studies in the Digital Age". Educators from various institutions gathered to explore strategies for integrating technology into social studies instruction. The session focused on using digital tools to enhance student engagement, promote critical thinking, and make learning more interactive. Participants shared best practices and discussed adapting their teaching methods to the evolving digital landscape.

#### Sept 28, 2024

## Strategizing the Role of Technology and Data-Informed Decision Making in Educational Leadership.

On September 28, 2024, Dr. Venesser Fernandes led a webinar titled "Strategizing the Role of Technology and Data-Informed Decision Making in Educational Leadership." Educators and administrators participated in discussions on leveraging technology to enhance leadership practices and optimize decision-making



processes within educational institutions. The session highlighted the importance of data-driven strategies for improving overall school performance and fostering innovation in leadership.