



GARDEN HIGH SCHOOL

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Annual Athletic Meet 2015

When: 27 November 2015

Where: Gitanjali Stadium

The Meet began with the presentation of a bouquet to the Principal, Ms Bijoylakshmi Ghoshal. She took the salute when this was followed by a parade by the Police Band and a *March Past* by the pupils of Classes 9–12 led by the Head Boy and the Head Girl of the School.

The four Houses then assembled in columns, facing the spectators. The Principal hoisted the School flag and declared the Meet open. Coloured balloons representing the four Houses were released. The Head Boy of the School, Siddhant Haldar 12B, and the Head Girl, Adrija Debnath 12B, took the oath. The School song was then sung with great fervour.

It was then the turn of Classes 3 and 4 to enthral the spectators with their



drill, aptly called *Blossoms*. Dressed as red and yellow flowers in full bloom, they performed rhythmic exercises set to music.

Division C sporting events began with the 75m flat races for boys and girls and the *Not-so-easy (3-legged) Race*. The *Wonderland Race* was a special event to mark the 150th year of the publication of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. Other fun races were *Let's Bloom with Flowers*, *Birds of the Same Feather*, and *Under the Sea*. Besides these, a

Handball Relay Race was also held. The little champions, smiling radiantly, received their prizes from Ms Ratna Bose.

Classes 5 and 6 then presented their drill, *Dreams*, performed with blue- and pink-feathered sticks. After their sprightly exercises, they formed a star on the field to the applause of the entire stadium. The first event of Division B was the traditional *We're Sacked (Boys)* followed by *Let's Skip Along (Girls)*. This was followed by the 100m flat races and the relay races (Boys & Girls). The winners, brimming with pride, received their prizes from Ms Mahua Dasgupta.

Division A events began with a drill, *Magic Wands*, by Classes 7 and 8. Dressed in bright orange, they jogged on to the field and performed a series of exercises with great vim and vigour, culminating in the formation of the letters GHS. This was followed by 100m and 200m flat races (Boys & Girls), 400m relay races (Boys & Girls) and 400m Inter-Divisional relay races (Boys & Girls).

Prizes for Division A were given away





by Ms Bijoylakshmi Ghoshal amidst loud cheering.

Pupils of Garden High International School also participated in the 100m flat races (Boys & Girls). Dr A. Das gave away the prizes.

It was then the turn of the Staff to display their athletic skills. Both the 100m flat races (Men & Women) were run to loud cheers. The prizes were given away by Mr Sushanta Ghosh, the local KMC Councillor.



Discipline and skill were evident in the display by the Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Bulbuls of the 2nd Explorers' Group. The theme was *Life in the Wild*. After a quick drill with decorated staffs, the Scouts and Guides showed how to pitch tents in just a few minutes. The Bulbuls presented a little dance with umbrellas. The Cubs gave an enjoyable performance, but the Rovers stole the show with their breathtaking acts.

The Meet ended with *Karate Display*. The participants demonstrated several techniques and methods of self-defence.

The four Houses reassembled on the field for the Prize Distribution. The following prizes were awarded:

I. Division B

1. *Best Athlete (Boys)* – Uttayaran Basu 8C (Palm)
2. *Best Athlete (Girls)* – Manjari Sengupta 7F (Palm)



Dr Jatrik Biswas presented the trophies to the winners.

II. Division A

1. *Best Athlete (Boys)* – Vaaswat Sarkar 12C (Oak)
2. *Best Athlete (Girls)* – Shreya Chakraborty 9B (Cedar)

Mr T. K. Gopalan gave away the trophies.

Palm House won the *Best Relay Team Trophy* while Oak House received the *Best Disciplined Trophy*. Cedar House won the coveted trophy for the best *March Past* and Palm House emerged overall champions.

These prizes were given away by Mr Jayanta Ghoshal, Ms Mahua Dasgupta and Ms Bijoylakshmi Ghoshal. The driving force behind the Meet, Ms Rajashri Biswas, the Headmistress, then proposed the vote of thanks. The Meet concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.



Connecting Classrooms



When: 11–19 September 2015

Connecting Classrooms is a British Council global school programme funded by the Department of International Development, UK.

This programme aims to facilitate a two-way exchange of information through students and teachers to help one understand the cultural differences between UK and India, for in becoming a global citizen, one gains a better understanding of one's own roots.

Two teachers from GHS, Ms Sukanya Bhattacharya and Ms Sangita Mukherjee, visited the UK-partner school of GHS: Ebor Gardens Primary School, Leeds.

During their visit from 11–19 September 2015, they worked with the teachers and students of Classes 4–6 and prepared charts, files and PowerPoint presentations. Articles of

craft which they had carried with them were put up for display for the students and guardians of Ebor Gardens. The GHS team spent four days at the school from 9.30 a.m.–3.30 p.m.,



observing English, Maths, Music, P.E. classes, and teaching students of Year 3 to Year 6 and noting the progress made by them.

