

Grade X girls futsal team stood second and boys futsal team finished third in the QKS ECS Sports Meet on 18-19 November.

POETRY RECITATION

Unit II students had their Poetry recitation on 13 August. The students of Grades VI-VII recited beautiful poems written by well known poets. The students of Grade IX recited slam poetry pertaining to real life situations and issues. Grade X enthralled everyone with the speeches by famous personalities such as John F Kennedy, Barack Obama, Charlie Chaplin and Al Pacino.

EXTERNAL EXAMS

The IGCSE Language and Coordinated Sciences and AS Level General Paper and Environmental Science Cambridge examinations are over for the November 2018 session. The Grade X students and interested students from the new intake of A1 students also sat for the PSAT.

COLLEGE

The A Level students are busy applying to colleges. They have had a number of informative sessions

Kamalko Chhanda Prem

with Ms Milan Dixit about applying smartly.

A College Fair was held in the school Auditorium by the USEF where 20 US College Representatives were present. The college Representatives interacted with the students and answered their questions about the college admission procedures, subjects offered, financial aid and others.

THE FROG SYMPOSIUM

Rato Bangala Kitab and the Wildlife Conservation Nepal organized the very first Frog Symposium on October 9 at Yalamaya Kendra, Patan Dhoka inspired by popular Nepali children's book "The Adventures of Nepali Frog" by writer Kanak Mani Dixit published by Rato Bangala Kitab. The Symposium showcased research findings on conservation of amphibians.

RBPOP UPDATE

Rato Bangala Partnership in Outreach Program, RBPOP continued with the three year project, Developing Child Friendly Culture in Schools, with the 13 Lead Schools of Lalitpur. In addition, RBPOP program has focused on Early

Childhood Training in 28 pre-school classes for the same thirteen schools. A 15 day teacher training program consisting of 10 days up front and five days of refresher is almost over. Kalpana Parajuli, an early childhood teacher for over two decades led the training. RBPOP provided stationery material, puzzles, children's literature, math material, and a full set of wooden blocks as well as shelves in which to organize the material. It has been exciting to see children otherwise only reading and writing, happily engaged in working with material.

A landmark meeting was held at Rato Bangala School with the elected officials of Lalitpur Municipality on 26 September. Mayor Mr Chiri Babu Maharjan and Deputy Mayor Ms Gita Satyal participated with ward chairs and education officials in the ward on an interactive sessions on early childhood development. The objective of the program was to impress upon the elected officials the need for proper early childhood programs in order to ensure holistic development of each child. The participants committed to focus on early childhood given that it is the most important stage in a child's development.



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MAKERSPACE

The Maker Movement is getting consolidated at RBS this year with a variety of innovative collaborations focusing primarily on technology. Makerspace Workshops for teachers were conducted from 6 July - 20 September by MakerKT at Rato Bangala School. MakerKT is Priya Joshi who is a Rato Bangala alum from our first batch of graduates. 16 of our teachers attended this 47 hour workshop. The teachers learnt how to code, program arduinos and build basic circuits. They then combined their knowledge gained to make an app to design a dress that glowed according to the sensor readings.

ROBOTICS AT RBS

This year, Rato Bangala School also partnered with the Robotics Association of Nepal in order to increase the ability of students in designing and experimenting with Makerspace activities primarily with basic electronics and robotics. The series consists of 16 sessions of

Robotics classes and are offered to students of Grades IV and V. The classes started from 12 November and will end on 11 March, 2019.

MAKER DAY AND DESIGN CHALLENGE

Another collaboration was with Karkhana where the students of Grade VI participated in Design Challenges focusing on constructing robots.

KAMALKO CHHANDA PREM

In order to strengthen and continue Dadaji's work on Chhanda, we have been organizing Nepali Elocution contest on his birthday. This year Dadji's Birthday, Kamalmani Janma Jayanti, fell on 9 September. The students recited Chhandaka Kabita. This program is certain to keep Dadaji's legacy alive.

INTERNATIONAL MODEL UN CONFERENCE

Three A Level students and eight Grade X students took part in

Cathedral School MUN, Mumbai in August. Senchen Subba of Grade X was awarded the Outstanding Delegate Award in his committee.

ASSEMBLY

Children of Grade II, IV and VI performed wonderful plays, poems, songs and dances in English and Nepali for their respective class Assemblies. We would like to congratulate the students and the teachers for their effort in coming up with beautiful performances.

Grade IX put up Shakespeare's Julius Caesar this year too. The characters were brought alive by the students through excellent delivery of dialogues and appropriate costumes. Well done!

Grade I had their Ramailo assembly on 17 November. The first graders enthusiastically performed songs, dances, plays and poems for the parents. The children enjoyed pot luck lunch after the program. Well done Grade I!



Science Fair, Grade VI and VII



Lalitpur Mayor and Deputy Mayor enjoying early childhood games



TRIPS

In relation to their study of plants in Science, Grade I went to Godavari Botanical Garden to observe different types of plants on 28 August. They also visited the Jawlakhel Zoo in the months of October and November. These trips helped the students to learn more about animals.

Grade II students, who are particularly focused on Library Study, visited the community libraries like Awon Library, Madan Pustaklaya and Pingal Library through August and September to get a deeper understanding of how libraries function and how they serve their neighborhoods and communities.

