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INTERNATIONAL HOPE SCHOOL BANGLADESH

EDITORIAL:

Dear Parents,

The school's **HOPIAN** newsletter is dedicated to the senior section of International Hope School Bangladesh – a joint venture of a group of both Students and Teachers. An Editorial Board comprising Teachers and Students is in charge of the publication which is done in house. The school aims to publish the newsletters to showcase a concert of three distinct parts of the school's routine:

- Leadership (Planning events in context to Observance Days)
- Academic & Co-Curricular Operations
- Achievements

Despite the pandemic and hybrid schooling, the IHSB senior section hosted several events for teachers and students this year. The majority of pupils and teachers have received their vaccinations, as the school has taken all essential safety precautions. Our student-run clubs did an excellent job of planning online and offline events for everyone to stay in tune with the school. Our class of 2021 has graduated, and many of them have enrolled in various renowned universities across the country and abroad as well.

A group of young talents from our school travelled to Dubai in order to participate in the Winter Global round of the World Scholar's Cup. We celebrated our nation's 50th Victory Day with the grand online program where our talented students have beautifully displayed their vibrant performances. A token of appreciation has been celebrated for the hard work of our teachers, where the social welfare committee organized an extravagant dinner party on international Teacher's Day.

The year 2021 had embraced several other events throughout the year. However, with positive hope and ambition, we are now looking forward to the year 2022. Here, I would like to take the opportunity to personally express my gratitude to the students and teachers, who have been contributing and working day and night to make this newsletter happen.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year, 2022!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ROUTE TO BEING INDESTRUCTIBLE



The students of our country were given the privilege of getting the Covid-19 vaccine, after waiting for more than two years. The first dose was given to our students from November 3, 2021, at the Southbreeze School. Our school had sent many of our teachers present at the venue to help their beloved students get the vaccine successfully, with no problem. Safety measures were all taken into consideration and proper guidelines were maintained.

On top of everything, all the students were very excited to get vaccinated and keep themselves safe, along with the rest of their family members. Instagram was filled with joyous stories of everyone posting that they have been vaccinated and helped spread awareness along with the importance of the vaccine. Moreover, various places have started implementing “No Vaccine, No Service” transitioning from “No Mask, No Service”.

All in all, if you haven't received the vaccine yet, make sure you do! Keeping yourself safe is not a service to yourself but to the entire community. Let's get vaccinated!

Khatune Zannat Taba, 11



BACK TO SCHOOL



Asel Botobaeva

Deputy Head -Student Affairs (Girls)

Q: How do you feel about being back to school after the pandemic?

Miss: For teachers, especially school administrators it was something regular and normal because we have been working every day following our usual routine. However, currently, the atmosphere is different when we have students in the school premises. We try to maintain all safety measures and at the same time we are delighted to welcome back our students.

Q: What are some of the safety measures the school has taken, and are you satisfied with them?

Miss: We act according to WHO's health regulations and guidelines from UNICEF in the context of COVID-19. As you noticed, here we have mask dispensers, sanitizers on each floor and at the gates. We try to ensure that in the morning when students enter the school premises, they sanitize their hands, have their nails cut and wear masks.

Q: What do you think of the current hybrid learning model? Has it been effective and have the students responded to it well?

Miss: We have little experience with hybrid classes because we started them recently. However, in my opinion, our online classes are more effective because teachers can solely concentrate on teaching. But as for hybrid, they have to work more. There are areas of improvement of course.

Interviewed by Tanzibul Mostafa Mohaimin & Habibul Bashir 12



Sokhidillo Mirzakarimov

Deputy Head -Student Affairs (Boys)

Q: How did you mentally prepare yourself for the school reopening and how did you keep mentally and physically fit during the entirety of the pandemic and lockdown?

Sir: Coming to school was a part of my everyday routine. We had office hours even though students attended classes from home. About physical fitness, I was trying to engage with sports. At least some kind of walking, or just touring around the sector.

Q: Do you think that the optional physical classes that we are having, are they beneficial and do they bring students into the flow, not being at home all the time? And about that, do you think that some parents still don't want to send the students to school physically?

Sir: Yes, there may be some parents who are still not very sure. We have to respect that. As the pandemic isn't over yet so some people might still be reluctant. It's a huge responsibility and it's also good to have options all the time. We are glad no one is missing out. In this way one can choose their course of action and benefit from it.

Q: Do you think this is the right time to focus on extracurricular activities and making them all physical?

Sir: As long as it's optional, it can be. As we are not making it mandatory, I think it's okay. We have to have options for everyone. If someone doesn't want to come, we have to respect that. If someone wants to come, we have to create opportunities, prepare facilities likewise.



INTERVIEW



Kamrul Ahsan
Head of Section

Q: What is the duty of the Head of Section?

Reply: As an HOS, primarily my duty focuses in the area of managing teachers, developing class schedules, and creating harmony in the stream of workload. .

Q: Now that you are the head of section, what are your aims, plans, and goals for the future?

Reply: The key is to prioritize the quality of education and the entirety of its core system. I personally aim to engage with both students and parents in every way possible, ensuring that they receive highly standard education and build up cultural diversity

Q: What are the enhancements that you have made and are you doing anything differently for the teachers, students, and staff?

Reply: Generally, the HOS deals with the matter to make the life of staff better, in terms of the living standard and lifestyle of each member of staff. With that in mind, I proposed a welfare fund for the employees, donating BDT 100 per person, amounting to around BDT 40,000 per month. The project is now underway having been approved by the top management. However, for the teachers, we are engaging them in various events in order to keep them proactive. The overall improvement will be on progress gradually.