Ms Bhattacharya, who teaches English, dealt with literature and worked on Ruskin Bond and Rudyard Kipling for her projects.

Ms Mukherjee, who teaches Biology, worked on spices and their uses.

The GHS team interacted with the Principal and other teachers of Ebor. They spoke at length to staff and pupils about India with regard to education, the social structure and economic situation.

There was a culinary exchange: the students of Year 6 prepared *paapri chaat* using spices and ingredients from India. The *balti* cuisine and use of various spices were also explained. The students of GHS had made miniature *baltis* which were displayed as a part of the programme, 'Treasure from Trash'. There was also a 'rakhimaking class' and the students made beautiful friendship bands.

Reciprocating this visit, two teachers from Ebor Gardens, Leeds, Ms Fatima Noor and Mr Michael James visited GHS from 29 Sept. to 3 Oct. 2015.



Independence Day Assembly



When: 14 August 2015 Where: Annexe I Participants: Classes 1 & 2

Class 2 spoke about the contributions of great men to the Independence Movement. The heroes chosen were Kshudiram Bose, Subhash Chandra Bose, Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, and poets like Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam.

The children played the roles of the heroes while the choir sang patriotic songs. The assembly ended with the National Anthem.



When: 15 August 2015 Where: School Playground & Examination Hall

The Indian tricolour was hoisted by Ms Tanuja Konthotte. Debarghya Joddar 7A, Upasana Ghosh 10C and Shinjini Palit 10B spoke on the importance of the day to all Indians, followed by stirring patriotic songs and poems and a brief musical on India's Independence. The National Anthem was then sung.

Participants:

Songs: Aruna Bajaj 7A, Ahana Shabnam 7A, Dakshayaeni Bharadwaj 7A, Debarghya Joddar 7A, Prithviraj Dasgupta 7A, Samriddhi Ghosh 7A, Ushnik Sanyal 7D, Sarthak Dey 7E, Sk Safrin Begum 7E, Adreesh Joarder 7F, Sebonti Patra 7F, Ashmita Mukherjee 7F, Chaitannya Bhagawati 8A, Adrita Dey 8B, Sohania Sengupta 8B, Soumili Konar 8B, Sreeja Nayek 8D, Upanita Barman 8F, Soham Mitra 8F, Anubhav Goswami 9B, Roshni Roy 9B, Rai Chakrabarti 9E, Oishi Mallick Ganguly 9E

Speeches: Shinjini Palit 10B, Upasana Ghosh 10C, Debarghya Joddar 7A, Abhishek Daga 12C, Mukund Daga 8A, Saptarshi Ghosh 12B, Abir Banerjee 8A, Tanistha Bhagawati 11B

Poems: Roshni Singh 10C, Prapti Das 8D, Shubha Mitra 10E

Musical: Abhigyan Bhattacharya 7F, Daayaad Mukherjee 7D, Sayan Biswas 7D, Sohini Hazra 7D, Disha Barman 7D, Abatansha Dasgupta 7E, Shounak Das 7E, Md Amaan 8B, Amritraj Singh 7A

Ongoing Activities

Movie Shows

- 9 July: Konee - Class 12
- 17 July: *Sleeping Beauty & Cinderella* - Nursery 2
- 24 & 31 July: *The Lion King* - Prep
- 3 & 4 Aug: *Mouse Hunt* - Class 1
- 10-12 Aug: *Ice Age 1* - Class 2
- 14 Sept: *Frozen* - Class 3
- 15 Sept: *Dr Dolittle 4* - Class 7
- 16 Sept: *Tangled* - Class 4
- 17 Sept: *Matilda* - Class 5
- 18 Sept: *Free Willy 1* - Class 6
- 21 Sept: *The King's Speech* - Class 10
- 22 Sept: *The King's Speech* - Class 9
- 23 Sept: *Dr Dolittle 4* - Class 8
- 24 Sept: *The King's Speech* - Class 11
- 24 Sept: *The King's Speech* - Class 12
- 13 Oct: *Alladin* - Prep
- 14 Oct: *Tom & Jerry* - Nursery 1

11 & 12 August: *Rakhis* made by differently-abled children and young adults were sold by *Partner Hooghly* to pupils and staff of GHS.

12 December: The Missionaries of Charity collected the Christmas gifts given by pupils for their less fortunate brothers and sisters.

KUDOS!

• Aadita Sinha 6F - CCRT Talent Scholarship 2015 (Kathak) by the Centre for Cultural Resources & Training, New Delhi (Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India).

