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**RBS DEBATES**

The A Level Debate Club of our school organized a High-School Debating Championship from 22-24 June, 2018. They collaborated with the Debate Network Nepal and the Independent University of Bangladesh to organize the event. 29 teams from 10 different schools participated in the championship. The event included training, preliminary rounds, knockout rounds and grand finale of the championship. With the help of trainers and organizing team, the entire event was a great success. Well done Debate Club!

**BHANU JAYANTI**

Bhanu Jayanti was observed at Kamalmani Theatre on 8 July, 2018. Like in the past, our Nepali Department organized a valley wide 'Nepali Chhanda Bachan' Competition. 35 schools from across the valley participated in the competition. The program started with recitation in the morning session and Bhanu Samaroha and

Prize distribution in the evening. Aaditya Shrestha of Adarsha Vidya Mandir stood first, Prakriti Subedi of Career Building English Academy came second and Grace Kandel of the Excelsior School came third in the competition.

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD**

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Silver and Bronze Award participants have recently completed their Pre-Qualifying and Qualifying Adventurous Journey. Five Silver Award participants went to Nagarkot, Chisapani hike on 15 – 17 June. Twenty four Bronze Award participants also went to Chisapani hike on 16 – 17 June, 2018. They successfully completed their expedition journey. The students were supervised by Mr Kiran Maharjan while Ms Hima Pradhan and Mr. Rabindra Man Maharjan assessed them on various skills.

**BRILLE BOOK**

Rato Bangala Kitab and the Bal Sahitya Mahotsav with print partners Nepal Association for the Welfare of the Blind, and Jagadamba press, launched their Braille book Chanda ka Kabita during the BSM 2018 to pay tribute to veteran Litterateur Kamal Mani Dixit. Chanda ka Kabita is a well curated anthology

from an earlier publication of RBK, Chanda ko 101 Kabita. To meet the dire need for more braille books, two copies of this book have been donated to each of the 82 schools across the country, where visually impaired students are enrolled. Along with the braille book launch, RBK also launched two YouTube video series #kamalkochandaprem (chanda recitation videos) and #kitabpayepadhiramaye (read aloud videos) to help the visually impaired children to develop their oratorical skills. RBK has previously printed braille books: Kehi Paye Kehi Gumaye, Bafre Habre and Dhumdham ko Ghumgham.

**ECO SMART**

Eco smart school program is a certification program designed by WCN under Nepal Parkriti Pathsala (NPP). The team visited our school and worked with the students of Grade V. The children were divided into different groups and each group got an opportunity to get closer to environment by doing different activities: nature photography, making herbarium, making posters on ecosystem and many more. The team also created awareness among children through presentation on different environmental issues.



# RATO BANGALA SAMACHAR

JULY 2018

**SEE RESULTS**

We would like to congratulate the entire Rato Bangala family for this year's excellent SEE results. 26 students secured A+, 27 got A, 4 had B+ and 2 students secured B. Congratulations students!

**A LEVEL ORIENTATION**

152 students began the A Level classes from June 25, after completing a week long Orientation from 18-22 June. Different sessions were conducted by Ms Milan Dixit, Principal and Ms Shanta Dixit, Director of the school. The students went hiking to Jyamire, escorted by the A Level teachers. This was a good way for them to bond and make new friends. On their way back they cleaned Bisankhu Narayan.

**ENVIRONMENT WEEK**

Environment week was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Each class from Grade I to X had their unique way of marking the occasion. All

the activities centered on this year's World Environment Day theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution.' The parents also pledged to stop using plastic bags at home. Like in the past, June 5 was a non uniform day and the eighth graders organized a book and stationery drive. The books that were collected were handed over to Aneesa Ahmed, our student who is volunteering in Ek Kitab. The stationery materials were handed over to Dr Aruna Uprety to be used for the former Kamlaris in the far western region. The A Level Art Club also organized an Art Competition on the environment theme for the junior grades and teachers.

Grade X wrote and presented letters to the owners of Himalayan Java and LABIM mall to discourage the use of plastic materials in their stores and restaurants.

The A Level students went to the Road Department Office, Environment Office and the Municipality Office in Lalitpur to

pressurize the authorities to pave the roads as the dust was harmful to everyone's health.

**'DAYALU RUKH'**

Grades I to V went to watch a play Dayalu Rukh. Dayalu Rukh is the Nepali adaptation of Shel Silverstein's The Giving Tree. It is a popular book at RBS. This is produced by Katha Ghera, a theatrical production Company started by RBS alums Aakanchha Karki and Gunjan Dixit.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG**

This term the students of Grade VI became archaeologists and took part in a simulated dig as part of their study of the Indus Valley Civilization. They took on different roles as excavators, recorders, and draft persons as they excavated and interpreted the site.

**KIMFF**

On 8 June Kathmandu International Mountain Film Festival organized documentary show for Grades V-X

Annual Get Together of PR, PTA members and teachers



Trip to Godavari, Grade V



Champions of FORD U-14 Inter School Futsal Tournament





at the Kamalmani Theatre. They showcased films like Chyanti, Gyalmu's House, Uhileko Nepal and Worker's Cup. The Worker's Cup was also screened during the A Level Orientation.

#### MUN 2018

Students from Grades IX and X participated in the Indian Model United Nations 2018 held at Meridian School Boudha from 11-13 May and came back as winners for the third year in a row.

