

Rato Bangala Samachar

Term 3, 2009-2010



We have come to an end of yet another successful academic year. We thank all the members of the Rato Bangala family for the support and cooperation. As you can see, the third term has been as eventful and exciting as the previous two terms.

Cambridge Outstanding Achiever Awards

We are happy and proud to announce that Rato Bangala students have received a number of awards from Cambridge International Examinations this year as well. The award ceremony was held at Hotel Yak and Yeti on 26 March, 2010. The awardees for this year are as follows:

Top in the world - November 2009

8001 General Paper (International)	ADITI AGRAWAL
9709 Mathematics	ASHWIN JOSHI

Best across any 3 A Levels and 1 AS Level – June 2009

BIBHUSHA DANGOL

High Achievement – June 2009

9694 Thinking Skills	SARBA RAJ BARTLAULA
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9695 Literature In English	AAKASH N UPRAITY
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Top In Nepal: A Level

9707 Business Studies	BIBHUSHA DANGOL
9700 Biology	PRATIBHA DHOUBHADEL
9701 Chemistry	SAMBRIDHI BHANDARI
9699 Sociology	TEJASWEE SHRESTHA

We would like to extend our congratulations to the students and to the RBS staff and teachers who over the years so painstakingly groomed students who can show this kind of result. We would also like to congratulate the parents of the award winners, who worked together with the teachers to help their children grow so well. A very special congratulations to the A Level teachers and the coordinator Ms Rajnie Upadhyaya.

International Conferences

This term our students have been fortunate to have participated in a number of international conferences that have been exciting learning opportunities for them.

RBS students at the Harvard Model

United Nations 2010

Nine A Level students along with Ms Milan Dixit traveled to Boston USA to participate in the fifty-seventh session of the Harvard Model United Nations conference in January 2010. The RBS team represented Indonesia in five committees of the Economic and Social Council namely The Human Rights Council, United Nations Environment Commission, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

The Harvard Model UN is one of the oldest model UN simulations in the world. It is also considered to be the most prestigious among the model UN conferences. There were 25 committees being simulated with 3000 participants from 24 different countries this year. The A Level students who participated were Alina Pokhrel, Anup Raj Satyal, Ashwin Joshi, Diwas Neupane, Ira Regmi, Bonita Singh Basnyat, Pujan Shrestha, Sabrina Singh, Sandesh Adhikary. The students prepared under the guidance of Ms Milan Dixit who took a lot of time out of her busy schedule to help them prepare for the session. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the following highly qualified individuals for giving us their precious time to help train the students: Mr Robert Piper (UN Resident Coordinator), Mr Kunda Dixit, Ms Mita Hosali, Ms Muna Parajuli, Ms Eelum Dixit, Mr Amar Gurung. No wonder they performed so well! The students proved to be world class and came back with **Outstanding Delegation Award** at UNEP and **Honorable Mention** at UNDP.

This is indeed a proud honour for the school. Congratulations HMUN 2010 team for performing so well.

Debate in Doha

A1 student Arya Bhattarai was one of the students who represented team Nepal to debate with high school students around the world. The week long event was held in Doha, Qatar in the month of February. In the preliminary round Team Nepal was matched against Wales, Chile, Bermuda, Germany, Singapore, Bulgaria and many other countries. Team Nepal won the match against Bulgaria. The debate

topics covered global affairs such as environment, economy, politics and terrorism. The winners were as follows:

COP15 in Copenhagen

A Level student Alina Pokhrel participated in the COP15 conference on climate change in Copenhagen, Denmark in December. Alina was a very active member of the youth delegation and took leadership roles and was covered by several Indian papers. Well done, Alina.

Common Future Conference in Copenhagen

Three students from A1 Akchheta Karki, Apoorva Lal and Kripa Dongol attended the week long conference (15-19 March) in Copenhagen. They were accompanied by A Level Coordinator, Ms Rajni Upadhyaya.

Adventure course at Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling

As is the tradition at RBS, Grade IX student spent two exciting weeks at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) in Darjeeling. The adventure course that HMI offers continues to be a life-changing experience for our students. We would like to thank teachers Babita Sharma Chapagain and Kiran Maharjan for providing supervision and support at HMI.

Grade III Market

As in the past the students of Grade III ended their Market study with a culminating project where they ran a fruit and vegetable market at the school. The combination of three sections of the grade III class as well as active participation by the parents made the market this year very special. There were attractive items such as sugared strawberries, glass noodle salad, milk shake and fruit chaat. We would like to thank the parent representatives for their active contribution to the event. The funds raised amounted to Rs. 21,000 and books were bought for the Pingal Library and handed to Mr Ram Prasad Dhakal the librarian there.

