

# ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CHRONICLE 2022



The School Chapel

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The Senior Wing Staff, 2022, with Mr. Peter Lepcha (Acting Administrator)



The Junior Wing Staff, 2022, with Mr. Peter Lepcha (Acting Administrator)



The Primary Wing Staff, 2022, with Mr. Peter Lepcha (Acting Administrator)



The Administrative Staff, 2022, with Mr. Peter Lepcha (Acting Administrator)



The School Captain and Prefects, 2022, with Mr. Peter Lepcha (Acting Administrator).

## **ACTING ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH - 2022**

Honourable Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Mrs. Pradhan, ladies and gentlemen,

Once again, I extend my warm welcome to each of you, on behalf of staff and students of St. Paul's School, Darjeeling.

We are honoured to have amidst us, our own, honourable Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan and his family. We are delighted and proud of Sir's achievements. Thank you, Sir, for taking the time out, in spite of your busy schedule, to grace the occasion with your presence.

After two years of lockdwon, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the schools in West Bengal reopened, for good, in the month of February, 2022. We reopened ours school soon after the government notification. The Staff reported back on 21st February and the students reported back, phase wise, to school; classes 8-12 reported on 25th February, 6 and 7 reported on 5th march and classes 1-5 reported on 12th March.

The school year began with an Orientation Programme, for the teachers, conducted by Rev. Dr. S.M John Kennedy S.J. on 24th February. It was a delightful workshop with so much of information to be assimilated for teaching and learning. This was followed by the Orientation Programme for students conducted by the Acting Administrator. The idea behind the Orientation Programme was to provide guidance to the students, especially the new ones, about the school life at St. Paul's School.

The Academic Staff meeting was held on 7th March to plan school events for the year, so that all school activities (Academic and Co-curricular) are carried out smoothly.

## **Staff Appointments**

Revd. Joy Halder placed his resignation in the month of February, 2022. His resignation was accepted by the Chairman of the Board of Governors. At the same time Ms. Sunetra Halder's resignation as the 'School Counsellor' was also accepted. Mr. Peter Lepcha was asked to take up the responsibility of running the school as the 'Acting Administrator', in addition to being the Senior Master, by the Board of Governors, verbally on 8th February and in writing on 14th February, 2022.

Mrs. Paromita Paul Srivastava resigned from the post of Senior Biology teacher owing to some personal reasons. In her place Mr. Saroj Gurung has been appointed as the Senior Biology Teacher. He is a very talented teacher who is well suited to a residential school se up. Mr. Sudip Pande (Music Teacher) has been replaced by Mr. Pemba Tamang, another very competent teacher who has a desired qualification to guide our students

from Primary Wing to Senior Wing. Mr. Debasish Ghosh (Office Assistant), Mr. Sunil Raj Gurung (Caterer) and Dr. Anu Sheela Rai (Junior Biology Teacher) were other teachers who retired in the last tow years. Mr. Jeff Mistry (Caterer) also took a voluntary retirement.

Mr. O.P. Agarwal (Estate Manager), Mr. Angelo C.N Alva (HPW), Mr. Nillikunnel V. Vincent (Senior Maths Teacher), Mrs. Sindhu Dwivedi (Senior Hindi Teacher) and Mrs. Diana Alva (PW Matron) have retired, but have kindly consented to serve the school on extension. The school expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all of them for their generous contribution to it.

## Academic performance of students:

The ICSE and ISC Board examinations were carried out in two phases in the last academic year. The First Semester Examination was held in the month of November, 2021, and the Second Semester Examination began in the month of March and continued till July 2022. All students (ICSE and ISC) resided in the school premises during the First Semester Examination. However, only ICSE students were provided accommodation in the school, during the Second Semester Examination, owing to school renovation programmes initiated in the school.

The students performed well in the Board Examination. We had a 100% pass results in both ICSE and ISC examinations.

## Performance of students in games and other co-curricular activities

The students have achieved great heights in games and sports and other co-curricular activities. As usual the Cricket Teams (JW/SW) had a very successful season. The students took part in various inter-school sports events such as Chess, basketball, volleyball and football. Especially, after returning back from two years of pandemic, it wasn't an easy ride for our boys but, each team proved their metal on the game's fields.

The school successfully conducted all calendared co-curricular activities scuh as House Concerts, Dramas, Debates, Elocutions, Quizzes, Club activities, House Activities etc. The students actively participated in Inter-School events and proved very successful in many of those events. The latest in the list was the ISC Festival where they, not only enjoyed themselves but also rose to the occasion of giving their very best.

