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GIRLS' ON THE MOVE IN SPORT

GIRLS' HOCKEY

The small pitch at the back of Roland Road has never been so well used as it was this winter! Volunteers Rob Hinchley and Tom Herbert invented a game of hockey that best used the space and then Harry Robins and Alex Roden took over when Rob and Tom left at the height of the season. Competition and practice was sky high and Musuma was kitted-out in gargantuan goal



keeping foam. Then came our big break – Future Hope was invited to play on one of the only synthetic surfaces in Kolkata at Khalsa High School. We beat the Howrah Training Centre 5– 0 and then Thunderbirds 6 –0! Next day, we played in a nervous semifinal against the All Women's Bengali Union when we were beaten 5-2 in a great match. The unfortunate miss of a penalty stroke proved fatal. All the girls played really well and we learned a lot. We lost to the eventual winners and congratulate them.

SOCCER FEVER HITS



Backyard House Soccer has taken off as one of the girls' favourite competitions. With four on each side, players usually have a full school audience that gets heavily involved supporting Cobra, Elephant, Panther or Tiger. The game is played in bare feet and considerable skill and reflexes are required to find a way through defence. This helps with learning foot skills.

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GIRL'S FINISH RUNNERS UP IN SEN FOUNDATION

In July, our girls' soccer team played a two day tournament at La Martiniere against many bigger schools. We progressed through all the rounds without defeat to make the final against the heavily fancied La Martiniere. A large crowd came to watch us in the muddy, monsoon conditions. It was a very close final with several good scoring chances. We played a great game only to go down 1-0 in the last ten minutes.



Mr. Paul and the Girls' team before the muddy tournament

AMITY HALF MARATHON 2013

In February, Future Hope ran the Amity half marathon. Thirty-Seven Future Hope boys, girls and volunteers participated. Some students had practised for the half marathon by entering the Running for Changing 10km run on the Sunday before.

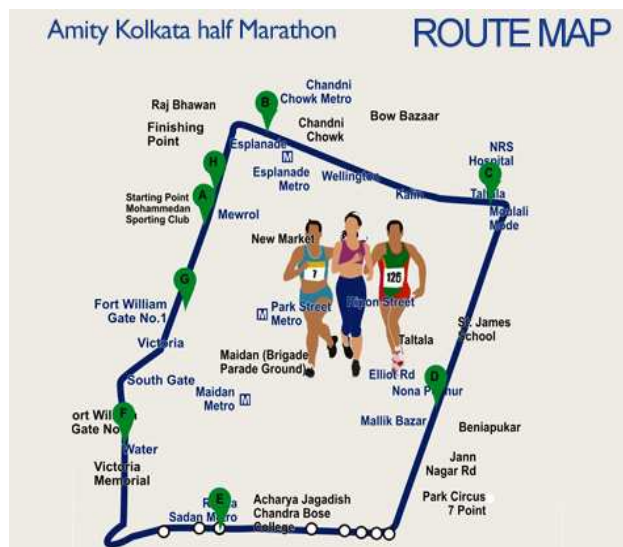
We all went to Red Road at 7.30 am where the half mara-

thon started. There were lots of people. The marathon began at 8 in the morning. We ran 21km around the city and back to same place where we started. Everybody ran as fast as they could. Of the Future Hope students, Nema and Vivek both came first, recording 2 hours and 30 minutes. It was the first time that Future Hope boys and girls

Finish of the marathon everyone was very tired. It was a challenge that everyone enjoyed.

We were grateful to volunteer Rob uncle for organizing the half marathon. He and two other volunteers George and Tom also participated. Next year we hope to run 42km, a whole marathon!

Jhumpa Das and Subhankar



The starting point (left) and route Map (right)

T C DUTT TROPHY



The new House competition got underway in April. Cobra, Elephant, Panther and Tiger now compete for the prestigious cup named after our first Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Sadly, Mr. T. C. Dutt passed away before our first competition. We send our condolences to his family, who we hope will join us in assembly to celebrate our honoring him. Every sport and many, many events have been planned over the course of the year. House captains, vice-captains and prefects have already been appointed to organize students into teams. The T C Dutt House Trophy Board has been put up in the foyer to record progressive points. Each edition of 'Tiger' will give an update. *(House Captains)*

BHARANI CUP COMPETITION SHOWCASES TALENT

On 24th March, Ballygunge went to South City International School for the Culture Programme. Suraj, Badal and Javed performed a dance as part of the Bharani Cup competition. Twelve other schools were also competing. After all the other schools had performed, it was our turn. We did breakdancing to the song *Jalwa* by Salman Khan. Having practised before the competition, our performance went well and we were really pleased.