Q: Since we have the hybrid classes going on now, will we have daily physical classes starting in January? And if so then what are the preparations and precautions being held in account for that?

Reply: Yes, we are almost ready to go for fully-fledged on-site classes. Given that more than 200 students have been vaccinated already, we can safely hope to begin regular on-site classes. While receiving online education is almost effective in many ways, on-site classes should be the best out of all. However, things may get escalated anytime due to the circumstance of the new Covid variant Omicron. We will stick to the decision of government, as it can easily be predicted that there would be some new policies in effect soon.

Q: What are the new ideas that you've successfully implemented?

Reply: Of all the proposed and on progress ideas, I could proudly say that idea of conducting hybrid classes has been implemented quite successfully. We are well aware that many other schools took this idea into consideration too, but some other schools have failed to incorporate such facility as they are devoid of sufficient technological and logistical support.

Q: What are your expectations from the students?

Reply: A true definition of a real student should not only entail the merits but also counts on how morally humane he/she can be. Therefore, along with their educational performance, I do expect integrity and morality from each of my students. In a bigger picture, being meritorious and moral, students of IHSB will contribute their talents for both their family and nation

Q: If you have a plan, how do you expect the students and teachers to help you succeed?

Reply: Teachers and students are always precious and great asset for a school. As an HOS, I personally appreciate any idea coming either from teachers or students, and share with top management for further consideration. Every plan I come up with, I put our true assets namely, both teachers and students, as trustworthy to execute the plan successfully.

Interviewed by Zannatul Alam Ziba, 11B



Arstanbek Sekishov
Vice Principal

Q: Could you please let us know about your educational background and also give us a brief insight into that?

Reply: I completed ESL and Social Studies from Bishkek Humanities University, Kyrgyzstan in 2007. It all happened after finishing local high school that got me a scholarship for higher education.

Q: We would like to request you to share the experiences you have garnered so far?

Reply: I started working since 2003 from UNESCO to Government jobs, including journalism too. However, teaching seemed to be the predominant profession, as I have gathered experiences working in different schools and universities in many countries for about 15 years long.

Q: You have recently been appointed as the Vice-Principal and with it also comes a lot of responsibilities, so how would you like to describe your leadership style?

Reply: All leadership tactics have their own merits, but I would say I conform to the laissez-faire attitude, letting my team have freedom and just be present to guide and mentor them.

Q: Sometimes the pressure can become intense, the work monotonous, so how do you motivate yourself in these situations?

Reply: Of course, there are external factors, but I believe motivation comes from insight. When I chose this profession, I did it because it made me happy and allowed me to carve the futures of young minds.

Q: No task is easy, and this isn't any different. Often times you are faced with various different hurdles, so how do you overcome these obstacles?

Reply: As duty comes with challenges, I wish to embrace them with not worrying about the consequences rather identifying the reason and solve accordingly.

Q: As a Vice-Principal, what message would you like to give to the teachers and students and what expectations do you have of them?

Reply: The message is almost clear that all of us must accept the changes and adapt with new reality to fulfill the targetted goals.

Q: We are almost at the end of our interview with this being the last question, since you are relatively new, both to this school and the country, what is your viewpoint of this institution, and also the country as a whole?

Reply: Since the first day, I have been trying to make a professional analysis of the place, the people etc. I like the IHSB family and I must say the students have exceeded my initial expectations. As it is too early to make comment about the country, I would say I like it here.

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EXAMINATION

CONDUCTING PHYSICAL EXAMS AMID PANDEMIC-
AN ENTHRALLING CHALLENGE

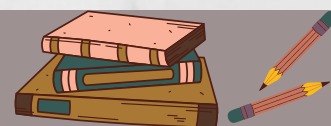


Sweaty palm, uneven heartbeat, and a dreary yet rigorous exam hall. It as the perfect definition of an unwanted expedition. After two years of hiatus; IHSB, with utmost precaution, conducted a physical examination for all the students from grades 6-12 at the school premises. A-Level students had their pre mock examination in November and students from grades 6-10 had to sit for their exams in the remaining chilly days of December; despite the perplexing circumstances, the students triumphed valiantly. At first, the students were a bit apprehensive and agitated, chiefly because they fell short on motivation and confidence, all the while studying from home. Nevertheless, the physical examination ended swiftly with both pupils and tutors looking forward to more, given that the pandemic decides to hibernate permanently, once and for all.

Zannatul Alam Ziba, 11

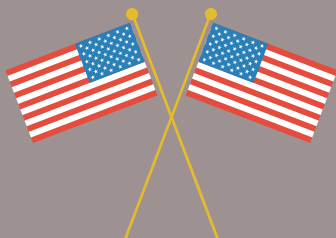


USA SCHOLARSHIP



US Department of State's Kennedy Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program picks students from all over the world after a competitive selection for their study in the USA program. This project mainly focuses on countries with a high Muslim population, allowing them to study in the USA for a year with a full scholarship. However, the only criteria students are obliged to fall under is the age range of being fifteen to seventeen.

Hopians did not hold back when given this opportunity, as it would be an awe-inspiring chance to enhance their intellect and application. On Wednesday, October 27, 2021, an online zoom meeting session was conducted by Mr. Abdus Samad Shohan along with a representative of the Youth-Exchange program. This seminar was attended by students of IHSB from grades 6 to 11, clearing their inquisitive minds through the conference with the official delegate.



