

VIDYA PURASKAR

On 9 December, 2018 the Vidya Puraskar Nepali Essay Writing Competition was organized at Rato Bangala School. Students from different schools around the valley participated in the contest. Anushka Bastola from Siddhartha Banasthali Institute won the Vidya Puraskar and Suvechhya Jha, Jaycees School and Aashutosh Pokhrel, United School won the consolation prize.

SPORTS NEWS

Along with the regular sports activities in school, our students were busy participating in various inter-school sports tournaments this term as well. Two teams of Grade IV and V boys participated in the Fourth Olympia Inter-School Football Tournament and reached the semi-finals. Similarly, two teams of Grade V also participated in the Third Campion Futsal Championship and reached the semi-finals and quarter finals respectively.

Students from Grade IV to IX participated in the QKS Sports Meet this term. Our students finished first in the athletic events and came second in the overall event.

Students playing in the new field



A number of Basketball and Football tournaments were played by the girls' team this term. They secured first place in British School Futsal Tournament and Lincoln School Invitational Football Tournament. They came second in the KISC Basketball Tournament and NISSA Basketball Tournament. Well done!

RBPOP UPDATE

Rato Bangala Partnership in Outreach Program (RBPOP), is currently working with thirteen schools of Lalitpur with the program entitled Lead Schools of Lalitpur: Developing Child Friendly Culture in Schools. The most recent session was a combined session on 17 February, 2019 with 81 participants, including principals and teachers of 13 lead schools. During this session, the school leaders shared updates on how their school has benefited by the training provided by RBPOP in the past year.

Considering that early childhood is the most important stage in a child's development, RBPOP is also working on Early Child Development Project in 28 pre-school classes for the same thirteen schools. This training focuses on preparing teachers for interactive

child-friendly classrooms by helping them with basic material and set-up in addition to the training. In addition, the team of trainers from Rato Bangala Foundation with the lead trainer Ms Kalpana Parajuli, gave demonstration classes on how to facilitate and conduct classes for preschool students.

We are delighted that the Bal Sahitya Mahotsav (BSM) movement is spreading around the country. Children's literature festivals were organized in seven schools with the help of trainers from Rato Bangala Foundation. Enthusiastic young students were seen leading different stalls with educational games, literacy activities and scientific experiments. It was great to witness the zeal of teachers and students during the BSM.

To make Science more fun and interesting for students, RBPOP collaborated with Karkhana to conduct the Science Fellowship Program in 13 lead schools for students from Grades VI to VIII. Students got the opportunity to conduct hands-on investigations in Science.

School reopens on 23 April. Have a great vacation.



RATO BANGALA SAMACHAR

MARCH 2019

As we come to the end of another eventful year, we thank all the members of the RBS Family for the support and cooperation in the academic year 2018-19.

FOOTBALL/FUTSAL FIELD INAUGURATION

As part of our efforts to provide excellent sports facilities, we have upgraded the big field to hold three futsal courts complete with high quality turf that helps students to use it round the year. On 8 March, 2019 we inaugurated the much awaited football/futsal courts. The kindergarten students inaugurated the field by playing their first football match followed by the A Level girls team. The day was full of excitement with zumba by Unit II and football match of Grade V girls. In addition, Unit II boys from Grades VIII and IX also had their respective matches on that day. But the highlight of the day was the match played between the parents and teachers. The students, teachers and the visiting parents thoroughly

Trek to Dhampus, Grade VII



enjoyed the day with an invigorating commentary by the student commentators.

ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS

Thirteen A-Level first year Gold Award participants for the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award successfully completed their five days Pre-qualifying Journey to Ghorepani from 21-25 January, 2019. This trip was an expedition; the primary focus was on the journeying itself. In spite of heavy snowfall, the participants showed tremendous poise and calm. They followed instructions accurately and took care during the adverse weather conditions. The participants were cooperative, vigilant, disciplined and independent. They exhibited good team work.

Thirty A-Level first year Bronze Award participants also successfully completed their one night two days Adventurous Journey to Phulbari, Patalegaon, Kavre district and Namobuddha on the 9-10 February,

2019. The participants were highly energetic and cooperative. Their spirit of adventure and discovery was highly praiseworthy. Even the heavy and unexpected rains could not deter them from achieving their goals. The group displayed excellent hiking and cooking skills.

Participants from Grade IX also completed their Qualifying Adventurous Journey for the Bronze Award on 22-23 December, 2018.

THEATRE CLUB PRODUCTION

On the 1 and 2 February, 2019, the students of the RBS Theatre Club successfully showcased the play 'Ashland Falls' – a spine-tingling dark comedy filled with mystery and surprises. This story about a play within a play performed by high school students was received with peals of laughter and shocked reactions. We appreciate all the students involved, actors, directors, coordinators and the backstage support, for their hard work.

A Level girls' football team at the futsal inauguration



BAKERY BY GRADE I

The most anticipated culminating activity of Grade I, took place on 28 February, 2019 with the students setting up their own Bakery. The parents were invited to taste the delicious cakes, cookies and lemonade and to see the presentation children prepared on the entire Bakery Study.

