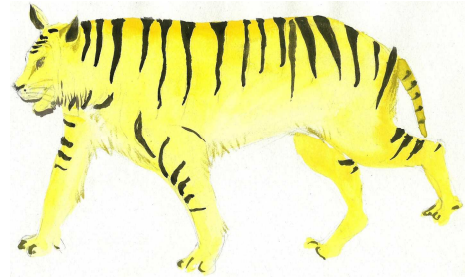


THE TIGERRRR

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WELCOME THE THREE LIONS

The England cricket team visited Rowland Road on October 27th. There was much security and all the T20 team came two days before their match against India at Eden Gardens.

Kevin Pietersen was a guest at a function the evening after he had visited Rowland Road and he said: 'We've just been to a charity this afternoon called Future Hope....taking children off the streets and educating them. Fascinating...some incredible stories of street children picked up from the stations in Calcutta. One of them is now working in a bank in London. Some brilliant stories!'

Graeme Swann: 'We've had a pretty torrid time cricket-wise over the past three weeks and we probably needed a reality check and what you have told us is just that, thank you very much.' And after the singing he thanked the pupils: 'You are



An injured Kevin Pietersen batting one-handed at Rowland Road against the Future Hope bowlers.

certainly better singers than us, we haven't been singing our team song much as we only sing it when we've won! Here are some of the comments of the England team in the Future Hope Visitors Book:

Steven Finn:

'Thank you for the totally great and humbling experience of today. Amazing work, keep it up.'

Graeme Swann:

'Inspirational stuff from the staff and children at Future Hope. Thank you for having us...It was a real privilege.'

Andy Flower:

'This was a special experience for the England team. The people that help those kids and the kids themselves, are an inspiration to us all.'

Others wrote:

'Thanks for a great afternoon, very spirited and inspirational.'

'Thanks for a brilliant time and wonderful performances. Keep up the truly amazing work.'

'Good game of hockey, thank you very much.'

To say thank you for their visit the England team gave us a kit bag of cricket equipment which we shall be using in the coming season.

Reporting – Team Tigerrrr

FH flies into HK

A group of girl dancers went on a trip to perform a dance show at the International School Hong Kong.

They had invited Future Hope School to perform in a dance show at their mela.

They also raised money for Future Hope, and the school's students and their parents sponsored money for the girls' visit to Hong Kong.

The Future Hope students took some art and crafts and jewelry made here with them and they sold it in the mela. They stayed in Hannah's house with her parents who took great care of the girls and the teachers. There were six girls and three staff on the trip. The girls were: Heena Khatun, Rajni

Gupta, Mousumi Halder, Rakhi Adhikary, Rubina Parveen and Sagufa Husain. Teacher Mrs Samasree Basak was the co-ordinator and Jane Carling the Director of Learning and Tim Uncle went with them. Their flight left at 2.00 am on June 23rd from Kolkata and it took four hours to reach Bangkok.



There they stayed for three hours and the flight from Bangkok to Hong Kong took another three hours so they arrived on June 24th. That evening at around 5pm they went shopping and then had dinner and a rest. The next day they went to ISHK and looked around the school where they have 1800 students. They baked cake at the school and also did Mehendi on the girls' hands. After lunch they went to a hill called Hong Kong Park and went up to the peak of the hill by tram to see the view and then went to an American restaurant for dinner. On June 26th they all went at 10.00 am to Ocean Park and saw pandas and lots of different kinds of fish and there were lots of rides. The girls really enjoyed it and that night

they went to an Indian restaurant. The next day they did practice at the school for the ISHK mela and then went shopping and to Mr Lendrum's hair salon where the girls had their hair shampooed, cut and conditioned. The following morning they did the performance at the mela - they performed three dances in an allotted time. For the mela the school had made a wrist band which said 'Future Hope School' on one side and on the other 'ISHK' they also made a big cake on which was written 'Future Hope' and Mehendi was done to the students of ISHK. The art and crafts and jewelry was sold and they also sold a lot of T shirts with had the Future Hope logo on it. Here are the views of two people - **Rajni Gupta**: "Hong Kong was very nice, clean and very beautiful. It was the first time I went outside India and my first time by plane." **Mrs Basak**: "In Hong Kong I liked the harbour and the airport because it was beside the South China Sea. It was very clean city and the landscape was good."