Samiha Tasnim Khan, 10



NERDS OF 21' DEPARTS

B21 Graduation Program



AMREEN JAHAN ESHIKA

Graduation Ceremony; the goodbye time frame of the family we have been with for 16 years, was more of a greeting for an exceptional batch like us..... Seeing each other in school after almost 2 years was surreal and made us happier than ever. We made sure to leave with smiles on our face instead of shedding tears. We were able to pull off everything within a span of two weeks. It was such a rush, but it was definitely one of the best two weeks of all of our lives. And special thanks to Azad Sir, without whom nothing would've been possible.



HRITTIK BISWAS

The sensation was surreal; it was as if I were reliving my previous 16 years through recollections of photographs. It was an honor to be present with my childhood-friends as we began a new chapter in our life. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, that I can never get back to.



ELMA AYESHA

It was simply surreal when one day we got called by one of our teachers, to be informed about the graduation ceremony taking place in two week's time and that was like the most exciting news amidst the pandemic. Fast forward, and we end up at the auditorium collecting the scroll, throwing the hat together which unambiguously has to be the best moment of our lives. Afterwards we spent some more time at the rooftop, feeding ourselves the scrumptious snacks, eventually leaving our beloved campus as alumni with a bittersweet feeling. Biggest shout-out to Azad sir for making it all happen within such a fleeting period of time!



EVERLASTING SCHOOL MEMORIES



Meegodage Patali Warangana Perera

"I wish there was a way to know you are living the best days of your life before you've actually passed them." It's quite difficult to handpick just one memory, instead of the times I spent with my amazing friends, attending global occurrences, last-minute dance rehearsals, inter-school football matches, all are dear to me, each unique in its own way. About some advice, live every moment as it is because you never know what is yet to come, so enjoy to the fullest.

Zareen Subah

Whilst majority of the people would expect a specific one, surprisingly, the memory fixated on my mind is solitary, one that took place almost every day. The free classes that I spent with my friends, laughing off in the balconies, ever running out of stories to share or jokes to make. It is almost like I have all of those smiles memorized and it will remain undying in my thoughts forever. Regarding an advice, do not let the opportunity of spending time with your friends slip by, for these times are rare and unique hence you may never get them back. Create the perfect balance and you will never regret it.



Syeda Afia Anisa Banu

My high school years were filled with trials and tribulations, but I made the best memories with my favourite friends, with teachers often providing valuable life lessons here and there. One of my favorite high school memories was a fireball match we had in sixth grade against eighth graders. It was my first nerve-racking experience. Might've been seniors but we didn't back down, only for us to be crowned champions eventually. The adrenaline rush I got when we worked as a team was out of this world. That game showed me that no matter how formidable our opponents are if we work hard and have the support of our loved ones, we can achieve anything in this world.

goodbye batch '21



“এসো বিজয়ের পতাকা তলে”

VICTORY DAY PROGRAMME, 2021

On December 16, 2021, Bangladesh celebrates the 50th anniversary of its national victory, remembering the freedom fighters who fought and made the supreme sacrifice to free the country from the Pakistani occupation forces. Victory Day of Bangladesh, this year coincides with the birth centenary of the founding president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of the Bangladesh revolution.

To celebrate the event International Hope school Bangladesh has conducted an online program named “*ESHO BIJOYER POTAKA TOLE*”.



The program began with the national anthem. "Surah Fatiha" from the holy Qur'an was recited by Salman Shareer Ayon. After that, a few words were delivered by our respected principal Mrs. Roksana Zarin. Songs about our motherland sung by Tahsin Tabassum Najin, Shamama Zaman, Sania Mizan Anzara, Farhan Labib Khan, and Zoheb Rahman. The poem “Kotha Chilo Ekti Potaka Pele” was recited by Warda Karicha Zara. After the delightful song performance, Zaima Zahin performed a solo dance.

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তেরশত নদী
গেয়ে ওঠে আমার সোনার বাংলা

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A beautiful poem written by poet Mahadev Shah was recited by Sheikh Maayan Masud. Tasnin Harun, a student of grade 7 hosted the program. Though the program only lasted 40 minutes, it consisted of a marvellous performance done by the Hopians and with the help of our teachers

Tasnin Harun, 7





LANDING OF PIT STARS

TEACHER'S DAY



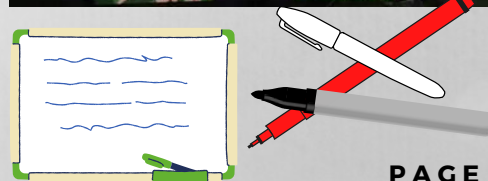
October 5, 2021, World Teachers' Day with the theme for 2021, "Teachers at the heart of education recovery"; IHSB organized a fun-filled autumn evening. The dress code for the evening was Fall and Fancy, to let some steam off after a long time post the stressful pandemic.

The event included an appreciation session for teachers, from appreciating colleagues for being a humanitarian, a torchbearer, a tech wizard, a fashionista, an all-rounder, etc. This exercise ensured that, as teachers, we supported other fellow teachers during these trying times. We believe that all teachers are stars. To initiate this belief-teachers were handed a star badge to take pride.

The presence of our Principal and Vice-Principal, as well as the esteemed Head of Sections of the Primary sections, Uttara and Gulshan Branch, added to the excitement of the event.