#### Career Guidance

The school organized several career guidance programmes for providing adequate knowledge and information to students concerning their future studies. Students got the opportunity to interact with the eminent faculty

from Presidency University to learn more about I-Leauge Universities abroad in the month of March. Representatives from eight universities, from all ovr India, were present at our school to provide career guidance to our students in the month of May. The programme was organized by Student Outreach team. Similarly, the students were provided with the opportunity to attend an online meeing with faculty from OP Jindal University in the month of June. In the same month a Science Workshop, for classes 6-12 was conducted by Mr. Krishnendu Chakraborty to provide greater exposure and interest in Science. The career guidance was also conducted by the OPA Chapter of Siliguri, in association with the Global Reach team. In addition, students attended a career guidance programme, organized by the Rotary Club of Darjeeling, at the Gymkhana Club.

#### Vaccination

The school carried out a vaccination drive, for boys aged between 12-14, in the school, on 30th March, 2022, for the first dose, while the second dose was administered on 6th May, 2022. The vaccination drive has been in force ever since. Periodically, the school have been sending a groups of boys, for the purpose of vaccination, to vaccination center.

#### **Sickness**

In spite of all our efforts, the year wasn't always a smooth sail for our staff and students. We had to encounter a bout of Covid+ve cases in the school, especially in the Junior and Senior Wings. However, with the help of our brave nurse, school doctor and staff body, along with continous support and encouragement form parents, the school managed to overcome this difficult hurdle. The school is extremely proud of all their help and support.

#### **Excursion**

Amidst all odds, the Primary Wing had a great excursion trip to Lataguri, Coochbehar and Siliguri. The trip was made more enjoyable owing to generous help from parents who served as wonderful hosts providing the boys and staff with goodies wherever they went. Thanks to all our loving Primary Wing parents.

## Visits from Old Paulites, Parents and Friends

The school enjoyed visits from a good number of well-intentioned people during the year. First of all, the O.P batch of 1992 paid a visit to school in the month of March, followed by the OPA Kolkata Chapter, who came to play Cricket with school team in the month of May. The OPA Sikkim Chapter came to play a football match with our school team in the month of July. Three more batches of Old Paulites are yet to pay their visits in the month of November.

One of the most important aspects of thir visits is that various batches of Old Paulites have expressed their willingness to do something for their 'alma mater' and some of them have already started their works. For example, OPA Kolkata inaugurated the information resource center and Water Heating System which were gifted by them. The batch of 1997 has started a project of building a rain corridor and shed for the Old Pavilion, which we all can witness on the Top Field. The batch of 2001 has started their porject of renovating the School Chapel. The School is grateful to all the Old Paulites for their contribution for the betterment of the school.

Other Old Paulites and parents have come, time and again, to treat the entire school with goodies. The most privileged Wing has been the Primary Wing, who have been treated with variety of special dishes by Old Paulites, parents and friends.

Mr. Nisith Pramanik, the hoourable Member of Parliament, Union Minister of Home, Sports and Youth Affairs, who happens to be our parent, of a child in the Primary Wing, graced the occasion of the Primary Wing Inter-House Drama Competition. He was very appreciative of the effort made by the teachers of our school in grooming the young minds.

The school also had a visit from the Counsellor (Education and Sports), Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, who expressed a great deal of satisfaction in seeing the Bangladeshi students do well at St. Paul's School.

## Various Academic programmes introduced in the school

First of all, the school has tied up with Nutshell 'Quizzoria' team from Siliguri who conduct regular quiz contests for our students. Secondly, the school has joined hands with Byju's to improve students performance in Science and Mathematics. Thirdly, to enhancethe performance of the board class students, the school has introduced regular coaching classes, in various core subjects, in the Senior Wing. Fourthly, the school provides opportunities for students to use extensive use of the resource center to do research on various subjects based on their areas of interest. In addition, the school has made provision for some students to attend regular online classes to prepare for JEE and NEET examinations. Some of these programmes will be incorporated, as an integral part of our school curriculum, in the days to come.

## Partnership with Educare

A new feature at St. Paul's School is its partnership with Educare, for overall academic and infrastructure development. Educare is a multi-national company, based in Dubai, headed by CEOs and Directors of multi-national companies who have very clse ties with global leaders, in the

field education. Starting with a complete renovation of the infrastructure to implementation of various academic programmes such as AI lab, NEET, JEE, IB as well as setting up a center for TOEFL, SAT, or IELTS examinations, the school has developed a road map for the future of the school. The partnership with Educare will help St. Paul's School to collaborate with Indian and foreign universities and, thus, enrich its academic and other programmes with inputs from eminent faculty to reach newer heights.