• Hitabratashree Basu 6B - a cheque for ₹700 for a story and painting published in the Art Gallery of *The Children's Magazine*, Edappally, Kochi. In an exemplary gesture, he has donated the money to the Satikanta Guha Foundation.

• Aditya Pal 10C - 2nd prize in the XX International Astronomy Olympiad held at Kazan, Tatarstan, Russia.

• Souhardya Chattopadhyay 10A - 1st in the 39th West Bengal Archery Championship (Compound Round, Sub-Junior category - U17) held on 29-30 Dec 2015 at Bolpur.

• Meghna Sanyal 12A - Rashtrapati Guide Award 2015-16.

Puja Assembly



When: 9 October 2015 Where: Annexe I Participants: Nursery 1 & 2

The children of Nursery 1 and 2 enacted, through song and dance, the killing of Mahishasura by Durga. The youngest members of GHS danced and sang to herald the coming of the festive season. The assembly concluded with Ma Durga appearing with her children to bless all.

Primary School Christmas Concert



When: 17 December 2015 Where: Annexe I

As in the past, the Primary School ended the term with a Christmas concert. The programme started with two well-loved Christmas carols sung by the teachers. This was followed by a short musical, *The Magic of Christmas*, presented by the children of Nursery 1. Nursery 2 and the Preparatory presented another short play, *Happy at Last*, through action, song and dance. The programme ended with the children of Classes 1 and 2 singing some popular Christmas carols.

Santa, dancing to the tune of *Here comes Santa*, children, singing and clapping merrily, and the venue, decked with Christmas decorations, were heart-warming reminders that Christmas was near.

Raksha Bandhan



When: 28 August 2015

Where: Annexe I

Participants: Classes 1 & 2

Class 2A presented a special assembly on Raksha Bandhan. They narrated various myths and legends associated with the festival. They also enacted the ritual of tying the rakhi and danced to some popular rakhi songs. The songs were sung by the pupils of Classes 1 and 2.

Teachers' Day



When: 4 September 2015

Where: Annexe I

Participants: Classes 1 & 2

The children of Class 1D presented a short play on the occasion of Teachers' Day. *The Parable of the Pencil* emphasized the importance of teachers in our lives. Each parable was supported with a real-life situation as an example. The programme ended with the song *Dear Teacher*, sung by the children of Classes 1 and 2.

Inter-House Competitions

Table-Tennis

When: 08–10 July 2015

Where: Games Room

Winners:

Group A (Classes 3–5)

Boys

1st: Anuvab Das 5D (Chinar)

2nd: Purbarun Gupta 4C (Chinar)

3rd: Ayan Ghosh 5D (Palm)

Girls

1st: Ishika Debnath 5E (Oak)

2nd: Soumee Bhaumik 4B (Cedar)

3rd: Rashi Banerjee 5A (Oak)

Group B (Classes 6–8)

Boys

1st: Swapnaneel Basu 8F (Oak)

2nd: Agniva Banerjee 8D (Cedar)

3rd: Suryanath Chakrabarti 7D (Palm)

Girls

1st: Rajyashree Basu 7C (Chinar)

2nd: Ritisha Mitra 8A (Chinar)

3rd: Pratiti Pradhan 8C (Palm)



Group C (Classes 9–12)

Boys

1st: Rajdeep Bhattacharya 12B (Oak)

2nd: Anish Chowdhury 10C (Chinar)

3rd: Shameek Pahari 10B (Palm)

Girls

1st: Anuska Paul 11A (Chinar)

2nd: Sayana Dhara 10D (Chinar)

3rd: Shreya Chakraborty 9B (Cedar)

English Elocution Competition

When: 16 July 2015

Where: Hexagon

Participants: Class 4

Judges: Ms Jana Sen & Ms Ratna Bose

Winners:

1st: Rannvijay Roy 4D (Oak)

2nd: Sarika Banerjee 4A (Oak)

3rd: Shalini Basu Roy 4B (Palm)

House Ranks:

1st: Oak; 2nd: Palm; 3rd: Chinar

Tell-A-Tale Competition



When: 24 July 2015

Where: Hexagon

Participants: Class 3

Judges: Ms Jana Sen & Ms Papiya Ghosh

Winners:

1st: Totini Mukherjee 3E (Chinar)

2nd: Ishaan Mukherjee 3F (Palm)

3rd: Chenab Guha 3F (Cedar)

House Ranks:

1st: Chinar; 2nd: Cedar; 3rd: Palm

Card-Making Competition

When: 31 July 2015

Where: Respective Classrooms

Participants: Class 5

Judges: Ms Nibedita Ghosh Bej &

Mr Subhabrata Nandi

Winners:

1st: Olivia Bagchi 5E (Chinar)

2nd: Ritoja Dasgupta 5D (Cedar)

3rd: Avrodeep Banerjee 5A (Chinar)