The music department performed their soulful pieces, followed by a delectable dinner was a perfect fit for the stars that the teachers are. The Staff Welfare Committee also celebrated the pending birthdays of our colleagues with cakes and personalized posters, as well as wrapped gifts from the school authority. It was sure a wonderful evening, and everyone enjoyed the much-needed gathering after a stressful year.

Fariya Hossain
(HOD Department of Business & Economics)
Staff Welfare Committee



WITHDRAWING CHALKS TO HOLD RACKETS

MST. MONOARA KHANOM

Physical Education Teacher

For the first time, the Table Tennis Tournament for teachers were held on the campus. Filled with laughter and giggles along with healthy competitiveness was a cherry on top for all. Special Thanks to Mr Mirza, Mr Shamsil, Vice-Principal sir and the last but not the least our teachers who completed this event successfully.

Mirza Md. Ragib Un-Noor

A Level Coordinator

At IHSB, we pride ourselves on being a family school, and an integral part of this family are our teachers. To make this bond more passionate, along with the help of the P.E. department, a Table Tennis Tournament, between November 2 to 8, was organized.

In the Men's Double, Mr Ritul and Mr Shuhrat gloriously defeated all challengers, becoming the first-ever champion in this category. As for the Women's Single, Fariya Miss grabbed everyone's attention by excellently winning the title of the first-ever gold-medallist.

As ever, sports united people once again, even those who work in the same building but cannot always find time to catch up. This tournament not only refreshed our teachers but became a memorable part of their journey in IHSB.



**RIFATUL HASSAN RITUL
(WINNER)**

I signed up for the tournament to let some steam off the regular pressures of work and have a good time. I was barely aware of the game rules and was not exactly in practice. After the sign-up when game fixtures were posted I realized that it was going to be embarrassing if I couldn't play up to the mark so I started seeking help from colleagues who were good in the game and started practicing rigorously. With each match, I got more confident achieved finesse, and was able to pick up the opponent's weaknesses and play accordingly. And there I was in the final, it was a long tedious match but by my good grace and effort, I was able to attain the championship title of the Table Tennis Tournament undefeated.

Faria Hossain(WINNER)

IHSB has been always a family school. This table tennis tournament has brought us even closer. It has been a nice few days playing table tennis with the other teachers. Starting from the first match to the final, we really enjoyed every bit of it. Thanks to IHSB for organizing such a wonderful event.



IHSB TEACHERS' BADMINTON TOURNAMENT



MST. Monoara Khanom

PE Teacher

For the first time in the history of IHSB, we organized a badminton tournament for our beloved teachers. Honestly, it wouldn't have been possible without their support and of course without Mirza sir. His contribution to this event was huge so we are truly grateful to him.

I won the title of champion with great difficulty as everyone was quite strong. However, I was still delighted as I got to spend time with my fellow colleagues after such a long time due to the current pandemic. All in all, I hope everything gets back to its place as soon as possible and we can have such events more.

Tashfia Binti Shamsuddin

Mathematics Teacher

As a new member of the IHSB family, this tournament played a major role in helping me find my place and role in this huge family. As we played, we got to know each other it was like reading new pages of a book. Securing a place in the tournament increased my delight by infinity. The cheers and support from the teachers motivated me on an immense level and helped me relax up a bit. Here I will conclude by saying that we should have such events more. It doesn't matter if it is related to sports or not. What matters is that we all are together as one, as a family, as IHSB.

Tonmoy Khan

HOD of Physics

The intense competition didn't make the game any easier but after winning, the joy and pride skyrocketed. Nothing seemed out of place and the laughter on everyone's face, as well as the brilliant performance of my team, was a cherry on top. I believe that such team-building competitions will be held more often in the future. As it brings the teachers closer, it also lets us steam off.

Mohammad Mahir Tajwar

HOD of ICT

The tournament was exhilarating!

We got to know that many of our coworkers are skilled badminton players, we also had a lot of fun.

A big shoutout to the organizing team for arranging this event. Me and Kashem Sir were the runner-up of the tournament, while Tonmoy Sir and Ritul Sir took away the championship. Even though we didn't get the chance to taste victory, we were satisfied with our performance as the team of Tonmoy sir and Ritul sir was no joke. They were experienced and knew advanced techniques(although we wanted to win but never mind).

I have always believed that sports are something that brings people closer. Thus, I think such events for teachers should take place often. These events will allow us to create memories with our coworkers while motivating us to work harder. So hope we have such events more in the future!





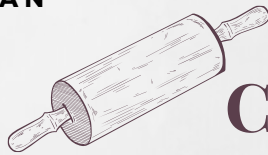
TEACHER'S PICNIC



On a brisk, wintery morning in December, to seek relaxation and enjoyment, the IHSB team, around 40 in number, headed towards the resort in Pubail, at Gazipur. In essence, the day is worth remembering to the exuberant staff of IHSB. The scenic beauty with its earthly smell attracted and gratified the visitors, throughout the day. There were two large fields, several charming spots, a lake, treehouse, playground, also a spick and span swimming pool. The day started with a delicious breakfast with traditional food followed by hot beverages. The staff were divided into different groups, got themselves engaged in games, sports and other multiple activities- sightseeing, taking photos, playing badminton, cricket and so on. Till noon, the avid male teachers enjoyed playing cricket, whilst the frolicsome female teachers participated in various delightful sports, in particular, balloon bursting, and cone collecting. Amidst all, they amused themselves with playful music and other entertaining activities. However, the refreshing paddle boating session was truly pleasing to soothe many including the fatigued. It was followed by hot and scrumptious lunch. Afterwards, teachers' playing in groups 'Uno', 'Mafia' and handball created a suspenseful as well as exciting ambience which was followed by a mini cultural program organized by the music department. Multiple teachers showcased their talents with their lovely performances. Finally, the day ended with the teachers being appreciated with prizes for grabbing their positions in the day-long activities. Taking a group picture wrapped up the whole event. It was truly worthwhile!

