

Grade V boys and girls also played friendly futsal matches against the British School and Sanskriti School this term. The match against the British School finished in a draw and RBS won against Sanskriti.

In the intra-school sports events, Grade VI-VII had their table tennis competition. Grades IX and X also had their inter-class basketball competition in which Grade X was victorious. The A Level students took part in their 3 by 3 basketball competition for A1 and A2 students. The A2 students defeated the A1s in both boys and girls category.

#### RBPOP UPDATES

RBPOP board members met on 12 July 2019 and discussed and deliberated on the projects for the year 2019/20.

The 10 RBPOP partner schools participated in a Mini-Bhawishya STEAM Challenge conducted by Karkhana on 8 July, 2019 at Rato Bangala School. The students faced challenges through creative and innovative solutions. We would like to thank Rato Bangala Foundation and Karkhana Team for conducting the STEAM Project in 10 LEAD Schools of Lalitpur.

RBPOP has initiated a support program for CHEERS in Bhaktapur. CHEERS is a hospital for children and RBPOP was impressed with its meaningful work and supported them by providing 2 sets of blocks with organizing shelves, 5 sets of RBK books, 5 sets of brail books and 5 CDs of Chanda ko Kabita. CHEERS helps sensory impaired children by providing them initial trainings and helps them join

primary classes in different schools all over Nepal.

RBPOP was also one of the sponsors of the ICQE (International Conference on Quality Education) and sponsored the teachers from partner schools in Dailekh and Lalitpur and covered the cost of international speakers attending the conference including airfare and accommodation.

RBPOP is now working on its ECD Cohort II. After the initial five day training, RBPOP has distributed round tables, open shelves, cushions, and set of wooden blocks with shelves, stationeries, tin trunks, musical instruments and playing materials to the partner schools. RBPOP is now going to these ECD Centres to help them set up classes.



# RATO BANGALA SAMACHAR

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#### ICQE 2019

The Second International Conference on Quality Education (ICQE), Ensuring Learner-Centered Education, took place from 24 to 26 August, 2019 at Rato Bangala School in Lalitpur, Nepal. ICQE was organised by Rato Bangala Foundation (RBF) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), Rato Bangala School and Rato Bangala Kitab. The conference was attended by 650 national and international participants. It brought together a diverse group of individuals and organizations to exchange ideas on the theme of quality in school education. The Conference theme took into consideration advances in pedagogy and research as well as changes in the socio-political, demographic and cultural context of the country and around the world. The three-day Conference included 340 public school teachers, 142 presenters attending the vast array of workshops and presentations to share their

ideas, learnings and experiences. In addition, researchers, trainers and teachers from Singapore, the United States, India, China and Bangladesh participated in the conference. The conference was made possible by resources from Rato Bangala Foundation, RBPOP, Rato Bangala School, Rato Bangala Kitab, Ncell, European Union, the Asia Foundation, Asian Development Bank, Janata Bank, BO2, Himal Media and ACORAB Nepal. The most significant result of the conference was the handing over of the Recommendations for Quality Education in Nepal to the government by the Steering Committee of the ICQE.

#### SCHOOL TRIPS

The children of Grade I had a trip to the Central Zoo on the 7 and 12 November as a part of their unit on animals.

As they were studying about birds in science this term, Grade II also visited the zoo on the 5 November.

They observed the birds in the aviary section and learnt about different kind of birds. Grade II visited Balaju hatchery on 15 November to learn how the chicks hatch in a controlled environment.

The students of Grade III visited Kalimati Wholesale and Retail Market on 7 and 9 August for their market study. The trip focused mainly on different types of markets and the system of pricing, weighing and arrangement of products in them. Grade III also visited Champi Village on 8 November. Through the trip, children got an insight into what life is like in villages and made comparisons between city and village lifestyles.

Grade V visited Taudaha Pond on 14 August, under their science curriculum. Here, the students witnessed the interdependence of biotic and abiotic factors in an aquatic ecosystem.

Grade IV had multiple trips this term, as part of their study on

Grade IV students celebrate Indra Jatra



A Level students receiving certificate of appreciation from RBF Director Esha Thapa Dhungana



Sports Day 2019



Newars. On the occasion of Gai Jatra, the students visited Mangal Bazaar to watch the processions. They then visited the Jyapu academy on 4 September where they observed objects and articles that depict Newari history and culture. Further, the fourth graders were also taken to Thimi on 23 and 24 September where they visited the potter's village and met mask makers in an attempt to understand the various types of Newari occupations.

Grade V A and B visited Changu Narayan on 26 September under their Social Studies Curriculum. The students witnessed some of the oldest temples built during the Lichchhavi period and observed their locations and landscapes.

To enhance their knowledge on historical Nepali architecture, the students of Grade V also visited the Garden of Dreams and Kaiser Library on the 24 October. They were also taken to Bhaktapur Durbar Square on the 4 and 6 November, to further observe Nepali architecture.

