TEACHERS AWARDED

On the occasion of World Education Day, six Rato Bangala teachers were awarded for being exemplary teachers based on the SLC grades secured in their subject in Lalitpur District. There were six awards given to private schools, out of which four were conferred to Rato Bangala; Mr. Tikaram Sharma for Nepali, Ms. Nilima Rauniyar and Ms. Archana Rai for English, Ms. Reena Chand and Mr. Kumar Sedai for Science and Ms. Kaushalya Khadka for Social Studies. We would like to congratulate the students who lived up to the expectation of the school and the teachers for their dedication and hard work.

GRADUATION OF THE CLASS OF 2014

Hundred and eight students of the Class of 2014 had their Graduation Ceremony on 26 July 2014. Chief Guest Honorable Ms. Chitralekha Yadav, Minister of Education gave an inspiring speech to the graduates. We would like to congratulate the students and their families for this accomplishment.

ASSEMBLIES

The assemblies for Grades VII and VIII were successfully concluded on 5 and 19 September this term with a wide variety of plays, dances, songs and poems. Grades II and IV had their assembly on 15 November which concluded with a pot-luck lunch organized by the parent representatives.

TIHAR AND MHA PUJA CELEBRATIONS

Tihar was celebrated as always with great enthusiasm through the grades. A festive mood was created by the colourful rangolis, garlands of marigold to decorate the school, Laxmi Puja, Tihar delicacies and Deusi-Bhaiyo. The students of the Interact Club also went around the community during this festival to raise funds for their social service programme. Grade IV students celebrated Mha Puja as part of their study of Newari culture. They made mandaps, arranged shagun and prepared bhoj.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

The students of Grade VIII conducted a simulation of the Constituent Assembly on October 14, which is a part of their Social Studies Unit. The students stepped into the shoes of the representatives of all the major political parties that are represented in the Constituent Assembly. This was a platform for them to clarify, discuss and debate on their party’s stance on the issue of Federalism based on ethnicity. The debate was very interesting and demonstrated the students’ in depth understanding of the issue and the points of views of the different political parties.
**100 Days Celebration**

Grade I students celebrated their 100 days in school on October 15. They observed the day demonstrating their own collection of hundreds, a snack party and an animated movie. The hundredth day celebration is an excellent opportunity to integrate mathematics into their daily activities.

**Guest Lecturers**

Guest lecturers continue to enrich the curriculum at RBS. This term we had very interesting talks to help the students understand the concepts they are studying in a deep and meaningful manner.

We would like to thank Mr. Sunil Ranjit for sharing his experience as an illustrator of children’s books, Mr. Punyasheel Gautam for briefing Grade II about the role of the author and RBS graduate Siddhartha Pacchai for introducing Roots and Shoots and its programs to the students. Similarly, Dr. Udaya Khanal, informed the students of Grade VIII about the wonders of astronomy, and Dr. Shilu Adhikari, made HIV and the use of contraceptives clear to Grade VII. Dr. Komal B. Thapa had a valuable session with the participants of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award on First Aid.

**College Talk**

Representatives from several colleges from around the world visited RBS this year to interact with the A-Level students about college admissions and to offer them advice about the application process. A college fair was organized by the British Council in the Kamalmani Theatre for 10 UK colleges. There were counselors from the US through the USEF (US Education Foundation). Admission Counselors from Asia Pacific University-Japan, Trinity College-Dublin, Yale NUS-Singapore, NYU-Abu Dhabi, Grinnell College, Washington University and Albion College-US also met with the students and the Faculty. Principal, Ms Milan Dixit conducted a number of sessions on college application for the A2 students.

**Model United Nations**

RBS students have been actively participating in international Model UN conferences and growing multi-dimensionally. Twelve students, from Unit 2, went to India for INMUN on 30 October - 1 November 2014. Ten A Level students went to Doon School, Dehra Dun to take part in the DSMUN on the 14th-19th August where they were recognized for their excellent performance. Kunga Shrestha won the Best Delegate and Ashnav Lal was nominated in the Best of Five Categories.

This year in December, RBS is organizing the first International Model UN conference where students from various schools in Nepal, India and Mauritius will be participating. The organizing students of A2 under the leadership of Sarthak Mani Sharma as the Secretary General and Raghav Poddar as the Deputy Secretary General have been busy organizing the conference.

**Helping the Bardiya Flood Victims**

The RBS staff spontaneously volunteered one day of their salary to help the Bardiya flood victims. The amount collected by the staff was matched by a contribution from the School and total amount was Rs. 530,817.95. The School contributed Rs. 100,000 to the Prime Minister’s Funds as part of PABSON. After consultation with people in the field and Prizma Singh Tharu of Mahila Utthan Kendra of Bardiya, we decided to use the rest of the money for 514 students from Gayatri Lower Secondary School, Tapery Gularia and send emergency “help packages”. The “help package” consisted of a colorful child-friendly back-pack filled with stationery and a set of fabric for school uniform. Mr. Min Shahi, the Programme Manager of Rato Bangala Foundation, was present together with School Supervisor Mr. Raj Kishor Jha for distribution.

The RBS family also came together with Fill the Bucket, a campaign to collect relief items for flood and landslide victims. The buckets were filled with basic amenities according to the list sent by the organizers. In
total 160 buckets of basic items were provided to the families of Bardiya. We thank the members of the RBS family for responding so quickly to the note sent home.