Khaleda Sultana Happy
English Teacher





CHEFS OF IHSB



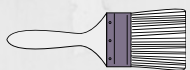
George Bernard Shaw has rightly said, 'There is no sincere love than the love for Food.'

Having that sincerity to spread love, on November 25, 2021, IHSB Staff Welfare Committee has arranged a one-dish party, a much-needed event after almost two years of the Covid 19 situation. The programme announcement appeared as a blessing for the teachers as everyone was going through an isolated environment for a long time. The senior section teachers enthusiastically participated and put their best effort to bring either savoury/ sweet dishes to make the event grand.

Altogether there were more than 65 dishes prepared by the senior section teachers of IHSB. The senior section rooftop was the party venue; the presentation of each dish was top-notch also the aroma of each triggered our hunger. Our teachers have shown their love for cooking in every way possible, whether a traditional dish or an international one, a variety of items were present. Some of the mains to mention were Plain Pulao, Bhuna Khichuri with duck, Beef Kala Bhuna, Beef Kofta, Chicken Roast, Vegetable curry, Prawn Curry, Greek salad, Fried calamari, Fish n chips etc. With the main dishes on dessert, there were many items, Doi Bora, Chocolate mocha cake, Jilapi, Roshogolla etc. At the later part of the event, birthday celebrations took place by a cake cutting ceremony for teachers who had their birthdays in October and November.



Kayenath Rahnuma Haque
English Teacher



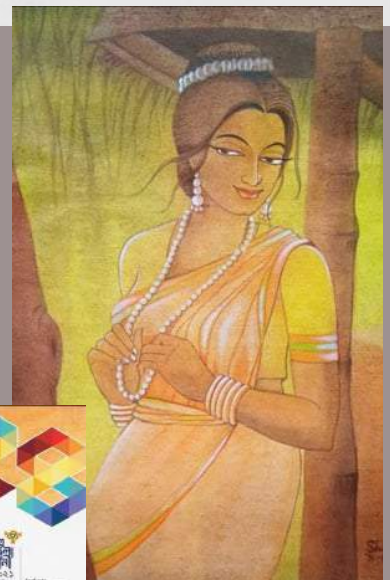
PICASSO'S COMPETITOR

The 24th edition of the National Art Exhibition at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA)'s National Art Gallery concluded on September 25, 2021. The event was opened to in-person audiences on September 1 as the first major public exhibition of BSA, since it shut its doors in April amid the second wave of COVID-19. This year's exhibition created history as the first-ever virtual edition inaugurated on June 29, 2021, at its website www.shilpakala.gov.bd and its official YouTube channel till July 31, 2021, due to the havoc of COVID-19 in the country. Known as one of the most celebrated art exhibitions of the country and one of the flagship artistic ventures of BSA since 1975, the event was virtually inaugurated by State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid. Over the 1,000 artworks submitted by a total of 786 artists work were showcased at this year's exhibition.

My art piece "waiting" was fortunate enough to be chosen amid various excellent entries. "Waiting," an oriental-style illustration of a girl holding back for her dear one, was created. It was an immense honour for me.

Shahnaz Begum

Desk Report: Rafiah Mrittika, 12



COUNSELLOR THOUGHTS

mentor of your hypothalamus

Say Hi to the Counsellor!

Hi! I am Rashida the new school counsellor, hope you all are doing well. Wait let us rewind a bit and start at the beginning, who is a school counsellor? A school counsellor is your friend and mentor on the school campus. She is someone on whom you can unburden all your burdens without any qualms or fear of being judged. I may not have all the solutions but I will help you find a solution that is best for you. I started my journey with the school on August 19 2020 and it has been amazing so far. I have had numerous opportunities to meet and interact with the teachers, students, and parents online and offline and each time we all have to learn something new and

amazing from each other. During my 1st orientation session, I got to know my wonderful students and connected with them over diverse topics that taxed their young brains. It was a fun interactive session where we bonded and shared our life philosophies. As a counsellor, I have a simple ideology: 'to help these young minds find clarity regarding their future, help them guide them in connecting with their true inner selves to achieve success while being empathic towards the world'. Mental wellbeing is an important aspect that should be taken care of in the adolescent years. These are the best yet the most challenging years of an individual's life and as a counsellor, I am here to make this journey as easy as possible.

Thank you.

Rashida Kagalwala (Counsellor)

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LITTLE EINSTEINS

grade 11 lab



Students of grade 11 were finally granted the chance to embrace their inner mad scientists on December 7 in their first-ever science practical classes!

With them getting introduced to making simple measurements using common laboratory instruments, as well as conducting experiments such as those for identifying ions in chemistry or carrying out a serial dilution in biology, their tenacity to learn was beyond palpable in the atmosphere of every laboratory in the school.

