



# RATO BANGALA ONLINE SAMACHAR

AUGUST 2021

As the first term comes to an end, we bring the Rato Bangala Samachar to you to give you a glimpse of the highlights this term as the second year of RBS-Online continues.

## **ORIENTATION FOR NEW PARENTS**

The academic year started with the Orientation for parents of grade 1 and new parents of other grades on 24th May. The evening began with a presentation by RBS Principal Ms Milan Dixit about the mission of the school, the curriculum and the activities of the sister organisations of RBS. Unit 1 Coordinator Ms Jenny talked about the Role of parents and the philosophy of the parents and the school working together. Director Ms Shanta Dixit conducted a session on Parenting Styles and stressed on how parenting styles affect the growth of the child. This was followed by questions and answers and the nominations of Parent Representatives for Grade 1.

## **CURRICULUM MEETINGS**

Curriculum Meetings were held for all the grades from 25 May to 12 June. The introduction of the teaching team was given, the curriculum for the year was shared with parents, parents representatives volunteered for the year and questions and answers were fielded. The Unit Coordinators were present in each of the meetings to present the method and modality of the Community of Inquiry Framework that RBS follows in its online classes.

## **PTA MEETING**

A PTA meeting to welcome new members and thank the outgoing members was held on 10 June. The agenda consisted of the old members sharing their experiences of the past year and a briefing for the new members on the PTA policy guideline.

## **PR MEETING**

A welcome meeting was held for Parent Representatives of Unit 1 and 2 on 27 June, 2021. Director Ms Shanta welcomed the new Parent Representatives; the administrators and PTA Representatives were introduced as were the Parent Representatives. Principal Ms Milan made a presentation on the role of the Parent Representatives. Questions and answers were fielded and the session ended with a thank you note.

## **GRADUATION OF THE CLASS OF 2021**

RBS came a full circle at the Graduation of the Class of 2021 with an alum from our first batch as the keynote speaker. 153 students of the class of 2021 graduated on Saturday, 14 August 2021. It was a pleasure to have a RBS alum as the Commencement Speaker for the first time! Avidit Acharya is a political scientist whose research is primarily in the fields of political economy, political history, and game theory as it applies to the study of politics. He teaches at Stanford University. Mrs. Ajanta D Dutta (parent of Devansh Dutta) spoke on behalf

of the parents of the Class of 2021. Shlok Dhital and Saisha Joshi represented the graduates and shared their thoughts. On the whole it was a proud moment for all - Parents, School and of course the Graduates! Congratulations!

## **DEBATE**

76 countries participated in the annual World Schools Debate Championship (WSDC) from July 25 - August 5, in Macau. Out of five members in the Nepal national team, three were students from Rato Bangala School. Shalupa Khanal and Nirupam Khanal (A2) and Larisha Lamichhane Class of 2021). Congratulations to the three participants and the Debate Club.

