



RATO BANGALA SAMACHAR

JULY 2022

GRADUATION 2022

After two virtual graduation ceremonies in 2020 and 2021, we were fortunate to celebrate the graduation of the class of 2022 in person this year. Parents, teachers, and students came together after a long time to wish the graduates and celebrate their achievements. Dr. Bhagwan Koirala was the keynote speaker and his advice to the graduates was inspirational. Ms. Sristi Joshi Malla represented the parents of the class of 2022 as the parent speaker. Three students; Savarna Goutam, Nimish Raj Sharma, and Bivisha Prajapati spoke on behalf of the class. Ms. Milan Dixit, the Principal, addressed the gathering by congratulating the graduates on their accomplishments, providing tips, and advising them on navigating the ever-changing world as digital citizens. Ms. Shanta Dixit, the Director, gave a vote of thanks and valuable advice to the graduates about being conscientious citizens. The musical accompaniments, the welcome dance,

and the Farewell poem performed by the students were enjoyed by all present. We wish the graduates all the best for their future. Congratulations once again!

ENVIRONMENT WEEK

We celebrated environment week from 3-9 June. Unit I had different activities to celebrate environment week such as making awareness posters, working in the herb garden, field visits to Chobar to put environment posters, making cloth bags, and doing group presentations on different environmental issues.

Unit II celebrated Environment day with presentations on the environment, reciting self-made poems, group poems in English and Nepali, organizing a debate competition, Sustainable Summit Presentation by a group from Katha Haru for students of Grade 8-10, and a formal MoU signed with Jane Goodall Institute - Roots and Shoots, to give avenue to our

students to become independent learner and impact society positively.

The A-Level students went to Bisankhu Narayan and cleaned the Temple area on Environment Day. The money collected by grade VIII students from Non-Uniform day on Environment Day was used to buy books for Hanuman High School in Kavre and the Pingal library.

A LEVEL ORIENTATION

A week-long A Level Orientation was held from June 13-17. This orientation aims to familiarize the new students with the school environment and create a space to know each other. Principal, Ms. Milan Dixit, and Director, Ms. Shanta Dixit, held special sessions. The students went on an outing to the Botanical Garden, Godavari. On the last day, students showcased many short performances. Classes began on Monday, 20 June.

The Cambridge Final exams started

Trip to Godawari, Grade I



Cambridge Awards recipients



on 25 April and ended on 10 June. The results will be out by mid-August.

CAMBRIDGE AWARDS

Four students who took their Final exams in November 2021 have received awards from Cambridge. Congratulations to Nimisha Gautam for obtaining the Highest Mark in Nepal for English Language, Prasun Subedi and Shaira Manandhar, who gained the High Achievement Award in Nepal for Environmental Management, and Pratistha Chand for Highest Mark in Nepal for English General Paper. Hearty Congratulations to all the students.

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.

FIRST AID TALK

We organized a first aid orientation led by Dr. Srijan Malla for the second graders. Dr. Srijan has surgical experience of 23 years in the army and has recently joined Mediciti Hospital. He briefly oriented the students on the basics of first aid.

FIELD TRIPS

Grade II went for the neighborhood trip around late May and again on 5 July to interview people from different walks of life as a part of their Neighborhood study. They went to the same neighborhood to distribute paper bags they had made. The students had a wonderful time planting rice seedlings on Asar 15 in our school field to celebrate Dhan Diwas.

Grade III went on a trip around Patan Dhoka and Pulchowk area, as a part of their Community Study. They also visited ICIMOD Knowledge park on 1-2 June to gather knowledge about plants, herbs, and drip irrigation.

Grade IV went to Lagankhel Area to observe the Machhindranath Jatra, around Ring Road and Swayambhunath area as they were studying Kathmandu Valley. On 1 June, they visited Laboratory School to interact with the visually challenged students as part of their study of the biography of Louis Braille. Grade IV visited Madan Pustakalaya Library on 5 July to learn about archives after reading Kamal ra Kitab.

Grade V visited the Central Zoo and Rudra Varna Mahavihar for the Science integrated lesson. Grade VI went to the Patan Museum to study art and culture. Grade VIII students visited the Assumption Church

on 8 June as part of their study of Comparative Religion.

PARENTING SESSION

We organized a parenting session for the parents of Grade VI on 26 May, led by Ms. Shanta. This was an interactive session where parents were engaged in the discussion and group exercises. Ms. Shanta underscored the special and unique characteristics of adolescents and why parents have to be sensitive yet firm in handling them.

VISITORS

Future School Leaders from India

A team of 13 educators from Future School Leaders visited RBS on 30 June. The Unit coordinators gave school tours of their respective Units. In the end, Ms. Shanta and Ms. Milan gave a presentation on RBS, RBF, and RBK. The feedback from the group was heartwarming as they felt they learned a lot on this trip.

Kopila Valley School

The teachers of Kopila Valley School, Surkhet, visited RBS on 12 July for the educational visit. The principal, Mr. Naim Chaudhary, and 29 teachers came for a visit. A-Level students and RBS staff gave a school tour and Ms. Shanta Dixit gave a presentation. During this, they observed different classes assigned to them. The visitors were impressed with the overall management of Rato

Rice planting, Grade II



Playing basketball, Unit I



MoU signing Roots and Shoots



Bangala and the engaged and happy children in the classroom.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

From Cambridge

Professional development for teachers is ongoing at RBS. This term, we had three teachers take the Lower Secondary Cambridge training. Mr. Kiran Maharjan for Physical Education, Mr. Bolaram Pandey for Digital Literacy, and Mr. Nabin Man Malla for Computer Science. Ten teachers from Unit 2 will be participating in the Cambridge Lower Secondary and IGCSE training in the coming months.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The students are engaged in Community Service work as per the mission statement of our community service program. With the youngest ones helping in the dining rooms to grade V cleaning the school premises; grade VI assisting the librarians at the school and the community library. We have grades VII maintaining the football field and working with younger students, grade VIII cleaning the UN Park, and grade X working in four community schools of Lalitpur District, Shree Bal Binod School, Natole, Shree Chandi Aadarsha High School, Shree Madan Smarak School, and Shree Yasodhara School. Grade IX will

continue their community service from Term 2.