## Thank you note to teachers and parents

The two years of pandemic wasn't an easy time for the school, financially, nor was it an easy time for our teachers, parents and students. The major impact of this financial crisis was felt by the staff body. There was a drastic salary cut of 50% for nearly 16 months. In spite of all the odds, the teachers braced themselves and put their best foot forward to carry on with a full load of classes, all through the pandemic, so that the students, under their care, wouldn't have to suffer for want of guidance. I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude towards each one of them.

As I honour our teachers, I would like to place on record, all the help and support we received from our parents. As I said earlier, it wasn't an easy time for parents. However, a large number of parents understood the problems faced by the school, and staff, and did their best to pay the fees in time. In fact, it is because of parents like these that the school was able to carry on with effective academic programmes for the last two years, and have come to where we are today. I would like to acknowledge their generosity and fidelity towards school and say 'Thank You'. We need parents like you to make our academic programme a success.

We look forward to your continued support, and encouragement, to provide greater care for your child in every sphere of his school life and, thus, reach greater heights.

'Moniti Meliora Sequamur'

Peter Lepcha Acting Administrator

## St. Paul's School Darjeeling



## 200th Speech Day

Saturday, 1st October 2022, 10:00 am

Chief Guest: Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan High Court - Sikkim

#### **List of Prize Winners**

## **Programme**

Arrival of the Chief Guest
Lighting of the Lamp and the Invocation
National Anthem
Administrator's Report
Felicitation of The Class of '95
Felicitation of the Teachers completing 25 years of Service
Prize Distribution
Chief Guest's Address
Vote of Thanks
School Song

## Prize List-2022

Class 1	First Proficiency Ayushman Roy	Second Proficiency Aarya Roy Mamar	Progress & Application Abraham Choudhury	
2	Krithikesh Poddar	Nirvoy Satre	Adhrit Das Roy	
3	Shlok Roy Shaurya	Choudhury	Neel Lahiri	
4	Ayan Chhetri	Aniket Singh	Abhigyan Bharti	
5	Palsang S. Bhutia	Anmol Agarwal	Aditya Sinha	
			Aniruddh Singh	
6A	Sushobhit Mukhia	Swastik Dutt	Mohit Kumar Soni	
7A	Souhrit Das	Pushkar Raj	Shreyas Sai	
7B	Joe Banerjee	Al Meherab Mashraf	Aditya Dev	
8A	Pritam Raj	Anbhav Kumar	Ronit Singh	
8B	Sayantas Das	Abhigyan Singh	Satwik Raj	
9A	Thayakon Munthongchun	Bhara Sahal	Kawin Athatamsuntorn	
9B	Shams Ur Rahman	Atulya Koirala	Divyanshu Deep	
9C	Sk Hasibur Rahaman Yavisht S. Jamshedji		Aditya Kumar Bhagat	
10A	Kartikay Jalan	Rishit Jaggi	Rachanapong Jangaroon	
			Tejaswi Kumar	
10B	Irfan Karim	Vibhas Raj		
11H	Abhishek K. Goswami			
11C	Rakshyak Dahal	Rishit Kumar Dutta	Suryansh Rishi	
11S	Nirvan R. Lama	Arman Mandal	Bashistha Subedi	
11H	Jerome Ayemi	Varish Subba		
12C	Tausheen Amin Molla	Nikesh Kharel		
12S	Ayush Raj	Himanshu Shekhar	Jigmi Nuru Sherpa	

## Special Prizes - Primary Wing

Class Good Conduct	Art	
1 Debojyoti Chowdhury	Aarya Roy	
2 Adhrit Das Roy	Krithikesh Poddar	
3 Ayan Singh	Sharthak Saha	
4 Dagyal Bhutia	Aniket Singh	
5 Eshaan Banerjee		
Saxena Prize for Quizzing	Eshaan Banerjee	
P.W. Best Artist Medal	Dhiraj Paul	
P.W. Prize for Best Actor	Aniket Singh & Utkarsh Jhunjhunwala	
Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal	Aditya Sinha & Aditya	
Essay Prize	Palsang Sangay Bhutia	
Moore Divinity	Palsang Sangay Bhutia	
Evelyn Howard Prize for Elocution	Palsang Sangay Bhutia	

