



HAPPY CLASSROOM

Newsletter July '24 - Dec '24





Friends,

A very Happy New year to you all. Hope this year will bring change for the better.

Following is a report of our activities, achievements and challenges during this term.





ACADEMICS:

New academic year for West Bengal Educational Board starts in January, accordingly students get promoted to the next class. Most students of the Primary Sections in the two Happy Classrooms have done quite well in their annual examination.

*Progress of the students of Secondary Sections of both the centres was not good barring a few. These students started attending our classes with very poor standards. Primarily teachers had to work very hard to make their fundamentals clear, and then teach according to the respective syllabi. Nonetheless we are happy that teachers could at least make them pass their annual examination. Mathematics and science teachers took extra classes regularly. With time we hope they will fare better.



EXPOSURE and ACHIEVEMENTS:

On 13th & 14th September, Souvik Mondal and Shubham Hati, students of class VIII of Bhalobasa Happy Classroom participated in the state level science fair, organized by the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum. They prepared a model of Human Digestive System under the guidance of their Science teachers, Mr. Rounak Kanji and Ms. Prita Roy. As a first timer Souvik and Shubham did really well in demonstrating the model. The exposure was most important.



On 14th and 15th September 'Numaish', an art exhibition cum fair was organised by the 'Helping Hand' at Gallery Gold. Happy Classroom was invited to showcase the art works made by the students, under the guidance of their art teachers namely, Ms Sangita Bayen and Ms Munmun Das. Our senior residents also made beautiful items for the stall. We were able to sell items and students who made the artefacts were rewarded. The experience for teachers and students was rewarding in itself.

On 6th September 'Raktakarabi', a philanthropic organisation extended support and encouragement to Sk. Sania of Class IX Bhalobasa H.C, to continue her studies.



On 18th August- Baptist Church of South Kolkata organised a quiz contest on 'William Carey ' in celebration of his birthday. Ganga Mondol of Class V and Monalisa Bhowmik of Class VII of Bhalobasa H.C received prizes for correctly answering all questions.



On 27th July, Monisha Mondol, a student of Bhalobasa Happy Classroom was rewarded by 'Bharat Sevashram Sangha ' for her success in Madhyamik Examination '24.



WORKSHOPS:

On 10th August, A workshop on 'waste management' was organised by 'Helping Hand', an initiative of young adults, at Bhalobasa Happy Classroom



On 24th November, "West Bengal Retired Science and Maths Teachers' Association" conducted a session on pedagogy for the students and the teachers of HAPPY CLASSROOM.

On 13th December, Ms Jhinku Banerjee, a passionate photographer, Treasurer of FOKE, had a fun-filled adda session with the students and taught them the basics of photography.



On 17th December, 'Treasure of Innocence', a voluntary group conducted an interactive session on the importance of book reading and maintenance of library with the students of H.C They donated books for our library too.

UPDATING OURSELVES:

A review meeting and discussion session on pedagogy was held in Charunibash HC . Ms Piyali Sen gave her inputs on the following points:

- Lesson plan making
- Reward and remedial measures
- Time management
- Method of developing a lesson
- Use of TLM
- Importance of ECA
- Value education



On 12th December , Mr Goutam Aich who conducts courses on English teaching at British Council had a session with the teachers of both centres at Bhalobasha and his inputs on pedagogy updated our teachers.



CELEBRATIONS:

All festivals viz. Rathajatra, Independence Day, Raksha Bandhan, Teachers' Day, Senior Citizens' Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Durga Puja, Eid, Diwali, Children's Day, Guru Nanak's birthday, Birsa Munda's birthday and Christmas were celebrated in both the Homes. Everyone including the senior residents of the homes, the teachers, the staffs and of course the students come together to enjoy these days with fun, food, dance and music.



Birthdays of the 'dida's and the 'dadu's of our Homes become special when students celebrate them with much enthusiasm.



INTERACTION WITH PARENTS:

***The Home Visits by the teachers and the Parent-Teacher meetings are held every three months at both of our centres. This measure is done to involve parents in our endeavours, as well as to inform them about their ward's performance. Students drop out for reasons beyond their control hence during Home Visits teachers try to enquire and address this problem. Every six months a PTM is attended by Ms Sanghita Mondal, Secretary, FOKE and Ms Piyali Sen, Principal, Happy Classroom & Assistant Secretary FOKE.**



GOALS:



- We want each of our students to be a caring, responsible global citizen. Formal education is a must, especially for under-privileged children to earn a living and to live a decent, respectful life. At the same time, we believe, value education is very important for a healthy and grounded growth of a child. We try to inculcate moral and social values through various activities.
- Taking care of elderly members of our society is one of our priorities. The students and the teachers interact with the senior residents on a regular basis to involve them in celebrations and special activities.
- Awareness about water pollution, environmental degradation and energy saving are other areas where our students take active part and taught to pursue it through more meaningful activities.



THANKS

We sincerely thank all our friends and supporters for their generous help and support through out our journey.

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- Ms. Shiela Ghosal , Mr. Sanjoy Ghosal, Ms Shukla Nath and Mr Robin Nath for providing stationeries for the students of both the Happy Classrooms.
- Mr. G.Nagraj and Mr A Srinivasan, ex-students of D.A V Public School, for providing raincoats for the students of the Charunibash Happy Classroom.
- Mr. Shyamal Mohinto for constantly supporting our students and elderly members whenever needed with medical assistance.
- Ms. Malini Banerjee a teacher of under privileged students in USA, for her contribution to our cause. Malini conducts online interactive session with our teachers regarding different challenges they face, she also sponsored a student for continuing her studies.
- Ex students of Barisha High School (1981 batch) for gifting school bags to our students.



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