Reporting – Ronojoy

MILLENIUM PARK

We went to the Millenium Park during the summer vacation. The Upstairs Boys and New Ballygunge went to the park. The first ride was the car for 2 minutes. Then we went to the swing. I love to swing like a monkey! Then we had some snacks and cold drinks. We decided to book tickets for the boat riding. Then we went to the boat and enjoyed it very much. We saw the fishes diving into the water. Then across the Howrah Bridge and all the vehicles were running on the bridge. We had lots of fun. Then we went back to home.

Reporting – Setaur Rahaman

SINGING GOODBYE TO SIR DICKY

The British High Commissioner, Sir Richard 'Dicky' Stagg came to Future Hope School to attend our singing assembly. There were many good songs which included 'Walk in the light', 'From the tiny ant', and 'Somewhere over the rainbow'. He was presented with a Future Hope diary which has all the songs. He was then asked to say a few words to the school and said that he really loved all the songs and he would like to visit the school again. He is leaving India after four years and has been a great friend of Future Hope, so this was one of the best ways of saying goodbye to him.

Reporting – Team Tigerrrr



Ballygunge Boys Bakkhali Break

In this summer holiday in the month of May the Ballygunge boys went to Bakkhali for a holiday.

It is in the South 24 Paraganas district of West Bengal, and it is at the seaside. We were there for four days. On the day before we packed our clothes and got ready for our trip. We caught the Future Hope bus and went to Bhakkhali. It took four and a half hours to reach there. On the way to Bhakkhali we saw many unknown places and at last we reached there at 6pm. After some time Sir

gave us rooms to sleep. Then we had egg and rice for dinner. After finishing our dinner we went to bed. Next day in morning we went to the beach to see the sunrise. It was very beautiful, though Kit and Will were lazy and stayed in bed!

Then we went to our place to have breakfast. Having finished our breakfast we went back to the beach for a swim. We were in the sea for 4 hours and it was fun! We played lots of games in the sea and then we went to back to the hotel for lunch.

After finishing our lunch we rested, then in evening we went to the beach for a game of cricket and then we came home.

Next day we did the same routine but in the evening we went to the crocodile park to see the crocodiles. It was interesting, but the crocodiles weren't very big! These four days went very quickly because it was very nice and good fun. I hope to go again next year!

Reporting – Surojit

DARJEELING DASH

We went to Darjeeling on May 28th. We left from our home at 5.30pm and reached Howrah station at 6.30pm, finally boarding our train at 7.00pm. After a long and boring train journey, we reached Siliguri at 6.30am! We had our breakfast and then we got into the jeeps and headed for Darjeeling.

We stayed there for four days. During the day we played with children of that place and we went to a tea factory and we saw the process of making the tea garden. Ambutia, is famous for tea and some of the staff took us to the village of Ambutia. After a nice evening in Ambutia, we went to sleep. The next day we went to Darjeeling Zoo and saw the animals of the zoo, there was many kind of animals. The coolest animal we saw was a leopard, and the naughtiest were the monkeys!

Reporting – Subhash

CENTENARY CUP VICTORY!

On 4th July, the Centenary Cup started at the CCFC grounds.

Everybody was looking forward to watching this tournament and came ready to support their favourite teams. Six teams participated in this tournament. The Future Hope Harlequins played their first game against CCFC and won by a score of 33-0. Then the Harlequins beat a very strong Armenians team in the quarter-final 19-0, setting up a much anticipated semi-final against the Jungle Crows. Both sides played very good rugby, and at the end of the tough game, Future Hope won 3-0, booking a place in the finals against the Kolkata Police. Everybody was very excited to watch the final match. The finals were attended by chief guests and many others guests. It was another tough match, but the Fu-

ture Hope Harlequins gave 100% and beat the Kolkata Police by a score of 39-0. After the victory, everyone from Future Hope was ecstatic and celebrated with each other at the ground.