Vernacular Elocution



When: 07 August 2015

Where: Hexagon

Participants: Class 3

Judges: Ms Bijoylakshmi Ghoshal &

Ms Jana Sen

Winners:

Bengali
1st: Prajakta Pal 3D (Oak)

2nd: Nandini Chaudhuri 3E (Chinar)

3rd: Meghbalika Adhikary 3C (Cedar)

House Ranks:

1st: Oak; 2nd: Chinar; 3rd: Cedar

Hindi

1st: Soumit Basu 3B (Palm)

2nd: Neeraj Menon 3B (Chinar)

3rd: Antarjita Nandi 3B (Palm)

House Ranks:

1st: Palm; 2nd: Chinar; 3rd: Oak

Paper Collage-Making Competition



When: 16 September 2015

Where: Examination Hall

Participants: Class 6

Judges: Ms Nibedita Ghosh Bej &

Mr Subhabrata Nandi

Winners:

1st: Chandrabali Biswas 6B (Chinar)

2nd: Niharika Ray 6D (Palm)

Aadita Sinha 6F (Oak)

3rd: Chandrayee Kumar 6B (Oak)

Animikha Basak 6B (Palm)

Poster-Making Competition

When: 24 September 2015

Where: Examination Hall

Participants: Classes 7–8

Judges: Ms Nibedita Ghosh Bej &

Mr Subhabrata Nandi

Winners:

1st: Abantika Dutta Gaur 7B (Palm)

Ranjabati Sarkar 8C (Oak)

2nd: Soosan Shabnam 7E (Palm)

Shinjini Paul 8F (Chinar)

3rd: Upanita Barman 8F (Cedar)

Uttiya Pal 7A (Oak)

Cricket Tournament

When: 5, 6, 8 & 13 October 2015

Where: School Playground

Participants: Class 8–12

Winners:

1st: Oak; 2nd: Chinar; 3rd: Cedar

Best Bowler: Siddhant Halder 12B

Best Batsman: Rachit Ray 9A

Computer Wall Paper- Designing Competition

When: 18 September 2015

Where: 1st Floor Computer Lab

Participants: Class 4

Judges: Ms Nibedita Ghosh Bej & Mr Subhabrata Nandi

Winners:

1st: Sarika Banerjee 4A (Oak)

2nd: Binit Dey 4D (Cedar)

3rd: Kurinji Mukherjee 4E (Chinar)
Anurag Biswas 4D (Oak)

Kho-Kho Tournament



When: 7 & 14 October 2015

Where: School playground

Participants: Classes 8-12

Winners:

1st: Chinar; 2nd: Cedar; 3rd: Oak

No-Fire Cooking Competition



When: 09 October 2015

Where: Home Science Lab

Participants: Class 8

Judges: Ms Sunitha Bhat & Ms Monoswita Basu

Winners:

1st: Chinar (Group B)

1. Shinjini Paul 8F

2. Anamitra Majumdar 8F

2nd: Oak (Group B)

1. Indrayani Bhadra 8A

2. Srinjay Mukherjee 8A

3rd: Palm (Group B)

1. Anushka Mitra 8E

2. Pratiti Pradhan 8C

Most Innovative Dish: Chinar (Group A)

- Egg Devil with Highnooners

Best Dessert: Oak (Group A) -

Snowman Cake Pops

Easy 'Quick Fix' Snack: Palm (Group A)

- Creamy Cracker

Most Tasty Combination: Cedar (Group

B) - Apple Masti

Most Fresh: Cedar (Group A) - Tangy

Tomato

Spell-Bee Competition

When: 13 October 2015

Where: Hexagon

The event was compered by the Preparatory teachers.

The participants were:

Oak: Adrija Mukherjee 3D

Sheersonno Biswas 3E

Cedar: Spandan Adhikari 3A

Rishi Biswas 3B

Chinar: Aaranyak Ray 3C

Sanjukta Adhikary 3D

Palm: Arya Chatterjee 3C

Srijan Goswami 3B

Winner: Oak

Music Competition

When: 17 December 2015

Where: Hexagon

Participants: Classes 6- 8

Judges: Ms Kavita Guha, Ms Bijoy-

lakshmi Ghoshal, Ms Jana Sen

The aim of the competition was to give the children a varied and stimulating cultural experience and musical exposure.

8 children represented the 4 houses.

Bagisha Das's (8C) soulful rendition of

Sukhe Amai Rakhbe Kano powered Palm

House to the 1st position in the

Rabindra Sangeet (Solo) event. Soham

Mitra 8F of Chinar House came a

close second with his raga-based

interpretation of *Chiro Sakha Chhero*

Na while Sreeja Nayek 8D of Cedar

and Ushnik Sanyal 7D of Oak also

impressed with their virtuosity.

