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Editorial

The last few months at Presidency International School have woven a rich and magnificent tapestry, woven with threads of triumph, excellence, and the milestones that define us as a community of brilliant learners. It has been a celebration of academic prowess and a glorious commemoration of the achievements that have set us apart as a beacon of knowledge and wisdom.

The 25th Anniversary of Presidency International School was a magnificent tribute to our resilience, gathering of scholars, students, and staff to bask in the radiance of a quarter-century of educational accomplishments and student triumphs. The festivities were ablaze with euphoria, revelry, and an indomitable sense of pride. Meanwhile, we paid tribute to our beloved Principal, Lt. Col. (Rtd.) Md. Ziauddin Ahmed; Bir Uttam for the shining light that he has showed Presidency in education and also for his great contribution in the liberation war.

As the calendar progressed, so did our celebrations. December descended upon us with the observance of Victory Day, a day of dignified reflection upon the valiant heroes who fought for our independence. Our students honoured their sacrifices with respect, reverence, and were reminded of the importance of tenacity and unwavering resolve.

The Annual Sports was a celebration of athletic prowess, as our students took to the fields and arenas with unwavering determination and a camaraderie that knew no bounds.

We are proud to announce that our students Tasnim Reza Arittra & Raima Nawal reached the zenith of success in the Cambridge Curriculum, securing the country highest score in the O&A Level Exams for Bengali and Computer Science, a testament to the arduous effort and perseverance of our students and teachers.

The skills of our students in the art of essay writing were also put on display, as one of our own Sumehra Tazreen was selected as a Gold Finalist in the Commonwealth Essay Achievement. We bask in the glory of having the opportunity to showcase the boundless talent and potential of our students on a global stage.

Our students ventured forth to explore new horizons, participating in Owlypia Global and the Singapore Science Camp, broadening their perspectives, and immersing themselves in new cultures.

In essence, the past few months have been a whirlwind of academic achievements, athletic triumphs, and celebratory events. As we look ahead to the future, our hearts are filled with excitement and anticipation for the opportunities and challenges that await us.



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Young Associates





The grand Silver Jubilee of Presidency



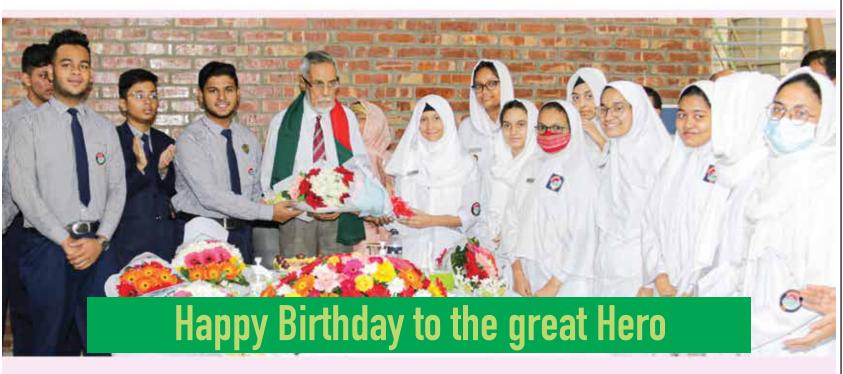
The Silver Jubilee of Presidency International School was held in a grand fervour and festivity in three school premises.

The programme was presided over by veteran freedom fighter and school Principal Lt. Col. Mohammad Ziauddin Ahmed Bir Uttam and Rector, Presidency Education, Dr. Imam Hasan Reza. The Chairman, School Academic Management, Mr. Ashraful Hogue Khan Swapon spoke on the occasion in presence of students, teachers and members of school academic management while the Rector and three Vice Principals joined in reminiscing the past memories with staff, officers, alumni and teachers who have been with the school from the inception. The epic programme ended with paying tribute to our long-standing Principal sir, releasing colourful balloons and cutting cakes in three campuses.

Reported by Mokarrom Hossain, Dept. of English



Celebrating glorious 25th Anniversary in Junior School



With much splendour and amidst festivity, the Presidency Family gathered in the Senior School premises to mark the birth anniversary of the valiant freedom fighter and national hero, our beloved Principal, Lt. Col (Rtd.) Mohammed Ziauddin Bir Uttam. On this special day, we pray for his prolonged life with sound health. The school academic management members, teachers, students and staff were present in the programme and congratulated him with a bouquet of flower, cutting birthday cake chanting 'Happy Birthday' song and a painting was gifted as memento. Honourable chairman, Presidency School Academic Management, Mr. Ashraful Hoque Khan Showpan and Dr. Imam Hasan Reza, Rector, Presidency Education, with a high praising tone briefed the incredible journey of this great man to the audiences and opined optimistically that the light house would continue to enlighten us in future too.

Reported by Sarwar Kamal, Dept. of English



Owlypia Globals London 2022

Team Owlypia successfully participated in the global round of the Intellectuals' Challenge Owlypia 2022 held in London. The competition was held from October 17 to 19 at North London Grammar School, A team of 14 competitive students from Presidency International School showcased their excellent performance on an international platform. Team Owlypia of Presidency bagged 2 gold medals. 5 silver medals and 16 bronze medals. from the competition. It was a matter of pride when Presidency Team A became the 2nd Best Team from the Owly group, worldwide. The students were not only engaged with exhibiting their debating and writing skills, but

exhibiting their debating and writing skills, but were also treated with a fun explorer trip by Owlypia. They visited several landmarks of London such as- the famous Tower Bridge, the London Eye, Big Ben, Madame Tussauds and the University of Cambridge which offers myriads of majors to pursue higher education.

With that, they also visited 10 more colleges at Cambridge among which King's College, Trinity College, Queen's College were the greatest attractions. The team also spent a wonderful time exploring the Royal Observatory of Greenwich University. Besides, they were amazed by the serenity of the famous River, Cam. Overall, it was very educative yet a very fun experience for the students.

Reported by Kohinoor Akter, Dept. of Chemistry





Singapore International Science Camp



Mirza Humaira Siddiqua A2 Level

I don't know how 2022 was for everyone but it wasn't going so well for me. However, just a trip to Singapore made my year the best. This is all about the Singapore International Science Camp, held at the National University of Singapore, an institute for learning sciences and technology. This programme was aided by the Asia Pacific Centre of Management Education. The objective of this programme was to motivate and inspire young students, expose them to current technologies, highlight the interdisciplinary nature of science, provide a platform for scientific discussions, foster interaction amongst students from different backgrounds, and experience University life. The highlights of the programme were the lectures, hands-on workshop, science discussions, field visits, and the science quiz. This science camp attracted a total of 161 students from four different countries including Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, and Singapore along with 15 different nationalities.

All the participants were divided into 5 groups; each group consisting of 32 students. A total of 23 students of Presidency International School participated. They were divided into 2 groups: group B and group D. The five groups were assisted by 5 coordinators. Group B got Ma Dongdong (an NUS student from China) and Group D got Ignatius (an NUS student from Singapore).

It was a five-day long programme (from the 19th to the 23rd of December) and every single day was fully packed with activities. We set out our wings on 17th December at noon and set foot in Singapore early in the morning of 18th December. On the 18th, the coordinators picked us up from the Changi airport and took us to the university town and helped us with the room cards and name tags and also briefed us about the auditoriums and cafeterias and thus, we were set for the day. The real programme began on 19th December. We were welcomed into Shaw Foundation Alumni House Auditorium where we were briefed about the evolving science by Prof. Laksh and Introduction to robotics and Al by Prof. Marcelo. We visited the science centre, and got the experience of some cool experiments while experiencing a fire tornado. In the evening, we went out for the humongous city tour of Singapore. We were assigned different tour guides for different schools. We visited

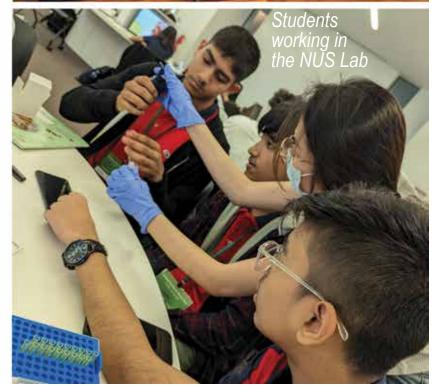
Chinatown and Marina bay and learned a lot about the history and culture of Singapore.

On 20th December, we started our day with a lecture on the advances in the field of medicine and surgery at Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium. We watched videos of real surgery and learned about a plethora of operations and the life of a Surgeon. We had our science cafe (a discussion on various topics by the students). I was the scrip, basically gave a presentation on a topic that we discussed for a while and it was really great as I got to open up and represent my nation. We ended our day with a hands-on DNA workshop. We got to test our own DNA with modern technological scientific pieces of equipment and I got to know that I am a morning person.

On 21st December, we went on our NEWater plant visit. That's a water recycling plant and it's so huge. The guide explained us every single process they take to make the water as purified as possible; which is why the tap water in Singapore is drinkable. The day ended with a hands-on machine learning workshop at Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium. We learned how Al depends on machine learning and why is it so important. On the 22nd, we had our science guiz and visited Universal Studios Singapore. This was the best of the whole trip. The endless rides and cartoons everywhere made the day so much fun. On 23rd December, we had our closing ceremony and got certificates and colourful mugs. On the 24th, we checked out from the hostel and set back to the airport and left for our usual daily life. It really was the best experience of my life, with all the new friends. Our Chief Coordinator & Head of Mathematics, Mr. Thoufig Hossain and Science Coordinator Miss Jakia Khanom went with us and they were so supportive and caring. They helped us with everything and really enjoyed it with us. This will be the most memorable experience ever.





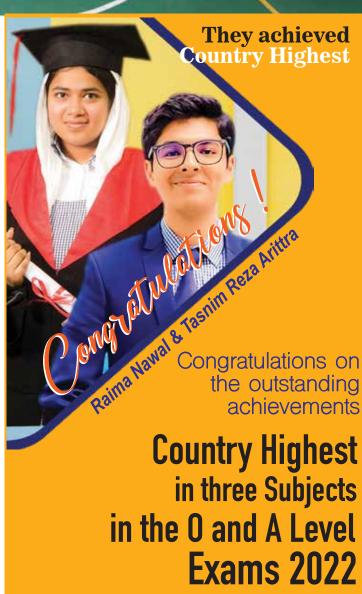




PRESIDENCY offers Merit Awards

Presidency always aims at accelerating its success stories and thus is unwavering to flourish students' dexterous stride to future goals. It facilitates students who make excellent results in O Level with stipend, scholarships and offers all the possible facilities that can be offered by an institution. In the year 2022, a total of 425 students from Presidency appeared at O & A level exams and more than 45% of them got A*/A grade. Presidency acknowledged the brilliance of its young prodigies in CAIE exams by offering scholarships in their AS & A level. A total of 55 students have been awarded with upto 50% scholarship for their outstanding achievements. The scholarship certificates were disbursed by the respected Chairman, Presidency Academic Management, Mr. Ashraful Hague Khan Swapan and honourable Rector, Presidency Education, Dr. Imam Hasan Reza in presence of the Vice Principals of all three schools and the teachers.

Reported by Nurul Anwar Hossain, Dept. of English





Presidency won Gold Finalist Award in Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition 2022

Presidency has always been ahead in taking initiatives to bring forth the hidden talents of its young learners. Committed, Presidency believes, our students should not only excel in their academic but also in other co-curricular activities. Moreover, this phenomenal achievement plays a vital role as a recognition of excelling in extra-curricular activities for those who opt to choose scholarships from renowned overseas universities for their higher education degree. This year, with full enthusiasm and literary mind, a huge number of students from classes VI to XII took part in the competition for their glory among which the outcome has been a history in the school. The first ever Gold Finalist Award for the Senior category is achieved by Sumehra

Tazreen Hasan (IX). Being selected for 'Gold Finalist Award' means her composition was so highly commended that it was submitted to the Final Judging Panel for its consideration to be awarded as the Senior

Winner, or for the Runner-up prize. Out of a record-breaking 26,322 competition entries this year, only 154 were selected as Gold Finalist Awards. Beside this unique achievement. 6 students achieved Gold Award, 32 Silver Award and 87 Bronze Award. This total of 126 Awards surely reflects the continuous success of the school and its unique way of nurturing the latent talents of the youngsters. On 13th December, 2002, in the Middle School play ground, the Chairman of the school academic management, Mr. Ashraful Hoque Khan Swapan and Rector, Presidency Education, Dr. Imam Hasan Reza handed over the certificates among the talented essayists.



