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The Newsletter of Future Hope School, Ballygunge, Kolkata.

**Thought for the month: 'Don't give up...just do it'**

## Room for new rooms!

In April there were lots of new changes to Future Hope School. Two new classrooms have been converted from rooms where the Backstreet Boys used to live. With a growing number of students in Future Hope School more classrooms are essential to accommodate everyone. When they left the rooms became the classrooms of 10A and 12A. There are seven class 10A students, and one class teacher Soma Mukerjee, and seven class 12A students and one class teacher Amit Chakraborty. These classrooms are actually called Mezzanine. A new volunteer teacher from England called Bridget Macaire is now the class 4 class teacher. Fast Track has a new teacher called Nibedita Sen.

She also teaches maths.

A new subject has been introduced into Future Hope. It appears as EAL on the timetable which stands for English as an Additional Language. Jane Carling and Dolly Singh are co-ordinating the subject with the volunteers taking the lessons. The subject is taken by Classes V-X.

It aims to provide an opportunity for the students to improve their spoken English whilst at the same time broadening their study skills. This will be particularly useful from Class VII, where tests and exams become more frequent. So far it has been a success!

*Reporting: Sanjib Das (VII)*

## Future Hope scales new heights

Future Hope School participated in the open Sport Bouldering Climbing competition at Jadhavpur University on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Participants were Matthew Donegan, Vivek Paul, Bokul Chetri, Swapan Chakraborty and Zahid Ali. The competition was very hard and our FH School students completed the climbing within the correct time. There were ten finalists from the one hundred and twenty-three participants from throughout Calcutta including Zahid and Vivek. The final was on 10<sup>th</sup> March. Zahid climbed very well and finished fourth overall. This was a very good, exciting and adventurous Sport Bouldering Climbing competition.

*Reporting: Swapan Kumar Paul (Teacher)*



The newly painted wall at Rowland Road

## Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels

Jon Stock, best selling author of spy novel "Dead Spy Running" which was recently sold for a six figure amount to a film production company, recently visited at Future Hope School with his family. He was the Daily Telegraph correspondent in Delhi for two years. He is researching

his new thriller to be set in Kolkata and Sikkim.

His wife took lots of photos of the school and pupils. They seemed to enjoy their visit greatly.

*Reporting: Bikash Paswan (VIII)*

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## 10 Seconds with...Badan Oraon

Badan is a former Future Hope School student who helps around the school and the boys house



**WHAT DO YOU PREFER...?**

**Q: Mumbai Indians or Kolkata Knight Riders?**

A: Mumbai Indians

**Q: Sachin Tendulkar or MS Dhoni?**

A: Sachin Tendulkar

**Q: Vegetarian or chicken curry?**

A: Chicken curry

**Q: Cricket or Rugby?**

A: Rugby

**Q: School term or holidays?**

A: Holidays

**Q: Rajarhat or Maidan?**

A: Rajarhat

**Q: Holi or Mela?**

A: Holi

**Q: Maths or English?**

A: English

**Q: Mangos or Bananas?**

A: Bananas

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## The importance of being a ball boy

I was a ball boy at Eden Gardens on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Before the match we went to Eden Gardens for a practice. The match officials showed us lots of techniques like how to catch the ball, not to stay in the middle of the sight-screen and when you caught the ball to give it to the nearest player. When I entered there were lots of spectators and all the players were practising for the real match. I saw lots of big players like Sourav Ganguly, Jacques Kallis and Angelo Mathews. It was a

big match: Bangalore Royal Challengers vs Kolkata Knight Riders. After one or two hours the game started. There were lots of boundaries with fours and sixes but Kolkata lost. Many boys from FHS were ball boys. They caught lots of balls and I did also. There was lots of dancing by cheerleaders and lots of noise from the spectators. At last when the game was finished we went home in the car. I enjoyed being a ball boy very much.

*Reporting: Surojit Moira (VII)*

## No horse power ...

The Ballygunge boys have started to play cycle polo at CCFC. To begin with there were just four boys but now it has increased to eight people. They started this game in March. They didn't know about cycle polo before and what the rules of cycle polo were but we learnt most of the rules in one week. Cycle polo is a game played with a bicycle and hockey stick. You have to control the bicycle with your left hand and with the right hand you have to control the hockey

stick. On the 1<sup>st</sup> April two Future Hope girls joined the team. Now all enjoy this game and play matches with each other. MD Sabir (IXA) is good at cycle polo and others are also who have been practising a lot. Cycle polo takes place everyday in the morning except Monday. After cycle polo, all boys and girls come back to school and change into their uniform.

*Reporting: S K Mustak (XB)*

***Mela Mayhem edition coming soon...***



Team photo of the ball boys before the first IPL

## Mela preparation gets under way

On 10<sup>th</sup> April there is going to be a mela at Rowland Road. Every year in Future Hope this mela is celebrated. It is going to be very nice and enjoyable this year. People come from far and wide to visit this mela. There will be a lot of games, food and drinks. There will also be a cultural programme which will include songs, drama, dance etc. The entire pupils and staff members from FHS are working very hard preparing for it. During the term break they have done lots of work.

Basudev Sir and some other volunteers were doing very hard work making a satellite and two very beautiful spacecraft with bamboo and some newspaper. While in the library some boys have painted some beautiful pots and plates. When the school re-opened after the holidays, Nandita Mukherjee, the art teacher of FHS, took classes painting beautiful cups.

*Reporting: Mongal Hembrom (VII)*

*More on this in the next issue...*



Pot painting underway



Martin Graham's meal

## Homes News

### World Water Day

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March Upstairs boys and girls went to the Weavers Studio for an activity day with storytelling and a drawing competition to raise awareness of the importance of water and how we must conserve it. First they heard a story about a dolphin who saved a girl called Putul. Then everybody was split into five groups and did the competition. Then after the girls and boys went to Nundi Miss' house for samosas, sweets and a drink.

*Reporting: Sunny Kewat (VI)*

### Graham's Home

The last Saturday of the holiday Martin Graham, a life long friend of Future Hope, came from Himachal Pradesh to visit Future Hope. He arranged a lunch for the entire Future Hope community including everyone from all the homes. The lunch was to celebrate his return visit and also to introduce his daughter to the future hope family. The delicious lunch included rice, papad, fish, chutney and curd. He has invited

***Next issue... Under 16s rugby tournament in Orissa***

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