Sarthak Dey 7E of Oak House sang

the timeless classic *Yesterday*, 'Beatles-

ing' a victory for his house in the

English Popular Number category.

Abantika Dutta Gaur 7B of Palm was

a close second, followed by Debarghya

Joddar 7A of Cedar and Subhashree

Dutta 8A of Chinar. The student



accompanists - Daayaad Mukherjee

7D (guitar) and Shounak Das 7E

(keyboard) - made good use of this

opportunity to display their talent.

The judges announced the results and

praised the children for their efforts.

The contest was close, but Palm House

scored a decisive victory.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Two GHS pupils were in the top 1%

of successful ISC 2015 candidates:

Pratyusha Maiti and Ruchira Singh.

They were selected for the

Scholarship for Higher Education

(SHE) under Innovation in Science

Pursuit for Inspired Research

(INSPIRE) by the Council for ISCE.

Each will receive ₹80,000 per

annum for 5 years if he/she opts for

a Basic and Natural Science course

at the B.Sc/Integrated M.Sc or M.S

level.

Guides



When: 7 November 2015

Where: Raj Bhavan

Guide Vedika Halwasiya 8B presented

the Bharat Scouts and Guides scarf to

the Governor of West Bengal, Shri

Keshari Nath Tripathi. Every year

money is collected from the citizens

of the families of the injured soldiers

of the Indian Army. As the first

citizen, the Governor makes the first

donation and the badge and scarf of

Bharat Scouts and Guides are

presented to him in acknowledgment.

Interactive Sessions & Career Counselling

- 23 Sept 2015: Mr S. Sreejesh, Institute of Company Secretaries of India, conducted a Career Awareness programme for the commerce students of Classes 11 & 12.
- 25 Sept 2015: Mr I. Guha (Rector), Ms B. Ghoshal (Principal), Ms R. Biswas (Headmistress) along with 3 teachers, Mr A. Dasgupta (Physics), Mr K. Ray (Chemistry) and Mr S. Gangopadhyay (Maths), met the parents of Class 10 pupils. Topics discussed included admission to Class 11 (ISC, CBSE and A Level) and the subjects offered by GHS and GHIS.
- 14 Oct 2015: Grey Matters Consulting Pvt. Ltd. conducted the My Vector psychometric test for pupils of Class 10. On 23 November representatives of the firm handed over the reports individually to the pupils, and explained how to read such a report which indicated the aptitude and interest of the pupil concerned and his possible career path. This was followed by an interactive session during which queries were answered and doubts clarified.
- 16 Oct 2015: Mr I. Guha (Rector), Ms B. Ghoshal (Principal) and Ms R. Biswas (Headmistress) met the guardians of Class 8. Matters discussed included choice of subjects for Class 9 of GHS, and admission to Class 9 of GHIS vis-a-vis admission to Higher Secondary classes.
- 12 Nov 2015: 4 ex-students of GHS, Ruchira Singh, Riddhit Paul, Sohini Samaddar and Dorothy Deb, met the present Class 10. The alumni spoke about their experiences and the dilemmas they faced leading up to their final choice of current fields of study - computer engineering, architecture, medicine and political science. They made it clear to the present pupils that the ISC syllabus was in no way a handicap in 'cracking' the IIT/JEE.
- 3 Dec 2015: Brigadier Khosla addressed the pupils of Class 12. He pointed out how joining the Defence Services could be a fulfilling as well as a lucrative career option for them. He informed them of the requirements for joining the National Defence Academy (NDA) after Class 12 and the Combined Defence Services (CDS) after graduation.

Teachers' Workshops

Launch of Science Magic (Ratna Sagar)

When: 10 October 2015 *Where:* Birla Industrial & Technological Museum
Programme: Method of science teaching & development of a scientific temper
Resource Person: Ms Avneet Kaur

Representatives of GHS: Ms Sharmistha Sinha, Ms Sweta Mukherjee

- Application- and concept-based classroom teaching
- Focussing on 5E teaching and learning model (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate and Evaluate)
- The above-mentioned points were explained and Ms Kaur discussed the method of following the learning cycle model in science teaching
- Emphasizing the development of scientific skills

The workshop ended with a discussion.

English Grammar

When: 10 October 2015 *Where:* Hotel Hindusthan International
Organizer: Madhuban Educational Books *Conducted by:* Ms Mini Joseph
Topics covered: Nouns, Adjectives, Prepositions, Structure, Common Mistakes and Grammar Games

Representatives of GHS: Ms Anushree Dutta, Ms Debjani Chatterji and Ms Purba Ghoshal

The interactive workshop was on the use of different parts of speech, and common errors made by children and adults alike.