Reported by Khondoker Shajahan, Dept. of English



মহান বিজয় দিবস ২০২২ উদ্যাপন

"ঘরহীন ওরা ঘুম নেই চোখে, যুদ্ধে ছিন্ন ঘর বাড়ি দেশ, মাথার ভিতরে বোমারু বিমান. এই কালোরাত কবে হবে শেষ"

মার্কিন কবি অ্যালেন জিন্সবার্গ তাঁর বিখ্যাত কবিতা 'সেপ্টেম্বর অন যশোর রোড' এ যে বিজয়ের ষপ্ন দেখেছিলেন, তা সত্যি হয়ে ধরা দেয় ৭১ সালের ১৬ই ডিসেম্বর। এরপর পার হয়ে গেছে দীর্ঘ সময়। বাংলাদেশ আজ বিশ্ব- সভায় মাথা উঁচু করে থাকা দেশগুলোর মধ্যে অন্যতম। প্রেসিডেন্সি ইন্টারন্যাশনাল ফুলের পাঁচলাইশছ্ সিনিয়র ফুল ও কাতালগঞ্জ্ছ জুনিয়র ফুলে যথাযোগ্য মর্যাদায় মহান বিজয় দিবস ২০২২ উদ্যাপিত হয়েছে। এ উপলক্ষে মাসব্যাপী বিভিন্ন কর্মসূচির আয়োজন করা হয়েছিল; যার মধ্যে ছিল চিত্রাঙ্কন, কুইজ, রচনা, আবৃত্তি ও গানের প্রতিযোগিতা। এছাড়াও প্রামাণ্যচিত্র প্রদর্শনী এবং মুক্তিযুদ্ধের স্থিরচিত্র প্রদর্শনী ছিল উল্লেখযোগ্য। ফুল অধ্যক্ষ বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা লে. কর্নেল (অব.) মোঃ জিয়াউদ্দিন আহমেদ; বীর উত্তম এর সভাপতিত্বে আয়োজিত অনুষ্ঠানে প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন, চট্টগ্রাম কলেজের প্রাক্তন অধ্যক্ষ, বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা, অধ্যাপক সুধীর বিকাশ দেব। অনুষ্ঠানে স্বাগত বক্তব্য প্রদান করেন, সিনিয়র স্কুল উপাধ্যক্ষ, জনাব ই ইউ এম ইনতেখাব। অনুষ্ঠানে প্রধান অতিথি ও স্কুল অধ্যক্ষকে উত্তরীয় পরিয়ে বিশেষ সম্মাননা প্রদান করা হয়। প্রধান অতিথি তাঁর বক্তব্যে বলেন, "মুক্তিযুদ্ধের অবসান হলেও মুক্তির যুদ্ধ এখনও শেষ হয়নি। আমাদের মুক্তি পেতে হবে ক্ষুধা, দারিদ্র্য, দুর্নীতি ও সাম্প্রদায়িকতার মত করাল শক্রর হাত থেকে।" তিনি আশা প্রকাশ করেন, বঙ্গবন্ধুর স্বপ্নের সোনার বাংলা গড়ার প্রত্যয়ে নতুন প্রজন্মের হাত ধরেই বাংলাদেশ ক্ষুধা, দারিদ্র্য, দুর্নীতি ও সাম্প্রদায়িকতামুক্ত দেশে পরিলত হবে। তাছাড়া মুক্তিযুদ্ধের তাৎপর্য বিশ্রেষণ করে বক্তব্য প্রদান করেন স্কুল পরিচালনা পর্যদের সম্মানিত চেয়ারম্যান, জনাব আশরাফুল হক খান স্বপন এবং রেক্টর, প্রেসিডেন্সি এডুকেশন ড. ইমাম হাসান রেজা।

জুনিয়র ক্ষুলে প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন, চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের চারুকলা অনুষদের অধ্যাপক, নাসিমা আখতার। প্রধান অতিথি শিক্ষার্থীদেরকে বাংলাদেশের সংগ্রামী ইতিহাস বুকে ধারণ করে নিজেদের যোগ্য নাগরিক হিসেবে গড়ে তোলার মাধ্যমে দেশমাতৃকার কল্যাণে অবিরাম কাজ করে যাওয়ার উদাত্ত আহবান জানান। জুনিয়র ক্ষুলের মুলের তাৎপর্য আলোচনা করে স্বাগত বক্তব্য দেন, জুনিয়র ক্ষুলের উপাধ্যক্ষ, জনাব ফিরোজ আহম্মদ। অনুষ্ঠানে অন্যান্যদের মধ্যে ক্ষুল পরিচালনা পর্যদের সদস্য সচিব, জনাব মোঃ গোলজার আলম আলমগীর, অন্যান্য পরিচালকবৃন্দ, ক্ষুলের শিক্ষক-শিক্ষিকা, ছাত্রছাত্রী ও অভিভাবকবৃন্দ উপস্থিত ছিলেন। সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান এবং বিভিন্ন প্রতিযোগিতায় বিজয়ীদের মধ্যে পুরন্ধার বিতরণের মাধ্যমে অনুষ্ঠানের সমাপ্তি ঘটে।



Annual Dorts 2023

With great enthusiasm and spontaneous participation of the students, the most anticipated event of the year, the two-day-long (January 27 and 28) Annual Sports Competition and Prize Distribution Ceremony 2023 Presidency has been successfully completed at Bandar Stadium. Being presided over by the Rector, Presidency Education, Dr. Mohammad Imam Hasan Reza, the session was inaugurated by Mr. Krishna Pada Roy, BPM (Bar), PPM (Bar), Chittagong hon'ble Police Commissioner, Metropolitan Police as the Chief Guest by flying colourful balloons.

While addressing the students, the Chief Guest in his speech stated that winning or losing is not a big deal, but participation in sports is important. Through participation in sportsdiscipline, a sense of responsibility, punctuality,

empathy and mutual respect are inculcated in the students. Students develop themselves into citizens with exceptional leadership qualities. More than one thousand sports enthusiasts participated in 118 events from all three schools in which Nahid Ahmed (X) of Hawk House, Tasnim Tabassum Mahi (IX) of Eagle House, Md. Omar Saad (A2) of Hawk House and Mayesha Fairuz (A2) of Eagle House became School and College Champions among the boys and girls respectively. Winning the highest points, Hawk House grabbed the title of 'School Champion' and Eagle House 'School Runner-up'.

The two-day long programme ended up with a prize giving ceremony in which Alhaj A. K. M. Akter Hossain, Director, the Chattogram Chamber of Commerce & Industry accompanied by honourable members of the school academic management, Vice-Principals distributed the prizes among the winners of the different events as the Guest of Honour. The gracious presence of school academic management members, guardians, teachers, and related associates marked the day.



Presidency March-past Team holding our National and Presidency Flags during the inauguration of the Annual Sports-23



Enthusiastic kids pose Frog Jump





Tense moments with the balls



Spirited soul flying high



Who can throw the farthest?



Only balance matters







Day-1

Acclimatising to new challenges and illuminating students' knowledge, Presidency International School had taken an initiative where 125 resilient souls of class VIII participated along with their teachers and house masters. The excursion became more ecstatic with the presence of our reverend Vice Principal. On the very first day, students visited Bangabandhu Safari Park and discovered many wild creatures, as well as RRRC (Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner) office which was an immense opportunity to exacerbate their knowing about Rohingya Refugees. The students also met the officials of UNHCR. The head of UNHCR Cox'sbazar, Ita Schuette, gave a brief remark on Rohingya Refugees. The day was capped off by a delightful cultural show at Cox's Bazar Zilla Stadium, where both boys and girls passionately displayed their latent potential through acting, singing, and dancing.





Day-2

"Environment is no one's property to destroy; it's everyone's responsibility to protect." – Mohith Agadi

To protect and clean our environment, the students started their day by cleaning garbage from the seashore. Then, to rejuvenate their souls, they participated in a variety of local games such as: playing football, catching ball, touching a pot with sticks etc. After having a palatable breakfast, they travelled to Himchari where they uncovered the inscrutable beauty of the 'Bay of Bengal' from a hill. Finally, the adventurous trip came to an end with a visit to Ramu Rubber Garden where students came to know the usage and the process of making rubber. The ecstasy of the students emerged rapidly with this trip.





Students investigating newly produced rubber





Silver Trip

Sumehra Tazreen Class IX

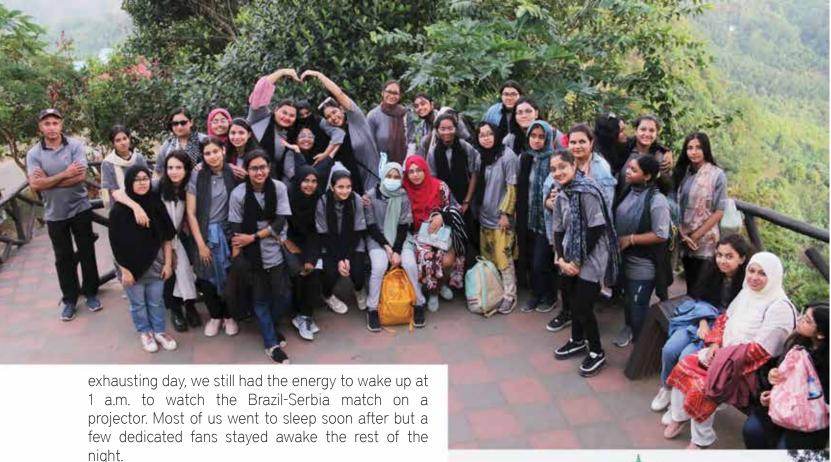
This year, the students of class IX had the chance to enjoy their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Trip at Bandarban. It was an amazing experience, albeit hectic and tiring. We all learnt a lot and had the experience of a lifetime.

Day 1

On the 23rd of November, we woke up drenched in excitement with our bags packed. Upon reporting at school, we were divided into groups with leaders designated group and housemasters. We boarded the bus around 7:30am and set off for Bandarban at around 8:00 am. Snacks were served onboard and the journey was filled with singing and dancing. We finally reached Bandarban Zilla Stadium at 10:00 am. After taking some rest and having snacks, we began the sports session which pushed us to challenge ourselves. The first half of the sports session involved groups taking turns playing football, badminton and kabaadi. The second half involved clearing an obstacle course. The obstacles ranged from walking across a bamboo pole while balancing ourselves, jumping over a set of bars, crawling through a tire and throwing a ball into a hanging bucket. A cultural programme was held at night. Here, students and teachers performed a wide variety- from singing to rapping and even beat boxing. One of the local representatives also performed a folk song for us.

Day 2

This was by far the most hectic day of the trip. After breakfast, we set out to visit the Sangu river. Each and every one of us was bewildered by the beauty of this river. Our BDS teacher pointed out that the river was in the upper course (hence, fast flowing) and was surrounded by tertiary hills. Walking in the river and along the surrounding banks was an amazing experience. Next, we returned to the stadium and were informed that our visit to Meghla was to be held after lunch. After a hearty meal, a surprise awaited us- we would travel to Meghla in a special vehicle locally known as "chaandergari". It was a unique journey with the afternoon wind blowing on our face. The serene beauty of Meghla including high hills, evergreen trees and a magnificent lake dazzeled us. Climbing up the track proved to be a tiring experience but we persevered. One of the main attractions of Meghla was the hanging bridge which we had the pleasure of visiting. Our next destination was Nilachal. Upon reaching and clicking some pictures, we were entertained with some popular songs by a renowned local folk singer. The view from the top of Nilachal was absolutely majestic in a way, I cannot even begin to describe. Thus, ended the main events of the day. At night, we all prepared for a cultural programme which drew enthusiastic participation from students and teachers alike. The best part, without a doubt, was the campfire. Songs were played and we had an amazing time, dancing under open night sky. Even after an

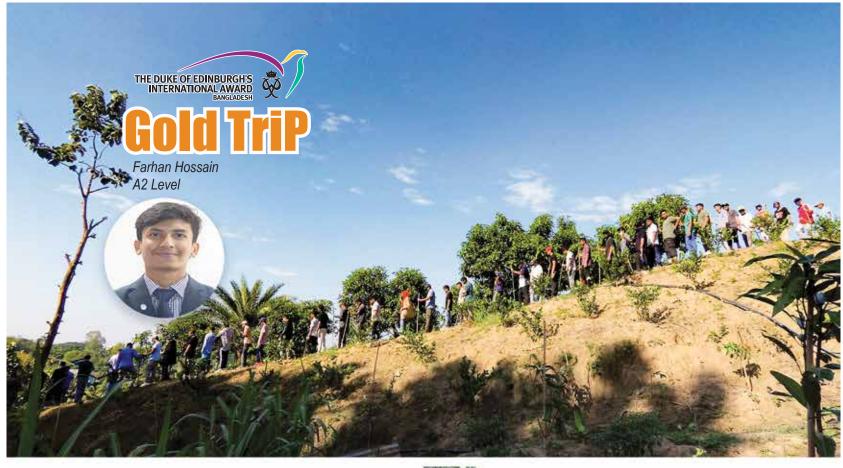


Day 3

We were briefed on the day's plans at the assembly around 6 am. The main events of our last day included visiting and cooking for a local family and distributing blankets amongst the poor. We were divided into 8 groups and set out to visit our assigned family. We did not know that this would turn out to be an experience like none other. Firstly, our housemaster and the boys went shopping at the local bazaar after we had agreed on a menu. We, the girls stayed behind and helped build a traditional stove (popularly known as lakrirchula). Once the shopping was done, we all participated in peeling onions, garlic and ginger. We also prepared the chicken and prawn. During lunch, we sat and shared our meals with the family. This was an humbling experience and a reminder of how privileged we are to lead luxurious lives. A blanket distribution programme was held afterwards for the poor and the orphans. The smiles on their faces reflected their gratefulness. Upon returning to the stadium, we were all exhausted but there was no time to relax as we had to start our journey back to home soon afterwards. The return journey was far quieter to proved how tired everyone was. We reached school at aroun7 pm, finally to our anxious parents. This trip taught us how to adapt and thrive in unfamiliar conditions while enjoying ourselves.