After the dancing had finished, we went for lunch and ate chicken biryani. There was then a short break during which Ritu Parna Sen Gupta, the famous Bollywood actress, gave a short speech to the audience encouraging dance and congratulating participants.



Badal, Suraj and Javed show their smoves



Vicky, MD Javed and Mongul at the quiz

After the break it was time for the quiz. Vicky, Mongal and MD Javed represented Future Hope. There were eight schools participating. There were five rounds, each with different topics. Questions were picked at random by the participants from a box. Future Hope easily won the first round finishing top of their semi-final, scoring 55 points, 20 points more than any other team; meaning we were in the final. In the final, despite starting really well, Future Hope finished just 10 points behind the winners, leaving us runners up. It was a very good effort and we tried our best. We won a prize for coming second. We had a fun day and thank Indu Miss for organising our participation and to Francis and the volunteers for taking us there.

Javed 'Mr Dance' Ali

LIBRARY CLUB

Library club has started on Thursdays from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The aim of the club is to improve our English reading, English writing and English speaking. This will help us have a better future.

The older students act as reading buddies and mentors of the younger students and help them improve reading, writing and Eng-



Library before and after school has made a big difference to the way we learn.

books for all ages and Janu Miss has set up the library so it is fun and everyone knows sections suitable for ages. I enjoy being able to act as the teacher and help the younger ones. Thanks, Janu Miss.

By Pradeep

HOME NEWS

BALLYGUNGE GO TO THE ARMY EXHIBITION

Ballygunge went to the race-course to see an army exhibition in February. When we got there we saw all different types of rifles and weaponry. The army soldiers were giving lessons on how to use the rifles too. There was also an underground road and an underground house. We entered a tunnel and went to the house, where we saw the safety bunker for war. We also saw a helicopter land and there was a motorcycle show. The act I most enjoyed was the one where there were about 30 people balanced on only seven motorcycles. The day out gave boys a good look at possible careers in the army.



THE AMAZING BALANCING ACT

UPPER BOYS GO TO DIGHA



Digha is one of our favourite places to visit. It is only a few hours away and has a beautiful beach. The sand was good for playing soccer and the weather was fine. Our boys travelled by bus with Debananda Sir and Christopher Sir, Champa Miss and Anneke Miss (volunteer).

GIRLS' OUTSTATION



The girls enjoyed a special visit to Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Sikam in June. We enjoyed the amazing mountain views, food and visited another hostel for girls and made new friends. Thanks to Bandana, Akshay, Champa and Annapurna for taking us and looking after us. Our camera tell the best stories.



Girls in Darjeeling with Home staff Bandana Pattanayek and Annapurna

JUNIORS ENJOY THE GOVERNOR'S PICNIC



Miss Rupa (third from right) with junior teachers and children at the Raj Bhavan Picnic Day. The event is a celebration of children and features the Governor, **Mayankote Kelath Narayanan**, standing in the middle.

JUNIOR TEACHING SETS THE PACE



Einstein said:
"The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking."

Mrs. Das & Miss Routh proving the point with KG to 4 in a Creative Assembly.

JUNIOR BOYS' SOCCER SKILLS

You have to be ready for all conditions at Future Hope. Christopher sir taking the junior boys for a muddy Monsoon 'friendly' on the weekend. The score? It didn't matter.



SUCCESS AT ' THE TELEGRAPH SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT'

We played a chess tournament called the Telegraph school with 7 points out of 10. Abdul played very well by scoring 6.5 points in spite of missing two rounds, and I scored 6 points, SK Firoz scored 5 points. So we ended up with team total of 24.5 points as only the best four individual player's scores were included. We will try to do better in the next edition.

More than ten pupils from Future Hope took part in the week's tournament, held at Gorki Sadan, Kolkata. There were more than 170 other schools from all over India and some from Nepal and Bangladesh. The duration of each match was for four hours (two hours for each player to move). This was the third time we had entered this tournament. From the beginning we were doing quite well, and by the middle we were in a good position, but losing a few rounds left us in fifth place. Basant was the best performer from our



By Mongul Hem-

HOLI CELEBRATIONS AT RAJARHAT

We went to Rajarhut to celebrate the festival of color—Holi. In the morning, we took the Future Hope Bus in happy spirits. Singhi was our driver. When we got there, we immediately played with many different colors, such as Blue, Green, Red, Pink, etc... We threw colours at each other for ages, even used water pistols. Even the volunteers enjoyed it –and we made sure that they got the feel of Holi first-hand! It was good that we also had access to the water pump, so those who had been totally layered in paint could see again! It was cool in the water and this made the day especially enjoyable, as we went back and forth from throwing colours and cooling off. The bus ride home was almost as much fun because everyone was brightly coloured and laughing. The differences between everyone's clothes on the way there and on the way back was amazing! We had a nice Holi day.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN JUNE RESULTS

