



RATO BANGALA SAMACHAR

MARCH 2016

BAL SAHITYA MAHOTSAV 2016

The second edition of the Bal Sahitya Mahotsav (BSM) was held on 6-7 February, 2016. This literature festival was initiated to encourage reading and to inculcate a reading culture in our country. The Rato Bangala School, in collaboration with the British School, KISC and Lincoln School invited Peter Lerangis, the famous children's author as our Guest Author for the BSM. Peter was accompanied by his wife Tina De'Varon, who is a jazz pianist. The students and the teachers enjoyed a wonderful session with Peter and were unanimous in their thought that they have not laughed so much in a long time. Tina De'Varon gave a musical performance for charity. Workshops were conducted for students, parents and teachers.

The Rato Bangala Kitab proudly launched 86 books in Nepali and English on the Bal Sahitya Mahotsav day and commemorated the authors and illustrators of those books. It

was a fun filled day with books, good food, music and lots of interesting, new things to learn. On the second day of the BSM, training and workshops were conducted by the Rato Bangala Foundation for the teachers from various districts who will take the festival to their districts.

DEBATE MAHAKUMBHA 2016

A team comprising of our A1 students, Aakash Pant, Abhaya Gauchan, Alaukik Pant and Ritambhara Parajuli reached the semi-finals of the recently concluded national WSDC style debating championship 'Mahakumba 2016'. They finished second in the league and won a total of 4 out of 6 debates. It was a great learning experience. The topics in the debates ranged from feminism to permanent residency (PR). Debates teach the students how to refute each and every point. According to the participant, 'It taught us how to manipulate the words of the opposition and how to destroy their very understanding of

the topic. Similarly, since WSDC is a team debate, we also learned valuable skills such as coordination, cooperation and teamwork.' Finally, Alaukik and Aakash were declared the 5th and 4th Best Speakers Overall in the tournament. This tournament was also a pre-selection round for the national team for the World Schools Debating Championship 2016, to be held in Germany and RBS is proud to state that the team has been shortlisted for the initial screenings.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The Rato Bangala School Model United Nations was held on 19-21 February, 2016. It was a huge success with a number of delegates participating in the conference in spite of the dire fuel shortages. Mr. Ashutosh Tiwari, the Co-Founder of Entrepreneurs for Nepal was invited as the keynote speaker for the conference. He was very impressed by our students and was

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full of praises. To quote him, "I was completely blown away by the level of preparedness, the motivation and the sophistication of the participating students (aged 14-15). For a moment it felt as though I were observing a student led conference on the campus of some Ivy League University." Well done students!

RBSMUN GRADE VII

The students of Grade VII took part in Model United Nations organized by the RBS MUN club. A big thank you to the A Level students who helped train Grade VII students and gave them the confidence required to debate and discuss in the committees. This is a Grade VII event that helps them understand procedures and trains them to be excellent delegates in the coming years.

CIE

A small group of students took their finals in November 2015 session because of the earthquake. There were around 150 students from A2 who took the Math AS Level examination as well. The results came out in January and Rato Bangala congratulates all the students for their brilliant performance.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Twenty seven participants comprising

of Grade IX and Grade X students made their final Adventurous Journey from Godavari to Mane Dovan, Karve in 19-20 December just before the school closed for winter break. More than 25 participants, both Silver and Bronze, have completed their award requirements. The award ceremony is to be held in April, 2016. First-Aid training was held for both Grade VIII and A Level participants by the teachers here. We now have a pool of Rato Bangala teachers who have been trained to give First-Aid training.

A Level participants have been working on their navigation and camping skills which are in preparation for the Adventurous Journeys.

ASSEMBLIES

Grade I students had their Ramailo Assembly on 18 December, Friday. They put their best foot forward to display their skills at drama.

EARLY SOCIAL INNOVATORS

26 students from A1 participated in a program named, Early Social Innovators, initiated by Pankaj Parajuli, a graduate of Rato Bangala School. The participants were given 1000 rupees each and they had to come up with a business idea and use the money as investment. They had to operate the business and try

to generate some profit. The aim of the program was not only to make the students innovators but also keep the social aspects in mind. They made a profit Rs. 8875/-, the money was given to Rato Bangala Foundation for a library in Dailekh.

TRIPS

On 3 December, students of Grade I made a trip to the Zoo. They explored the premises and came to know more about birds and animals. We would like to thank the parents who accompanied the children for the trip.

Students of Grade II learn about Transportation in Term III. To have a deeper understanding of the topic, they visited Baggi Khana on 23 February to observe how carriages served as a mode of transport in earlier times. On 25 February students went for a trip to Sajha Yatayat Depot. They also enjoyed a ride from Pulchowk to Lagankhel and back, in the public transport.

Students of Grade III have been engaged in City Project this term. They made a trip to Godamchaur on 12 February in order to understand and appreciate the differences between village life and city life.

