

...A Future Hope Production

The Derhams, Alison Aunty and Patrick Uncle, came to visit us from Rugby School. Patrick Uncle is the Headmaster of Rugby School and Alison Aunty teaches at Bilton Grange. When Alison Aunty first came to Future Hope last November, she and Toni Aunty started the Tiger Newsletter with us.

This time Patrick Uncle and Alison Aunty decided to do something extra fun with the children. They directed one act for a Shakespeare

comedy, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, with an Indian twist. The play was held in the Future Hope School Assembly Hall. Visitors from outside, as well as all the staff and children of Future Hope, came to watch the show. Tim Uncle and Paul Carling, the Principal of FHS, also performed in the play. It was quite a performance!

Reporting: Bikash

Tota Kahini: A Review

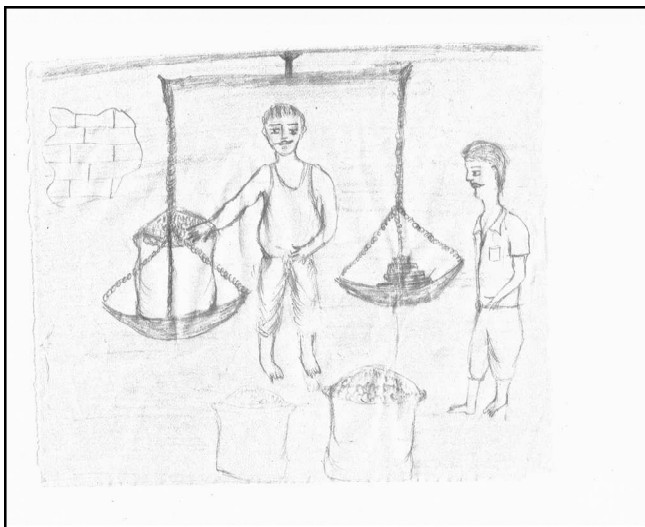
Class XIB and XIIB went to *Tota Kahini* at the Academy of Fine Arts, a play based on Rabin-dranath Tagore's ideas of education. It was staged by prisoners of Behrampur Central Jail and directed by Pradip Bhattacharya, a professional director and playwright.

The play told the story of a tota, meaning parrot, that loved to play and sing and eat the fruits and leaves of the world. Eventually he was captured by the King who blamed the tota for the bad condition of the land. He ordered his brothers to educate the totas, as he believed that the problems of the land should be blamed on the parrot's illiteracy. However, although

many people took lots of money for teaching the tota, nobody actually cared for it. Eventually it died from what could only be too much education.

The costumes were marvellous, the actors' voices could be heard loud and clear and the music, both recorded and live, was brilliant. I would like to thank Mondal Sir and all the members of Behrampur Central Jail for giving us the opportunity to see such an unpredictable and original piece of theatre. The two hours passed much too quickly.

Reporting: Arpan



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