Despite being met with a myriad of chemicals for the first time, our schoolmates were intrigued by every challenge thrown at them during these lessons, and they teamed up with their friends to master Advanced level practical classes once and for all. With their eyes wide in fascination, every student had practically befriended the burettes and beakers and force gauges in the laboratories by the end of the day. All in all, reagents were spilled, pipettes were broken, and dusty vernier calipers were inspected, but our beloved science teachers ensured that nobody got hurt!

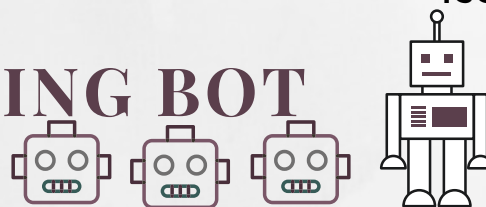


Mujiba Tasneem, 11





OBSTACLE AVOIDING BOT



In October, Ferdous Ahamed, Walija Hossain, Mubin Hasan, and Tazmina Chowdhury from HMPRC's Robotics Segment set out to execute their first workshop on the "Obstacle Avoiding Bot". That was the first time HMPRC came up with a robotics event of building bots, and the members of the club put their utmost efforts to bright the witnessed success.

The opening session was held on the 23rd and primarily focused on manufacturing the body of the renowned, 4- wheeled Harper. Our members went through a frisson of excitement as the first time dealt with soldering irons. And the session was professionally guided by expert teachers. Basil Alam received the best performer award.

The second day of the event was on the 30th, and it commenced with grave members dealing with intricate wiring, uploading codes beyond comprehension, and finally, running their bots. Our honourable Vice-Principal and Shohan sir joined the event later and enlightened the afternoon with their uplifting speeches.

Watching their exhausted faces light up upon realizing that their bots came to life under their pricked fingertips was worthwhile, and the club looks forward to organizing more such workshops in the upcoming months.

Walija Hossain Asbah (Researcher) 10

Ferdous Ahamed (Social Media & Public Relation Manager) 10



A POYSHA A DAY



Hopeaid initiated the money collection event of the "One poisha a day" campaign after a hearty discussion on the fine Saturday morning of 9th October 2021. Respected Kamrul Sir, Said Sir, and Abdullah Sir was present when our honourable Vice-Principal inaugurated the event. And the event continued with speeches by the teachers and the club president. The event was wrapped up with a total of around 30,000 Tk funded, to which our endeavour was a great success. All the club members and other school members devoted themselves to this cause with their hearts and minds. Boxes of Saving; were emptied, and members shared their ideas on how to bring a better change soon. We are planning to adhere to this perseverance in the future and strive even better to aid the needy. The donations are still on; anyone who wishes to contribute can donate to Said Sir.

Jaija Jahin Jessin and Sumaiya Hossain, 10



Hope Aid Charity **Football Tournament**



Fundraising can be difficult, but link it to a football tournament.

The brilliant initiative taken by the Hope Aid club has made fundraising more enjoyable than ever before, both for the organisers and the participants. On November 13, 2021, the daylong tournament took place. Eight teams in the senior and four teams in the junior category battled out between each other for glory. The players and spectators had to pay 300tk and 100tk respectively to attend the event. The food stalls, music, and commentary by our very own students served as the cherry on top. The final match was between Godspeed and Bhai Brothers, where Godspeed has crowned champions after an arduous penalty shootout. The tournament top scorer was awarded to Hamim Chowdhury from grade 10 for the five stunning goals he scored throughout the tournament. In the end, the event was undeniably successful, and a handsome amount of some had raised for the charity fund. All members from Hope Aid would like to thank all the participants and contributors who helped make this fundraiser a successful one!

Rounak Islam, 11

MEETING THE ARTLESS WARRIORS

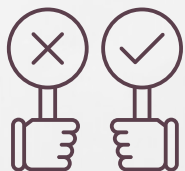


On the chilly morning of December 10, 2021, the coordinators of Hope Aid, the club supervisor, along with a few members and set out on a mission to spread happiness. The destination was an orphanage for girls, the Children Welfare Program in Tongi. It shelters and educates about 30 girls who were orphaned or abandoned. With the money raised through the "One Poisha A Day" campaign and the charity football tournament, the Hope Aid club could raise a generous donation for the orphanage. Clothing, mosquito nets, prayer mats, school bags, and other necessities were donated, as well as the ration for a month. Upon arrival, we received a briefing from the orphanage supervisor, who enlightened us about the circumstances and the operations of the orphanage. Following that, we had the pleasure of meeting the delightful people for whom the fundraising had been ongoing for the past few days. We returned with a warmth in our hearts that could only be called the joy of giving. The team ended the day with brunch at Turkish Kabab & Pizza.

It was a great pleasure; no other can carry out this winter donation drive. We, at Hope Aid, would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to all participants and contributors without whom this donation drive would not have been possible.

Jaiyana Chowdhury, 11





IHSBDC COMPETITION

POWER OF WORDS



IHSB Debate Club organized its first-ever public speaking competition, 'Power of Words,' on November 6, 2021. The competition consisted of two rounds; the first was virtual, while the second was held on school premises. It was a huge success, with over 70 pupils competing in the junior and senior categories. The diligent club president, Debjyoti Bala Bivu and ever-present teachers Syeda Naziha Haque with Rifatul Hassan Ritul put their utmost superintendence, resulting in a triumphant completion of the program.

Proficient judges scrutinized performances for impartial discernment. For the final round Md. Shamsuzzaman, Shah Alam, leadership coach and business development manager Mehedi Hossain judged the contestants, where competitors worked under themes. Grade 6 to 9 had to speak under the concept of 'Rising above Adversity' and 10 to 12 had the theme, 'Perfect Measure of Success'.