All Class X CBSE students gained 1st Division results with an average of around 86%! Class XII also performed strongly with a good percentage gaining 1st Divisions as well. Our reporters can confirm Arindam sir was smiling in his office! No doubt the extra homework sessions in the afternoons have made a difference, but we thank our teachers, coordinators and leaders for preparing us so well for these best results. Having the chance to make it into university is a message that is getting through to all of us. We can do it. A special reduced sporting schedule has everybody working hard for the Half Yearly in August! 'The Spy'

CRICKET ACADEMY BEGINS TO BLOSSOM

We played our first cricket match against La Martiniere –State Champions 2012. It was a T20 match. They won the toss and elected to field. Our captain Rohan batted strongly, belting regular sixes into the main building and onto the motorway. We got off to a great start, but unfortunately could not keep up the momentum. Captain Rohan was the highest scorer in the team with 40. We managed a competitive score of 150. Despite some good bowling from Ganesh, their opening batsmen proved too strong and both scored half centuries. Our fielding proved not as good as our batting, and nerves meant some of the boys did not bowl up to their best. We lost in the 17th over by seven wickets. We are very thankful to the coaches Mr Thomson, John, George and Ali (who coached the juniors) for their encouragement.



M.D. Javed plays a big shot out of the ground to lift the run rate.



Our first winning feeling at the famous St James School, Kolkata

The 1st XI also played a wonderful match against the Rotary Club at Mainland Sambaran Cricket Academy, Vivekananda Park. The match was very kindly arranged by Siddharth Bhandari and sponsored by Bhandari Automobile Pvt. Ltd. The generosity of the sponsor was evident to all with trophies and lunch provided. We extend our thanks to the sponsor and the very friendly cricketers who took part in a memorable match. Yadan posted a massive 148 runs (Man of the Match Award and School Record), and Ganesh snared 5 for 14 (Best Bowler Award). Our cricketers have certainly come a long way under the watchful eye of the Future Hope Cricket Academy. Our follow up victory over the mighty St James School of Kolkata (a regular State finalist) only weeks after going down to La Martiniere was reward for effort. Everyone played well and up to form. Ganesh again bowled and batted well, as did Rohan, Ronojoy and Abhishek in particular. Ranjit kept wickets superbly. Next season we are planning weekly fixtures and hopefully a tour to the north.

FAST TRACK CONTINUES TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN HELPING CHILDREN LEARN, FAST

The patience and devotion shown by our teachers in Fast Track is central to children being able to overcome learning challenges. Classes are small and directed very much on helping the individual to develop confidence in his and her work.

Mastering English is the key to advancing to Class X and beyond. Fast Track now is able to utilize software from Rugby School (UK) to help English phonics, grammar and pronunciation, although nothing can replace the love and care of a good teacher.



Mrs. Nandi explains the meaning of a story and asks children for their opinions.

FAREWELL TO CHARLOTTE



Charlotte Miss is one the very best teachers a school could have. She has made a great contribution to learning and many students read and speak fluent English because of her very special skills. Charlotte Miss left for Africa after two years with us. We miss her and wish her well. Charlotte Miss produced the school's first phonics dvd that will help children long after she has gone This is a great gift! We wish her well in a new future.

We also said farewell to Mrs. Lahiri (Fast Track) and Mr. Mukherjee (Admin & Chess). We thank them both for their wonderful contributions.

ROWERS DOMINATE THE LAKE

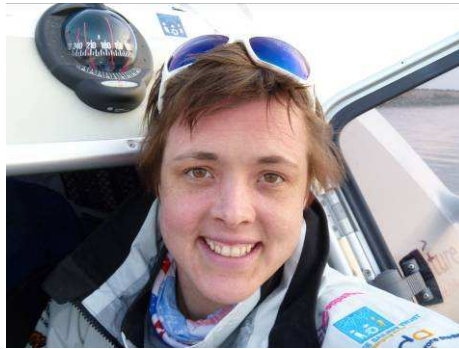
Eighteen of us row in the mornings from 5am to 7.30am, six days a week. It has resulted in our boys and girls not only learning the skills and disciplines of rowing, but meeting past and present Indian representatives and even Olympic rowers. Although we were favoured to win the Bengal Rowing Regatta against last year's winner La Martiniere, it was never going to be easy. We got off to an amazing start, maintained the rating and strong catch until the very end. We were so relieved to win after such a long qualification to reach the final. Hundreds of spectators lined the Lake and cheered us home.