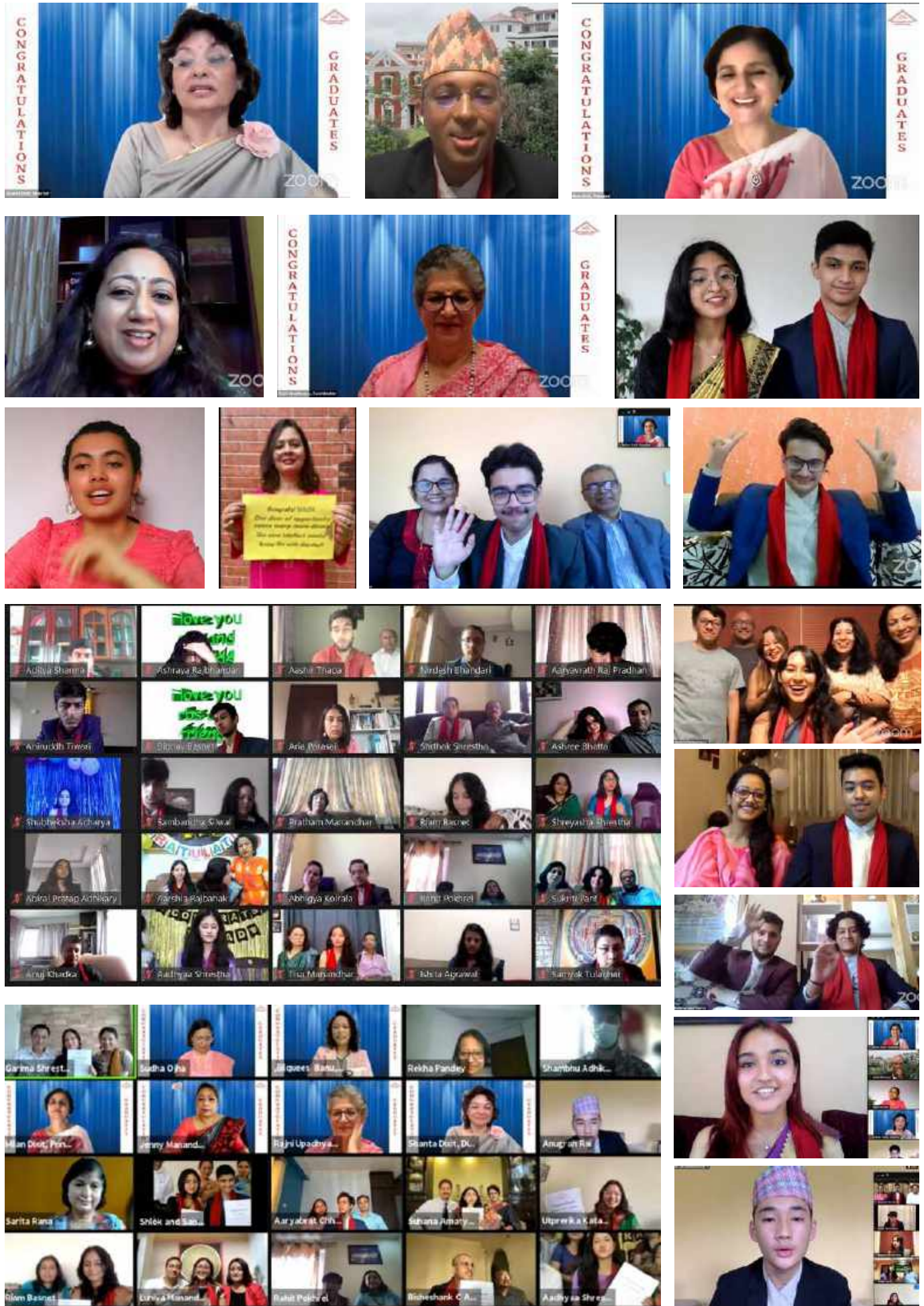
## **BHANU JAYANTI AT RBS**

The 208th Bhanu Jayanti was celebrated with a virtual event organised by the Nepali Department where students from grades II to VIII recited Chhanda poems by and about Bhanu Bhakta Acharya. The recitation was interwoven with facts and interesting vignettes about the life of the notable poet and writer. Congratulations to the Nepali department for an excellent event.

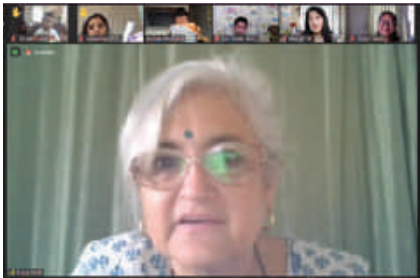
## **STORYTELLING CLUB**

A brilliant culmination of the Storytelling Club, with the first cohort as children shared their stories of how they became stronger during the pandemic. This is a world-wide project in which children tell other

# Virtual Graduation of the Class of 2021



# Environment Week Activities and Guest Speakers



Rupa Joshi in Grade I



Ghana S Gurung in Grade X



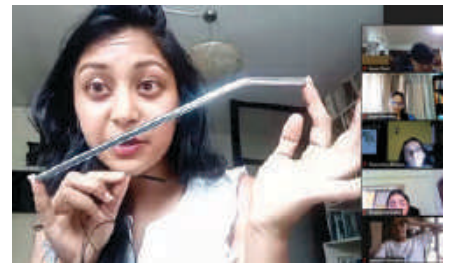
Kunda Dixit in Grade VII



Bhushan Tuladhar in Grade IX

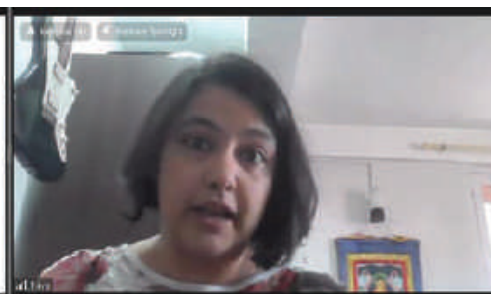


Sanjeevani Yonjan in Grade IV, V and VI



Sajal Pradhan in Grade VIII

- Various animals found in Nepal
- What threats do they face?
- How can we help?
- Questions and Answers