The major highlights of the Unit II trips this term were the Grade VI overnight trip to Mathurapati, Fulbari on 14-18 November, and Grade VII overnight trip to the Australian Camp in Pokhara from 8-10 November. The Grade VI students worked with the students of Mathurapati Madhyamk

Vidhyalaya and Jana Kalyan Prathamik Vidhyalaya. They also enjoyed the hike. The Grade VII students on the other hand enjoyed a hike from Kande to the Australian camp. They then moved from the camp site and hiked further to Dhampus and then were back to Pokhara.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD STUDY

On 12 August, Grade II students displayed their Neighborhood Project as a culminating activity of their Neighborhood Study. They went around the Patan Dhoka neighborhood to observe the school's surroundings before building one of their own in class.

#### ASSEMBLY

Grades I and III had a successful assembly and potluck on 7 September while the students of Grades II and IV had theirs on the 9 November. The students put up highly entertaining shows for their parents, and both assemblies were followed by an enjoyable potluck organized by their parents.

Children of Grades VI and VIII also performed wonderful plays, poems, songs and dances in English and Nepali for their Annual Assembly. Congratulations to the students and teachers for their effort.

#### 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

The students of Grade I completed their hundred days of school on 16 October. The day was marked by many fun activities including a read aloud session by Unit I Coordinator Miss Jenny Manandhar, cake cutting, a photo booth and collection of 100s.

#### MATH FAIR

Grades VIII and IX had their Math Fair on 19 September. The Math fair was a huge success. The hands on activities were well received by all and revealed how Math is associated with everyday life.

#### FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET

On 21-23 October, Grade III organized a Fruit and Vegetable Market in school. They sold lots of fresh products to students, parents, teachers and staff making the event a great success.

#### INDRA JATRA AND NEWARI MUSEUM

In the course of learning about Newari culture in Social Studies, the students of Grade IV brought to life their own version of Indra Jatra in the school premises. Students played the roles of Kumari, Lakhey, Pulukisi, Jhyalincha and Priests while reenacting the Indra Jatra processions. Alongside, the students

also set up a museum showcasing various Newari objects, tools, clothes and ornaments. The event was followed by a mouth watering Newari Bhoj organized by Grade IV.

#### KAMALCO CHHANDA PREM

In order to keep Dadaji's memory alive we organized Nepali Poetry Recitation contest this year on 30 August to mark his 90th birth anniversary. It is an annual event and students from Grades I-VIII participate in the class wise contest. The students recited poems in different chhandas. We hope to continue the tradition and keep Dadaji's legacy alive.

#### FLYING WITH TURKISH AIRLINES: DREAM DESTINATION AWARD

Congratulations to Vipassana Dhakal(Grade X) for securing the first prize from Turkish Airlines for Flying with Turkish Airlines: Dream Destination Award, a themed art competition aimed at school students (ages 13-19). The objective of the art competition was "to highlight students' artistic talents through fine art." Vipassana was awarded a return economy class ticket of Turkish Airlines to her dream destination which was Istanbul, along with one adult.

#### TIHAR

Tihar was celebrated with great zeal at Rato Bangala School this year as well. Students of Grade I prepared their Tihar pedas. They also worshipped the cow to mark gai puja. Grade II sang deusi Bhailo songs and Grade III students made marigold garlands and decorated the school area. Grade V worshipped Goddess Laxmi and distributed the prasad.

Grade VI students also added to the festive mood by making Rangolis in school. The students worked in groups and made rangolis in various areas around the school campus. What a colorful event!

#### SHAWL

The A Level students collected money to provide sweaters for the students of Shree Bal Bikas School in Bajura. For this, the students organized a deusi-bhailo fundraiser program to collect a bigger amount of money to contribute for the same cause. The students donated a total of one lakh thirteen thousand nine hundred and fifty rupees and handed over the amount to the Rato Bangala Foundation. Well done students!

#### GLOBAL CHILDREN'S DESIGNATION 2019

Students from Grade V and VII participated in the Global Children's

Designation 2019. They designed an interesting and innovative solution on the concept of Food and Climate. The students won the Best Team Work Award. They were also selected to present their prototype to the whole group. They were 44 teams participating in the event. Well done students!

#### SPORTS

Unit I and Unit II had their Annual Sports day on 20 and 18 October which showcased true sportsmanship and energy. Students participated in various track and field events, displayed exercise drills and enjoyed the day. In Unit I Nagarjun House came first in the overall event closely followed by Chandragiri House and Shivapuri House. Chandragiri House on the other hand, stood first among the Unit II followed by Nagarjun and Phulchowki houses in the second and the third place.

The students across all grades were involved in various inter and intra school sports activities this term. The school basketball team played friendly matches against Rosebud School, Nalanda School, Little Angels School, St Xavier's School and Ullens School. Grade VIII-X participated in the Radiant Cup inter-school Basketball Tournament and the A Levels team participated in the Bernhardt Inter College Basketball Tournament.

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Grade VI students making Rangoli



Vipassana Dhakal (Grade X) receiving the prize from Turkish Airlines



Kavre Trip, Grade VI