'Awesome Foursome': Vicki, Mongal, Abdul and Juman (Stroke)

JUNIOR BOYS' TURN REPORTERS TO INTERVIEW FAMOUS ADVENTURER

Adventurer, Sarah Outen, is currently on a ground-breaking expedition, "London2London: Via the World". She is using only human power to try to complete a circuit of the planet. Sarah's dangerous journey is unique and will see her cycle, row and kayak over 20,000 miles. Sarah has sent this reply (from Japan) to an interview produced by children from Future Hope.



Sarah Outen on her boat

"Thank you for taking the time to write to me and send me some questions. My boat Happy Socks and I are nearly ready to go and are now just waiting for the weather to change before heading out on the next stage of my journey".

Of all the places you have been – which country or place have you enjoyed the most and why?

It's really hard to choose a favourite place as so many have special memories. I loved Russia's Far East because it was wild and beautiful and the people were so friendly. China was so different to anywhere I had been before and it was there I met Gao – the young guy who cycled with me across the country – so that was exciting. And I loved Kazakhstan because the people were so kind to me.

How do you manage when you get scared?

Fear is a really useful thing – I think it keeps us safe and alert. Out at sea when I am alone in my boat, the best thing for managing fear is to look at why I am scared and then look at things I can do to make myself feel calmer or keep myself safe. I also have to tell myself that whatever it is that scares me will pass – not many things last forever.

How did you choose the L2L route?

I knew that I wanted my journey to include a row across the North Pacific from Japan to Canada, and I knew that I wanted it to start and finish in London. So I then drew the straightest line I could between London and Japan

How do you plan what food to take while rowing? How do you cook it? What is your favourite meal?

My boat isn't very big – just seven metres long. Therefore my food has to be lightweight, last for a long time and provide me with lots of energy. Most of it is a special type of dried food – sealed into waterproof packages. I use a small gas stove to boil some water to mix with the meals when I want to eat them. I make water using a special machine called a desalinator – it pumps sea water through a filter at high pressure which takes the salt out and leaves me with drinking water. My favourite meal is stew. Delicious!

What has been the best moment of your journey so far? What made it so special?

There have been so many special memories and moments. On land my special memories are of the people that I have met. At sea it is all about being with wildlife. Kayaking down the coast of Sakhalin in Russia I came across a bear feeding on the beach – that was really special.



When you were our age (10-12 years old) what did you think you wanted to do when you became a grownup?

I always thought I would like to become a teacher. I also wanted to be a physiotherapist – helping people get strong again after injury and operations.

What was it like being rescued after the tropical storm in the Pacific? What were your feelings at this time?

I was so relieved to be safe but I was also sad to be leaving my boat behind. I was exhausted and weak, and it was all a bit of a shock – not how I had hoped to end my Pacific journey.

What changes have you made to your new boat Happy Socks to make her safer than your old boat Gulliver?

Happy Socks is the sister boat to Gulliver, so the design is the same. We thought about the things which went wrong with Gulliver last year and changed them on Happy Socks - either making them stronger or removing them completely, and in some cases adding things.

What is the most incredible creature you saw on the Indian Ocean?

My favourite creatures on the Indian Ocean were probably a group of Pilot fish (black and white striped ones) who followed my boat all the way across the ocean. I really enjoyed seeing albatrosses and whales too.

Will you visit India one day, and will you visit Future Hope?

I would love to come and visit you in Future Hope. I plan to arrive back in the UK in the autumn next year (2014) so I shall do my best to come and visit you all within one year of my coming home. Meanwhile, I want to wish you all the best from me and Happy Socks.

Questions written by Sujoy, Zahid, Rahul and Subho (taken from ideas produced by all of the 'Upstairs Boys).'

We give our first ever Tiger Award for Courage to Sarah Outen!



***To Sarah Outen for Courage
and Being an Inspiration.***

MEDICAL ATTENTION CONTINUES TO BE AT THE HEART OF OUR MISSION

The importance of having good teeth is regularly explained to us by the medical staff at Future Hope. Our dentist, who received his training in London, has been really kind with the check-ups, fillings and extractions when needed. The good news? Very few of us had problems. The dentist explained that what we ate at Future Hope was really helping: no fizzy drinks or sugar, and apparently we have been brushing the right way.



GOOD FOOD FOR GOOD HEALTH



LEARNING TO BRUSH PROPERLY

WHAT IS A TYPICAL MONTH IN THE FUTURE HOPE MEDICAL ROOM?