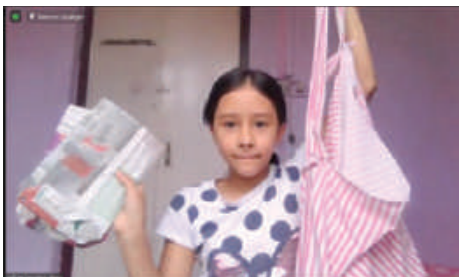


Priya Joshi in Grade III

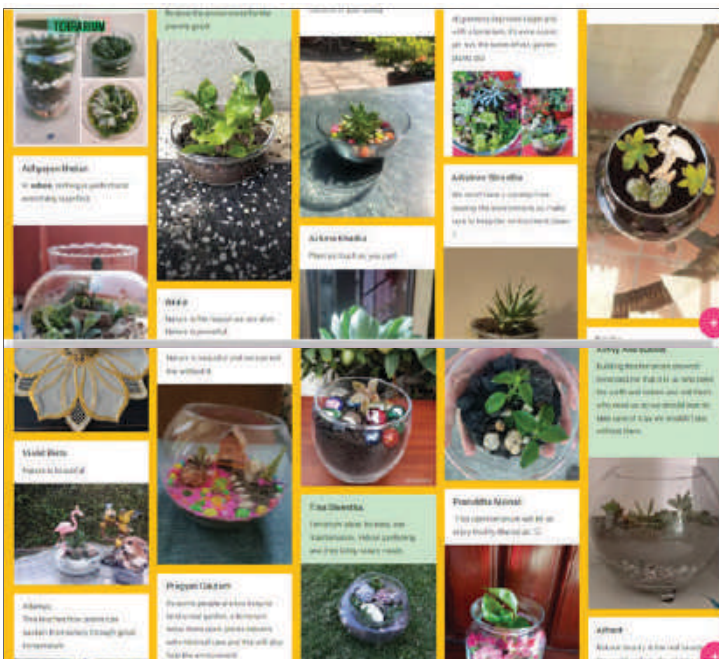


Kalpana Parajuli in Grade II

Grade V  
Sementika  
showing  
paper bags  
and cloth  
bags



Grade III  
sharing their  
Environment  
Day Posters



Terrarium Project done by Grade VII students



Grade I Ava  
planting  
during  
Environment  
Week

## Various Activities in Unit I



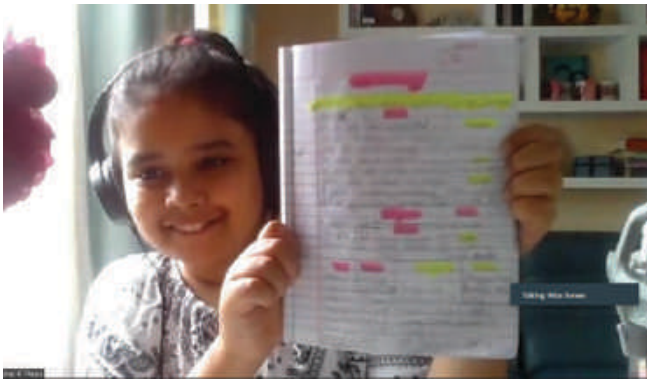
Aayan exploring different sounds



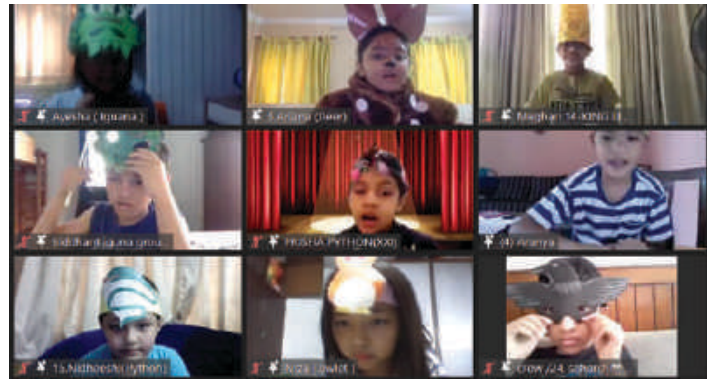
Ojaswi testing her zip line design



Ayur stacking challenge



Gargi sharing her note taking techniques



Grade III students with props for the role play



Devansh grabbing his toy robot with his robotic arm design



Sumedha presenting her model on latitude and longitude



Arohan dressed as grapes for the plants culminating activity



Ayaan's model of Machhendranath



Ava dressed as a sunflower for plant culminating activity



Reuben's model of expanded form

children about their experiences and give them tips on how to “become stronger”. The participating students were:

- Grade 4 Nityaa Shrestha
- Grade 5 Aadhar Dev Pant, Shobhaya Acharya and Kairabi Rijal
- Grade 6 Manika Karmacharya, and Aarav Joshi
- Grade 7 Shreebisha Sthapit

The Storytelling Club is an initiative of the PRIX JEUNESSE Foundation of the Central Institute for Youth and Educational Television and UNICEF. RBS is collaborating with PRIX JEUNESSE to bring the Storytelling club to a wider group of children in Nepal

#### ENVIRONMENT WEEK GUESTS

- Grade 1 students enjoyed the discussion about the importance of Reducing, Reusing and Recycling with our guest Rupa Joshi.
- Kalpana Parajuli focused on the importance of trees, conserving and recycling in grade II.
- Priya Joshi talked about why animals become extinct and why protecting them means protecting humankind in grade III.
- Sanjeevani Yonjan shared her passion for nature conservation with grades IV to VI.
- Climate Change in the Himalayas was the focus of the discussion with grade VII students. The guest speaker was Kunda Dixit.
- Sajal Pradhan discussed Sustainable Development in grade VIII.
- Bhushan Tuladhar provided practical solutions to pollution to grade IX students.
- Ghana S Gurung talked about his personal journey which was inspirational to students. His passion for conservation was infectious. What a role model!