Interactive Session



When: 25 August 2015 *Where:* Hexagon

Mr Derek O'Brien conducted an interactive session for the teachers of GHS, primarily focussing on typical classroom situations for teachers and demonstrating how to handle these situations in an innovative way. Mr O'Brien, well known for his creative ideas and oratorical skills, was able to capture the attention of his audience right from the beginning. Teachers were divided into groups of 6 and given various activities, from following simple instructions to solving puzzles. All this was done to show how the brain perceives information, processes it and responds to a given situation. Each member of the winning team was gifted a signed copy of Mr O'Brien's book, 'My Way: Success Mantras from 12 Achievers'.

- 4 Dec 2015: Mr Arjun Puri, Research Associate and Head of Admissions at the Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, spoke to Class 12 on the various opportunities available today to students and highlighted the different avenues in liberal arts open to them.
- 17 Dec 2015: Mr Charanpreet Singh, co-founder and Dean of Praxis Business School, met Class 12. The discussion was interesting and lively, embracing a wide range of topics - knowing oneself, self-motivation and the importance of carving out one's own niche in terms of career development.

Inter-School Competitions

Academic Interfest 2015

When: 26 June 2015

Where: Future Foundation School

The GHS team comprised students of commerce from Classes 11 and 12: Abhishek Daga 12C, Sushmit Sengupta 12C, Anirban Ganguli 12C, Sayanika Mukherjee 12C, Vaaswat Sarkar 12C, Shreyangshi Raha 12C, Enakshi Mukherjee 11B, Srijita Banerjee 11B, Shinjini Mitra 11B, Srijita Goswami 11B, Prapti Dasgupta 11B and Aatreyee Mohanta 11B. They were trained by Ms Utsha Ray.

The School came 1st in *Who is the Biggest Scamster*, 2nd in *Advent and Tagline*, and 3rd in *Conflict Management*. The GHS team also fared very well in the preliminary selection round of the *Business Quiz*. GHS was adjudged to be the best of the 15 participating schools and declared *Champion of the Champions*. Besides individual certificates of merit and trophies, the GHS team also brought home the Champion's Cup.

Theme Quiz Contest

When: 24-25 July 2015

GHS was invited to participate in an inter-school Theme Quiz contest (Classes 8-11), organized by St. John's Diocesan School, on Friday, 24 July 2015.

The Preliminaries were held at the Diocesan School premises on that day. 37 premier Kolkata schools fought it out and had to spend a night in suspense to know which 10 schools had qualified for the Finals.

On 25 July, the Kala Mandir auditorium was abuzz with aspiring participants, their accompanying teachers, and parents. At 10 a.m. the proceedings began.

Erudite speeches, laced with humour, on *Love and War* were delivered by the Guests of Honour: Dr Partha Ghosh, scientist, Mr Vivek Kumar, IAS, and the thespian, Mr Sabyasachi Chakraborty.

The 10 qualifying schools took the stage and after almost three hours of heavy factual quizzing (Quizmaster:

Mr Barry O'Brien), South Point High School and Lakshmiapat Singhania Academy emerged as the winner and runner-up.

Soham Ghosh 9C, together with a student of Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission, was adjudged worthy of a special prize for answering a few challenging questions.

The GHS team: Ahan Kumar Sen 9A, Soham Ghosh 9C, Sagnik Ghosh 10D and Shovnik Paul 10D

Teachers-in-Charge: Ms Sharmila Mitra and Ms Ronjini Bose Correia

Declamation, Essay Writing and Elocution Competition

When: 24 July 2015

Where: Future Foundation School

Commemorating the 143rd birthday of Rishi Aurobindo, an inter-school competition was organized by Sri Aurobindo Institute of Culture.

GHS participated and won several awards.

English Declamation:

1st: Shinjini Palit 10B

Bengali Declamation:

1st: Aryama Bhattacharya 11A

2nd: Dharitri Chaudhuri 11A

Hindi Declamation:

1st: Tanistha Bhagawati 11B

3rd: Abhishek Daga 12C

Hindi Essay Writing:

1st (Group A): Srinjoy Chatterjee 9C

1st (Group B): Adrija Debnath 12B

Bengali Essay Writing:

2nd (Group B): Shriya Dasgupta 10A

3rd (Group B): Sreejani Biswas 10B

Bengali Elocution:

2nd: Srijita Banerjee 11B

3rd: Debarghya Joddar 7A

Debate

When: 1 October 2015

Where: Institute for Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

Motion: *The Death Penalty should be banned*

GHS was represented by Satrajit Chatterjee 11A and Roshni Srimany 11B. There were eight other participating schools. Satrajit was placed 3rd.

Elocution Competition



When: 24 September 2015

Where: Uttam Manch

Organizer: National High School (Girls)

Two participants from 11 schools spoke on the topics: *The children of today are the citizens of tomorrow* and *Yoga – the key to a Healthy life*.