CALCUTTA ENDS IN DRAMATIC DISAPPOINTMENT

The Calcutta Cup tournament was held at the same ground at the end of August. This time Future Hope fielded two teams- the senior Future Hope Harlequins and the junior Future Hope B. Future Hope B team played in the B Division and Future Hope Harlequins played for the Calcutta Cup as part of the A Division. Both the A and B Divisions had five teams. Both teams were strong

enough to face the challenge, even though the Harlequins gave a walkover to the Jungle Crows in the first league match, so that many of the players could recover from injuries that they had picked up during the Centenary Cup. The Future Hope B team did well as they played their first match against LMOB (La Martiniere Old Boys), beating them by 12 points. In the end, the B team surprised everyone by reaching the semi-finals of the tournament, where they lost a very tough rematch against LMOB. The Harlequins, meanwhile, were set to play the Jungle Crows in the Calcutta Cup finals. Six missed kicks resulted in Future Hope losing disappointingly 10-8. Even one conversion would have handed Future Hope the Cup.

Reporting – Bikash

CHESS NEWS

Nineteen students from Future Hope School went to Terapanth Bhavan and participated in the 'All Bengal Age Group Chess Tournament' in June. There were nearly 200 students participating in the tournament and each game lasted for 90 minutes. There were seven rounds for each player.

We were taken there by Sayan Mukherjee. On the first day we played three games each and did very well. Some boys scored 2 points out of 3 games (1 point for winning). The second day we played 4 games each, hard but very good fun! Future Hope boys again did very well on the second day of the tournament when we were given lunch and at 5.30pm of the second day the prize distribution took place.

Unfortunately we did not get any prizes and our highest point was 4.5 out of 7 points. But we were really happy to be there and hope next year we shall again participate in the tournament!

Learning New Moves

In our mid-term break we had a chess training camp at Rowland Road in our computer lab. It was from July 25th to the 28th. It was from 9.00am to 1.00pm. It was organized by Sayan Mukherjee. Our chess coach Bipin Sir came to coach us every day. He made us familiar with some openings called Sicilian Defence, Italian Game etc. We played a lot of rated games on the computer and our average rating was nearly 1500 which is really good. We also played against each other and really enjoyed being in the lab and playing chess.

ChessReporting – Mongal



KP1 moves to the chess room

HOCKEY CRAZY!

On Saturdays and Sundays all the girls at Rowland Road wake up at 6 in the morning and get ready to play hockey! Everybody gets into the Winger. Then we go to our practice which is on a road! Then girls practise and play hockey. We have a coach who used to play for West Bengal hockey team, she is very good, and shouts very loudly! Those who don't play hockey have a walk. After that when the hockey is finished we return to Rowland Road. Everybody is very tired and we take a well-earned rest! **Reporting – Anju Biswakarma**

Mixed Fortunes in Midnapore

On October 21st our girls Hockey team went to Midnapore. We left Future Hope at 9.30pm. We reached there at 2.30pm. At night we ate rice and dal. The next day our match was in the morning at 10.30am. We played two matches there and we won the first game because our goalkeeper saved very well. Jhumpa, Suti and I defended so well that they didn't score a goal. The next game we played well, but we lost.



The girls playing hockey with the England cricketers

Reporting – Kaushalya

CHAMPIONS ON THE MAIDAN

In April we held a football tournament on the Maidan. There were six teams - Liverpool, Manchester United, Barcelona, Chelsea, Real Madrid and Arsenal. The tournament lasted for three days and Manchester United and Real Madrid won through to the final. The match was exciting but there were no goals until the last minutes when, at last, Sheikh Badal managed to get on the end of a cross and scored the winner for Manchester to the Champions and Real Madrid runners-up..He was made the Man of Match and most valuable player was Jumpa Das.

Reporting – Sunny

Rugby Girls

A new coach came to Future Hope School to teach us Rugby in June. Our coach's name was Mel. She was teaching us rugby for three weeks. She was teaching us how to play touch rugby as well as passing the ball. She taught us how to do the fitness before the game and how to relax our bodies on the field after the game. Every day after the fitness we used to play tackle Rugby for forty-five minutes. Our coach and Badal -da also play with us. My favourite position was on the wing, because I could run very fast and score lots of tries! She was very kind and good coach. We all love her very much, and thank you Mel Auntie!

