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## ANIMATION WORKSHOP

During my winter vacation, I had a class called Animation Workshop. There was a boy and a girl who took our animation class. It started at 9:00am till 12:00 noon from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan to 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. The first day they came, I was excited because I haven't had a class like that. But I wanted to learn about animation.

There were many boys and girls including our computer teacher, Devleena Ma'am, in that class. On the first day, we sang a song called "Allah ke bande" and after that they gave a brief introduction of animation film and they showed a small film so we got an idea. Next day we made a big background by attaching many white chart papers with cellotape. We made it very very big and we drew grids on it. Actually we tried to make a game of snakes and ladders.

In our group a few boys and girls were good at singing, so they sang for the animation film. Some of them were good at painting, some were good in maths so they measured to make the huge background.

After that many boys plus girls painted a long road on the paper and many of them made characters of the game like snakes, ladders, a boy, a girl and buses. I was a painter so I drew. We had to draw on both sides of the long winding road along the entire paper and colour it. It took two days to do it. We decorated it with feathers and sparkles, we then stuck the snakes and

ladders on the paper.

On the last day of the workshop, we had a shooting of the film. This was the main part of our small session. Then I was a cameraman when our director showed us the start. The characters were moving slowly and we had to use our hands to move it. We all took turns to do everything. Sometimes I was moving the character, and sometimes taking the photographs.

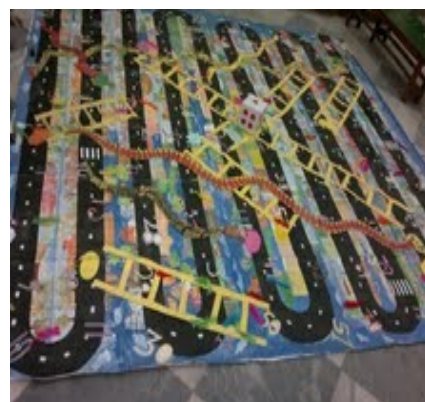
The film was about new life. There is a big difference between our house and Future Hope School. In between there are many bad things and good things. In front of a snake there were bad things such as Child Labour, Drug Abuse etc. and there were good things on the ladder such as Education, Sports etc. If you land on the mouth of a snake, then you move backwards. If you go to the bottom of a ladder, then you can climb and go forwards.

We did a lot of hard-work. For that my knees were sore because we had to sit down on our knees to do the work. Despite that, we really enjoyed it and learnt new things and it was very interesting. Everybody enjoyed it. When the shooting of the film was over, we had a small interview of each student. At the end, we thanked our director, producer and Devleena ma'am.

Jaimangal Jaswal



Pupils shooting the animation



The completed animation

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## ENGLAND TEST CRICKET TEAM VISIT FUTURE HOPE SCHOOL

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2012, the England Test Cricket Team came to Future Hope School. This is the second time that they came to our school. Alastair Cook inaugurated our Cricket Academy and Graeme Swann inaugurated our Music Room.

Most of my time, I was with Matt Prior and he told me that he was having lots of fun here, and that he wants to come again. He advised me on how to play cricket better and also gave his wristband to me.

Ganesh Khutia and some other boys played cricket with Kevin Pietersen in our cricket net. Beside the cricket net Samit Patel, Steven Finn and some

other players played cricket with our junior cricket team.

Jonathan Trott, James Anderson and some other English players played hockey on the terrace with the girls. Eoin Morgan showed us his football skills. The coach of the English team, Andy Flowers, played chess with one of our junior boys Ram and also gave his cap to him.

Finally we gathered together in the assembly hall and sang our school diary songs with them. We had a good time with them and we hope that they also enjoyed their time with us.

Rohan Thomas



Panesar, Cook and Morgan play chess against the boys



Stuart Broad and his sister, Bresnan and some Future Hope boys

## 31ST NIGHT



Joya and the straw man

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2012 in the winter holidays there was a big party at Rowland Road. It started at 9.30pm and finished at 1.00am.

There were lots of people there- day scholars, all of the future Hope boys and girls, staff and Mr. and Mrs. Thomson. Before we started our party, the Future Hope boys and girls took part in a dance, drama and singing competition. Before the bonfire, we had a prize distribution. Javed Ali from Ballygunge won the prize for the best dancer.