GHS (Rannvijay Roy 4D) secured the 1st position, followed by Bridge International School and National High School (Girls).

Karate

Event: 18th West Bengal State Full Contact Karate Championship 2015

When: 10 October 2015

Where: Harish Park

A total of 200 students from West Bengal took part in this tournament.

The winners from GHS were:

- 1st: 10+ to 12 years (Boys Kata & Kumite) – Ojoswi S. Kanjilal 6A
- 3rd: 14+ to 16 years (Boys Kata) – Nabarun Roy 10D
- Joint 3rd: 14+ to 16 years (Boys Kumite) – Nabarun Roy 10D
- 2nd: 10+ to 12 years (Boys Kihons) – Rohitashwa Chakraborty 6D
- 3rd: 10+ to 12 years (Boys Kihons) – Suvarun Nag 6A
- 3rd: 10+ to 12 years (Girls Kumite) – Shivangi Singh 5F

Fest

When: 19 December 2015

Where: Future Foundation School

Event: Synthesizer

Shirshendu Sen Gupta 5E secured the 2nd position.

Pragya 2015

When: 8 August 2015

Where: DPS Ruby Park

Organizer: Delhi Public School

Various reputed schools of Kolkata took part in this elocution and creative writing competition.

The topic for creative writing was 'The Teachings of Abdul Kalam'.

In the elocution and declamation competition, students recited poems and delivered speeches dealing with issues like patriotism, atrocities on women and female foeticide.

GHS presented a skit on the ban of 'Maggi'.

Basudha Pal 10C took part in the creative writing competition and Roshni Singh 10C in the declamation competition.

Innerve

When: 18-19 September 2015

'Innerve', a science fest commemorating Albert Einstein and 100 years of Physics, was organized by St. John's Diocesan School, Kolkata, for students of Classes 9-11.

The Physics quiz was unique in that the final round was entirely based on live experiments in various areas of Physics. The participating schools were required to observe and draw inferences from them.

The GHS team (Physics Quiz): Soham Ghosh, Arunava Gantait, and Ankan Nath, all of Class 9.

Satrajit Chatterjee 11A won the 3rd prize in essay writing and was adjudged the Best Speaker for the motion in the debate competition.

The GHS Super-Senior team for Power-Point presentation won the 2nd prize. The team included Saptarshi Soham Mohanta 11A, Diganta Mukhopadhyay 11A and Dharitri Chaudhuri 11A.

Teachers-in-Charge: Ms Susan Jachuck and Ms Sharmila Mitra

Vibgyor

When: 19 September 2015

Where: M. P. Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School

Classes 3-5 of GHS participated in this Inter-School Fest (Junior Section). There were 7 events standing for the 7 colours of the rainbow. GHS participated in 3 events and won two prizes:

(a) 2nd prize for the rendition of raga *Hangsadhvani* in the classical music event called *Jitaprana*.

The team: Neel Sinha 4C, Shreerupa Ray Chowdhury 4C, Oishik Mandal 3E and Anushkaa Banerjee 3E

Trainer: Ms Manali Bose

(b) 1st prize for a *bhadu* song in the group song event, *Manojapa*.

The 8 singers had been groomed by Mr Anupam Halder.

The team: Anubhab Dutta 5C, Ishika Debnath 5E, Olivia Bagchi 5E, Ayushee Nag 5D, Anchit Sengupta 4E, Sarika Banerjee 4A, Sreemonti Majumdar 4C and Nilakshi Basu Roy 5C

Vijaya was an event on 'Best out of the Waste', in which Koyna Dutta 5E and Chandreyee Sarkar 5A took part under the guidance of Ms Nibedita Ghosh Bej and Mr Subhabrata Nandi.

Tell-A-Tale

When: 23 September 2015

Where: Uttam Manch

Organizer: National High School (Boys)

Participants: Classes 3 & 4

19 schools participated in the competition.

Mr Barun Chanda, an advertising professional, actor and author, was the chief guest and Ms Bhaswati Datta and Ms Sharmistha Basu judged the event.

Soumit Basu 3B from GHS won the 1st prize.

Hindi Debate

When: 29 July 2015

Where: Ram Narayan Singh Memorial High School

'Due to the increasing impact of Westernization, Indianization is fading away' was the motion for the debate. 15 reputed schools of Kolkata participated in the competition.

Navonaya Brahmachari 11A spoke for the motion and Tanistha Bhagawati 11B spoke against it.

Sanglaap

When: 30 September 2015

Where: The Heritage School

This literary fest was organized by The Heritage School, Kolkata.

Classes 6 and 7 participated in creative writing and elocution in Bengali, Hindi, and English.