With hopes ever so high and a spirit ever so indomitable, the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Programme ushered the students of X, AS & A2 into a 6-day long adventurous journey where they got recharged, revitalized and groomed themselves for the upcoming future. The Duke of Edinburgh trip not only challenges the physical ability of campers but also tests a camper mentally. Under the guidance of convenors of Duke of Edinburgh and the Head Prefects of Presidency, 96 students from X, AS and A2 took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Trip and Residential Project held at Matita Camp, Bhatiary. It was a 6-day long adventurous journey which was conducted under the supervision of professional camp instructors. After the entry of campers from Presidency, it felt like the amphitheatre of Matita Camp flooded in iridescence and intensity. Those special 6 days were designed in such a way that all the students got the opportunity to take the challenge and prove their potentiality.

On the first day, we all woke up at dawn, all awake and fresh even before the birds were astir. And our morning started with a 1-hour long











session of yoga which was one of the best things to experience in the whole trip. Then, our instructor Mr. Rollin divided us into 6 houses and chose 6 leaders for the respective houses. And as I was the Head Prefect, I was given the responsibility to supervise all the 6 houses neutrally. The first day was full of electrifying activities. And the best activity of the day was "Cross the river", which I completed in the marginal time frame and brought glory for my house, North Pole 1. What a day it was!

Of all the days, it was the 3rd day on which I enjoyed and learned the most, as on that day we visited an orphanage named "Fouzdarhut Chistiya Atim-Khana Abong Madrasa", where under my leadership all the events were held. On that very day, all the campers were responsible for arranging the necessities and sharing some precious moments with the little angles at the orphanage. Starting from the cultural programme to the meals served at lunch, everything was prepared by us for the orphan kids present there. I feel obliged and grateful to get this invaluable opportunity to serve them. However, the visit was not just about being able to serve the mighty souls but also taught us not to take the privileges we are facilitated in our lives for granted. To sum up, we also realised how our simple smile can make the day a whole lot better for a person having a bad time in life.



This was a 6-day long experience merely but it taught me some lessons which I could have ever been learned in my whole lifetime. I couldn't even deduce how my days stretched longer than usual, but then I realised the importance of waking up early in the morning. To add the cherry on top of the cake, I would like to thank my school, Presidency for allowing us to take part in this adventure and residential project trip of the Duke of Edinburgh, where we not only learned the importance of discipline but also got the chance to make memories with our beloved friends and juniors which we will cherish forever.









The Thrill of Climbing

S M Abeer Ullah Class X

Since my adolescent years, the prospect of climbing has always entertained me. My cousins used to compare me to a monkey in terms of my climbing skills. I didn't realise then that they were making fun of me; but when I did, and also because I started to grow up, I stopped trying to climb any high place I saw. But in the Duke of Edinburgh Gold trip, when I realised on the fifth day that all our activities on that day were only climbing, the pulse of adrenaline and its resulting excitement won me over. I knew that I would be the fastest and most capable climber of all! The first activity was the tree top activity, which was less about climbing but more about traversing through wooden balance beams built high up in trees. I realised as soon as I started the activity that my lack of practice has taken away my climbing skills. I thought I

wouldn't face problem in completing the course in more than 2 minutes, but I ended up having one of the slowest runs, which was really disappointing. With this sense of disappointment from the previous activity, I moved on the next activity, river cross, which involves a person going from one end of the river to the other end by pulling their own weight across a rope. As a person with low upper body strength, I had known that I would have a hard time pulling off this activity, but in the end, with some struggle I was able to complete it.

At this point, it started to dawn on me that maybe I won't be able to climb as I used to. I didn't want to believe it, so I decided to really try my best in the next activity - Jumering. This involves pulling one's own weight up a rope using hand and leg jumering devices, also known as ascenders. I ended up being the 6th fastest person to finish the climb in my group, which I was satisfied with. Jumering was also my favourite activity out of the others, as it was, indeed, challenging, but achievable. The view at the top of the climb was also tranquil.

With a shrinking victorious heart, I moved on the next activity, The Adventure Tower, in which a climber had to climb up wooden beams to climb a tall tower. This was probably the most fun activity as after getting to the top, I was given a chance to experience the thrill of free-falling, which was honestly and quite literally, breath-taking. At the end of the day, though I was feeling contended as regardless of my performance in all the activities, I did have fun doing them. The Matita instructors were amiable and immensely helpful in explaining how to do every activity. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, MATITA!!



Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, Presidency School Unit participated in the 6th Youth Conference 2022, one of the largest events of Red Crescent Youth Chattogram held at International Convention Hall, Chattogram on October 29, 2022. Barrister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury Nowfel, Deputy Minster, Ministry of Education graced the conference as the Chief Guest of the inaugural session. The Acting Chairman of Red Crescent Youth, Chattogram District Unit, Dr. Sheikh Shafiul Azam; the Secretary General of Red Crescent Society; Md. Aslam Khan, Secretary, Red Crescent Youth, Chattogram were also present in the programme. In this day-long programme, more than 1500 youths and more than 40 teachers from One Hundred and Ninety Eight Schools and Colleges and the senior members from RCY learned and shared their ideas for better youth activities. The young, energetic and creative youth volunteers had interaction with experts to learn how to develop youth activities to build a better society in particular and nation in general. Different educative sessions were run by Sohanur Rahman, Coordinator, Youth Net for Climate Justice, Morshed Mishu, Head of Executive, Cartoon People, Mohit Devnath, Senior Youth, Red Crescent Youth, Chattogram and Nishat Majumdar, the first Bangladeshi woman to scale Mount Everest. The participants took part in various types of training and motivational sessions that would help them to be better youth. The closing ceremony was

presided by Gazi Md. Iftekhar Hossain Emu, Youth Chief, Red Crescent Youth, Chattogram. Mr. M. A. Salam, Treasurer, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and Vice Chairman of City Red Crescent concluded the conference as the Chief Guest of the session.

Reported by Md. Mohiuddin, Dept. of English



Annual Parliamentary Debate

Annual Parliamentary Debate 2022-2023 organised by Presidency International School had its Final Session on 29th September, 2022 in the Swiss Park Convention Centre with the presence of honourable Chief Guest and Speaker of the Session, Prof. Dr. A B M Abu Noman, Former Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Chittagong. The programme was chaired by Dr. Imam Hasan Reza, Rector, Presidency International School. In this Final Session, between the Charles Dickens Team and Robert Browning Team, the former became the Champion and for excellent showcasing of speech, the best speakers were Hubaisha Tahsin Subat (AS Level), Azmayeen Muhammad Nibras (A2 Level) & Humayra Binte Saba Salam (AS Level).

Reported By Raihanul Islam, Dept. of English



Sheikh Russel Inter-Class English Debate Competition 2022

Sheikh Russel Inter-Class English Debate Competition-2022 was organised in the Middle School on 18th October. The event being presided over by Dr. Imam Hasan Reza, Rector, Presidency Education was blessed with the presence of Mr. Hasan Akbar, the Chief Reporter of Daily Azadi as the Chief Guest. Vice Principal, Senior School, E U M Intekhab and Vice Principal, Junior School, Firoz Ahmed were also present to adorn the ceremony.

Around 500 students registered to participate in the war of words and exhibit their articulation in speech. The students were categorised into two groups; Group A (III-V) & Group B (VI-VII) and the month long battle of words went on fiercely between the classes under the surveillance of skilled debate trainers of the school. Since the topics required deep research, the young debaters engaged themselves in peer and group discussion with their mentors to rework and refine their scripts.

After a month of preparation, with much intensity, the competition began with a three panel jury; Raihanul Islam, Dept. of English and Moderator, Presidency Association of Debaters (PADs), Mokarram Hossain, Dept. of English and Tousif Tanvir Alam, President, Presidency Association of Debaters (PADs). Class IV competed against Class III on the topic "Internet is better for learning than teachers" and became the champion while Class VII battled against Class VI on the theme

"Polythene should be banned worldwide" and became the champion. The audience cheered for all the speakers as they manifested their sheer eloquence and highlighted their astute points from all sides of the spectrum.

The entire debate session was a kaleidoscope of opinions, thoughts and ideas that surely intensified the depth of knowledge of the students. Not only did they hone their public speaking skills, but also enhanced their confidence to unfold their perspective in an articulate manner.

Reported by Tahera Bashar, Dept. of English

Award Ceremony of Science Projects



Activities related to science provide students with opportunities to develop and practise different skills and attributes. These include communication skills. collaborative skills teamwork and perseverance as well as analytical, reasoning and problem-solving skills. Science projects make science relevant to everyday life and prepare students for lifelong learning. These projects give students a window into the complexities and uncertainties of science. Class wise and group-wise (in Senior and Middle Schools) best science project awards of the First Term were handed over to the young scientists on 15 and 16 November, 2022 in presence of the School Leaders, Science Coordinator, concerned teachers and students.

Reported by Jakia Khanam, Science Coordinator



Scholars of Presidency posing with their Medals and Merit Certificates at bKash-Biggan Chinta Biggan Uthsob, Divisional Round.

Teachers' Day Celebration



Teachers are the main change makers in our society who play the most significant role to bring quality in education and shape the future of the learners. Presidency celebrated Teachers Day 2022 with the theme "The transformation of education begins with teachers" to honour the ongoing efforts and dedication of the teachers through planting trees on 27th October, 2022. The school leaders along with the teachers were present in the programme.

Reported By Md. Mohiuddin, Dept. of English





Club Fest 2022

Presidency International School boasts of its holistic education. To organise co-curricular and extracurricular activities, numerous clubs are active throughout the year. This year Presidency initiated a step to illuminate the young enthusiasts of Presidency about different club activities and their benefits. Hence. Club Fest 2022 was arranged for the first time. The programme was organised by Presidency Student Initiative (PSI). In this fest, 7 clubs including the clubs of STEM CIRCLE, namely Robotics, Coding, Maths, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and English took part in their individual stalls with colorful displays of activity and achievement. Dr. Imam Hasan Reza, the honourable Rector, Presidency Education, inaugurated the programme with his inspiring speech. The inauguration ceremony ended with the speech from Mr. E U M Intekhab, Vice Principal, Senior School. The ceremony was also graced by Mr. Mohammad Jashim Uddin, Vice Principal, Middle School. Mentors and Coordinators of Clubs and teachers of Senior and Middle Schools also attended the programme. The fest was held in all three campuses of Senior School (20-21 Nov), Senior Annex (22 Nov) and Middle School (23 Nov).

Presidency Chemistry Club



Presidency inaugurated its much anticipated first Chemistry club on 17 November. The Vice Principal, Senior School, E U M Intekhab inaugurated the club in presence of Vice Principal, Middle School, Md. Jashim Uddin, Chief Coordinator and Head of the Department. Science Coordinator, teachers of Chemistry Department and Club President Mehrazul Hague with his team also attended the programme. This club may be the only high school Chemistry Club all over Bangladesh! With this, all the STEM clubs of Presidency have become active. The main purpose of the club is to bring out the hidden talents of the students and make others enthusiastic about Chemistry. With various trainers, resources and lessons, the club hopes to prepare students to represent Presidency nationally and internationally in various Chemistry Olympiads.

President: Mehrazul Hague

Vice Presidents: Walimul Islam Khan, Md. Maftun Chowdhury, Auronee Ahmed & Fairooz Humayra. Secretary: Hubaisha Tahsin Subat

Reported by Mehrazul Haque, President, Presidency Chemistry Club



Daffodil University English Olympiad 2022

The nationwide English Competition titled English Olympiad Bangladesh 2022, organised by the Department of English, Daffodil International University with the motto "Show your English talents, go for greater challenge" came to an end on October 7, 2022. Dr. Shamsad Mortuza, Professor, Department of English, University of Dhaka, graced the programme as the Chief Guest. Dr. Md Sabur Khan. Chairman, Daffodil International University and Dr. M Lutfar Rahman, Vice Chancellor, DIU along with all the faculty members of the Department of English were present in the programme. A total of 499 participants across the country were qualified from the Selection Round. Of them 6 of Presidency Jewels - Mohammad Adnan (A2), Ishtiag Mohammad Faisal, Zawad Ahmed and Rayeed Imran (AS), Rayedhah Mushsharat Nidhi and Yanat Nur Yusra (X) were enlisted and qualified for the Theatre Round and Final Round. Finally, Mohammad Adnan (A2) bagged the Second Runner Up prize winning a Crest, a Certificate and the Prize money worth tk. 10,000/-. The rest of the participants were also honoured with certificates.

