

THE TIGER



The Newsletter of Future Hope School, Ballygunge, Kolkata.

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Performers come to FHS

On Monday 4th January a group of circus performers called Performers Without Borders from England came to Future Hope. They came for the second time to the Future Hope School and they produced a great performance in front of everyone. They are going to teach fifty children in FHS tricks like juggling, double stick, diabolo, etc. for a big show in a month. The show will also be performed at the Mela in April.

Performers Without Borders was founded in 2007 and has spent a lot of time working with children in Varanasi (UP). A second project took place in 2008: this is their third visit to India. The performers hope to continue to another school before they leave India also.

Jack Kallie, one of the performers and from Cornwall, England, said "I feel very happy with what we are doing. We really enjoy working with children and learning lots about Indian culture."

Reporting:
Biswajit Naskar (V)

EXHIBITION IS SUCCESS

On 18th December, the last day of Future Hope School's term, each house put on an Exhibition in the Assembly hall to show visitors and parents.

A theme was given to the houses and focused on endangered species of animals. An endangered species is one that is under threat from extinction – sometimes as a result of human activities that destroy the places they stay.

Each house made a different display. Red House did a display of endangered animals in Africa and Antarctica. Blue house did the same for South America and North America. Green house did a display for Europe and the Arctic and Yellow House for Asia.

The Houses spent a week preparing for the Exhibition with support from their teachers.

The whole Assembly Hall was filled with colourful charts, models, pictures and some beautiful writing. Some of the students even dressed up as some of the endangered animals. Lots of people – Parents and visitors – came to see it also.

Maud Sampson, a volunteer at Future Hope from Dundee, Scotland, thought around one hundred people visited the exhibition. She said: "The atmosphere in the room was electric and I loved the use of colours in the houses' displays. I look forward to the next one being put together'.



One of the displays at the exhibition.

Reporting:
Sanjib Das (VI)

Humbug! And a Bengali Play

The last morning of the Winter Term ended with a performance of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' by volunteers at Future Hope.

The whole school saw the drama on the school roof and enjoyed watching the Volunteers act.

It ended with a full school photograph.

On 17th December a Bengali play was performed by pupils at FHS. Named Chokhe Angul Dada, it was directed by Haranath Mondal, FHS's Bengali teacher.

It was performed in

assembly and was about a man who did not do anything but criticize other people a lot.

But when he died he went to Bidhata and the Bidhata taught him a harsh lesson.

Reporting:
Mongal Hembrom (VI)

Birla Visit and Sit and Draws

On Thursday 17th December 2009 classes 7 and 8 went to the Birla Technological Museum for science experiments.

The topic of the experiments was Properties of Water. They saw experiments which showed some of the common properties of water which included its state as a solid, liquid and a gas.

On Tuesday 15th December there was an art competition at the Birla Museum in which lots of schools took part. The topic was 'My City; My River - Kolkata' and each participant had two hours to complete a drawing. Vivek Paul Manuel, Class VII at FHS, came third. This was a great achievement out of one hundred entrants!

After the competition everybody went to the science hall and saw experiments with liquid nitrogen. The FHS pupils had the opportunity to dip their fingers in the chemical at the end.



Vivek Paul (VII) with his winning entry at the British Council Sit and Draw at Birla Museum in December.

On 2nd January a group of Future Hope School Pupils visited Victoria Memorial for a drawing competition with FHS's Librarian Miss Sucheta Dey.

The topic of the drawing competition was Kolkata Life:Kolkata landscape. All the pupils that attended the Sit and Draw had a very enjoyable experience to start the new year.

Reporting: Mongal Hembrom (VI) Surojit Moira (VI)

Photographer Visits Camera Club

Sophie Baker, a photographer from London, visited Future Hope School on Friday 15th January as part of her visit to Kolkata.

Camera Club, a new extra-curricular activity at FHS running for two groups on Tuesdays and Saturdays, invited her to talk to them about her work and she gave them a tutorial lasting an hour. The Groups really enjoyed the talk.

Reporting: Marjolein M'lar.

Mathematics Day at FHS

On the first Sunday of the Winter Holidays a Mathematics Day was held at FHS to promote the learning of the subject at the school. Margaret Dawes, a specialist in teaching mathematics from Islington, London, was the teacher responsible and the day covered many topics. Dr. Dawes is sat FHS for three months and leaves at the end of February.

Reporting: Roger Lewis

Homes News

Football Day: On the 16th January the boys from Ballygunge went to Salt Lake Stadium for a football skills practice day. It was run by the Premiership League in England and they were training coaches in India to teach football skills. The boys learnt many new things. By the end everybody was a bit tired but had really enjoyed the day.

Writing Competition: Rowland Road Upstairs Boys (RRU) and girls from the girls' home took part in a handwriting competition at the end of the Winter Term. The children were split into seven groups and each had to write down ten examples of good behaviour they had demonstrated. The best handwriting from each group was selected and then an overall winner from that selection. The winner was Firoz Sheik from RRU.

Masoom Mollah (I) pictured at the end of term exhibition holding the first edition of THE TIGER.

Masum was dressed as a Royal Bengal Tiger to highlight their declining numbers in Bengal.

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