Reporting – Kaushalya

Celebrating Our Independence Day

On 15th August was Independence Day. On Monday we arrived at school at 7 o'clock and practise the National Anthem. At 9 o'clock our chief guest (Sujata Sen) arrived. She hoisted the flag. Then we said 'Jai Hind' after that we sang our National Anthem. This was held in front of the school. We went into the hall and sat quietly. Then the programme started with dances by junior boys and girls, Bengali poem by Setaur Rahaman and Bharati Singh, dance by senior girls, songs by teachers. There was speech by chief guest. After that we had snack and tea and we return from school. We enjoyed the programme.



Reporting – Anju

MY REWARDING EXPERIENCE OF WORK

After the summer holiday I did a work experience job. This was my first time doing work experience and I chose a restaurant job. Sucheta Miss chose a job for me where her uncle works. The restaurant's name was Mandarin in Lake Road. I joined on May 13th and stayed till June 12th. The manager's name was Mr Mathur and he told me to work in the

kitchen. My work was cutting vegetables. In the restaurant work started at 10:30 in the morning and finished at 10:30 at night. I use to come back with the manager on his scooter in the evenings. There were fifteen staff in the kitchen and they loved me as a brother! They were very nice and friendly. There was one man in charge of the kitchen

and his name was Bikash. He taught me how to cut the vegetables. There were ten cooks and my favourite was Anand Shaw. He taught me how to cook Chinese food! I learnt a few things like how to make chow mein, fried rice, soup etc. After one month's work the manager gave me Rs.1500! I would love to do it again!

Reporting – Biswajit

Lady Mayoress presents books

In October Barbara Bear, Lady Mayoress of London, came to Future Hope School. She stayed for an hour and saw around the school. Our boys and girls performed for her. She gave us three story books. One is about the Lord Mayor of London and the other was a fairy tale and she also gave us a book which is written by her. The books are now in library for anyone to read.

Reporting – Sanjib

FUTURE HOPE MAKES MUSIC HISTORY!

Future Hope School did their own singing CD for the first time in our history! Many boys and girls from Future Hope school participated in this. It was one of the best things I have done with Future Hope. We all did lots of hard work to make it and we used to practise every day. On the CD there are two types of songs - western songs and Indian classical songs. We went to a recording studio near Kalighat to sing, which was great fun and a new experience for us all! A studio is where people come and record their songs. The CDs we made are now being sold at Crossword and other places including Hong Kong Island School at their Mela, to help raise money for our school. It was a wonderful experience and I hope that Future Hope will continue to produce great CDs in the future!

Reporting – Surojit

Hugo's run brings Lego to Future Hope

Hugo Manson is the son of Jane Manson, and is 17 years old. He has visited to Future Hope many times and when he came this time he bought some boxes of Lego for us. He had raised money by running 'The Crick'. This is a running race at Rugby School, which is very tough and very long! He also taught us how to make many Lego models. Many boys took part in making these models, which was great fun! On his last day here at Future Hope I managed to get a quick interview with him for **The Tiger**.

Sanjib: Why did you choose Lego to teach us?

Hugo: Because it does not need tools!

Sanjib: Do you like Lego?

Hugo: I used to love it and still enjoy it now!

Sanjib: What do you want to become?

Hugo: I want to become an Aeronautical Engineer.

Sanjib: What are your favorite subjects?

Hugo: Physics and math, I find them enjoyable.

Sanjib: How did you get hold of the Lego?

Hugo: I ran The Crick and spoke to the Lego Company who said they would sponsor me!

Sanjib: How long did the run take you?

Hugo: 1 hour, 24 minutes and 46 seconds and I came 12th out of 80th

Sanjib: Fantastic! Thanks very much, they will be enjoyed here!

Reporting - Sanjib

DON'T MISS OUR MELA !!!

On the December 18th Future Hope will hold its annual Mela at Rowland Road. There will be many cultural programmes and stalls all around the school and many interesting games and if you win you will get a prize! There will also be lucky draws with prizes. Come and visit the exciting Mela!!