Sports days

RBS students from grades I through VIII had action packed Sports Days on 23 December 2009 for grades V-VIII and 12 March 2010 for grades I-IV. The matches were begun in advance and went on till the Sports Day. There was a range of matches such as Match past, PT displays, gymnastics, taekwondo, kickball, basketball, table tennis, football matches, high jump, long jump, tug-of-war and athletic events.

Grades I-IV

<i>First</i>	Orange and Yellow
<i>Second</i>	Blue
<i>Third</i>	Green

Grades V-VIII

<i>First</i>	Orange
<i>Second</i>	Yellow
<i>Third</i>	Green
<i>Fourth</i>	Blue

Inter-school Girls Football

RBS girls participated in the Inter school Grade VII Girls football tournament organized by Brihaspati Vidyasadan on 10 to 17 November and stood second. Congratulations girls.

Grades V-VIII Language Arts and Social Studies Fair and the Math and Science Fair

Grades V-VIII Language Arts and Social Studies Fair was held on 3 March 2010 as a closure to the academic year by showcasing samples of work done by the students in Language Arts and Social Studies this year.

Similarly, a Mathematics and Science fair was held on 5 March, 2010 for grades I-IV with myriad interactive activities. We would like to congratulate the teachers and the students for their wonderfully creative work and parents who took the time to attend the functions.

Thank you parents, your presence greatly encouraged the students and the teachers.

Poetry Recitation Competition

Grades V-VIII Poetry Competition was organized on 25 May, 2010. We congratulate all the students who took part in it.

Winners Grades V & VI

- First* - Anushka Upadhyay
- Second* - Megha Agrawal
- Third* - Drishika Dugar

Winners Grade VII

- First* - Samsara Upadhyay
- Second* - Gaurav Pant/Pratistha Rijal
- Third* - Rinchen Doma/ Nirantar Yakthumba

Winners VIII

- First* - Anuska Shrestha
- Second* - Shazmina Banu
- Third* - Shaleen Shah

Some Class Trip Highlights in Term 3

Grades II went to the Hatchery to enrich their study of birds and learnt a lot about hatching. Grade III went to Nepal Television as part of their study of communication. We would like to thank Mr Prakash Jung Karki the father of Prashasty Jung Karki and Mr Suresh Raj Manandhar, father of Sujayan Manandhar

for arranging this trip and showing them around Nepal Television.

Grade IV visited Kathmandu Durbar Square on 15 February and also studied the Kumari Bahal, Teleju Temple and Kasthamandap. On 17 March, they went to Thimi to the Potter's Village to learn more about pottery. This was an extension of their study of the Newari culture.

As part of their study of Nepal Grades V visited Kathmandu Durbar Square and the Garden of Dreams to study Malla and Rana architecture. On 10 March, grade V went to Ethnicity Museum at the Nepal Tourism Board as part of their study of the ethnic groups of Nepal. Grade VI Trip to the Printing Press included observing the latest printing techniques and learning about the production of newspapers and magazines at Jagadamba Press and Himal Media.

Grade VIII went to Pashupati during Shivaratri to find out about Hinduism by interviewing Pilgrims.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who accompanied the students on class trips and provided invaluable help to the teachers.

Grade VI Camping Trip to Dhading

On 10th March 2010, Grade six went to Dhading for an overnight camping trip and community service. The students got the opportunity to conduct interactive activities with the students of grade I, II and III of Bhuaneswori School. It was beneficial for the students of both the schools as the Rato Bangala students got the opportunity to experience working with younger students and the students of Bhuaneswori School got to learn new poems, stories, and plays from the Rato Bangala students.

We are grateful to the principal of Bhuaneswori School, Mr Ram Chandra Acharya for opening up their school to Rato Bangala. The hiking from the school to Tile Ghar in the highway provided an exposure to the village life of Nepal. The students were delighted to play in a small stream that they had to cross.

The students were led by Mr Punyasheel Gautam along with Ms Shama Budhathoki, Ms Richa Singh, Ms Sunita Adhikari, Mr Bola Ram Pandey, Ms Mamata Manandhar, Ms Rojala Shrestha and Mr Prem Tamang and Mr Sitaram Aryal .

A Level Variety Show

The Senior School Variety Show was organized by the Dance and Music club jointly on March 7, in the Kamal Mani Theatre.

Preparation for college

Some A2 and A1 students attended the Linden Tour Mini Fair on February 19 at Lincoln School. Similarly the admission officer from Japan was excited to meet the A Level students and introduce them to the Temple University situated in Japan.