#### THANK YOU GUEST SPEAKERS

Grade VII had an informative session with dietitian Alisha Gongol on Nutrition in Adolescence. The students were made aware of the importance of healthy eating during adolescence as body changes during this time and adolescents need more nutrients to grow.

Grade VII parents and teachers had a session with Dr Richa Amatya on stress management. These kinds of sessions are specially designed to give us tips on how to deal with stress. A much needed session in this time of pandemic.

We had Sam Brian, Teacher educator from Bank Street who helped in preparing the slides of Lomanthang for students to do their research, in grade V to share about his experiences. Students had interesting questions for him which he gladly responded to.

Grade I had an interesting session during the Book Week with our very own Judith Gold from Bank Street. She conducted a Read Aloud session with the title “Look who wants to Read” to emphasize the power of reading. The books were about animals who wanted to learn how to read.

Thank you to all the Guest Speakers for giving us your valuable time.

#### SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

We have integrated SEL in our online schedule for all grades to increase self awareness and positive behaviour in children and support their social emotional development. Through activities carried out in the class children learn to process their emotions and build good relationships with peers, and adults around them.

#### COUNSELLING SESSIONS

Our school counsellors Sheila Shrestha and Riju Poudel have been taking Social Emotional Wellness sessions with both teachers and students this term.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Eleven teachers attended the 3Di Teacher Development Programme with the University of Applied Research & Development, UK which focused on Pedagogy, Cutting Edge Tools and Educational Technology. The session was conducted by Dr. Craig Hansen

Members of the senior leadership team have also taken the course Strategies for Effective Facilitation from Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

#### RBS BOOK WEEK 2021

RBS Book Week was celebrated from 26 to 30 July to spread the joy of reading. Many fun-filled activities and sharing helped students appreciate the power of reading. Since our focus is on developing good reading habits, these were some of the favorite activities suggested by the teachers to do at home.