## **Special Prizes in Junior Wing**

Junior Wing Art Prize
Amiya Bhatacharya Memorial Prize for Musician

Junior Wing Moore Divinity Prize

The Junior Wing Art Prize

B.J Sharma Medal for the Best Sportsman in JW Jack Warren Medal for the Best Cricketer in JW

Jyoti Kundu Medal for Elocution

Taba Atur

Deeptarka Saha Pragyum Pratyaksh

Mihir Singh

Niyang Wall

Shreyash Yadav Savantan Das &

Ankit Raj Nayak

Sayantan Das

Sayatan Das

Pritam Raj

Zidane Asif

Naresh Shanmungam Memorial Medal for Good

Conduct in Class VII

K.N Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading

Dawa Norbu Medal for the Best Debater in JW

The Sakrani Medal for Computer

The Gayatri Kanti Prize for Consistent Academic

Achievement

B.P Dutta Science Prize Shayaan The Karanjai Prize for Quizzing

Disawala Prize for Best Actor

Sayantan Das

Ahmad Khan Sayantan Das

Souhrit Das

## **Special Prizes in Senior Wing**

Gibbs Medal for Outward Bound Activities (Pioneers)

A.B Miller Proficiency Medal-ISC (Science)

Anil Chaudhury Art Medal Best Artist Medal

Usha Rani Bengali Medal

Adam's Music Medal

G.V Swaika Medal For Drama

Jack Warren-Best Cricketer Under - 10

Nilima Bose Medal - For Excellence In Theatre

Best Craftsman's Medal....For Batik Sahgal Business Studies Medal Class Of 89's Ecomonics Medal Best Elocutionist Medal In Bengali

Gen. Virendra N.C.C Medal

Tower History Medal Moore Divinity Medal

Nanibala Dey English Literature Medal Sakrany Medal For English Elocution Leslie Goddard Medal ... (ICSE)

Renuka Dang Proficiency Medal - ICSE

Rahoul Music Medal

Best Elocutionist Medal In Nepali

Ishant Bhattarai

Rigzen P. Bhutia Varish Subba Durlov Dutta

Jerome Ayemi

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Vibhas Raj

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Jerome Ayemi Nikesh Kharel Nikesh Kharel Jubair Mahmud Sebastian Vincent Rigzen P. Bhutia

Nirvan Rinchen Lama Prayas Bhowmick

Prayas Bhowmick Arman Mandal

Arman Mandal Samiran Sapkota

Rakshyak Dahal

Rudra Hindi Medal Ayush Raj Prayas Bhowmik Kothari Physical Science Medal Opa Medal - Best All Round Sportsman in SW Tashi Topgay Tamang Atanu Bhattacharjee Memorial Cricket Medal Sebastian Vincent School Captains Medal Rigzen P. Bhutia K.K Mukherjee Medal - Best All Rounder - Class 12 (XII) Tashi Topgay Tamang Bishop's Medal Jerome Ayemi Robin Banerjee Life Science Medal Kupuka I Zhimomi Opa Medal For Social Service Raghav Sahal G.J Shaw Medal .. for Best All Rounder - Class 10 (X) Vibhas Raj Kamlesh Kanti Medal - ICSE (Hindi) Ayushman Basu Maj. Bhatnagar Medal For Brain Of St. Paul's Rigzen P. Bhutia K.L Pradhan Medal ICSE (Economics) Arman Mandal Rai Bahadur D.N Singh Medal - ISC (Humanities) Piyush Khastagir R.S Prasad Computer Science Medal Vibhas Raj Karan Mazumdar G.K Medal Rigzen P. Bhutia Sahgal Accountancy Medal Tausheen Amin Molla Das Studio Medal For Consistent Good Work Shreyash Bhattacharya Kamlesh Kanti Photography Medal Prayash Bhowmick Darjeeling Photo Stores Medal - (Excellence In Photography) Nirvan Rinchen Lama N.K Mitra Medal For Club Activities Nirvan Rinchen Lama Raj Bhandari Medal ICSE (Nepali) Saraf Short Story Medal Nirvan Rinchen Lama Madhukar Rana Nepali Medal Yavisht Rinchen Lama Air Force Medal - for Best Public Speaker Nikesh Kharel Tenzing Norgay Leadership Award Yavisht Jamshedji Carter English Medal Arayo Sato Vamuzo Nawraj Pradhan ------Environmental Ambassador Award Bible Reading Medal Rector's Medal Rigzen P. Bhutia Darjeeling Rotary Medal For Social Service - (Under X) Sahil Sharma Best Elocutionist Medal In Hindi Ayush Raj Kabra Prociency Medal - ISC (Commerce) Utkarsh Kumar Clark Geography Medal Ayush Raj Best Craftman's Medal - Woodwork Samiran Sapkota Luv Kumar Ecological Studies Medal Prayas Bhowmick Karun Majumdar Science Medal Arman Mandal Ajit Singh Lambu Award For Discipline Ayush Raj Gal Gregory Mathematics Medal Himanshu Shekher Gyaltsen Medal -- for Best Footballer -- (Under 10 (X) Teekawin Juntee