After the competition, the staff played musical chairs. The winner was the Rashbehari home

parent. Then we had snacks like cold drinks, tomato soup, chips, chai and coffee.

Then we all had a disco and everyone danced from 10.30pm until the bonfire. Bompas made the straw man on the fire and on the straw man's t-shirt somebody had written: 'ENJOY FUTURE HOPE 2013!'. Thomson Sir lit the fire and burnt the straw man. After the bonfire, Bompas, Ballygunge and Rashbehari boys cleaned the place. We had a very fun party.

Subhankar Dey and Jhumpa Das





## MUSIC IS THE FUTURE HOPE

Johannes Moller is a world famous classical guitar player from Sweden who first came to Future Hope last year and also came this year.

He composed a piece for us called *Future Hope*. He also made a CD of this piece and he has sold many of the CDs over the world. He is still selling them whenever he plays the Future Hope piece. He came to Future Hope School on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 and had lunch with the upstairs boys and played cricket with our cricketers.

He played the piece he composed for us and many of his other pieces.

On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, many other classical guitarists also came to Future Hope School and played many beautiful pieces. Some of them also played the violin. They were from the US. Next day 11 of us from Ballygunge and Bompas were invited to see their concert in ICCR auditorium. It was fabulous!

Sanjib Das



Johannes Moller and Debananda Sir

## BRITISH COUNCIL ANNUAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

There is an annual drama festival in India run by the British Council. Our boys and girls from Class 10B took part in that this year. They worked very hard to write a script for their drama. The script was then checked and judged by the British Council.

After it was selected they worked hard to produce a drama out of it. They went to Delhi to perform the drama in the semi final and excitedly they were selected for the final. The final was in Kolkata. So, we went to watch the drama which was in Birla Sabhagarh in Ballygunge. There were seven other schools also selected for the final. They were all very good dramas but ours was a funny one.

Then when the prizes were distributed we were all very excited as we received the "Best Teacher Coordinators" award which was given to Mark Lewis Sir.

After the drama we all enjoyed the snacks and then returned home happily.

Mongal Hembrom



Some scenes from the play (left, middle, right)

## HOME NEWS

### GANGARAMPUR AND BARRACKPORE

The upstairs boys went with Dabannanda sir, Christopher Anthoni and Badal Da to Gangarampur for one night in the winter holidays.

When we got there we saw a church and a picture of Mother Theresa and Jesus. Then we played a cricket against the village boys but we lost. They ate sweets because they won the match.

The next day we went to Barrackpore for one night. We played more cricket, but only with our boys. It was a fun trip and I enjoyed it very much.

Zahid Ali



Some of the upstairs boys in Gangarampur (above and below)



### GIRLS TRIP TO THE SUNDERBANS

The small girls went to the Sunderbans on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December in the morning. We went there and saw tigers and monkeys in the forest. We were excited to see the tigers because it was our first time seeing them in the wild. Before we had only seen them in the zoo.

In the evening we went to the church. We also went to a fair where we rode many rides. After that we went to Ganga Uncle's house at 10 o'clock at night. Lots

of people came to see us because we were new visitors. It was very fun and Ganga Uncle was very kind to us.

In the morning we went on a boat and we saw mangrove trees and different types of birds. During the afternoon time we had lunch and then came back to Future Hope. It was a nice trip for us.

Sutrishna Moira



The girls on a boat on the river (left) and at Ganga Uncle's house with visitors (right)

### BARDHAMAN

In the winter holidays on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December, some of the Ballygunge home boys went to Bardhaman, a city on West Bengal 100km north-west of Kolkata, to play in a cricket tournament.

Taking part in the cricket tournament there were nine teams including two Future Hope teams. All the others were local. Two teams were very good. We played knock out games. The second team got to the semi final but lost

there. Arpan in Ballygunge got the best bowler prize, a trophy.

Also on the trip we had fun playing with the students of the school we stayed in that Basu Sir knew very well. We also had delicious food like chicken and eggs. Some of the boys went on bicycles out of the school on races. It was a good trip, and we really enjoyed ourselves.