Reported by Md. Mohiuddin, Dept. of English



Miladunnabi (SM) Celebration

Miladunnabi (SM) was celebrated in Presidency International School on 16th October, 2022 marking the day of birth and passing away of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM), with religious festivity and fervour. To enlighten the students about the glorious existence of our beloved Prophet, Hazrat Muhammad (SM), the school arranged different activities like singing and offering Hamd and Naa'th-e-Rasool, Arabic alphabet colouring, Art, Kiraat, Islamic Quiz and Essay Competitions on the life of the Prophet Muhammad (SM). With great enthusiasm, our learners took part in different events. The programme was presided over by Dr. Imam Hasan Reza, Rector, Presidency Education. The programme of the Senior and the Middle Schools was graced by Prof. Mohammad Mojahidul Islam Chowdhury, Principal, Chittagong College and in the Junior School, Professor Sayed Mohammad Jalal Uddin Al Azhari was the Chief Guest. The Chief Guests expressed their gratitude at the amazing performances of the students. The great display of the spontaneity of the students was also highly praised by the Chief Guests. They were optimistic that this way future generations would be able to build themselves up as true followers of our beloved prophet Mohammad (SM). Vice Principal, Senior School, E U M Intekhab, Vice Principal, Middle School, Mohammad Jashim Uddin, Vice Principal, Junior School, Firoz Ahmed and the senior leaders of the school along with the teachers had attended the programme. Later, the winners of the competitions received their prizes for their brilliant performances.

Reported by Sayed Ahmed Nasif, Dept. of Islamiat



Fire Drill and Earthquake Evacuation Management

Programme 2022

Fires, Earthquakes and Natural disasters can cause devastating effects on any type of premises. However, it not only draws a negative impact on society but also on the economy of a country. Therefore, we should always be prepared to handle such a crisis in need.

On the 10th of Oct, we were attending our mathematics class, and suddenly the fire alarm was ringing repeatedly. We took no time to understand something was wrong. On the spur of the moment, all the class prefects were informed to evacuate their respective classrooms as soon as possible. Immediately, all the students were led to the ground and made it sure that the classrooms were completely evacuated. When we reached the ground, our vice principal sir ensured us that it was a fire drill. Students are the leaders of a nation, and they paint the future scenario of a developed country. So, it is very essential for the young minds to understand what to do if fire breaks out and how to execute evacuation step by step. To educate the students, Presidency Discipline Committee, headed by Lubna Jahan arranged the "Fire Drill And Earthquake Evacuation Management" programme under the guidance of Chandranagar Fire Service Team. The fire drill was conducted by Mr. Newton Das, Deputy Assistant

Director and Mr. Shahidul Islam of the fire service team. The students were very enthusiastic to learn and acquire the fire safety skills from the fire-fighters. Along with a practical demonstration of an evacuation procedure, there was also a power-point presentation on the drill which was followed by a short Q/A session. This fire drill not only provided us the basic skills to handle such a situation but also provide us with an opportunity to learn some basic measures quickly and effectively. It certainly facilitated us to learn how to take the correct decision in a stressful situation. Undoubtedly, it was a wonderful experience for all the students of Presidency.

Reported by Mohammed Farhan Hossain, Head Boy



Interschool Chess Tournament Home Fixtur...

The home fixtures of Marks Active School Chess Championship were held on 13 October 2022. The group consisted of four teams: Presidency International School Team B, Cantonment English School and College Team B, Radiant School and College and Nasirabad Govt. High School. Our first match was held against Cantonment English School and College Team B. It was a tight match but at the end, CESC won by a margin of 3-1. The second game was held against Radiant School and College where Presidency Team B won by 3-1. The last game was held against Nasirabad Govt. High School. We lost by a margin of 3-1 points. It was a pleasant experience to have them in our school and I hope we will get more opportunities like this in future.

Reported by Hossain Md. Sami, Class V







Robotics Project Showcasing Competition 2022

With the theme "Thinking Technologically", Robotics Presidency Project Showcasing Competition 2022 was held at the premises of Middle and Senior Schools. After all the planning for two weeks - designing their projects, honing their presentation - our young scientists showcased their projects to visitors, peers and the judges. These are the products of their learning in our Presidency Robotics Summer Camp 2022. The programme was bustling with robotics enthusiasts of the classes III-A2 level. 25 students from the classes VII-X participated in different groups and everyone gave extensive effort. It was amazing to see such bright minds showcasing their talents by making different Robotics projects such as Automated Plant Water Resistor, Smart Floor Cleaner, Train Accident Prevention, Human Following Robot, Bluetooth R-C car, Smoke Detecting Robot, Obstacle Avoiding Robot and Multipurpose Robot Car. The programme was graced by the presence of Dr. Imam Hasan Reza, Rector, Presidency Education, Vice Principals, concerned Teachers and the robot enthusiasts. The winners were Team Voltage Vanguard (Champion), Team Cyborg (1s Runner- up) and Team Asimo (2nd Runner-up).

The primary goal of the Presidency Robotics Project Showcasing Competition 2022 is to develop and disseminate a technology integrated education experience to our students who are interested in robotics. We believe by organising such competitions or Robo-fest in future, we can impact students' interest in robotics, their motivation to be engaged with technology, and their confidence in their own ability to continue their technology explorations.



AOTS Alumni Society Art Competition Zayan Hossain Chowdhury Class VII

Few days back, I took part in an art competition organised by Chattogram AOTS Alumni Society (CAAS). The theme of the event was the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Japan. After depositing the artwork which took me approximately 3 days, I was informed that I would be awarded as the Runner-up (2nd Position) in the competition. The prize distribution ceremony took place in Radisson Blu on 22 October, 2022 where the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Mr. Itto Naoki was present as the Chief Guest. Again, on the next day during the assembly, the Vice Principal, Middle School Md. Jashim Uddin honoured me by recognising my achievement in front of all the students. I am glad and I would like to appreciate my school for giving me the opportunity to participate in such a prestigious competition.

Reported by Samia Sultana, Dept. of Computer Science



from our mistakes. Great football player Diego Maradona once said, "Hard work is the reason individuals win or succeed. Success or winning has nothing to do with luck. Losing is essential to everyone. The more you lose, the more you want to win." We gained experience, were able to identify our weaknesses, and maybe, we'll perform better in the following one.

Reported by Imtiaz Kamal Araf, AS Level

CGS welcomes Presidency to Futsal

The fastidious venue, Chittagong Grammar School playground welcomed Presidency footballers to its ground to participate in the CGS Futsal Football Tournament, that took place on November 17-18, 2022. As football is one of the earliest games played and enjoyed by sports enthusiasts around the globe, this new adaptation of the game has hugely got popularised among the young in the recent days. Twelve teams (CGS [WHITE], IHS, WCA [B], CGS [RED], PIS [A], WCA [A], CGS [BLUE], AL-HIDAYAH, CGS NC [B], PIS [B], CGS NC [A], CIDER) including two Presidency teams, Team "A" and "B" exhibited their futsel skills which was enjoyed wholeheartedly by lots of participants, guests, and onlookers.

The competition got underway at 3:00 pm. These teams were split into four groups. At 3:20 pm, we played against Cider in our opening match and later the match ended in a 1-1 draw though both teams performed admirably. The following day, we played against WCA [A] and won by a score of 2-0. In the game, our team displayed excellent performance. We topped our group and advanced to the guarterfinals. And we defeated CGS NC [A] by 1-0 in the Quarter-final match. We then advanced to the Semi-finals. We faced CGS WHITE in the Semi-final, and after a scoreless tie, the referee signalled for a penalty. Our score was 0, while CGS [White]'s 2. In the whole tournament, our team performed brilliantly. Nevertheless, whether we succeed or fail, the reality remains that we took part, gained experience, and learned



IIUC Programming Contest

A Programming Contest was held at International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) on 18 November, 2022. Two teams from Presidency took part in the contest whereas 60 teams competed from IIUC. Coders of Presidency Coding Club grabbed the 17th and 34th positions among the teams. The Faculty and Chairman of the CSE of IIUC appreciated the participants and praised Presidency Coding Cub activity.

Reported by Md. Jobayer Alam, Dept. of Computer Science



Teacher–Officer Staff Sports Tournament 2022

The Teacher - Officer - Staff Sports Tournament 2022 was inaugurated with great fervour, festivity and enthusiasm at Senior School premise on 13th October, 2022. Dr. Imam Hasan Reza, Rector, Presidency Education, graced the inaugural ceremony as the Chief Guest with Vice Principal, Senior School Mr. E U M Intekhab, Vice Principal, Middle School, Mr Mohammad Jashim Uddin, Chief Coordinator, Senior School Mr Thoufig Hossan and the concerned teachers, officers and staff alongside. For the male teachers there were Table Tennis and Carrom tournaments, whereas the female teachers competed with each other in the Table Tennis and Badminton Tournaments. The male staff contend in Carrom and the female staff battle in the "Movin' On Up" tournament. The contestants were all charged up to go head-to-head with their opponents to give a hard time in their respective games. On December 13, in the Middle School ground, with the gracious presence of the esteemed guest, Dr. Imam Hasan Reza, Rector, Presidency Education, Vice Principals of all three schools, other school leaders, Mr. Ashraful Hague Khan Swapan, Chairman, Presidency Academic Management distributed the prizes among the Champions and Runner-ups who played in the category of carom, table tennis, badminton and moving on up.

Reported by Md. Mohiuddin, Dept. of English

Annual Chess Competition 2022

Organised by Zilla Krira Office, Chattogram



Presidency chess prodigies' uncompromising promises have again proved while they have secured the prestigious Runner-up trophy in the Under-16 Boys' and Girls' Chess Competition organised by Chittagong District Sports Office with the collaboration of Presidency International School on October 8th, 2022 in the Senior School of Presidency. Six teams, each team having 4 players from five schools: Presidency International School, Ispahani Public School & College, Gunners' English School, Bakalia Government Boys High School and Mirza Ahmed Ispahani School attended this breathtaking event. Two teams of Presidency, Presidency Chess Club Team and Presidency International School Team led respectively by Ahmed Noor De-An (X) and Abdullah Inkiyad (IX) successfully completed five rounds of the tournament and later their valiant fight honoured them with the Runners-up position. The prize distribution ceremony brought the glorious day to an end. The ceremony was graced by the presence of revered personalities Dr. Imam Hasan Reza, Rector, Presidency Education, Vice Principal, Senior School, Mr. E U M Intekhab, Muhammad Aminul Islam (Joint Secretary, Chittagong District Sports Organization) and Mr. Harun Ur Rashid (Chittagong District Sports Office) who presented the awards to the winners.

Reported by Ahmed Noor De-An, Class X



Presidency Chess Teams shine in Marks Active Chess Champs

On 20th and 21st October, 2022, two teams of Presidency International School participated in Marks Active School Chess Champs, a large-scale countrywide chess tournament at Gymnasium Hall, M A Aziz Stadium, Chattogram. Presidency Team A, consisted of Gyan, Arittra, De-an, Sadi, Sadat and Shehrose and Team B, including Adib, Arabee, Isha, Sami, Inqiad and Ibrahim were selected through a series of practice and training sessions organised by Presidency Chess Club.

The tournament was played in a 7-round Swiss system. 4 of the 6 players took part in each round, and the other 2 were substitutes. 80 teams from 44 different Schools participated. An intense battle awaited the players as all the top chess-playing teams of Chattogram. After round 5, both Presidency Team A and B had collected the maximum 10 points by winning all the games. As per the rules of the Swiss System, the strong teams get paired up with other strong teams in the match-ups. Since Presidency teams had achieved high points on day-1, our next opponents were to be the other high-scoring teams. On round 6, Presidency Team A lost to Cantonment English School and College-B, but bounced right back to win the last game (round 7) against Halishahar Cantonment School and College. Meanwhile, Presidency Team B drew on round 6, but lost to Nasirabad Boys School on

round 7. So, at the end of the tournament, Team A had won 6 games and lost 1 while Team B had won 5, drawn 1 and lost 1.

With these outstanding performances, both the Presidency Chess Teams secured top spots to earn a place on the next phase of the competition, which was to be played in home-away system.

Reported by Tasnim Reza Arittra, Class X



Alumni Chess Tournament

Imagine after a brief formal tournament organised by the school, your seniors decided to organise an unofficial tournament right after the Chess Championship 2022. The unofficial tournament would follow the same rules of the Chess championship but the only difference would be that in this case the seniors were participating in the tournament. Generally people would play with relaxation in unofficial games since the pressure of official norms is absent and most people's brains work best on relaxed moments. Thus, this tournament was far exciting with loopholes and twists during games with 7 rounds in total with a quick blitz game. Medals were to be arranged for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position gainers after the tournament. Intense match it was indeed with move after move with a chess clock beside you which you have to press after every move you deliver. So, usually this was very fast and you have no time to think since the basics is to have time reserved for critical situations. After 7 rounds of absolute tense moments, medals were acquired using the club fund and the top 3 positions received their awards.