RBK NEWS

Bhaktay turns 25

Rato Bangala Kitab (RBK) celebrated the 25th year of their award-winning children's book 'Adventures of a Nepali Frog' (Dhumdham ko Ghumgham: Bhaktaprasad Bhyaguto ko Nepalyatra). Chief Guest Madan Krishna Shrestha, Author Kanak Mani Dixit, and Cover Illustrator Bishwo Manandhar launched the 25th year special edition. The event showcased a Keynote address by Gautam Vajra Vajracharya, author of 'Frog Hymns and Rain Babies, a Special address by Victor Pradhan, a scholar of children's literature and former director of Nepalese Society for Children's Literature, and Milan Dixit, Children's Author and Principal of Rato Bangala School. The silver jubilee celebration also saw a conversation between author Dixit and educator Kalpana Parajuli where they talked about the book's relevance at the time it was published and today. The event also showcased/ exhibited original artworks of the book by Illustrator Subhas Rai.

ASSEMBLY

Grade V students celebrated Ramailo Assembly on 3 July. The students performed dances, plays, songs, and poems while the parents organized a potluck lunch. Similarly, Grade VII

students had their assembly on 8 July. They also performed dances, plays, a poem, and songs. This year's new highlights were the speeches by the members of the Public Speaking Club.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Award Enrollment and Journey

In the academic year 2079, new participants from Grade IX to A-Levels have enrolled in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program. Out of which, 134 Bronze, two Silver, and three Gold students have already started the registration process.

Grade X Bronze Award participants completed their Qualifying Journey on 28-29 May, and A-level Bronze Award participants completed their Practice Journey on 11-12 June. During this term, two participants from A1 completed their Bronze Award.

SPORTS UPDATE

We organized several inter-house competitions for Unit I and Unit II students. Blue House stood first in the Grade II Dodgeball competition, Green House in the Grade IV Futsal competition for Boys, and Yellow House in the Futsal competition for Girls. The Grade IV Kho Kho competition is ongoing.

An Inter House futsal competition was also held for Grade VI, VII, and VIII boys and girls. Among which,

Growth mindset session - RBPOP



New section of The Rato Bangala Early Childhood Centre



Green House led in grade VII boys and girls and VIII girls, Blue House led in both Grade VI girls and boys teams, and yellow house led the grade VIII boys.

In the Inter-house table tennis competition, Shavar Lal Shrestha of Green House won the match in grade VIII boys, and Shaambhav Singh Thapa of Orange House led the game in grade VI boys. Similarly, Ashika Shrestha, Blue House, won from grade VI girls, and Ashma Khadka, Yellow house, won the grade VIII girls' table tennis competition.

BHANU JAYANTI

209th Bhanu Jayanti was celebrated at our school on 13 July. The Nepali department organized a "Bhanu Kabita Baachan" in which students from Grade II-VIII, except for grade VII students, participated. Grade VII students had their virtual classes going on at the time. The students recited different Chanda ka Kabita in the memory of poet Bhanu Bhakta Acharya.

The hosts were our students Navya Nirala and Aarav Mangal Joshi.

Aashma Khadka shared a biography about Bhanu Bhakta and his contribution. The students of Grade II, IV, VI, and VIII recited poems in groups, and students from grades III (Manan Basnet and Dakshita Bista), V (Aarna Sariya and Aadritkiran Mainali), and VIII (Prasiddha Mainali and Ruhaan Bhatta) recited the poems individually.

RATO BANGALA PARTNERSHIP IN OUTREACH PROGRAM (RBPOP)

Sarthak Bal Sikai Program, Aathrai, and Gorkha

Teacher educators from RBF and RBPOP conducted six days of training in Aathrai from 24-31 May under the first phase of the Sarthak Bal Sikai Program, Aathrai. A total of 20 teachers from nine schools attended the training program. On the last day, the exhibition was held with the participation of principals and SMC chairs. We distributed wooden block sets, block cabinets, books, and stationeries for the ECC of these schools.

The RBPOP team went to Bhimsen Thapa Rural municipality, met the newly appointed Chairperson, and

conducted a 2nd orientation program for the school principals and the executive committee.

Sessions for School Leaders

RBPOP organized leadership workshops at RBS from 6-8 July led by Ms. Shanta Dixit, Director, and Mr. Midesh Maharjan, Lead Teacher Educator of RBF. A total of 40 participants, 36 principals of community schools and four representatives from Bhimsen Thapa Rural municipality, participated in the training. The workshop aimed to communicate with the Principals the need for their support in strengthening the ECD program that Rato Bangala has started in Gorkha.

Scholarship Program

On 19 June, RBPOP organized a program with fun book-based activities like Mural art, read-aloud, and a skit. We awarded the scholarship and different books to 50 students from five schools. The idea was to develop the reading habit among the students by exchanging books. The schools were also presented with books for their library.

Class of 2022

