

Rato Bangala Samachar

18 November, 2010



We have come to the end of yet another eventful term and would like to share some of the highlights of this term through this newsletter.

Assemblies

Grade V had their Assembly this term. They had a selection of English and Nepali plays along with recitations of Nepali poems and English songs.

Grade VI Annual Assembly was held on the 9th of September. The plays performed were: *Dragon of the Winds*, and *Aladdin and the Lamp* in English and *Badshah Ko Poshak* and *Bhanubhakta Kathmandu Ma* in Nepali.

Students of Grade VII presented English and Nepali plays in the Annual Assembly on 27th September. The English plays performed were the court scene from the book *The Merchant of Venice* and *Electra* in English and *Iphigenia in Aulis* and *Bhaigo Natak Nagarne* in Nepali.

The students of Grade VIII performed *The Sound of Music* and *Bhanubhakta* on 27th August for the class assembly which turned out to be a success with a lot of appreciation and praise from parents. The play, *The Sound of Music* was performed as a fundraiser on 30th August to help the victims of the Pakistan floods. On 11th November the money raised (Rs. 39,000) was handed over to a representative from Himal SouthAsian.

Congratulations teachers and students for a job well done. Special thanks go to Ms. Shristi Ghimire, a fresh graduate of Rato Bangala School, for her assistance in enhancing the grandeur of the shows.

Mha Puja

We would like to thank the parents of Grade IV for organising such a wonderful Mha Puja celebration. We know how much careful planning; meticulous organization and active participation was required to

make this event a great success and we are grateful to the members of the Mha Puja Committee, Parent Representatives, the parents and the Grade IV teachers. All involved thought it was a lovely treat and a great occasion to learn about Newari culture. This also gave our students an opportunity to appreciate others' beliefs and help the students to become tolerant and understanding towards other cultures. As in the past years, this proved once again to be a wonderful opportunity for parents and teachers to work together and bond as members of the RBS family.

More Festivities

Festival Celebrations were held in full swing this term with Grade I flying kites in the school before the Dasain break, going on a trip to Mangalbazaar for Tihar shopping, buying Laxmi Puja materials for their personal baskets and making Tihar sweets. Grade II made nimkees and sang deusi, bhailo songs. Grade III made garlands for their own classrooms as well as for the school. Since Grade V studies about Nepal, a small Laxmi Puja celebration was organised by students and teachers of Grade V. This tied in well with the different cultural celebrations of Nepal. Grade VI students celebrated Diwali in Indian style. They wore Indian costumes, made Rangoli designs and later in the afternoon, enjoyed Indian snacks.

Field Trips

The spirit of the Rato Bangala Method lies in learning in and out of the classroom. This is exemplified by the numerous fieldtrips taken this term. Given below are the highlights of this term.

Grade I A and I B visited the homes of Eshaan Agrawal and Anugrah Rai as part of their study of Families. We would like to thank Mr & Mrs Sanjay Agrawal and Mr & Mrs Binod Rai and their family members for welcoming the two classes into their

homes and helping the teachers further enrich the students' learning.

As Grade I students are studying about animals this term it was an educative outing when they visited the zoo and learnt about different animals. They also celebrated their 100 Days in School on this trip.

Grade IV students went to the Laboratory School, Kirtipur, to interact with and understand the visually challenged students- after reading the biography of Louis Braille. They read a section from the book: Louis Braille in Nepali, recited Nepali poem and sang songs. They also made cards written in Braille letters to their special friend at Laboratory School. They handed over some books to the school. The books were bought with the money Grade III had made in their market. Thank you Grade III for your contribution.

Grade IV went to different *babals* in Patan to observe and draw icons and designs related to the study of the art of Kathmandu Valley. The students also visited Patan Durbar Square to observe the festival of Gai Jatra.

Grades IV and V visited Nepal Art Council to attend the art exhibition titled: **Kathmandu Down the Ages** by the artist Hari Prasad Sharma. We thank all the parents who volunteered to accompany the classes on these trips and provide support to the teachers.

Grade V went to Bhaktapur to study the Malla period architecture. They looked at the temples, shrines and architecture unique to Bhaktapur. Related to their study of animal forms in art, they also went to the zoo to see real animals and to Rudra-varna Mahavihar to see mythical ones.

In August, Grade VI and VII got the opportunity to visit the photo exhibition at the Japanese Embassy. The exhibition was organized on the occasion of World Peace Day. Besides the photo exhibition, the students also watched the heart- rending documentary on the effects of the atomic bomb blast at Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the World War II. The students of Grade VII had an opportunity this term to go to Thimi for a Mathematical Field Trip.

Three Social Studies trips were taken by the students of Grade VIII this term as part of the study on

comparative religion. The places visited were the Jain Mandir on 28th September, Kapan Monastery on 6th October and the Church at Dhobighat on 2nd and 4th November respectively.

The students of Grade X spent a day with the children of Bright Horizon School as part of their community service programme. They worked in the classrooms doing hands on activities with them. It was indeed an enjoyable and memorable experience for all the students.

Other Exciting Events

Grade II studied the neighborhood as part of their Social Studies curriculum. They visited the School's neighborhood to learn about the shops and the services they provided in the vicinity and then made models of what they saw in the form of a diorama. The parents and the shop keepers were also invited to their diorama exhibition. Grade II also went to the zoo during their study of birds.