Reported by Gyan Dipta Ghosh, Class IX



Inter-House Chess Tournament 2022

'Playing chess expands the thinking power and creativity of the students. It teaches us the values of patience in our life. Therefore, chess teaches us how to go forward with future planning,' Dr. Imam Hasan Reza, Rector, Presidency Education, thus encouraged the chess enthusiasts of Presidency while delivering his speech during the prize giving ceremony of Presidency International School Chess Tournament 2022. Ashraful Houge Khan Swapon, Chairman, Presidency academic Management, E U M Intekhab, Vice Principal, Senior School inaugurated the tournament flying colourful balloons on September 27, 2022. This league system tournament was held dividing into four groups with 192 spirited participants. House Hawk garnered the Championship while House Eagle bagged the Runner-up position after 15 days of thrilling fight among four houses. Group champions are: House Eagle-Boys & House Eagle-Girls in Group A (Class III to V), House Hawk-Boys & House Falcon-Girls in Group B (Class VI & VII), Boys-House Hawk & Girls-House Hawk in Group C(Classes VIII and IX), House Eagle-Boys & House Falcon-Girls in Group D(Class X to XII).

Fighting Spirit Sweeps Presidency Chess Championship 2022

Presidency Chess Club organised tournament for the students of class V to A2 Level on October 6 and 7, 2022. With great enthusiasm, on october 6, the chess talents of Presidency met to battle on the 64 squares of chessboard. After a competitive tournament, Abdullah Md. Ingiyad (IX), Adib Abrar (X) and Ahmed Noor De-an (X) became Runners-ups while Hossain Md. Sadi (IX) became the Champion. Arabee Ahmed Chowdury (X) and Ibrahim Chowdury (IX) bagged the 5th and 6th positions. It was indeed a very enthralling tournament in which Nazmul Hayat (A2), Azraf Uddin Ahmed (A2), Moenuddin Chisty (A2) and Walimul Suhaan (A2) acted as the arbiters. Faiyaz Mohammad Nirob, Ex-President, Presidency Chess Club, was also present to honour the session. This tournament helped the students to explore their talents and sharpen it to a great extent. I hope more tournaments like this will be held frequently in the future.

Reported by Hossain Md. Sadi, Class IX



Students competing in Chess Club tournament



Excursion Class III- VII

Learning outside the classroom is a great way to encourage critical thinking, problem solving and decision making skills in students. To emphasise the significance of this fact, Presidency organises outing every year.

After a two-year interlude, our spirited students along with their cheerful teachers of classes III-VII in bright morning, with jubilant mood and cheerful singing had their bus rides to get their excursions done in different wonderful venues. Students of Class-III visited the Butterfly Park and Chattogram Women's Polytechnic Institute at Halishahar; students of class-IV explored the Ethnological Museum', and Chattogram Women Polytechnic Institute; students of Class-V enjoyed the scenic beauties of Oodaleah Tea Estate, Fatikchhari, Chattogram, and students of Classes VI & VII together set off to Kaptai Lakeshore Resort to enjoy their long-awaited trips.

The students participated in sightseeing, various sports activities, and life skill performances while accomplishing their excursion journey. Besides, they got refreshed with a scrumptious lunch.

The enjoyments of the days do not end here. After lunch, cultural programmes had been held with the participation of the students in dramas, group songs and many other activities.

At the end of the programmes, raffles were drawn for both the teachers and the students. After the segments, the gifts, chocolates and snacks were distributed among the pupils and the teachers. Eventually the thrilling and captivating excursions ended biding good bye to all

Reported by Farzana Shafiq, Dept. of English







Students of Class IV at Chattogram Ethnological Museum





Students of Class IV grabbing prizes for their amazing outing activities





Class V students singing and clicking photos at Oodalia Tea Estate







Students of both Classes VI & VII pulling rope to beat the opponents





Enthusiasts cheering the participants in the cultural programme



Concordia Presidential Scholarship

The Concordia Presidential Scholarship is the University's most prestigious undergraduate entrance scholarship that supports international students. Each year, the University welcomes outstanding students from around the world to study, conduct research and innovate in our flourishing institution. This award recognizes international students who demonstrate academic excellence, community leadership and are motivated to make the difference in the global community.

Concordia is seeking nominations from school principals, teachers, or guidance counselors, who know of exceptional students who plan to attend our school. The award covers all tuition and fees, books, residence, and meal plan fees.

There are up to two Presidential Scholarships available each year for incoming students in any full-time undergraduate degree program.

Scholarship Details

The award covers the full costs of tuition and fees, books, and residence and meal plan fees. This scholarship will be offered for up to four years of study assuming the student maintains renewability requirements.

Eligibility

You are eligible for the Concordia Presidential Scholarship if you have been nominated by a nominator and if the school has contacted you to apply.

- 1. Students applying to university for the first time, in their first undergraduate degree program (have no prior university credits)
- 2. Will be studying full-time in a degree program
- 3. Are international students who will be paying the full international tuition and fee rate
- 4. Will be starting their studies at Concordia University in Fall
- 5. Have applied for admission, paid the application fee, and obtained a Concordia student ID number (an 8-digit number, beginning with the number 4)



The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Leader Training Programme

A jubilant 'International Award Leader Training Programme of the Duke of Edinburgh' was held on 12 November, 2022 at Presidency International School with an active participation of 40 teachers from 3 different schools of Chattogram. 19 teachers from Presidency International School, 19 from Ispahani Public School and 2 from Mirza Ahmed Ispahani School took part in the programme. AKM Rejwanul Kabir, an assistant Programme Manager of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Foundation Bangladesh, the trainer and facilitator of the programme highlighted the importance of the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards for the students willing to study in tertiary level at home and abroad, especially to achieve scholarship from foreign universities. The award leaders were enlightened with different instructions on what to do in three different awards and how to assess the students' activities separately. The participant-teachers were full-fledged with comprehension to be better assessors for the students' performance elevating themselves with clear instructions from the trainer for their future awardees. Md Abdul Karim, Award Coordinator, DEA of Presidency, was honoured with crest after the programme for his wholehearted dedication to the programme.

Reported by Nurul Anwar, Dept. of English





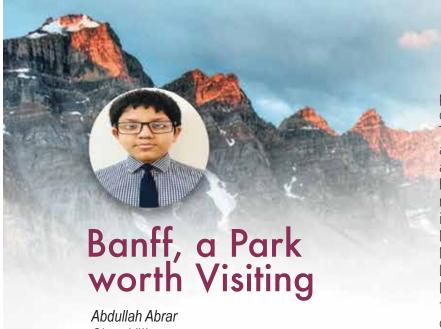
Ms Heather So of CityU HK speaking to students

Career Counselling

An informative and discursive career counselling workshop had been taken place on 29th October in Swiss Park. The University representatives of the City University of Hong Kong demonstrated a presentation on

admissions in different majors in the University admission programme and scholarship opportunities in Hong Kong for those who have completed their AS and A-level exams under the University of Cambridge International Examinations. They answered several queries of the students regarding higher studies in Hong Kong. Enthusiastic students of AS and A2 levels were more motivated knowing that, located in the heart of Hong Kong, City University has a well-earned reputation as an innovative hub for research, professional education and addressing global issues and empowering positive changes. Vice Principal, Middle School, Md. Jashim Uddin urged the students, for more study and research, who are eager to pursue their higher education in Hong Kong.

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Class VIII

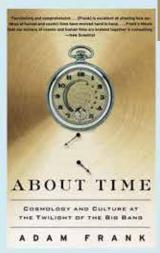
In the vast geography of North America, a vast range of mountains called the Rocky Mountains stretch some 3,000 miles from British Columbia and Alberta in Canada through Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and down to New Mexico in the U.S. The range is breathtaking beyond words with its diverse wildlife, alpine lakes and striking wilderness.

The Rocky Mountains that are situated in Canada are known as the Canadian Rockies. The Canadian Rockies have alpine lakes, so beautiful, with their colours ranging from blue to turquoise and both colours blended in some expanse. Alpine lakes are glacial lakes since they are fed by water that runs off glaciers, and that water carries along fine particles of rock that have been grounded up by the massive weight of the glaciers. These fine particles of rock are suspended in the water, which causes the reflections of certain wavelengths of light and not others which is why alpine lakes have a surreal blue colour which makes them so special and magical in nature. The Rockies cover a huge area including the province of British Columbia and Alberta, and there were lots of options for tourist spots like parks. The nearest were in Alberta. While I was in Canada, our family had an idea of going there to observe the natural beauty of the Rockies and the lakes. We were living in Manitoba at that time, so it wasn't that far away from our city Winnipeg. A beautiful park situated in the Rockies was Banff National Park.

A group of families we knew decided to join us and in the end we all agreed. We took

preparations such as making lots of fantastic delicacies like Biriyani and cream cheesecake. The three families got into their respective cars and drove in a line following each other. It took about 14 hours, but it wasn't a problem since we had departed early at the crack of dawn. We reached our destination at evening and settled in a big house we had rented for all of us to stay. Next morning, we headed on our way to Banff National Park. On the way, we stopped at lake Louise and took some photographs there. The lake was simply beautiful. Since we had stopped there, we decided to have a quick snack consisting of Waffles loaded with Maple syrup, blue berries and cashew nuts. It only took us ten minutes to reach there, and the tickets were cheap (Only \$4.00 for the kids above ten and \$8.00 for adults). The park was huge, and the cute snow-clad mountain peaks along with the trees blended in just perfectly. You might be wondering what the tickets really were for. We saw children rushing to the Gondola (either an open seat or a cabin sliding in the air hold by strong metal cables) rides! Gondolas are usually used to transport people from one mountain or high hill to another. But the Gondolas in Banff National Park were more than transportation vehicles. We showed our tickets and according to our serial, we needed to wait for at least 5 minutes. Once we got on the Gondola, my heart skipped a beat as I looked down from our glass window. But I forgot my fear and instead looked around to appreciate how beautiful the view was. Just from up there, I could see the frosted mountain peaks and the surrounding wilderness. We even happened to see a lake in the distance. I took a selfie of our family and together, it was a very cosy time enjoying the ride.

After we finished our ride, we went to a camping area where there were plenty of benches and sitting areas for picnics. After completing our lunch, we got back in the car and drove to lake Moraine. Lake Moraine is just a sister of lake Louise. We crossed the lake and hiked up one of the hills beside the lake. From there, we stood and took pictures of the lake and the surroundings. How breathtaking it was to observe the lake and the mountains from above in the Gondolas! We stayed there until sunset which was a charming moment to see the sun melt into the depths of the Mountains.



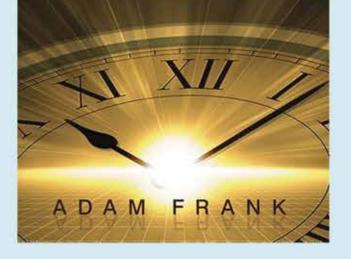
BOOK REVIEW

ABOUT TIME: COSMOLOGY AND CULTURE AT THE TWILIGHT OF THE BIG BANG

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The Big Bang is all but dead, and we do not yet know what will replace it. Our universe's "beginning" is at an end. What does this have to do with us here on Earth? Our lives are about to be dramatically shaken again-as altered as they were with the invention of the clock, the steam engine, the railroad, the radio and the Internet. Time, writes the author, can be thought of as both "cosmic time" and "human time." Material engagement with the physical world necessarily is affected by cultural invention; from ancient civilization to Microsoft Outlook, time is "entangled" with mankind. In addition, even as entanglement shifted from the day/night dichotomy of hunter-gatherers sophisticated atomic clocks we use today, our interaction with time relied cosmos-movements of the earth, sun and other stars remain the basic elements on which our notion of time is built. As human consciousness grew more sophisticated, so manipulation of time. Clocks, telescopes, radio, GPS and e-mail are all examples of how cultural invention and cosmic time are interwoven and mutually articulated. Maintaining conversational and enthusiastic tone and accessible vocabulary, the author surveys the implications of this "braiding" of time and culture in terms of quantum physics, and introduces several alternatives to the Big Bang ex nihilo. String theory, multiverse models, brane



cosmology and other fields may yield answers about the creation of the universe, and are also implicitly theories of (space)-time. Depleting reserves of oil and energy, too, indicates the need for a renewed approach toward resources and time. Ultimately, Frank argues that recognizing our place in the ongoing narrative of the creation of cultural time and cosmic time-moving beyond the cosmology of the Big Bang (of which "ours" may be one of many)-is what will allow mankind to enter a new, global era of time and culture. A phenomenal blend of science and cultural history.

Time is both our grandest and most intimate conception of the universe. Many books tell the story, recounting the progress of scientific cosmology. Frank tells the story of humanity's deepest question—when and how did everything begin?—alongside the story of how human beings have experienced time. He looks at the way our engagement with the world— our inventions, our habits and more—has allowed us to discover the nature of the universe and how those discoveries, in turn, inform ourdaily experiences.

This astounding book will change the way we think about time and how it affects our lives.