1. Set up a personal book shelf of a selection of books curated by you. Take a ‘shelfie’ and share it with the class.
2. Read funny stories, favorite poems, ghost stories and articles you have enjoyed with family members.
3. Make a cosy book corner at home where family members sit and read.
4. Take a trip to the Bookstore and enjoy selecting books.
5. Arrange a way of borrowing and sharing books with friends.
6. Share and talk about books you have enjoyed with each other.
7. Read aloud to a younger sibling, to a grandparent or anyone who

# Book Week



## Guest Speakers

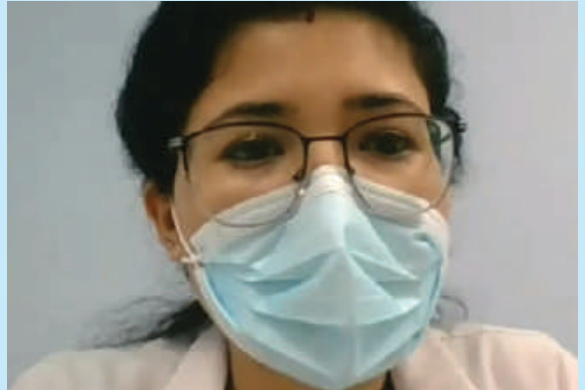
Grade V Students interacting during a session with Sam Brian based on their model research



Judith Gold reading story to Grade I children



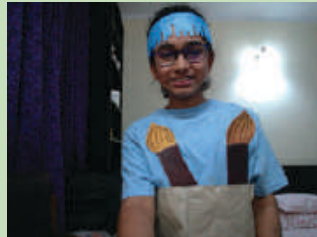
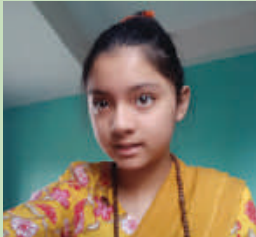
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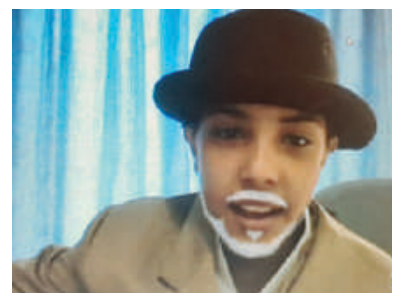
Grade VII parents had a session with psychiatrist Dr Richa Amatya on Stress Management



Dough and clay dough models of the digestive system made by Grade VI students



Grade VI students performing in the Literary Panel



Character portrayal of War Horse by the students of Grade VII

- enjoys reading with you.
8. Make a Book Talk Video.
  9. Share your favourite books and authors and recommend them to the class.
  10. Donate books you have outgrown to a younger person you know.

**JUNIORS IN A LEVEL CLUB ACTIVITIES**

Unit II students have joined various club activities run by the A Level students. The popular ones being Art, Dance Environment, Ted Ed, Music, Theatre and Gavel Clubs. Some grade VII students are eagerly waiting for the Chess club to resume. They have given their names. In Term II, Unit 2 students will be working closely with the Debate club.

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD**

We would like to congratulate

students who have successfully completed the Bronze/Silver Award. The students will receive the award in the upcoming Virtual Award Ceremony scheduled for 20 August 2021. Anushka Dhungana, Reeti Joshi, Pritika Timsina, Pawan Nihure, Asmina Sainju, Shrivalli Pandey, Mahika Pradhan, Palistha Hada, Nirav Pandey will get the Bronze Award and Abisha Bhatta, Athena Manandhar and Shaira Manandhar, the Silver Award. Congratulations!

**RATO BANGALA PARTNERSHIP IN OUTREACH PROGRAM (RBPOP): UPDATES**

RBPOP awarded scholarships to 50 students from 5 community schools in Lalitpur Municipality. The scholarship amount helped most of the students this year to get an electronic device for their online classes. RBPOP also provided laptops

to 8 girls in the hostel which they are using for their online classes. One female child from Doti has been awarded a scholarship to study in Bright Horizon Children's Home School.

To help in spreading a book reading culture all over the country, RBPOP handed over some books to the library in the pediatric unit of Teaching Hospital and District Police Office Lalitpur .

After successfully airing the radio program Radio Bal Sikai via more than 200 community radio stations last year, RBPOP has signed a MOU with Hamro Patro for the further dissemination of the program. Now the total episodes of Radio Bal Sikai can be accessed by Hamro Patro Application with a monthly notification. This will definitely help to expand the program's reach.



Story Telling Club: Culminating Activity

**THE TERM BREAK IS FROM  
19 AUGUST 2021 TO 25 AUGUST 2021.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN TERM 1. HAVE A GREAT TERM 2.**