After thrilling performances by all the participants, the champions of the first category were Basil and Nazifa, Sarika came second, and Sajid received an honorary mention. For the senior category, Samiha was unrivalled, clenching the winner's title. Mujiba was the first runner up and Aditree got the honorary mention. All the contestants were astounding as they delivered their catchy speeches, leaving the judges speechless by their spectacular performances.

Samiha Tasnim Khan, 10



NEW PLAN TO PLANT



The emerging world values knowledge, association, and activeness in the field of the environment. The increase in discussion and debates of living sustainability is due to the overuse of scarce resources and high carbon dioxide emissions contributing to climate change. Hope Earth Club is an initiative to get students actively involved in this vital topic.

Hope Earth broadly contributed to "Plant the Future" organized by GREEN to plant 10,000 trees all over Dhaka, where 15 students and three teachers participated.



Events were held on a reduced scale online among school pupils due to the pandemic. Although we hosted is an online quiz competition on the current state of the environment in March. The top scorer, Walija Hossain Asbah, became the champion, and all other participants received a participation certificate.

In addition, Hope Earth posts a monthly magazine featuring their activities and events. Topic-based writings are featured to raise awareness. Moreover, a photography page displays environmental impact on our daily life & beautiful nature- all through the lens of our students. Hope Earth is looking forward to their event of the year, which aims to organize a business competition with environment-friendly business initiatives.

Jemina Jahin Jennia, 12

ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY

What is photography?



An art or practice of taking and processing pictures – is what google will tell you. Photography captures moments in a frame and depicts emotions through the lenses. Now, the reason behind digging into the definition is to introduce the student-governed IHSB Photo & Media club to all pupils reading this. In the President's role, we have Mohammad Iftexhar Zahan Siam; and the coordinators include Tanvir Nur Rakan, Al Muktedir Rahat, Saiha Nawar Khan and Afroza Mourin. Mr Annamuhmet Agulyyev is the supervisor of these talented artists.

The club is responsible for making videos for many school projects, alongside executing the planned events from the club. One of their activities is the weekly 'Shout Out Project' where people are to send their daily clicks, and the one with the most likes will get featured on IHSB's official pages.

Another event held in the summer was the photography contest. It got intense with every click sent from participants with aesthetics. All were eye-catching pictures which made judging a winner nearly impossible. The club looks forward to coming up with more enthusiastic events and fun-filled adventures in the future.

Shahrina Anadil Chowdhury, 10.



ACADEMIC COUNSELLING



IHSB has provided me with a plethora of opportunities to showcase my passions, especially in the peer counselling sector. In the IHSB Academic Counselling Club, I carry out the role of president by making content that caters to prospective college applicants, peer-reviewing essays, and guiding recruits. The first task we carried out as a club was launching a survey to get a better idea about students' academic preferences so that we could make more specific and resourceful content. With the pandemic limiting our interactions with students, we endeavoured to reach them virtually through posts on IHSB's social media page.

Currently, we are planning an informative webinar with alumni pursuing their education at home as well as all around the globe to make future applicants aware of the numerous possibilities they will present within the near future. IHSB has been a constant support throughout my school years and I believe the experience I am gaining from being associated with this club will undoubtedly be valuable for university and beyond.

Farah Tasneem, 12



POWWOW OF THE COMMITTEE

Breakfast Meet/Farewell



On October 30, 2021, the Newsletter Committee hosted its first official offline meeting after spending one and a half years working online. It was a breakfast meet. The breakfast was arranged on the school's sunny rooftop on a long table with delicious food lying on top of it. Our MC Ridom introduced the entire newsletter committee to our chief guests at the start of the hearty meal. Our chief guests were Shamsil Sir, Said Sir, Asel Miss, Lubna Murshed Miss.



After finishing our breakfast, we headed to the Topkapi the team leaders gave their presentation; in the presentation, they shared their visions for the upcoming publications and the job roles of each member. Our chief guests applauded us for our work at this committee despite the pandemic having a huge toll on everybody and encouraged us to keep doing this in the future, too. At the end of the meeting, we gave a farewell to Lubna Miss and Naima Miss. We had created a poster for Naima Miss to reminisce about her memories and hard work at our club. Both the teachers were delighted at this uncalled event. The program ended with a photo session. This meeting gave every single of the committee members a tremendous boost to keep up the great work we have been doing till now. We feel very grateful to Adiba miss and Nazia miss for arranging the meeting. Thank them for guiding us all through and making us better future leaders. We hope to perform in the future even better!

Khatune Zannat Taba, 11





THE WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

The World Scholar's Cup is an international team academic program with more than 15,000 students annually participating from over 65 countries. The Dubai Global round was a prestigious event, which was the first global gathering of WSC since the beginning of 2020. This time it was hosted by GEMS Modern Academy, Sunmarke School and Indian High School. Around 500 scholars from 22 different countries were present on this occasion, 15 representing our school.

It was a 5-day long event starting from December 13, 2021. The introductory session followed by scholars challenge at the Dubai Global Village took place on the first day. The second and third days mainly consisted of multiple challenges like the scholar's bowl, essay writing, debating and many more. The last two days were more relaxed. There was a cultural fair with eventually the closing ceremony making its appearance. Every participant was rewarded, with Samir Nasir of grade 9, being the most decorated scholar from our school.