About the Author

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Film REVIEW

Hidden Figures By – Theodore Melfi Reviewed by Md. Mohiuddin, Dept. of English

Written by Melfi and Allison Schroeder, and directed by Theodore Melfi, the movie Hidden Figures is loosely based on the 2016 non-fiction book of the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly about African female mathematicians who worked at NASA during the Space Race.

Hidden Figures tells the story of three unsung heroes of NASA. Dorothy Vaughan is the informal supervisor of the West Area Computers Division, which is a group of thirty black women doing the calculations for the spacecrafts. Two of those women are Mary Jackson, an aspiring engineer, and mathematician Katherine Goble, who is the centre of our story.

The movie opens with the three ladies stranded on the side of the road after Dorothy's car breaks down. A cop comes to investigate and becomes distracted by the fact that the ladies work for NASA. This scene makes two things clear. First, it reminds us of the racial tensions of our society at the time. Second, it reveals that no matter what, the space race is at the front of everyone's mind. Katherine is reassigned to the Space Task Group, which does the calculations for all the shuttle missions. However, she finds that she is the only female and only person of color working in the division. This leads to animosity between her and her coworkers. They bring in a coffee pot for colored people in a heartbreaking instance. More subtly, Katherine's bright patterned dresses clash against the uniform white button downs and black ties worn by everyone else in the department.

However, this animosity is demonstrated beautifully and heartbreakingly in a single scene. The building that contains the Space Task Group doesn't have a colored bathroom. So, she has to run in her heels and skirt half a mile to the West Area Computers division with her work in hand. She works while she uses the bathroom, then runs back to her office. This is played for laughs the first few times. It is even set to Pharrell's song "Running'." However, on a rainy day, this simple injustice causes Katherine to snap. Taraji P. Henson is an actress with a lot of power behind her, and she lets it go in this scene. But what makes it so effective is that Melfi builds up to it. He earns that scene and Henson knocks it out of the park. It may be emotionally manipulative filmmaking, but to the movie's credit, it essentially asks you to buy into it emotionally and you allow it.

More than anything, these women just want to work and do what they love. They want to have the opportunity to prove themselves. Allison Schroeder and Melfi's screenplay does that. It places the lens of the movie squarely on these ladies. It filters the American society through their experiences. It's one thing for a biopic to tell a story. But, Hidden Figures is the rare biopic to show us a real person.

The movie tells the story of unsung heroes and it makes it a point to remind you of the impact of both their work and the work. It has a reverence for its subjects that is much vital. Thanks to the incredible performances from the cast. However, it's the three leading ladies who carry the movie on their shoulders. Taraji Henson gives one of the best performances of the year as Katherine Johnson. She gorgeously emotes in two incredible scenes that are high points for the movie.

Hidden Figuresis one of the most satisfying and enjoyable movies. It will hook you from the very first time you see Taraji Henson, Janelle Monáe, and Octavia Spencer grace the screen and not let go until the last credit rolls. Watching Hidden Figures is perhaps one of the best times I had while watching it recently.



বার্ষিক বাংলা বিতর্ক প্রতিযোগিতা

চিন্তার মুক্তি হোক যুক্তির আলোয়

বিতর্ক মানুষকে শুদ্ধতার পথ খুঁজে নিতে সাহায্য করে। বিতর্কের মাধ্যমে সাধিত হয় চিন্তার উৎকর্ষ। শিক্ষার্থীদের চিন্তার উৎকর্ষ সাধনে প্রতি বছরের ন্যায় এবছরও প্রেসিডেন্সি ইন্টারন্যাশনাল স্কুলে বার্ষিক বাংলা বিতর্ক প্রতিযোগিতার আয়োজন করা হয়। বার্ষিক বাংলা বিতর্ক প্রতিযোগিতার সমাপনী পর্ব গত ২১শে নভেম্বর. ২০২২ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। প্রেসিডেন্সি এড়কেশনের রেক্টর. ড. ইমাম হাসান রেজার সভাপতিত্বে সংসদীয় পদ্ধতিতে আয়োজিত চূড়ান্ত পর্বের বিতর্ক প্রতিযোগিতায় প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন, ড. বদিউল আলম পাভেল, উপপরিচালক, স্থানীয় সরকার, জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, চউগ্রাম। প্রধান অতিথি তাঁর বক্তব্যে বলেন, বিতর্কের মাধ্যমে মানুষের চিন্তাকে সাবলীলভাবে প্রকাশ করা যায়। তিনি বাংলাদেশের উন্নয়নের বিভিন্ন দিক নিয়ে আলোচনা করে বলেন. শিক্ষার্থীদের আগামীর চ্যালেঞ্জ মোকাবেলায় যথাযথ প্রস্তুতি নেওয়া দরকার। ইংরেজি মাধ্যম স্কুল হওয়া সত্ত্বেও বাংলা বিতর্কে দেশব্যাপী নানান প্রতিয়োগিতায় অংশগ্রহণ ও পুরস্কার অর্জন করায় প্রধান অতিথি প্রেসিডেন্সি ইন্টারন্যাশনাল স্কুলের ভূমিকার ভূয়সী প্রশংসা করেন। স্বাগত বক্তব্য উপস্থাপন করেন, স্কুল উপাধ্যক্ষ, জনাব ই ইউ এম ইনতেখাব। সমাপনী পর্ব ও পুরস্কার বিতরণী অনুষ্ঠানে আরও উপস্থিত ছিলেন. মিডল ক্ষুল উপাধ্যক্ষ জনাব মুহাম্মদ জসিম উদ্দিন. সিনিয়র স্থূল চীফ কো-অর্ডিনেটর, জনাব মো: তৌফিক হোসেন এবং শিক্ষক-শিক্ষার্থীবৃন্দ। প্রতিযোগিতায় চ্যাম্পিয়ন, হয় 'কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম দল'ও রানার আপ হয়, 'রবীন্দ্রনাথ দল'। শ্রেষ্ঠ বক্তা নির্বাচিত হয়, সাইবা সোবহান।



স্বাধীন দেশের মাটি

মুজাইনা মুহিত পঞ্চম শ্রেণি

খাধীন এই বাংলার মাটি, একসময় ছিল রক্তে লাল
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সৃজনশীল ও যুক্তিবাদী মানুষ গড়ার ক্ষেত্রে বিতর্ক গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা পালন করে। যুক্তির বহমান ধারায় শিক্ষার্থীদের মুক্তবুদ্ধি চর্চায় উদ্ধুদ্ধ করতে এবং মানবতাবোধ ও পরমতসহিষ্ণুতাবোধ বিকশিত করতেই বিতর্ক প্রতিযোগিতার আয়োজন। 'চিন্তার মুক্তি হোক, যুক্তির আলায়ে' এই মূলমন্ত্রে বিশ্বাস রেখে প্রেসিডেন্সি ইন্টারন্যাশনাল ক্ষুল প্রতি বছরের মত এবছরও বার্ষিক আন্তঃশ্রেণি বাংলা বিতর্ক প্রতিযোগিতার আয়োজন করে। প্রতিযোগিতার চূড়ান্ত পর্ব ৫ই ডিসেম্বর, ২০২২ তারিখে ক্ষুলের হলরুমে অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। প্রেসিডেন্সি এডুকেশনের রেক্টর, ড. ইমাম হাসান রেজার সভাপতিত্বে অনুষ্ঠিত চূড়ান্ত পর্বে প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন, চট্টগ্রাম কলেজের ইংরেজি বিভাগের সহযোগী অধ্যাপক ও ভারপ্রাপ্ত বিভাগীয় প্রধান, জনাব এ এম এম মুজিবুর রাহমান। উক্ত প্রতিযোগিতায় ক-বিভাগ (৩য়, ৪র্থ ও ৫ম শ্রেণি) থেকে ৪র্থ শ্রেণি চ্যাম্পিয়ন এবং ৫ম শ্রেণি রানারআপ হয়। শ্রেষ্ঠ বক্তা নির্বাচিত, হয় ৪র্থ শ্রেণির মাহিরা জারতাজ। খ-বিভাগ (৬ষ্ঠ - ৭ম শ্রেণি) থেকে চ্যাম্পিয়ন হয় ৬ষ্ঠ শ্রেণি এবং রানারআপ হয়, ৭ম শ্রেণি। শ্রেষ্ঠ বক্তা নির্বাচিত হয়, ৬ষ্ঠ শ্রেণির মুহাম্মদ তারবিয়াত আরিয়ান খান।

প্রতিবেদক: সৌমিত্র কানুনগো, বাংলা বিভাগ





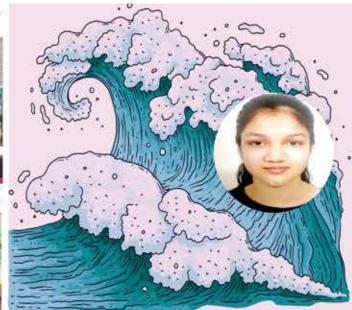








আর্ত মানবতার সেবায় প্রেসিডেন্সি ইন্টারন্যাশনাল স্কুল সব সময় অগ্রণী ভূমিকা পালন করে। যথার্থ মানুষ হওয়ার শিক্ষা কেবল পুঁথিগত বিদ্যাতেই নয়, বান্তবতাকে উপলব্ধি করেই অর্জন করতে হয়। প্রতিবছরের মতো এবছরও আর্ত মানবতার সেবায় প্রেসিডেন্সি ইন্টারন্যাশনাল ক্ষল শীতবস্ত্র বিতরণে অংশ নেয়। এ মহতী কার্যক্রমের অর্থ সহায়তা এসেছিল, শিক্ষার্থীদের টিফিনের টাকা, শিক্ষকদের সহায়তা এবং ক্ষুল পরিচালনা পর্ষদের তহবিল থেকে। শীতে কত কষ্ট করে গরিব মানুষগুলো ঘুমিয়ে থাকে, যা নিজে না দেখলে বুঝার কোনো উপায় নেই। যারা ভাতই জোগাড় করতে পারে না, তাদের আবার শীতের বস্ত্র! শীত গরিব মানুষের জন্য সুখের খবর নিয়ে আসে না। যারা দিনে আনে দিনে খায়, এমন মানুষের জন্য শীত যেন ভয়ানক দুঃখের নাম। দুমুঠো ভাত জুটিয়ে একটি শীতের কাপড় সংগ্রহ করা তাদের জন্য বড়ই কঠিন । খেটে খাওয়া মানুষগুলো সারাদিন কঠোর পরিশ্রম করে রাতে শান্তির ঘুম ঘুমাতে পারে না; শীতের হিমের সাথে লড়াই করে বাচঁতে হয়। প্রেসিডেন্সি পরিবার মানবিক উষ্ণতা দিয়ে যথার্থভাবে শীতার্ত প্রান্তিক জনগোষ্ঠীর পাশে দাঁডিয়েছ। চউগ্রাম মহানগরীর পাঁচলাইশ, দেশের উত্তরাঞ্চল (ইয়ুথ ভয়েস এর মাধ্যমে) ঠাকুরগাঁও জেলার হরিপুর উপজেলা, গাইবান্ধা সদর উপজেলার রামচন্দ্রপুর ও সুন্দরবন ঘেঁষা সাতক্ষীরা জেলার শ্যামনগর উপজেলার পদ্মপুকুর ও গাবুরা ইউনিয়নের বিপন্ন মানুষের মাঝে শীতবন্ত্র বিতরণ করে শীতার্ত মানুষের মুখে হাসি ফোটানোর সহযোগী হতে পেরে প্রেসিডেন্সি পরিবার তৃপ্ত।