Chagall in Nepal: The Magic of Colour organized by The Spinal Injury Rehab Center, Sanga was viewed by all the students of Rato Bangala School. PTA member and an art enthusiast Kumudini Shrestha, briefed the A level art students who then gave a guided tour in a class-wise manner to all the RBS students. We thank them for their effort.

Grade III Market

As in the past the students of Grade III ended their Market study with a culminating project where they ran a food market at the school. The profit gained was Rs 26000 and it was used to buy books for Pingal Bal Pustaklaya as well as for Madan Smarak High School. Some of this money was also contributed to Grade IV to buy books for the visually challenged students of Laboratory School. We would like to thank the parents of grade III for helping the students to make their market a huge success and the Rato Bangala Family for supporting their endeavor.

Radio Play

Another activity the students of Grade VII engaged was in the Radio Play. The students, divided in groups of six, were assigned to write a play on topics given. After the script was edited, each group was ready with its own play to be recorded.

Coffee house

The students of Grade VIII held a Coffee House to show case their poetry writing skills. Well done!

Sports

Grade IX and X boys took part in a friendly basketball match with Pathshala Nepal which was held on 1st October. Grade IX boys took part in a friendly football match with British School on 7th October. Grade IX and X girls took part in six a side girls football tournament organized by Brihaspati Vidhya Sadan on 2nd & 3rd October. Rosy Singh, Parikrama Rai, Sameera Pokharel, Pallavi Pradhan, Sirikit Joshi, Ashibarchana Thapa, Yutsha Dahal, Prava Rai of Grade X and Shaleen Shah and Priscilla Ranjitkar of Grade IX were the semifinalists.

Rato Bangala secured third place at the Mini Basketball Championship organized by Pathshala Nepal on 17th September, Abhaya Gauchan, Sakchham Karki, Aryan Maskey, Deepak Praja, Shasha Malla, Avi Shrestha, Dipasna Acharya, Rinchenla Lama, Raissa Shrestha, Akriti Siddhi, Pema Lama and Haruna Shrestha were the participating students.

Rato Bangala's overall standing was second in a Tennis Championship organized by Little Angle's School on 28th August.

Name	Grade	Position
Abhaya Gauchan	VI	Third
Aabhas Malla	VI	Third
Sakchham Karki	VI	Third
Utsavi Joshi	III	First
Riyasha Baidya	III	Third

A Friendly Basketball Match was organized by our A Level students with St. Xavier's College and Malpi School. They also participated in Inter College Boys Basketball Competition organized by Bernhardt College.

Exams End Successfully

Cambridge International Examination for A level students on General Paper, Environmental Management and IGCSE for Grade X Students on Language, Mathematics and Coordinated Science has ended successfully this term.

Indian Model United Nations (INMUN) 2010

A group of 15 students left for Delhi on 16 November to participate in the INMUN and they are: Aadhyaa Pandey, Aarjit Adhikary, Aarya Dixit Aishwarya Kansakar, Anushree Pande, Apekshya Prasai, Arya Poudel, Aswasan Joshi, Grishma Rimal, Niyanta Khatri, Prakriti Shrestha, Shreepriya Poudel, Shreya Pradhan, Siddhartha Pant and Suraj Upadhyaya

The students will be representing Argentina, Indonesia and Spain. They are accompanied by Ms. Rajni Upadhyaya and Ms. Mamata Mananadhar.

92nd Birthday Celebration of Madhab Prasad Ghimire

On 23rd September, *Kotbe Kabi Ghosthi* and Himal Association came together to celebrate 92nd birthday of *Rastra Kabi* Madhab Prasad Ghimire. At the ceremony our A level student, Monica Lama recited few verses of *Gauri Shok Kabya* and Grade VIII student Pratiksha Gurung recited *Baishakh* poem.

Staff Development

RBS continues to be strengthened by the teacher training programme offered by the Rato Bangala Foundation. Our teacher Ms. Deepa Thapa and Ms. Gitanjali Pradhan completed the Child-Centered Level I training this term.

Nine RBS staff, Ms. Anshu Amatya, Ms. Shilpa Rimal, Ms. Munni S. Pandey, Ms. Nilima Pradan, Ms. Kalina Rai, Ms. Kaushalya Khadka, Ms. Mamta Sharma, Ms. Prakriti Bhattarai, Ms. Anita Rauniyar, Pema Lama and Richa Singh are taking the Primary Teacher Training Programme at the moment.

A training event organized by British Council and Cambridge International Examinations for Biology and Accounting was attended by four A Level teachers- Mr. Basanta Yadav, Ms. Reena Chand, Mr. Dipendra Dhakal and Mr. Penjor Tashi.

Admissions for Grade I – 2011

The admission process for the incoming grade I will begin soon and the key dates are given below:

13 – 15 December, 2010	Form Distribution
16, 17, 20 & 21 December, 2010	Prospective Parents Visit School
17 December, 2010	Last Date To Submit Forms
4 February, 2011	Entrance Evaluation and Time For The Parents Meeting List To Be Posted
6 and 13 February, 2011	Entrance Evaluation and Parents Meeting
To be announced	Results
To be announced	Registration

Term III Begins on 24 November for Grade I through X.