Grade II also visited the Aviary Section of the Jawlakhel Zoo as a part of their Bird Study on the 26 September. They made bird booklets in the class using the information collected from the trip. To study the artificial process of brooding, they visited the Balaju Poultry Farm in the month of November.

Throughout August and beginning of October Grade III students visited wholesale markets in Thimi, and Lagankhel and the retail shop, Bhatbhateni Super Market for their market study. This trip focused mainly on different types of market and the system of pricing, weighing and arrangement of products in each type of market.

Grade IV learnt about Newars in the second term so to know more about Newari Culture, they visited Jyapu Academy on 28 September. Post activity for this trip was an elaborate Newari museum setup inside the classroom. They also went to Thimi in order to gain knowledge on pottery and mask making as these are important occupations of Newars.

Grade V went to Nepal Tourism Board where they observed the ethnic museum and gathered information on different ethnic groups of Nepal on 14-15 August. Grade V also visited the Kaiser Library and Garden of Dreams to study about the different styles of Nepali Historical Architecture on 28 August and 2 September. They also visited Bhaktapur Durbar Square and Patan Durbar Square on 26 and 27 September.

But the major highlight of the trips this term was the Grade VI overnight trip to Gorkha on 17 November. The Grade VI students worked with the students of Saraswoti Madhyamik Vidyalaya.

TIHAR

Tihar was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Rato Bangala School from 2-6 November. Students of Grades I and II made their Tihar baskets, which had diyos and pedas they made in school. Grade II

students sang Deusi-Bhailo songs and brought the festive mood of Tihar. Grade III students used marigold garlands to decorate the school area and Grade V students worshipped Goddess Laxmi and distributed Prasad to everyone in school.

On 2 November Grade IV celebrated Mha Puja at school. They made mandaps and enjoyed the bhoj with their friends, teachers and parent volunteers.

Grade VI students added to the festive mood by making Rangolis in school.

EVENTS

In this term Grade I successfully completed their 100 days in School on the 28 October. This day, students and teachers celebrated with fun activities such as snacks party and watching an animated movie in the class.

From 11-13 September, Grade III students set up their fruit and vegetable market in school. This was a culminating activity of their Market study of Term 2.

SCIENCE FAIRS

Unit II Science Fair was a huge success. The launching of rockets added to the excitement and the drone stole the show on 28 September. The innovative projects made by the younger students and

the explanations given were of a very high standard. Together with the Maker space activities, the students are really producing very interesting science projects.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti Bullying week was celebrated in the first week of October with various presentations, poems and songs performed by the students during school assembly. Our Principal Ms Milan Dixit also conducted a Workshop on Cyber-Bullying with Unit 2 students.

SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOPS

Ahana Shrestha from Blue Technology talked to the Unit II students and teachers about the management of solid waste at home. She also informed them about their app 'Kabaadi-At your Doorstep' which collects segregated waste right from the doorstep.

Ms Lina Chalise from Friends of the Zoo talked to students of Grades VI and VII to encourage them to become members of the Club. We are on the process of joining the club soon.

Students of Grade II invited Ms Sudha Ojha, our Unit II Nepali teacher, who is also an author, for Author Talk. Her encouraging words inspired many students to write. Our Director Ms Shanta Dixit

conducted a workshop on Growth Mind-set to the students of Grade VIII and IX.

Ms Bina Bogati conducted a Computer Science Workshop on Ultrasound for Grade X Students on 14 November, 2018. She also hosted an Appreciation Program for Grades II and III students on 19 November.

A group of Everest Summiteers consisting of Women Journalists, Deurali Chamling (Dharan), Priya Laxmi Karki (News 24), Rojita Buddhacharya (Nepal TV) and Kalpana Maharjan (Megha TV) visited RBS, gave an inspirational presentation and shared their experiences with Grade V A and B on 19 November. They gifted the School a banner of the school logo they had taken to the Summit.

ART

Four students from Grades V and VIII participated in the Art Competition on 10 August organized by Ward No. 3, Lalitpur. The students won in all categories. Tagera Hang Mabohang from Grade VIII stood first. Sharon Rawal and Kriti Rajbhandari from Grade V stood first and third respectively.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

On 6 December, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Ceremony was held at the

British Embassy. A total of 70 participants from RBS were awarded Silver and Bronze Awards at the ceremony. Congratulations students!

Ten Gold Award Participants went to Kavre for their Residential Project from 14-18 November. The participants worked with the students of Jankalyan Secondary School. They planned and conducted projects related to awareness activities on the environment and sexual harassment and consent. The students were supervised and assessed by Ms Hima Pradhan, Duke of Edinburgh's Award In-charge.

SPORTS

Our Girls Basketball team won the Oasis 3*3 Basketball Cup held by the Oasis English School on 24 September. The boys team also finished as Runners up in the Ullendra Dhoj Basketball Tournament. Our A Level Boys Basketball team also participated in the 3*3 Basketball Competition organized by Xavier International School.

Grades VI-VIII students also had their Inter-house Basketball Tournament this term. In the boys category, Green House finished first among Grades VI and VII and Orange took the lead in Grade VIII. In the Girls category Blue House stood first among Grade VI, Green in Grade VII and Yellow in Grade VIII.

Julius Caesar, Grade IX



Wearable Tech presentation at the MakerKT Workshop



Trip to Gorkha, Grade VI



Presentation by Women Journalists who summited Mt Everest