The GHS team (Creative Writing): Souparno Chatterjee 7B, Rajyashree Basu 7C and Enakshi Chatterjee 7E

The GHS team (Elocution): Ashmita Das 6D, Aadita Sinha 6F and Druhin Basu 6A

Classes 8 and 9, which had lifted the Winners' trophy twice in a row, in 2013 and 2014, were leading the Literary Quiz right till the end. But due to a quirk of fate, they were placed 2nd and received the runner-up trophy.

The GHS team (Literary Quiz): Rai Chakrabarti 9E, Arunava Gantait 9B and Anuraag Das Sarma 8C

Trainer: Ms Sharmila Mitra

Accompanying Teacher: Ms Promita Chowdhury

Welcome

We warmly welcome the following member of staff to the GHS family:

Poulomi Mitra

English



Inter-House Football Tournament

When: 11 December 2015

Where: School Playground

Participants: Classes 8-12

Winners:

1st: Palm; 2nd: Oak 3rd: Chinar

Best Defender: Siddhant Halder 12B

Best Attacker: Sayak Basu 10A

Best Goalkeeper: Prithyraj Saha 10B



Maitree 2015

When: 23 November 2015

Where: Modern High School

Participating Schools: Birla High School (Boys), Modern High School, Mahadevi Birla World Academy, Akshar, Future Foundation School, South City International School and Garden High School

The 4-hour long programme included events like Medley, Creative Web Designing, Situations and Face-Painting.

The programme was inaugurated by the noted danseuse Smt Tanusree Shankar and the students of the host school welcomed and enthralled the audience with an Odissi dance recital. The competition opened with the Medley which had 6 rounds comprising Dumb Charade, Pictionary and Spelling Bee. The GHS team of Anubhav Goswami 9B, Bristi Ray Kalandy 9B and Ved Prakash Dubey 9C was placed 3rd. The event 'Situations' required the participants to put up a 3-minute play.

In the GHS play the main characters were played by Aritra Chatterjee 9D, Rishav Ray 9B, Ipsa Samaddar 9D, Suresh Bose 9D and Urna Bandyopadhyay 9E. The venue chosen was a football stadium and the prop, an umbrella. Scripted and directed by Ms Trina Dasgupta, the play was a spoof and a satire on the forceful news reporter of 'Rhymes Now'. Their effort was applauded and appreciated by the notable theatre personality Mr Tathagata Chowdhury, who judged the event and placed GHS in the 3rd position.

Abhiyakti

When: 24 September 2015 Where: DPS Ruby Park

Participants: Abhideep Roy 1A, Rishika Basu Thakur Prep A, Arya Gupta 1A, Ashmita Mandal 1D, Mananya Muhury 1A, Shreyash Das 1B, Ahona Dasgupta 1B, Ankita Shahi 1B, Avantika Ghosh 1C, Sohini Roy Prep D, Kalpita Mukherjee Prep B, Saanvi Agarwal Prep A, Avantika Dasgupta Nur-2A and Adrija Datta Nur-2D.

The little ones did GHS proud with Arya Gupta and Ashmita Mandal bagging the 1st prize for the Story Quiz.

Mitali 2015

When: 29 September 2015 Where: Modern High School

GHS participated in various events including Role Play, Graphic Poster Designing, English Essay Writing and Indian Folk Dance (Group).

The topic of Role Play was *Alice in Wonderland*.

GHS was represented by Pratiti Pradhan 8C, Vedika Halwasiya 8B, Naomi Samson 8B, Adrita Dey 8B and Upanita Barman 8F. Naomi and Pratiti played the roles of the Duchess and Alice, and the rest made the props and other materials needed for the skit.

The Indian Folk Dance was based on the theme of Durga Puja and the participants were Samogga Chowdhury 6B, Samriddhi Sarkar 6E, Soham Dutta 6A, Sidharth Banerjee 6A, Chandrabali Biswas 6B, Manjari Sengupta 7F, Rupkatha Chowdhury 8F. Tuhin Roy Chowdhury 8B and Debanjali Banerjee 8B, bagged the 3rd prize in Graphic Poster and Designing.

Ahir Ghosh 8D was placed 3rd in the English Essay Writing competition.

Mamraj Agarwal Rashtriya Puraskar



Saptarshi Soham Mohanta 11A and Soumya Kanti Das 11A received the Mamraj Agarwal Rashtriya Puraskar from His Excellency the Governor of West Bengal, Mr Keshari Nath Tripathi, for securing 98% in ICSE 2015.

Rajya Puraskar

When: 15 June 2014

Where: Raj Bhavan

The Governor of West Bengal, Shri K. N. Tripathi, awarded the *Rajya Puraskar* certificate to Guide Aheli Saha 11A. This is the highest state-level award presented by the Governor of a State to a member of the Bharat Scouts and Guides movement.

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