As part of their study of Comparative religion the students of Grade VIII went to Lumbini on 13-15 February and gained an insight on Buddhism.

Grade III City Project



Grade VII Kot Danda



On 26 February the students of Grade VII hiked all the way from Suryabinayak in Bhaktapur to Kote Danda in Lalitpur and spent the night camping. This trip was all about exploring the environment and gaining experience as a hiker.

The students of Grade VI worked with the students of Bal Chandra Memorial School in Mane Dobhan Rayale, Kavre on 1 March. The experience of their first overnight trip was truly a success.

CITY PROJECT DISPLAY

As a culminating activity of the City Project, students of Grade III set up their own City on 14 and 15 March, in their classrooms. Children made 3D models to set up their City which had the basic services that make up a real city. Simulations of crises that come up in a community were replicated by children. Parents took pleasure as audience of the City Display.

SPORTS

On 28 February, Unit I had their Annual Sports Day which showcased true sportsmanship and energy. Students participated in various Sport events and enjoyed the day. Yellow House stood first by winning the maximum number of events, closely followed by Green and Orange in the

second and third position.

Grade V students played a friendly football match with the Euro International School on 11 March, 2016.

Grade VIII students were the winners of the British School Futsal Tournament in the under 14 category. Students of Grade VII and VIII participated in the Basketball Tournament organized by Innovative School and they emerged as fair players.

The Inter-School Football League for A Level students was concluded with GEMS winning the tournament and Rato Bangala School as the runners up.

MATH QUIZ

This year the A Level Math Club organized a quiz with a difference for students of Grade VI to IX. The participants were grouped according to their houses but the questions were framed according to their age level and they had to answer individually. Well done RBS Math Club.

BAKERY SET UP

The First Graders were engrossed in the study of Bakery this term. After learning about the ingredients that are needed to bake, children were able to bake carrot cakes and oat meal

cookies in their classrooms. They made individual recipe booklets of the same and created a Whole Class book too. To wind up their study, they set up a Bakery in class and invited parents as well.

COMPETITIONS

Every year we organize Argumentative/Persuasive Essay Competition for Unit II. This year we had it on the 3 - 4 March. In addition we had the Short Story writing competition leading to the Bal Sahitya Mahotsav. Congratulations to the winners.

TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

Pema Lama from Rato Bangala School and Midesh Maharjan from the Rato Bangala Foundation attended a Teacher Training Program in MASHAV, Israel for three weeks. The training gave them valuable insights on Education System of Israel. Jenny Manandhar and Pratigya Shrestha took part in a Science workshop organized by Karkhana.

UPDATE SAFETY MEASURES

The external staircase in Rato Bangala South building is now complete. Our practice drills show that this has helped tremendously in reducing the evacuation time during emergencies.



We are also increasing the number of teachers who have specialized first aid training. Unit 2 teachers, Sunita Adhikari and Pratigya Shrestha attended a First aid workshop for two days organized in the Eye Hospital, Tripureshwor by St John's Ambulance Service this term.

HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust was observed at the Kamal Mani Theatre of Rato Bangala School on 27 January, 2016. It was jointly organized by the United Nations in Nepal, the Embassy of Israel in Kathmandu and Rato Bangala School. The event was graced by Their Excellencies, the Ambassadors of Israel and Germany and other distinguished guests as well as students from various schools from Kathmandu. Our A Level student, Aakash Pant recited a spoken word poetry focusing on the holocaust. It was a powerful delivery and at the same time touched the hearts the

audience. The event paid tribute to all the victims and the survivors of Holocaust.

CLOTHES DRIVE

Nayanopan organized a Clothes Drive for the children of remote areas yet again this year. Thank you parents for your contribution.

STAFF RETREAT TO POKHARA

On the occasion of the 24th Anniversary of the Rato Bangala School, we organized two trips to Pokhara for our staff this term. The first one dated 2-4 January, 2016 and the second one was on 5-7 March, 2016. It was an enjoyable trip and at the same time good for strengthening mutual understanding and cooperation.

NEW BOOKS BY RATO BANGALA KITAB

2015-16 has been the most prolific year for Rato Bangala Kitab. It has succeeded in publishing 200 titles of children's books to date. We

urge parents to buy the books for children of friends and relatives as they make wonderful gifts for young readers. These books are attractive and enjoyable and will help develop good reading habits. These books are available at the school, at Patan Dhoka Book shop as well as in leading bookstores that sell children's books around Kathmandu.

RBPOP SCHOLARSHIP

This year, a team of teachers went to Sunsari district and selected four students who will join the school on full scholarship in the upcoming academic year as part of the RBPOP program. We look forward to welcoming the four students at RBS and hope that they will make their parents and the community proud. We thank parents for their support of the RBPOP program which has been doing meaningful work in uplifting education.

The school will reopen on 25 April, 2016.

RBS Junior Sport Day 2015-16