Abhijit Hazra



## ATHLETICS

La Martiniere School held an athletics competition in their school for one week in December 2012. They invited many schools to take part in the athletics. There were lots of events like long jump, high jump, running, and short put, tag of war, etc. There were three sections under – 13, under – 16 and under – 19.

It was Future Hope School's first time taking part in this athletics competition. Our school does not have a ground for practising, so they hadn't practised for a single day for this event. There were about 40 students from the school who took part in the athletics. Girls also gave their name to compete in this event.

On the first day the boys and girls had an early lunch and went to the La Martiniere School. It was a good sunny day. During the first day the

events were 100m sprint and 1500m running. Many boys qualified for the next round. In the 1500m for under – 16 Ne-mai, Subhas and Juman took place and Juman did very well. He got a bronze medal.

One day there was tug of war Future Hope vs La Martiniere. They were double in size. La Martiniere students won the tag of war very easily. Setaur, a student from class 7 competed in the under – 13 category. He did very well and he got two gold medals – one for running 200m and another for 800m running. Ganesh got a bronze in a high jump in the under – 18 category.

Future Hope students did very well for the first time they had taken part in the competition. They will do better in the next athletics competition.

Surojit Mayra



Ganesh jumping the high jump (above) for which he won the bronze medal, the tug of war (below)



## DIGHA TRIP GIRLS

On 26<sup>th</sup> December, we visited the sand. We had snacks. We Digha. We (girls and house-parent) woke up at 5'0 clock in the morning. By the afternoon, we reached Midnapore. We saw handicrafts by the sea. At night, after dinner, we went sleep on the soft beds. We enjoyed sleeping on the soft beds.

We stayed there for two days and two nights. It was very cold there. We stayed in an ashram. On the first day, we went to an NGO and spent time with children. The children were very good at painting. In the afternoon, we had lunch there with children. After lunch, we went to Digha. Digha is the seaside. We walked and played with

On the second day, we woke up in the early morning. We had breakfast. After breakfast, we went to Digha again and had another day at the beach. We love the cold. It was a super day!!! The next afternoon, we returned to Future Hope. We hope to visit Digha again.

We walked and played with Anju Bishawakarma

## 10 seconds with Ganga Mondal, a Future Hope staff member...

- 1. How long have you been at FH?** Over 4 years
- 2. Favourite food at Future Hope?** Mixed vegetables
- 3. Best thing about FH?** It provides a good education
- 4. Best changes you have seen over your time here?** Education development has increased
- 5. Name one thing you like about FH?** When volunteers come and help the children
- 6. Best time of the year at FH?** The Mela
- 7. Worst time of the year?** The summer holidays when everyone goes away because it is boring!

## MELA

Our Mela (fair) was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2012. Many people came to the Mela, like older boys of Future Hope, teachers, families and friends of Future Hope students.

There was a programme of events. The upstairs girls did an Odissi dance and class 10 did a western dance. A mixture of Future Hope boys and girls, both day scholars and home students, also did one hindi drama called *Jamrurmul ka Perit*.

There were art and craft stalls selling

jewellery, candles, photo frames, calendars, clothes and shopping bags. There were also food stalls selling puchka, egg chops, pithe, tea, coffee, papri chat and bhelpuri. There were game stalls where you could play games like Lucky Draw, Try Your Luck, Bust the Crackers, Touch the Ball and Fun Fish Pond. Over all it was successful and very busy, with a good atmosphere and great weather. We enjoyed the Mela a lot.

Mantu Khatoon



Odyssey dance

## POETRY: A SELECTION FROM CLASS 9B

### ‘ABOUT MY SCHOOL’

School is cool,  
There are lots of rules,  
Rule breaking is for fools.

Here we come to learn.  
This is where our minds churn.

When the bell rings,  
on Friday we sing.  
From the tiny ant to the elephant.  
From English with Moon Miss,  
to Computer with Devlina Miss.

Sport is fun,  
scoring lots of runs.  
Hitting lots sixes.  
Making the fielders hesitate.

When school ends.  
we want to come again.  
School is fun,  
because we are young, man.  
Everyone should come to school.  
As I feel it is very cool.