Courage In The Face Of Adversity (2019)

## SCHOOL SONG

From the low and steamy plains 'Upward!' the old School calls; Come share our joys and pains, Come, mould your limbs and brains; 'Upward!' the old School calls; St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's!

When pales and dies the light 'Courage!' the old School calls; Fear not the darkest night; Clouds only veil the light; 'Courage!' the old School calls; St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's!

When press unhallowed foes;
'Fight on!' the old School calls;
See the eternal snows;
Pure be thy soul as those;
'Fight on!' the old School calls;
St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's!

And when life's course is run, 'Homeward!' the old School calls Face towards the rising sun, Wait for the glad 'Well Done!' 'Homeward!' the old School calls; St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's.







## **CHAPEL REPORT - 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Michael Dutta Chapel Warden: Raghav Sahal &

Guruveer Singh Lamba

When one thinks of St. Paul's, it always starts with the Chapel and the grandeur of the majestic Kanchenjunga mountain in the background. To this day Chapel is considered the heart of St. Paul's and is one building which is cherished by every present and old Paulites. It is the one place where the entire fraternity of St. Paul's gathers as a community, and from where the spiritual and moral body is developed in each and every student.

Keeping with the tradition, the Chapel service for the year began with a combined service of the Opening of the Term and Investiture of the Prefects on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March respectively.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of March a special service was held for the OP's batch of '92.

The holy week services were held in early April, starting from the Palm Sunday service on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, the Good Friday service on 15<sup>th</sup> of April and Easter Service on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April. As usual, the Chapel look its best, adorned with beautiful easter lilies and other colourful flowers, which instilled a feeling of tranquillity and peace in the minds of all present.

A special was held for the OP's who had come to play the usual cricket match.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, Independence day, a special service was held to honour India, our Motherland, and to pray for her. The Acting Administrator, Mr. Peter Lepcha officiated to service and the address was delivered by Mr. Prem Shankar Chatruvedi, the head of the Hindi department. His message instilled in us the values of the right use of freedom and our duty towards the nation.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of September a special service was held on the occasion of Teacher's Day. A very effective and influencing address was delivered by the Acting Administrator emphasing the role teachers play in moulding and grooming the overall personality of the students,

On All Souls' Day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, a special service was held in which the wreaths were laid on the graves of Bishop F. Westcott and Father Leblond by Adm'tor, HJW< HPW, School Captain, vice Captain and the Head Chapel warden.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, a service of Remembrance Sunday was held during which wreaths were laid before the long list of our school boys who have given up their life serving their countries during the World Wars. The buglers played the Last Repost. A special service was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November to celebrate the Children's Day.

The long awaited Carol Services were held at the end of the academic tear. The PW Carol service eas held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the JW and SW Carol services were held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of November respectively. The chapel, as usual, was lit up with hundreds of candles at its best, with the effort of the chapel wardens. The End of the Term service held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November marked the end of Chapel Service for the year 2022.

The Chapel remains a point of spiritual strength for all Paulites and I hope with the passage of each year, this great building builds a home in the heart of every Paulite.

Raghav Sahal & Guruveer Singh Lamba Chapel Wardens, 2022



## **CLIVE HOUSE REPORT - 2022**

House Master: Mr. G. Bhattacharya House Captain: Durlay Datta

Prefect: Jerome Ayemi

"FIGHT THY GOOD FIGHT" This we proved year after year in our beloved house CLIVE. With an enthusiastic and energetic bunch of boys we started the year2022 with absolute belief in our motto "keep up the house spirit." The bubbling talent among the Clivians was waiting to be translated into practice and the opportunities were waiting to be explored.

The following sixth formers of Clive house were assigned with the house responsibilities for the year 2019.