BAN PLASTIC BAGS SAVE NEPAL

As part of the BAN PLASTIC BAGS SAVE NEPAL campaign, Grade IX and X students went to different ministries to handover the letter written by them to raise awareness about the harmful effect of plastic bags and requesting the Ministers to support the campaign. The Ministries they visited were Ministry of Information and Communication, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Energy.

MAHAKUMBHA DEBATE COMPETITION

The Inter-college Mahakumba Debate was held at the Asian Institute of Technology and Management on 9 and 10 August, 2014. RBS students qualified for the Semi-finals which was held on 16 and 17. Three students from Rato Bangala School secured positions amongst the top 10 debaters of this convention. A total of 48 participants took part in this grand debating forum. Rajshree Upadhyay, Gaurav Pathak and Bishesh Bajracharya secured the 1st, 4th and 6th position. Congratulations students.

The same three students from the Mahakumbha Debate also participated in the India Today Cup Debate, which was held in Vasant Valley School, New Delhi from 29 to 31 October 2014. Although this was the first time RBS student participated in the India Today Debate Competition, they won against Doon School and Welham Boys’ School. Although their performance was impressive they did not qualify for the Finals.

A LEVEL CONVENTION

In the A-Level inter-school convention which was held in Budanilkantha from 6 - 8 September 2014, the performance of RBS students was impressive. Eight different events were held in this convention and RBS won a total of 5 prizes, including the award for the Overall Champions.
- Panel Discussion – 1st Position
- Collage Making – 1st Position
- Extempore Speech – 1st Position
- Basketball (3 on 3) – 1st Position
- Overall Champions Award

MATH COMPETITION

Rato Bangala School Math Competition was held on 31 October 2014. The competition was divided in two categories as ‘Junior House Wise Mathematics Competition’ and ‘Senior House Wise Mathematics Competition’.

In the junior category, Blue House was first, Orange second, Yellow third and Green fourth. In the senior category, Yellow was first, Orange second, Green was third and Blue was fourth.

UNIT 2 SPORTS DAY

Unit 2 Sports day was held on 16 November, 2014. The Green House stood first with a total score of 736, Orange came second with 716, Yellow House stood third with 662 and Blue came fourth with 612. The day began with the March Past followed by class-wise aerobics. The minor sports was followed by athletics and relays. The programme ended with Tug-of War. Congratulations to Unit 2 for a successful Sports Day. The football, basketball and table tennis tournaments were held ahead of the sports day.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Football Club of RBS organized tournaments where seven teams battled it out for a period of four weeks. There were teams from A1, A2 and a Staff as well. A total of 26 matches were played during this period.

In the grade VI Boys’ football match, first was Green House, second was Orange and third was Yellow House.

In the grade VII Boys’ match, Green was first, second Yellow and third Blue. Blue House stood first in the Grade VIII Boys’ tournament, second was Green and third Yellow. Among the Girls, Orange was first, Yellow was second and Green was third.
TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

In Table Tennis the winners from Grade VI were Rachel Parajuli First (Green), Aastha Rijal Second (Blue), Diki Sherpa Third (Blue) in the girls’ tournament and Aditya Sharma First (Green), Aaryabrat Chhatkuli Second (Orange), Prajun Adhikari Third (Blue) in the boys’ tournament.

For Grade VII Keshav Goyal First (Orange), Subhasu Prasad Second (Orange), Zain Shrestha Third (Yellow), in the boys’ tournament and Utsavi Joshi First (Yellow), Salvika Rayamajhi Second (Green), Satvika Shah Third (Yellow) in the girls’ tournament.

For Grade VIII Sasank Rana First (Blue), Ajal Man Shrestha Second (Yellow), Pritesh Shakya Third (Orange) in the boys’ tournament and Karuna Gauchan First (Orange), Namdingo Mabuhang Second (Orange), Krinjala Pyakurel Third (Green) in the girls’ tournament.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Judith Gold, Bank Street trainer from New York, conducted Early Childhood Development Workshops for RBS teachers and RBF trainers in August. Ms Gold also focused on the teaching of Reading and Writing and worked closely with the teachers of Grades I and II.

In addition, RBS invited Ms. Elizabeth Norford in September to conduct a series of writer’s workshop for Rato Bangala Kitab. RBS teachers and A Level students participated in the workshop. Many of these children’s books will be launched at the Bal Sahitya Mahotsav (Children’s Literature Festival) to be held in March.

The British Council organized a teacher training for A Level teachers of Sociology, Biology and Physics on September 23 and 24. The trainers came from Cambridge International Examination (CIE).

DIRECTOR REPRESENTS RATO BANGALA SCHOOL

Ms. Shanta Dixit went to Karachi on the 16th and 17th September 2014 and represented Nepal in a two day South Asian Right to Education & Early Childhood Education and Development conference in Karachi. She spoke about ECED Policy & Nepali Children’s Right to Education and Teacher Preparation and the Widening Gap between Public and Private Schools.

Ms. Dixit also went to Paris to attend the third price giving ceremony of UNESCO- Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers and World Teacher’s Day conference on 7 and 8 October 2014.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

After a competitive selection process, Social Studies teacher of Unit 2, Ms. Kausalya Devi Khadka got the opportunity to attend the six week long Teaching Excellence and Achievements program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State. This Program provides Secondary School teachers from Europe, South and Central Asia, Southeast Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa an opportunity to enhance their skills, increase their knowledge about the United States and to develop expertise in their subject areas.