In Sultan's words, a student of grade 9, "It was an unforgettable experience! I urge all my peers to experience such affairs, especially at the international platform. Not only you will make global acquaintances, but these will also teach you about new cultures and give you a taste of what you can achieve if you are determined and willing to work hard".

Rafid Ibne Jalil & Sultan Ahmed, 9



BIRTHDAY BASH AFTER 2 YEARS

The pandemic had thrown everyone brains out of whack, and before we realized it, it had been almost two years since we had seen any of our friends adequately.

On November 20, 2021, Saturday, the students of 10D finally had the chance to come together. It was a blissful moment that the students shared and watched a Sci-fi/ Horror movie, *The Quiet Place Pt-2*. Who would've thought that for once we wouldn't enjoy that movie in tranquillity, so the students shared their thoughts and bubbly statements, succeeding in drawing out the bashful students too!

After the content movie session, the delicious Turkish burger and soda seemed like the perfect takeout lunch on the second-floor balcony. Shortly after the lunch, everyone celebrated the student's birthday in November. They ate a rich chocolate cake and closed the gathering with anecdotes and laughter that echoed around the school. Amidst the fun, the students still took proper measures to maintain safe distancing and sanitizing precautions. A special thank you to the beloved class teacher, Miss Bushra Rahman, who made time for her students and arranged such a special event. When the time had come to bid goodbye, nobody felt like it, but with high hopes of having another merry reunion, we went our separate ways.

Fahrin Ferdousy, 10



GIRLS & BOYS PICNIC

The hopians finally exhaled a sigh of relief after weeks of stressful assessment. However, a common dilemma clouded every student and teacher alike- how do we celebrate it properly?

To celebrate that winter trip was arranged to Kakon Courtyard on December 15, 2021, which was the perfect getaway plan for the girls' section.



The road trip was long enough to fully cherish the moment with loud songs and impromptu karaoke but also short enough to not doze off into restless sleep or suffer from a lack of bathroom breaks. The trip started at 6:30 AM. We reached the getaway spot in about an hour and 30 minutes. The students immediately got busy avenging every corner of the beautiful Kakon Courtyard.

One aspect of the resort that seemed to have gained popularity was the lake filled with water lilies. Boat rides have been arranged for interested students and accompanied by a teacher.

The day finally ended around 5:30 PM, and we all headed towards our school for pick-up, provided with evening refreshments before departing.

The students and teachers then parted in their ways. Besides sore throats and tired legs, everyone had memories tattooed on their minds from this trip. Last but not least, we all are very thankful to our teachers who made this trip happen.



Jaima Jahin Jessin, 10



The Last Expedition

I have never been a morning person, but it was a different story on December 19, 2021. Those who were always late for the class were seen through the fog at 6 a.m., huddling. The sole reason, our beloved class teacher Abdullah Sir and Deputy Head Said Sir had arranged a picnic for 12th graders, a trip to Chattogram! Although it took us a bit more time than estimated to reach our destination, it was a fun-filled, entertaining one. Our first visit was to Parki Beach; an interesting fact about this place, one of the scenes from the Avengers Age of Ultron movie shooting was here; because it is also a shipyard. Other excursions included_ visits to Rangamati Kaptai Lake, Kaptai Dam, 'Pencil' base camp, kayaking, and many more ventures while celebrating Eshan and Intisar's birthdays. Some memories that last forever when they spent together. This trek will be another poem in our novel. A family that travels together stays together. Six years of high school passed in a flash, but when I close my eyes, I can see them behaving like the children they are graduating in 4 months. Infinitely grateful to our teachers for arranging this exceptional trip.



Tanvir Nur Rakan, 12



ARTIST of the WEEK



Afroza Mourin, 12



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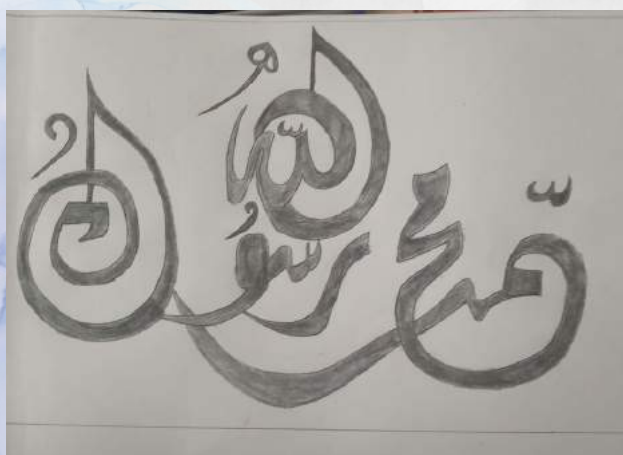
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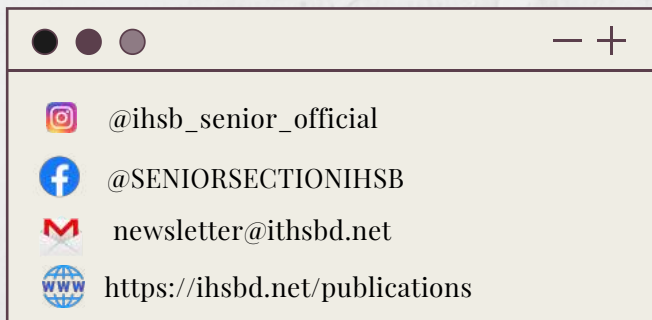
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