Jerome Ayemi: Clive House Prefects, Pranav pokhrel-Games Secretary.

Durlav Datta- **House captain.** Their contribution and everlasting support has been truly rewarding to the house. This year started with soaring spirits and numerous ambitions. The year commenced with cricket season. Clive has always been a dominating figure on the cricket field. Our boys have shown some great talent in Cricket field. Jerome, Durlav Pranav Porosh, , Rishit, Hasibur, Amlan had played good amount of cricket. This year our boys won P.T competition and Chess Tournament also. They showed a great interest in Volleyball and basketball but other Houses were better and we could not win the Cups.

Clive has always been a dominant force in the field of elocution. This year we have won Bengali elocution cup. Our team comprising of Durlav, Hasibur and Irfan karim performed with great conviction. Boys have performed fairly well in Marathon Football and Athletics. Porosh Patwary was awarded the best Athlete in the open division. We stood first in annual P.T.competition. Aryan Kumar stood first in his section in Hindi elocution. Jerome and Jamsedji came first in their divisions in inter house English elocution. Yavisht Jamsedji, stood first in inter —School English Elocution and received One Thousand Rs cash Award .This year Clive House won the most prestigious Debating shield. Congratulation to our team and particularly to Yavisht jamshedji for achieving The Best speakers Award and Trophy.

We had our annual house concert on the 4th June this year where we staged the annual house play titled "Bishops Candlesticks" directed by Mr. G.Bhattacharyya.Clive is always known for its short plays. It was a short and splendid play on Christian theme, which was Trans created and directed by our house Master Mr. Goutam Bhattacharya. The acting, stage, and background music was well appreciated by one and all present



in the Auditorium. Jerome as the convict and Pranav as the Bishop, Irfan and Amlan acted in the lead roles. They acted with Great Spirit and confidence and kept everybody spell bound. The dance put up by class IX, X and the Sixth Formers, and quite a few solo songs by Jerome ,Porosh patwary, Rakshat and Habibur was enjoyed thoroughly by the entire audience. The concert certainly ended with a great Dinner and we ate to our hearts content! Habibur Rehaman was a constant help in the entire concert.

On the Annual Speech Day, Clivians bagged a lot of prizes. Durlav Datta was awarded The Usha rani Bengali prize. Jerome our prefect, was awarded five prizes in different fields,. Jerome, Hasibur, Jamshedji, Yavisht and many others were awarded class prizes including 1st, 2nd and progress and application for their academic excellence.

On a concluding note, I would like to extend my gratitude to my House Prefect, Jerome Ayemi and all the sixth formers – Pranav, Enmoy, and Jigmi without their constant help and support The year would not have been a successful year at all. Finally my heart-felt thanks and gratitude goes out to our house master Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya and House Tutors Mr. Cecil and Mr. Vincent who has always been guiding, encouraging and supporting all Clivians in every sphere of our house activities and day-to-day life. Particularly Mr. Bhattacharyya's presence is inspirational for all of us. The four years in Clive has been wonderful and the house has been like a family to all of us. Finally I wish all my fellow Paulites a merry Christmas and Happy New Year in advance.

Durlav Datta House Captain, 2022



## **HASTINGS HOUSE REPORT - 2022**

Housemaster: Mr. Michael Dutta House Captain: Tashi T. Tamang House Tutors: Mr. D. Pradhan House Prefect: Raghay Sahal

> Mr. Ranjan Chettri Mr. Sanjive Rai Mr. Rajeev Pradhan Mr. Cheten T. Lepcha

## "HASTINGS !! HASTINGS !! WE COME IN WITH A BANG...."

Indeed, the year 2022 came in with a bang! With an energy that all the boys old and new are familiar to in Hastings, we started off our aspiring new academic year with one certain goal; to keep the Hastings crest high!

One could feel the restless potential and talents waiting to be expressed and the opportunities to be explored.

The important duties rested upon our Sixth Formers of Hastings in early March were :

Tashi T. Tamang: Hastings House Captain

Football captain

Raghav Sahal: Hastings House Prefect

Head Chapel Warden

Raman Pratap: Cricket Captain

Their contributions have made the House very proud.

### **EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The year has given us a whole package of bold challenges to which our boys were ready and stood firm against, I must state, many victories were achieved, while many failures were witnessed too, but these milestones have served us a greater purpose by being a part of our education for us.