Surojit Mayra



The crowd at Rowland Road during the Mela

### ‘MATHS’

Maths is a difficult subject,  
As anybody in school would say  
It creates a lot of problems,  
And it has loads of rules to obey.  
The formulae cause excruciating headache,  
And geometry is also pain,  
Addition and subtraction are much better,  
And so are the sums of loss and gain.  
Mensuration and algebra are ruthless,  
If understood, Maths becomes dust,  
But if having problems with them,  
The brains turn into lumps of rust.  
For me, Maths is my weakest subject,  
Not to mention Physics and Chemistry,  
It's easier for me to understand and learn-  
The subjects Geography and History.

Tabbasum Akhter



Akash and Sudeep as Dolu and Bolu in the play *Choth Bheem* at the Mela



## CRICKET NEWS

FUTURE HOPE CRICKET took a big step forward in January when the Ist XI led by Rohan Thomas scored an upset victory against St James' School – regarded as the second best cricket school in Kolkata. Over a period of two months the boys have worked very hard under the coaching of Mr. Thomson and Mr. Sen to establish basic skills in batting, bowling and fielding. After a shaky start when we were reduced to 5 for 75, we recovered in the 30 overs to score a massive 8 for 243 runs. The ever-reliable Rohan Thomas got us away to a good start with 44, while Abishek Malakar scored 47 and Ganesh Kutia scored 49 in vital partnerships that gave St

James a mighty run chase in the end. After a good start by St James, Ronjoy Pyne, Arpan Chettri, Rohan Thomas, Ganesh Khutia and Abishek Malakar gradually took crucial wickets that brought us victory.

St James was all bowled out for 150 on their home turf. Rajit Sardar kept wicket brilliantly. The real feature of the match was our ability to play with more consistency. We are extremely grateful to our opponents for playing us and offering a fine lunch.

The new cricket net has helped dramatically with practice sessions and both the juniors and 'little ones' can be seen bowling and hitting balls daily. On February 9 our Ist XI will play its first match on turf against the Calcutta Cricket and Football Club. In other results our juniors put up a good fight against the strong La Martiniere team. For many this is their first season of playing cricket. The future looks bright.





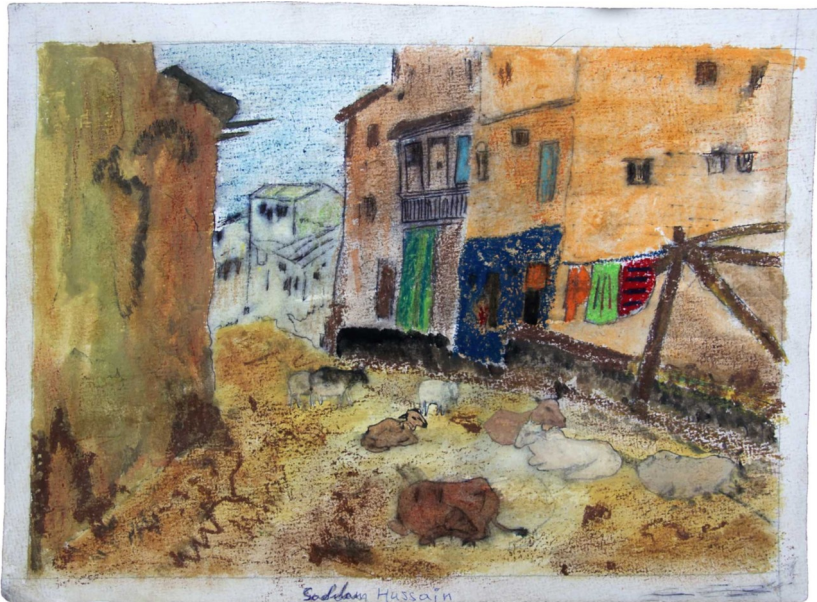
## RECENT ART FROM FUTURE HOPE SCHOOL



Bikash Singh, Class 6



Kushal Mondal, Fast Track



Saddam Hussain, Class 9A



Rukshar Khatoon, Class 3

## COMING UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF 'THE TIGER'

- Future Hope boys and girls run the Kolkata Half Marathon
- Success at 'The Telegraph School Chess Tournament'
- Write-up of FH junior cricket team's first match
- And many more reviews, photos, interviews and news from Future Hope School and the Future Hope Homes



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