#### BALANCED DIET

The students of Grade VII celebrated Food Revolution Day on 20 May. Food Revolution Day is a global day of action for people to celebrate real food, where it comes from and how to cook it. The students followed balanced food recipe and enjoyed a healthy pot luck lunch in school.

#### ASSEMBLIES

Grades VII and VIII had their Annual Assemblies on 29 June and 6 July. Grade III had their Ramailo Assembly on 14 July. They put up songs, dances, plays and poems. We would like to congratulate the students and teachers for their effort. Thank you, parents of Grade III for organizing the pot luck lunch.

#### SPORTS

Several inter-house and inter-school competitions were held for our Unit I and Unit II students this term. In the hopping-catching competition for Grade II, Blue, Green and Orange stood first, second and third.

Grades III, IV and V had kickball competition. Among the third graders, Green stood first, followed by Yellow and Orange and among the fourth graders, Green again stood first, with Blue and Yellow in the second and third place. In Grade V kickball competition, however, Blue finished first, closely followed by Yellow and Green in second and third place.

Grades VI, VII and VIII, too, had their kickball competition and Green house remained unbeatable, followed by Orange and Yellow in all the three grades.

In Grade IV dodge ball competition, Blue finished first, followed by Yellow and Green in second and third place. Among Grade V, Yellow came first and Blue and Orange came second and third.

In the Inter house Football Competition for Grade VI Green stood first followed by Orange and Yellow. Orange secured first position in Grade VII followed by Green and Yellow.

The senior boys secured first position in the Basketball Friendly match organized by RBS. In the Toffichoo Futsal Junior Championship Cup organized by the Grassroot Futsal Academy the U-14 boys reached the semi-finals and the U-12 boys were the champions. Shriyans Manandhar received an award for the best player. Pranamya M Karmacharya became the man of the match and Krishna Thapa received the best coach award. The school received the Fair Team Award.

The Senior Girls' Football team also reached the semi-finals of the Niesen Cup Girls Football organized by the St. Xavier's School, Jawlakhel. In the LA Net Championship Basketball, the U-12 boys finished as runner-up, the senior boys reached the semifinals and senior girls secured first position. The U-14 boys secured first position in the Ford Inter School Futsal Tournament organized by Proxy Infotec.

#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Sam Brain from Bank Street College, New York had two sessions with the teachers. First session was a Workshop on Research in the Classroom from May 28-31. This workshop dealt with step by step process and techniques of doing research on a topic.

The Second workshop was on the

Terrain model from 18-22 June. This session focused on constructing a terrain model which helps in enhancing students' knowledge about all the coastal terms, landforms and river systems. Teachers created several terrain models which will be used in the classroom teaching.

#### BEE CREATIVE

The school has partnered with Karkhana to introduce Bee Creative project for Grade VI students. The project aims to make students familiar with new technologies and apply them to create their own projects. The students are currently working on designing rain detectors and street lights. A few students visit Karkhana every Friday along with the teachers.

#### MAKER SPACE

We have also allotted Maker Space period once a week for Grades I to VII. The concept of maker space is to encourage students to take interest in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM). We are thankful to Priya Joshi from Maker Keti for training our teachers and the A Level Head of Science Department, Mr Basanta Yadav for mentoring them. The student project currently focuses on technology, coding and robotics. The juniors also learn programming languages like C, C++, JAVA and SCRATCH.

#### RBPOP UPDATES

Early Childhood Training for teachers from lead school has been launched. Under this project, ten days training was conducted for the primary teachers of thirteen lead schools. While the teachers of these schools were being trained, Grade X students, on their SEE break from Rato Bangala and some other schools were assigned to teach the students. In order to do this, the tenth graders were provided two days training on ECD. They also received certificates for their efforts. Well done students! RBPOP also provided material support to the 13 lead schools.

The first phase of Teachers Training was also concluded with the meeting with principals of these 13 lead schools where they planned the activities for next year. Second Phase Training has started with Teacher meetings.

#### GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Anjana Thapa gave a talk on how important first-aid treatment is for Grade II on 13 June, 2018. The students made their own first-aid kit and learnt about the basic medical treatment.

#### TRAININGS AND PROGRAMS

Our Principal Ms Milan Dixit attended a program Leadership:

An Evolving Vision at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts from 8-14 July.

Ms Richa Singh (from the RBS Counseling Team) also attended the Boston Area International Counselor Tour from 15-21 July hosted at Suffolk University, Boston, Massachusetts.

#### PTA/PTR

An informal gathering to welcome the new Parent Representatives and the new PTA members and to thank the outgoing PTA took place on 3 July, 2018. It was a wonderful opportunity for the teachers and parents to mingle over tea and light snacks. Thank you, parent representatives for coming.

#### RATO BANGALA TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Rato Bangala School Toastmasters Club was chartered from 1 January, 2018. This was initiated to encourage our teachers to hone their public speaking and leadership skills. With the support of our mentors the Club has been growing in number and confidence. The new Executive Committee was installed for the 2018-19 tenure on 9 July, 2018.

*President:* Jenny Manandhar  
*Vice President Education:* Richa Singh  
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Geography Terrain Model Workshop by Sam Brian



Playing in the Sandpit Area, Grade II



A scene from the play-- सुनको भैंडो, Grade VII



Art Class, Grade IV