Dr. Sarkar and Viraf sir are very busy every day helping us with minor and sometimes major health issues, as well as giving good advice. One of the most important tasks is vaccinations. I asked Viraf sir how many students received vaccinations in June, and he immediately told me "Twenty-four students."

"Ok, then how many went to the dentist in June?" I asked. He replied in a flash, "Sixteen."

Not to be beaten, I then asked him how many students had been treated for monsoon fever in June?

Without hesitation he said, "Two." I had to be able to stump him somehow!

"Any unusual treatments, Viraf sir?"

He looked at me for a moment and said, "Actually yes, a dog bite."

The medical room is such an important place and without it we would not be able to do well at school or feel good. I had one last go at asking a tricky question.

"Viraf sir, how many boils did we treat in June?"

"Only one."

I gave up, satisfied.

Pradeep

RUGBY AGAIN SETS A HIGH STANDARD OF ACHIEVEMENT IN A SEASON 2013



JUNIOR RUGBY AFTER ITS VICTORIOUS DAY AT ARMENIAN COLLEGE, KOLKATA



FHI INDIA NOW FLYING HIGH

Our season began with weeks of hard training at the Maidan and several internal matches. Junior coach, Mr. Akhtar, drilled his junior boys hard and they have learned the importance of good structure at the breakdowns, accurate passing and good tackling. Most of all they have learned the value of running and teamwork. Everyone in the team is committed and very fit.

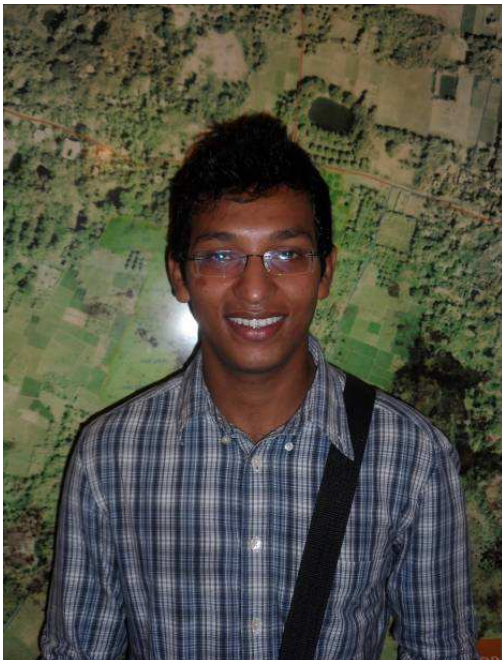
Much is expected of FHI. After a slow start to the season and an unexpected loss to the Kolkata Police, coach Sanjay Patra got the boys back on track with big wins over the Armenians and Jungle Crows. Now it is off to Orissa in August to defend our U19 All India title. They will be hard to beat if they play their best.

AT THE END OF THE JOURNEY IT IS ABOUT INDEPENDENCE AND A FUTURE

One of the most crucial tests of our success is finding basic work or entry to post schooling studies. This is not always easy and students know that it can take time to discover the right options and career pathways. Help is provided by two very important people at Future Hope: Arindam Saha (Vice Principal & Director of Education) who offers advice on post schooling and arranges university placements, and Surajit Sen (Careers and Vocational Studies) who finds vocational help and job placements.

This year we have twenty-three students studying at colleges and universities in courses ranging from hotel management, economics and business studies, arts, computer graphics and commerce. In the job placements and vocational studies areas, there has been interest in hotel house work and hospitality, cooking, stitching, hairdressing, mobile phone technology, and nail painting. All offer good incomes.

An interview with Sonny provides an inspiring example of what can be achieved at Future Hope. We asked him a few questions.



When did you arrive at Future Hope?

1999.

Where were you found?

I was found in a slum on Bondel Road.

Where does your family live now?

Same area. I joined the Homes in 2005 after joining Future Hope in 1999.

After Class XII what have you studied?

Bachelor of Commerce (Hon) in Financial Accounting and now starting a Diploma in Computer.

What do intend to do?

MBA and then corporate banking.

Would you describe yourself as ambitious?

Yes. I want to succeed and make the best of my life and in doing so respect the generosity of Future Hope.

How will your success help your family?

It will not only help me, but of course my family will benefit as I succeed and earn a good income.

What advice do you have for young students?

Work hard and be totally honest –always true to your goals. Make every moment at Future Hope really count. Take advantage of this unique opportunity by listening to your teachers and using knowledge gained to achieve your dreams.

Most memorable moment at Future Hope?

My first day.