ইচ্ছে

নানজিবা হাসিন খান অষ্টম শ্রেণি

চারুকেশী তার নাম। জীবনে তার শুধু একটাই ইচ্ছে, সে সাগর দেখতে যাবে। এই ইচ্ছে তার বেশ কয়েক বছর ধরেই। রান্তায় যে টিভির বড় দোকানটা আছে, সে দেখেছে সেখানে সাগরের বিশাল ঢেউ এমন এক শব্দ নিয়ে এই ঢেউ এগিয়ে আসে ় মনে হয় যেন এপারে থাকা সব দুঃখ সাথে করেই নিয়ে যাবে। চারুকেশীর দুকুলে কেউ না থাকলেও জীবন তার বেশ চলেই যাচ্ছে, তবে যদি একবার সাগরের দেখা মিলত তার জীবন বোধহয় সার্থক হয়ে যেত। প্রতিবারের মতন সে টিভির দোকানের বাইরে দাঁড়িয়ে আছে, যেন জিওগ্রাফি চ্যানেলে আবারও সেই সাগরের বিশালতু দেখতে পায়। এমন সময় হঠাৎ দোকানের মালিক এসে ভীষণ অপমানের সুরে তাকে সেখান থেকে তাড়া করে। চারুকেশীর বোধহয় প্রথমবারের মতন চোখে এতটা জল নেমে আসে। এসব দৃশ্য দূর থেকে দেখছিল নজির মিয়া। নজির মিয়া হলো সেই এলাকার বিখ্যাত চা-ওয়ালা। সে চারুকেশীর হাতে এক গ্লাস পানি ধরিয়ে দিয়ে বলে, কি হয়েছে, কাঁদছিস কেন? চারুকেশী ফুপিয়ে কেঁদে বলে, বিশ্বাস করেন, আমার জীবনে শুধু একটা ইচ্ছে,আমি সাগর দেখতে যাব। নজির মিয়া একটু সময় চুপ করে থেকে বলে, শুক্রবার ভোর সাতটায় আমার দোকানের সামনে থাকিস। চারুকেশী পাল্টা কোনো প্রশ্ন করে না, বরাবর ভোর সাতটায় উপস্থিত হয়। নজির মিয়া আর চরুকেশী দীর্ঘ এক পথ পাড়ি দিয়ে সূর্য ডোবার একটু আগেই সাগরের সামনে গিয়ে পৌছায়। চারুকেশীকে এত বছরে এতোটাই খুশি হতে খুব সম্ভবত কেউ দেখেনি। সে ডুবে যাওয়ার ভয়-ভীতি ছেডে সাগরের ঢেউয়ের ঠিক মাঝে গিয়ে শুয়ে পডে। তার কানে সেই স্বপ্নের সাগরের ঢেউয়ের শব্দ বান্তবে অনুভব হচ্ছিল। যেন তার মা-বাবা দূর এক অজানা জায়গা থেকে তার জন্য আদর মেখে এই সাগরের পানিতে মিশিয়ে পাঠিয়েছে. তার চুলে-মুখে সেই আদর মেখে যাচেছ। তার মনে হলো, তার জীবনে আর কোনো অপূর্ণ ইচ্ছে নেই। আজ সে ভীষণ খূশি এবং নিজেকে ভাবছে পৃথিবীর অন্যতম সুখী মানুষ।







মহান বিজয় দিবস উদ্যাপন

জুনিয়র কুলে ক্ষুদে শিক্ষার্থীরা গভীর শ্রদ্ধা ও সাড়ম্বর আনুষ্ঠানিকতার মধ্য দিয়ে বাংলাদেশের ইতিহাসের শ্রেষ্ঠতম দিন, মহান বিজয় দিবস, উদ্যাপন করে। তাদের প্রাণবন্ত উপস্থিতি আমাদের দেশের উজ্জ্বল আগামী দিনের ম্বপ্ন দেখায়। শিক্ষার্থীরা দলীয় সংগীত এবং চিত্রাংকন প্রতিযোগিতার মাধ্যমে দিনটি অতিবাহিত করে। উপাধ্যক্ষ জনাব ফিরোজ আহম্মদ এর সভাপতিত্বে অনুষ্ঠানের প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন নাসিমা আখতার, অধ্যাপক, চাক্রকলা অনুষদ, চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়। তিনি এই আয়োজনের ভূয়সী প্রশংসা করে শিক্ষার্থীদের উদ্দেশ্যে বলেন, " এই সুন্দর অনুষ্ঠানে তোমরা একটি ছোট কাগজ নিয়ে বসেছ। ছোট ছোট জিনিস আঁকতে আঁকতে দেখবে তোমরা বিশাল কিছু একটা এঁকেছ। তোমরা তোমাদের মনের মতো করে রঙ দিয়ে কাগজটি রাঙিয়ে নিও। এভাবেই একটু একটু করে আমাদের একটা সুন্দর আগামী সৃষ্টি হয়।" বিশেষ অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন জনাব গুলজার আলম আলমগীর, সদস্য সচিব, কুল পরিচালনা পর্ষদ। আরো উপস্থিত ছিলেন ক্বল হেড, সালমা আক্তার এবং চীফ কো-অর্ডিনেটর রওজাতুল জান্নাত এবং শিক্ষক - শিক্ষিকাবৃন্দ।

প্রতিবেদক: নাজমুন নাহার শহিদি, শিক্ষক, জুনিয়র স্কুল























Miladunnabi (Sm)







Inter-House Basketball Tournament

Junior School successfully hosted the 'Inter-House Basketball Tournament' 2022 at Junior School premises with great enthusiasm. The four houses- Falcon, Kite, Eagle and Hawk did not give up hope of winning till the last whistle was blown. Our young players put up a great game with all their might for snatching the championship trophy. Kite & Falcon in the boys' group and Eagle & Hawk in the girls' group got themselves into the final match. After a fierce competition among the Houses, Falcon (Boys) and Hawk (Girls) bagged the championship trophy. The other Houses displayed great sportsmanship and cheered their fellow opponents in the moment of victory. Ibadat Alam Ayan and Fatema Nooren were named the best players of the tournament.

Reported by Ishrat Nur, CCA Teacher





The Teachers, Officers & Staffs' Badminton, Carrom and Dart Tournament 2022 was held at Junior School premises with festive and enthusiastic energy. The spontaneous participation of each player made the games intense and enjoyable. Farhana Rahman in Badminton, Neelufar Yeasmin Tumpa in Carrom, Dr Pangkti Barua in Darts, Md. Salauddin Rubel in Badminton (male teachers & officers), Akhinur Begum in the Cup-changing game and Kamal Uddin in Badminton (male staff) were crowned as the champions.

Reported by Tifny Kawser, Dept. of English



Chief Guest Porfessor A. B. M Abu Noman with the winners

Interclass Chess

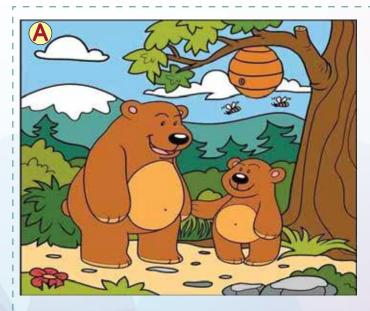
'Inter-Class Chess Training and Tournament' 2022 was held successfully with great fervour in Junior School. The young chess whizzes of Class I and II participated and lit up this tournament with their enthusiastic effort. The training and tournament, which were comprised of 5 rounds, lasted for 3 weeks. Aroosh Maahir from Class I and Muhammad Wafeeg Ayaad from Class II won the championships in their respective groups.

Put on Your Thinking Cap!

The bird wants to go to her nest. Can you help to find the way to her home?







Spot the differences between the pictures 'A' and 'B'.

Write those in a piece of paper and submit it to your class teacher.







Craft is easy to do!









Submit this craft to your teacher. Best 6 crafts will get prizes. Only for Kg, I and II





INTERESTING FACTS



When cats look you in the eye and blink slowly, they are trying to tell you that they love you alot.



PINK DOLPHIN THE WORLD'S ONLY PINK BOTTLENOSE WAS DISCOVERED IN AN INLAND LAKE IN LOUISIANA, USA.



Lions pretend to be hurt by the bites of their young to encourage them.



Elephant's brain react to humans the same way that human's brains react to puppies- They think we're cute.



Ants never sleep. Also they don't have lungs. Oxygen enters through tiny holes all over the body and Carbon Dioxide leaves through the same holes.



DID YOU KNOW?

IF YOU CUT OFF A SNAIL'S EYE, IT WILL GROW A NEW ONE.

CRAFIN G



How stunning!
What an amazing
craft maker you are!
We have received
beautiful craft
'Giraffe' this time.

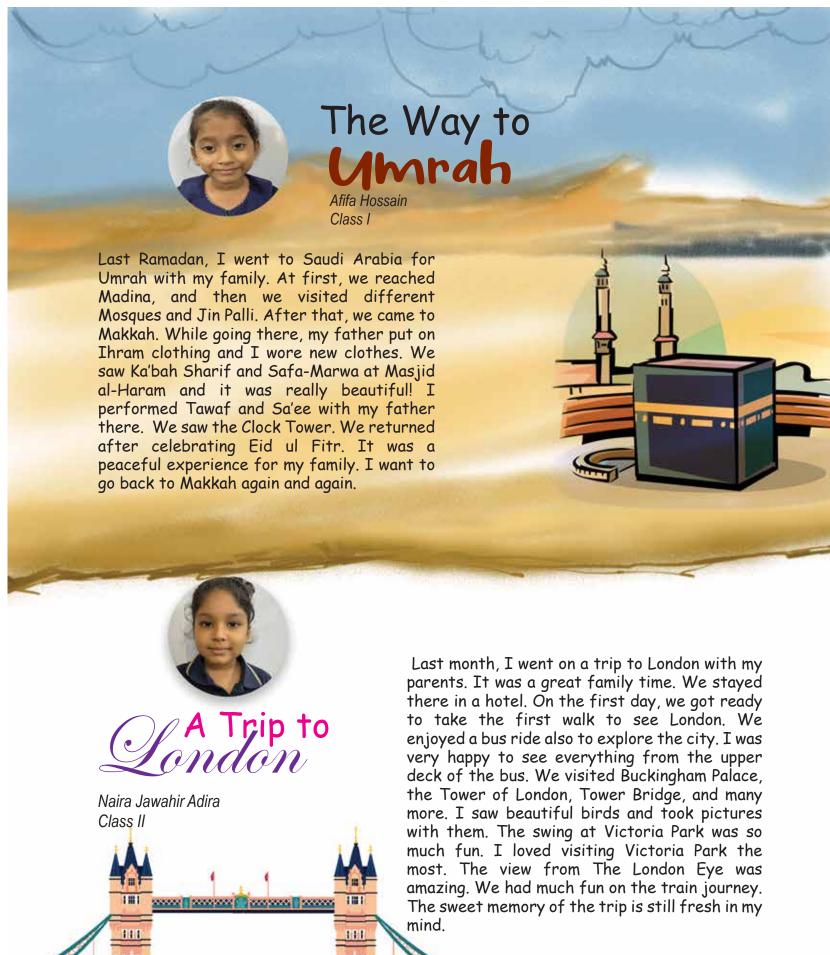




Best Craft Makers

Spot the Differences Winners





On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!

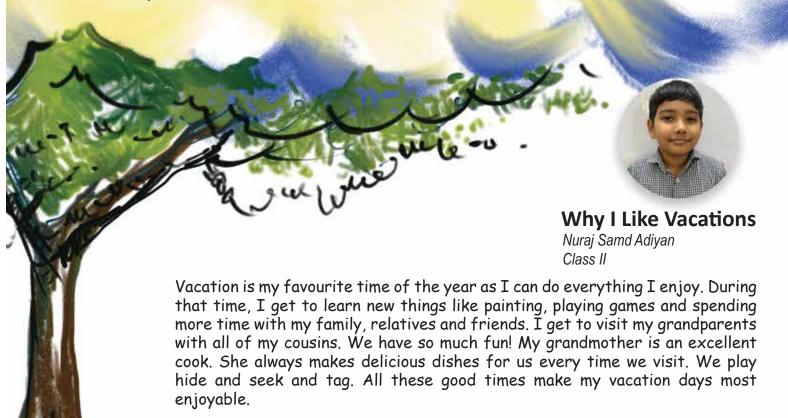
Ainul Maskura, Coordinator, Class I

Reading books is crucial since it broadens our knowledge and fosters mental development. It strengthens our ability to imagine and helps us better grasp the world. Reading various books helps us get accustomed to different writing styles and new vocabulary, further developing our desire for reading and writing. Books are incredibly engaging and keep us interested from start to finish, hence reading is deemed an efficient approach to killing boredom.

The lockdowns due to the Corona virus outbreak damaged the young minds of the world irreparably. Students are now glued to their smartphones, playing games and whatnot. Reading books, apart from academic ones, purely out of self-interest is rare. To revive the enthusiasm for reading books, Junior School has planned to organise six book reading competitions in every academic session.

These competitions are intended to encourage Bangla and English book reading. To enhance the interest of our students, colourful and engaging books have been made available in the school library. This has positively affected our young learners since many students visit the library during their break everyday. In addition, teachers prepare PowerPoint slides displaying a glimpse of the variety of books to awaken the students' enthusiasm.

The whole competition is divided into six rounds. The combined marks of the rounds will decide the best performer at the end of the session. This initiative will slowly but surely resuscitate students' passion for reading books and help them gain the necessary reading skills. We are optimistic about the future of our young students and their development into competent beings who will one day take the helm of the world.





Lily and Tom

Aaira Ahmed Class II



A long time ago, there lived a cat named Lily. She was cute and smart. Tom was her brother. One day their mother was going to get some milk, and she said, "Be safe because the dog may come and get you." "Okay, Mom," they said.

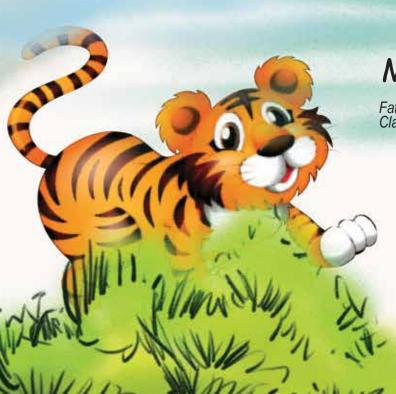
Their Mother went out, and the dog saw. He knocked on the door and said, "Open the door. Mom is back with milk." He said it with a funny voice. Smart Lily said, "No, you are not our mom. Go away!"