### The Sports

The House, this year started with a bang winning the first inter-house competition which was the Volleyball trophy. Our boys also stood first in tug of war easily over powering the other Houses. Many of our boys have represented the school in inter-school events such as the Edinburgh Tournament (Cricket), Gardner's Cup and Jack Coffey football tournaments. In football, our boys fought hard and the talents of Tashi T. Tamang, Nirvan R. Lama and Mananjay L. Mukhia gave a new taste to our games,

showcasing great team work and fighting spirit but to our misfortune stood second, but none the less Tashi T. Tamang was awarded a Minor Colour in football for representing the School in St. Augustine's School Kalimpong where he was commended for his outstanding performances. Congratulations boys !!! Our boys also represented in the inter-School Athletics.

## **The 2022 House Concert**

The Hastings house concert this year was a massive success. It started off with an Indian classical fusion instrumental titled "The River", composed by Ananda Shankar, which was performed by the House Tutors and students. The following performance was the main play "Dear Departing" where we added our own originality to the script. The play displays the varying opinions and mindsets that people have in identical situations. The rest of the concert featured multiple songs which includes 3 solo songs, 3 group song performances and a Qawali by the House Master Mr.Michael Dutta which spoke about "bunking" in a comedic light. The house tutors, Mr.Rajeev Pradhan, Mr. Cheten Lepcha, Mr.Michael Dutta, Mr. Sanjive Rai and a student Nirvan R. Lama performed a tutors special as a band under the name "Lost Souls". The concert also featured a classic bhangra dance. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience receiving a thunderous applause from the audience after every performance. The senior master and acting administrator at the end of his address also stated that the concert was very entertaining and that "Hastings has really raised the bar in House concerts."

## **Stage Activities**

Another commendable year on stage performances. Credible arguments put forward by Kupuka I. Zhimomi, Abhishek K. Goswami, Arjika Kulshekar, Aman Kumar and Jesse Zhimomi landed us in the second position in the Debates this year. The Quizzing team led by our 6th form Likha Bond gave their best and we ended Third.

The same scenario was observed for the English Nepali Bengali and Hindi elocutions where our team gave their best displaying a commendable performance each time. And finally below is the list of the Prize Winners who made the House proud on the speech Day:

#### **CLASS PRIZES:**

First Proficiency Prize

- i. Abhishek K. Goswami [11 Hum]
- ii. Nirvan R. Lama [11 Sc.]

## **SECOND PROFICIENCY PRIZE:**

- i. Bharat Sahal [9B]
- ii. Rishit K. Dutta [11 Com]

#### PROGRESS AND APPLICATION PRIZE:

- i. Kawin A [9B]
- ii. Aditya K. Bhagat [9C]
- iii. Suryansh Reshi [11 com]

#### **SPECIAL PRIZES:**

- i. A.B. Miller Proficiency Medal [ISC Sc. 2022] Ishant Bhattarai
- ii. Darjeeling Photo stores medal for excellence

in photography. - Nirvan R. Lama

iii. Moore Divinity Medal - Nirvan R. Lama

iv. Raj Bhandari Medal ICSE-Nepali - Nirvan R. Lama

v. OPA Medal for best All rounder SW - Tashi T. Tamang

vi. K.K Mukherjee Medal- Best all rounder ISC 12 - Tashi T. Tamang

vii. Robin Banerjee Life Science Medal - Kupuka I. Zhimomi

viii. OPA Social Service Medal - Raghav Sahal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boys of Hastings for being successful in becoming a united family and keeping the famous energy of Hastings alive. For being a part of the uniqueness we share. In the words of our previous Captain, "If the School is his faith, then his House is his religion."

I would like to thank our Hastings Sixth Formers, whose external support has always given us morale in times of discomfort and of course our brilliant House Captain and House Prefect who have rolled the legacy of Hastings with such skill and control of power.

Our heartfelt gratitude towards our House Tutors whose support has been priceless to us, whether in stage or field. Thank you, Sirs!

And at last, but not the least, our House Master Mr. Michael Dutta, whose essence keeps Hastings alive and gives substance to its purpose. Thank you for your dedication, love and care for us sir.

And above all we would like to express our love for Hastings itself. Hastings is not only a house for us but a living entity itself to whose soul our souls are connected to and this makes our stay in St. Paul's almost magical.

"HASTINGS!! HASTINGS!! THE BEST HOUSE IN THE SCHOOL...."