The A2 students have come to the end of their 2 year A Level program and have completed the Mock examinations after which they will be taking their final exam in May/June 2010. We wish them all the best.

Othello

A number of interested A Level students got a very special opportunity to take part in the production of Othello by Nepal Shakes and learnt a lot in the process. While some of the students were on stage as actors, others gained valuable experience as stage crew, make-up artists, costume designers, time-keepers, ticket persons, ushers and so on.

Parenting Sessions with Dr Pushpa Sharma

PTA Representative and well known psychiatrist, Dr Pushpa Sharma conducted a session on parenting for parents of grades IV-VI on 5 March, 2010. This is the second session that Dr Pushpa has conducted at RBS.

We would like to thank Dr Pushpa for sharing his insights on parenting and enriching the programme of the school. He will be conducting his the third session in the new academic year.

Limited seats available for admissions in grades V and IX

We would like to inform you that there are limited seats for admission in Grades V and IX for the academic year 2010 and interested parents can take the application forms from the school office on 9, 11 and 12 April from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

A Level Admissions for 2010-2011

19-23 April	Distribution of Application Forms
29 April	Deadline for Submission of application forms
9 May	Entrance Test
17 May	Publication of list for Interview
19-21 May	Interview of short-listed candidates
To be announced	Publication of Admission Results
4 June	Registration Deadline
14-18 June	Orientation
21 June	Classes Begin

RBPOP closing in five districts

The five years of school support for the five districts of Dhading, Lalitpur, Makwanpur, Myagdi and Dailekh came to an end with this academic year. Thanks to the capable leadership of our program officer Mr. Min Shahi the result of our work in the

five districts has been very encouraging. We also feel privileged to have received the opportunity to work in these five districts, and to implement the Method in these areas.

Our partner schools have come a long way and we feel they will continue to maintain some of the quality education milestones they have implemented in their schools. An important outcome in these districts is the formation of networks within each district. These networks meet regularly, are active and have undertaken many educational improvement ventures. The network of ten schools in Myagdi, Dhading and Makwanpur organized a farewell ceremony for the Rato Bangala family. The closing ceremony in all these three districts was attended by Mr. Chaitanya Niraula from the Department of Education. We would like to thank him and the Government for their interest in our programme.

Other members who took their time to visit the closing ceremony were: Ms. Helen Sherpa, Mr. Kedar Sharma, Ms. Milan Dixit and Deepa Dixit in Dhading, Ms. Shanta Dixit in Myagdi, and Ms. Preeti Thapa and Ms. Shanta Dixit in Makwanpur. We would like to thank the RBPOP members for taking the trouble out of their busy schedules to give strength to our program. Min Shahi, of course, was present at all the three closing programs. We would also like to note that in addition to the planned program, Rato Bangala was able to provide a set of Encyclopedias to each of these districts. The Encyclopedias have been sent to Nepal by an NGO based in Alaska called Helping Hands for Nepal, whose director Linda Jackson is totally devoted to helping Nepal. Helping Hands for Nepal also worked with the Rotarians to make this venture possible.

We would therefore like to thank both Helping Hands for Nepal, and the Rotary Club.

Dailekh School Project Update

Parenting Tip: Did you know that the minimum age to use social networking sites such as Facebook is 13 years? Parents are requested to please monitor their children's use of social network sites carefully and follow the guidelines given. Irresponsible use of the internet can lead to dire consequences.

*School reopens on 28 April, 2010.
Have a wonderful vacation.*

- The Dailekh School Project (DSP) has done us proud. Much has happened in this district within a matter of several months. We feel very excited to be reporting the progress of Dailekh School Project (DSP) to the parent body. A brief report on the development is given below.
 - Recruited and trained 12 Field officers from the district to provide supervision and support to 452 schools in Dailekh.
 - Conducted a three day residential workshop to over 900 School Management Committee heads and School headmasters, and supported them to develop a School Improvement Plan
 - Conducted a three day residential workshop to over 75 participants including the Village Development Secretaries from Dailekh, administrators from the District Education Office in Dailekh and local members of political parties.
 - Trained 18 graduates to facilitate youth in Dailekh, who would in turn volunteer in classrooms.
 - RBS graduates trained 1861 youth for three days each. The youth in turn volunteered in the 452 schools and ensured that the young students learnt in a fun way.
 - 1849 primary teachers received a three week training on child centered methods of teaching.
 - 62 primary teachers received a two week residential training, and another 61 teachers are receiving a similar training presently at RBF
 - There have been lots of meeting with the government officials in order to improve communication and coordination.
- We would like to invite parents to look into our program if they are going to be visiting Dailekh. We hope to be making major changes in Dailekh in the five years and to learn a lot from this experience.