As a part of this unit, children learnt to bake, write recipes, measure and run a Bakery in the classroom. They learnt to work in teams and the entire process of baking provided contextual opportunity for them to develop skills in Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Apart from the regular class trips this term, we also had new and exciting class trips for various grades.

Grade IV students had an enjoyable trip to Habeli Outdoor Learning Center at Kakani this term. This trip focused mainly on how mountain springs emerge. It also helped them to internalize the understanding of water as a natural resource and its vital role in sustenance of civilizations and their own future.

Very enthusiastic Grade V students went to Gorkha for their first overnight trip on 8-9 December this

term. The students visited Gorkha museum and learnt about King Prithvi Narayan Shah and the history of Nepal. They thoroughly enjoyed looking at the architecture of the old Durbar .

The students of Grade VII went to Australian camp and Pokhara. The goal of the trip was to expose the children to their natural surroundings, as well as to learn about our country. They took the school bus to Kande via Pokhara. Once the students reached there, they trekked to the Australian Camp. The students also walked for about four and a half hours to Phedi via Preatam Deurali and Pothana.

Fifty grade IX students and three teachers went to Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling to take part in an adventure course from 4-18 January, 2019.

This year Grade X students had an opportunity to go to Chitwan for an overnight trip from 21-23 December, 2018. They spent time taking in the natural beauty of the national park and the surrounding places.

GRADE II TRANSFORMS INTO A LIBRARY

The highlight of the library Study in Grade II was the elaborate culmination of their study where the

students transformed their classroom into an amazing library featuring books written and illustrated by the students in Nepali and English in different genres. They had interesting activities such as read aloud and author introduction sessions and entertaining puppet shows written and produced by the students.

STUDY OF INTERDEPENDENCE BY GRADE III

Grade III designed and set up their own City in their classrooms on 7 March, 2019. This was the culminating activity of their City Project this term. They made interesting 3D models of shops, restaurants, schools, hospitals, banks and even futsal ground. They displayed their city model with its facilities and also replicated crisis situations that take place in a community.

RBSMUN 2018

The annual Rato Bangala Model United Nations was held on the 14, 15 and 16 of December 2018. Students from Grades 8 to A Levels participated in the Conference. It was a huge success with a number of delegates from various schools in Kathmandu and India participating in the Conference. It was indeed an enriching experience for everyone.

GRADE VII MUN

On 28 February, 2019, the students of grade VII took part in Model United Nations organized by the RBS MUN club. The topics under discussion were: Providing Shelter for Refugees and Internally Displaced People in SOCHUM (Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Council) and Depletion of Marine Life and Resources in UNCED (United Nations Convention on Environment Development). 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.

STEAM CHALLENGE

Six students from Grade five participated in the Bhawishya National Steam Challenge Competition conducted by Karkhana on 23 February. The students designed Line Tracking Robot and Lighty, the Glow Bot at the venue. Through this event, the students got the opportunity to learn about the working mechanisms of a robot and the applications of electronic components like sensors, chips, voltage regulator, transistors and so on.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mr Kunda Dixit conducted an orientation for the Press Team of RBS MUN on 10 December, 2018 to

brief them on the process of bringing out the conference newspaper.

The representatives from the Community- Police Partnership for Peaceful Secure Society came to talk to the students of Unit II on Cyber Crime on 13 February, 2019.

Dr. Manita Karki Prasai talked to students of Grade IV about good oral hygiene during their study of the Teeth and the Digestive System.

Mr Abhijeet Vaidya inspired our students to keep Bagmati River clean.

Education USA held a College Fair of US colleges for A level Students on 21 February. There were around 20 different universities who visited and interacted with the students.

There was also a session on Career Guidance talks and Upcoming Courses for the A Level students on 20 February initiated by the 'Educationalise' group from India.

SCIENCE EXPO

The Science Expo by the A1 students was organized on 26 February in Rato Bangala School, followed by two more exhibits in the government schools namely Shree Chandi Secondary School and Yashodhara Baudha Secondary School on March 1 and 6 consecutively. The students showcased innovative and interesting

projects and conducted experiments on the day.

Unit I organized a successful Science Fair on 6 December, 2018. The projects displayed by the students showed their effort. There were interesting experiments, machines and pulleys and even Science Quiz and Games corner in the fair. The students confidently explained and demonstrated their projects to the audience.

ELOCUTION CONTEST

One of the major events that took place in Unit I this term was the English elocution contest which was held on 26 December, 2018. The program was a huge success and the students from Grades I to V confidently recited poems of different genres.

MUSEUM IN GRADE V

Grade V had their Nepal Study Museum setup on 1 March showcasing the yearlong study of ethnic groups of Nepal. The display contained Khapsey, festival booklets on various ethnic groups, travel brochures, dress artifacts, papiermache model of Nepal, Nepal Folders and 3D Shikhara and Pagoda style temples made of cardboard. The students also got to interact with the visitors and share their experiences of learning about Nepal.

Science Expo 2019



City Project, Grade III



Gold Award Adventurous Journey



Junior Science Fair, 2019