The dog went to his magician friend and said, "Can you give me some magical voice? I will give it back again. I want to catch a cat." His friend agreed.

"Open the door. Mom is back with milk," he sounded different this time. But Lily was smart, and she checked through the

window. She shouted, "Just go away, you liar!"

He went to his friend again and requested, "Can you give me a dress and a mask to look like a cat?" Now he was ready to fool them. Sadly, Tom answered the door. He thought it was their mother. The dog caught him when he opened the door. He was holding him in the mouth and looking for Lily. She ran up to the chimney and was hiding. The dog searched everywhere. Suddenly, he saw Lily's tail. When he tried to climb the chimney, he slipped because he was holding Tom in the mouth. He put down Tom to reach Lily. At that moment, their mother came and chased the dog. The dog ran and jumped into a pond to save himself. That day he promised he would never go to Lily's house again.



My Outing Day

Fatima Afraima Siddiquee Class II

It is our outing day today! I was very eager for this fantastic day. We will play and have fun with all my friends. I do not know which rides I am going to enjoy. But I know it's going to be so much fun. We will go to the zoo also. We will see many types of animals. We will sing beautiful songs. Our teachers will stay with us, so we do not get lost. We will sit together and have lunch. The day will be full of fun.

Lava Lamp

Samia Rahman, Science Coordinator



Procedure:

Step 1: Take 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ table spoon of baking soda in the glass jar.



Step 2
Add the vegetable oil to the baking soda in the glass jar.
Fill the jar almost to the top.



Step 3: Take 4 table spoon of vinegar in the glass



Step 4: Add 5 drops of the food colour in the glass and mix up with vinegar.



Equipments:

1.A glass jar 2.A glass

3. Vinegar

4. Vegetable oil

5.Baking soda

6.Food colour

7.LED light/ phone torch



Step 5: Turn on the LED light (or phone torch) and put it on the table. Then place the glass jar on the light.



Step 6: Now pour the mixture of food colour and vinegar into the glass jar.



Results:

Following the steps your Lava Lamp is ready to glow!

January February 2023 Class-III

Playgroup

Safir Rahman Rafan	09th January
Fatima Noor Anadeel	13th January
Farah Kabir	16th January
Tajria Jannat Arwah	17th January
Adiyan Ahsan	31st January
Yameen Anas Hossain	01st February
Zayed Hasan	23rd February

Nursery

Miftahul Jannat Areebah	01st January
Naira Moon Nashad	18th January
Afraaz Bin Faisal	22nd January
Aryan Rahman Azaan	29th January
Azhraf Aydin	31st January
Safawatul Farida	01st February
Mir Arafatul Islam Aariz	02nd February
Mohammed Nibraj Nur	12th February
Safwan Ahamed	23rd February

KG

Afra Mohammad Harun	01st January
Azfar Ahmed Marsad	04th January
Ahmed Shah Uddin	04th January
Nishat Subah	05th January
Priyanty Das	06th January
Ingiad Tawaf	12th January
Mohammed Waizur Rahman	16th January
Mohammad Arham Chowdhury	17th January
Aleena Islam	18th January
Tasriyan Afnan Zayan	26th January
Abdullah Mahir	26th January

Class-I

Mohammad Ahnaf Zabeer Ziqra Hasnat Chowdhury Shaafi Bin Taleb Aalimah Chowdhury Jabir Ahamed Chy Aliza Hasan Aradhya Talukdar Areeb Ayaan Zunaira Nawar Daneen Abdullah Al Abraar Md Zuhair Abdullah Saad Araf Ahmed Abdullah Arafat Al-Tawaf Savig Siddiqee	03rd January 04th January 07th January 08th January 10th January 18th January 19th January 19th January 20th January 25th January 30th January 31st January 02nd February
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Saviq Siddiqee	02nd Februar
Ajeabah Anaya Uddin	03rd February
Mahmood Afraaz Chowdhury	09th February
Zunayra Mirza	11th February
Shehzad Ullah Safwan	14th February
Zafirah Hasib	15th February
Ashraf Nur	16th February
Md. Ibrar Uddin	21st February
Alvina Rahman Muskan	24th February
Aroosh Maahir	28th February
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Class-II

Monthasir Kader Hamim Shehzad Bin Fahad	02nd January 06th January
Ajmain Faigue Adon	09th January
Afsheen Ashragat	12th January
Mohammad Iban Safwan Adan	15th January
Sababa Sorwar	19th January
Naira Jawahir Adira	20th January
Humaidur Rahaman	24th January
Ahnaf Abrar Ahil	26th January
Sahran Sahwar	28th January
Ahnaf Rishan	06th February
Hamdan Mawahib	17th February
Chowdhury Ibrar Sadek	20th February
Mashnoon Aziz	23rd February

Md. Ishrak Hossain	6th Jan
Md. Tashdid Ohee Chowdhury	7th Jan
Ayana Hassan Tithi	14th Jan
Unaisha Al Zamka	16th Jan
Md Yousuf Saifan Chowdhury	17th Jan
Nurhan Quader Manha	31st Jan
Rihul Jannat Tanha	5th Feb
Shehzaad Bin Tanvir	10th Feb
Khadija Islam Arova	24th Feb
Md. Shadman Hossain	24th Feb
Nur Aysha Habiba	27th Feb

Class-IV

Zunaira Mohseen	1st Jan
Sabrin Binte Khaled	1st Jan
Fahmid Bhuiyan	1st Jan
Mahira Zartaj	4th Jan
Zunairah Karim	10th Jan
Aayan Reza	17th Jan
Mutakabbir Ahmed	19th Jan
Umaer Rahman	20th Jan
Saad Abdullah	20th Jan
Ainan Ibnad	22nd Jan
Amatun Nur Islam Aria	24th Jan
Alyssa Mostafa	27th Jan
Sa'ad Showkat	1st Feb
Wasiq Nur Chowdhury	9th Feb
Syeda Tasmeem Zainah Arim	11th Feb
Zabir Bin Arefin	14th Feb
Nusrat Jahan	15th Feb
Nuzhat Ferdous Iman	21st Feb

Class-V

Ciuss v	
Uzair Elan	2nd Jan
Kazi Safi Ahmed	5th Jan
Sagnik Chowdhury	9th Jan
Mohammed.Sayem	10th Jan
Zahara Hossain	12th Jan
Aayan Bin Omar	17th Jan
Sumaiya Binte Shahajada	19th Jan
Saad Hossain	22nd Jan
Ahil Monowar	28th Jan
Mohammad Sadib	2nd Feb
Tabassum Tahura Chowdhury	5th Feb
Ahmad Hakim Ali	7th Feb
Ziyan Bin Faiz	7th Feb
Areeba Mehwish	9th Feb
Ruhaima Fatima Riyadh	13th Feb
Md. Adil Pasha	15th Feb
IMTEHANUL BARI AIMAN	24th Feb
CI VII	

Class-VI

Mashrurah Nowar	1st Jan
Umaima Chowdhury	6th Jan
Maher-ul-alam	6th Jan
Zaina Nawar	10th Jar
Asir Aosaf Hoque	12th Jar
Raheeb Abrar Chowdhury	12th Jar
Atithya Sen Gupta	16th Jar
Ayan Madani	21st Jan
Md.Tasnimul Hasan	28th Jar
Nafisa Tasnim Raji	15th Jar
Syed Rashid Rakin	25th Jar
ABDULLAH AL JAABIR	31st Jan
Romena Akhter	10th Fel
Ayanul Hoque	18th Fel
JANNATUL MAOWA MAN	/I 23rd Fel
Azdi Tasawal Iram	23rd Fel

Class-VII

Aisha Humaira	3rd Jan
Zayan Karim Siddique	6th Jan
Md Abdullah Ibne Aman	7th Jan
Monsaj Alam	13th Jan
Siam Uddin Chy	17th Jan
Tazbidul Karim	18th Jan
Tasniya Hakim Neha	21st Jan
Ahmed Labib	22nd Jar
Mohammed Shafi Al Nahiyan	23rd Jan
Nusaibah Hasan (Warishah)	30th Jan
Labiba Sultana	31st Jan
Rohomun Kamal	3rd Feb
Fatima Siddika Sarah	6th Feb
Alveena Rumaysa	14th Feb
Taosatul Jannat Afra	16th Feb
Aliza Hasan	23rd Feb

Class-VIII

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Momena Khanam Safa	1st Jan
Kazi Md. Samiun Zaber	5th Jan
Sujail Bin Abdullah	5th Jan
Afra Khan	7th Jan
Mariam Morshed Jaima	9th Jan
Sania Fareess	11th Jan
Aynan Tazria	14th Jan
Ummay Farheen Hridita	15th Jan
Syed Azmera Fatema Subah	16th Jan
Sidratul Muntaha Asfara	18th Jan
Sheemin Islam (Shrine)	18th Jan
Mohammed Shadman	20th Jan
Sohaila Tasmiah	23rd Jan
Rameen Ul Alam	24th Jan
Naifah Nilufar Chowdhury	26th Jan
Arisha Tahrim Arnina	30th Jan
Irfath Hossain Nahim Chy	5th Feb
Md. Abraar Hossain	7th Feb
Toinjiba khaled	8th Feb
Humairaa	9th Feb
Shahriar Islam	10th Feb
Ahmad Al Adeeb	12th Feb
Fabliha Anbar	18th Feb
Waziha Binte Mahamud	21st Feb
Quazi Rehnuma Tarannum	25th Feb
Zahra Sharmin Iqra	26th Feb
Sabeeha Kadir Safwa	26th Feb
Md Bondhon Rahman Orko	28th Feb

Class-IX	
Sidratul Muntaha Rahman Marjan	1st Jan
Tasnim Tabassum Mahi	7th Jan
Maria Reza	10th Jan
Muhammad Abdullah Sheikh	10th Jan
Ibnath Samiha	11th Jan
Afrin Hassan	11th Jan
Wamia Nowar	17th Jan
Soumik Chowdhury	20th Jan
Nahian Bin Mohammed	28th Jan
Safia Alam	31st Jan
Md. Azmayen Mobasshir Chowdhury	31st Jan
Abdullah Md Inqiyad	2nd Feb
Arowa Ayesha Mahmood	6th Feb
Rameen Hassan	7th Feb
Nanziba Marzan	8th Feb
Inkiad Alamgir Yanat	8th Feb
Tabreesha Uddin	15th Feb
Afia Noor	18th Feb
Samiha	20th Feb
Md. Muntasir Azmain	22nd Feb
Sehrose Islam Khan	23rd Feb
Muqsidul Islam	25th Feb
Mohammed Hafiz Ullah	25th Feb



Class-X

Kazi Zahi Ul Bari 1st Jan Ayesha Mohammed 7th Jan Yashir Bin Mahadi 7th Jan Yanat Nur Yusra 15th Jan Saira Tabassum 17th Jan Sidratul Montaha Mushtari 18th Jan Areez Shahadat 21st Jan Takdir Hossain 21st Jan Mohammed Nahim Sidratul Montaha 23rd Jan 30th Jan Samin Safwan 5th Feb Mohammad 11th Feb SK Jezzbah Islam 16th Feb Saeed Ayman Nazeeb 22nd Feb Md. Mehrab Ibn Jamal 28th Feb Mohammad Ahnaful Karim 29th Jan

AS Level

Umme Umama 1st Jan Md Obaidullah Hobaib 1st Jan Mohammad Aiub Adnan Tasin 3rd J an Toashin Mahmud Tanzim 11th Jan Apurbo Mallick 20th Jan Rafia Jahan Chowdhury Raifa 20th Jan Asif Alam Nabi Yesmin 24th Jan 26th Jan Tahiyat Nuzaima 29th Jan Jannatul Naeem Tisa Mohammed Tarbiat Khan Abir 30th Jan Imtiaz Kamal Araf 30th Jan Salman Mohammad Jafar 31st Jan Mahmud Hasan Limon 2nd Feb Yertheza Reza Sinan 6th Feb Mohammed Hasnain Towsif 14th Feb Nazifa Afroz Nazim 15th Feb Sved Yameen Tazwar 17th Feb Faeeza Sanjid Shah 20th Feb Fabliha Anbar 25th Feb

A2 Level

Md. Maftun Chy (Montaseer) 12th Jan Auronee Ahmed 13th Jan Mohtasim Jawad Affan 13th Jan Samira Akther 15th Jan Saoban Reza 15th Jan Walimul Islam Khan Suhan 20th Jan Md. Suhayl Sekander 27th Jan Nabeeha Farzana 2nd Feb Ishfar Ahmad 2nd Feb Ilham Irshad 3rd Feb Md Zohaer Fardiaz 10th Feb Umme Habiba Asra 16th Feb Reza Riaz Ahmed 22nd Feb Fairooz Humayra Chowdhury 27th Feb



We Mourn

Presidency Family expresses deepest condolence at the saddest demises of Md. Salauddin, Security Guard, Senior School and the father of Mr. Niladri Chakraborty (Dept. of Mathematics) Kiriti Chakraborty.

May their departed souls rest in eternal peace. Let's pray for their bereaved families to have the courage to endure the irreparable loss.

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