Raghav Sahal House Prefect, 2022



## **HAVELOCK HOUSE REPORT - 2022**

House Master: Mr. Sudin Khaling House Captain: Rigzen Bhutia

House Tutors: Mr. Birendra Rai Prefects: Aryan Lapung

Mr. Saroj Gurung Mr. P.S. Chaturvedi

2022 was a successful year for Havelock House in all fronts. Whether it was inside the classroom, in the games field or up on the stage, the boys showed their desire and determination to be the best.

Taking a leaf out of Bhutan's 'Happiness Quotient' book, we had decided in the beginning of the year that 2022 would be the 'year of happiness' for Havelock House. The boys showed that a happy soul produces the best results by snaring most of the prestigious Cups and Shields during the course of the year.

The following are the events where we came out tops:

- ➤ CRICKET SHIELD: The first of the many. Whether it was the Cricket Leagues (where every member of the House has to participate) or the House Matches (where the best are chosen to represent the House), we dominated the field. This important victory set the stage for what was to follow over the course of the year.
- ➤ FOOTBALL SHIELD: The second major games shield in the school. Through sporadic sunshine and heavy drizzles, the boys played out of their skins to subdue the other Houses. Our key performers were Shwebik Thapa, Thayakorn, Teekawin, Ram Aryan and Nini Tamut. Dark monsoon clouds hovered over Darjeeling, but it was all sunny and bright for Havelock House.
- ATHLETICS STANDARDS CUP: For the Standards Cup, every boy in the House has to participate and everyone put their best foot(s) forward, literally, to give the House another well deserved victory.
- ➤ ATHLETICS FINALS SHIELD: The dominion continued. From the synchronized march-past and the excellent run in the 15 x 100m relay, to brilliant individual performances from Shwebik Thapa, Thayakorn, Teekawin, Ram Aryan and Vibash Raj, we left the other Houses behind to add another important Shield to our already full kitty.
- > TABLE TENNIS: We had narrowly missed the Marathon, Volleyball and Basketball Cups which had left us disappointed. However, winning is a habit and victors never stop to lick their wounds. Another round of

hard fought matches fetched us the Table-Tennis Cup, the last of the games cup for the year.

➤ QUIZ CUP: We faced some disappointments in Elocution and Debate, but we wanted to show that Havelock was not just about brawns; that we had brains too. The boys prepared themselves for the Quizzing events and soared through all the rounds, led by example by our quiz leader, Rigzen Bhutia.

#### > INDIVIDUAL PRIZE WINNERS:

1) CLASS 9: First Proficiency Prize: Thayakorn

Best Athlete (Div III): Shwebik Thapa Marathon (Div III): Shwebik Thapa

2) CLASS 10: Best Footballer (Under 10): Teekawin

Best Athlete (Div I): Ram Aryan Best Athlete (Div II): Vibash Raj

Best Cricketer (Under 10): Vibash Raj

Marathon (Div II): Vibash Raj Computer Medal: Vibash Raj Best All-rounder: Vibash Raj

Second Proficiency Prize: Vibash Raj

3) PLUS 2: Second Proficiency Prize: Himanshu Shekhar

Maths Medal: Himanshu Shekhar Rahoul Music Prize: Samiran Sapkota Best Craftsman Medal: Samiran Sapkota School Captain's Medal, Rector's Medal, Major

Bhatnagar Medal, Karan Majumdar Science Prize, Tower

History Medal, Anil Choudhary Art Prize – Rigzen Bhutia.

And thus, the year ended in a grand way with so many Cups, Prizes, Medals and Shields in our kitty. All of these achievements wouldn't have been possible without the immense help and support I received from my Prefect, Aryan Lapung, and my Captain, Rigzen Bhutia. I would also like to thank my House Tutors, Mr. Birendra Rai, Mr. Saroj Gurung and Mr. Prem S. Chaturvedi, for their wise advise and their continual help and support throughout the year. I would also like to thank Mr. Peter Lepcha for giving me the opportunity to lead these talented bunch of boys. Lastly, I would like to thank each and every Havelock House boy for their cooperation, enthusiasm and support which made my life as a House Master a very pleasurable experience. Thank you all.

# **LAWRENCE HOUSE REPORT, 2022**

House Master: Mr. Nabarun Mondal House Captain:

**Prayas Bhowmick** 

House Prefect: Jubair Mahmud 9th Prefect: Nikesh Kharel

The much awaited academic year of 2022 after the Corona-affected one and a half years, were a blessing in disguise for the students of St. Paul's, because these past few pandemic afflicted years which drained down the productivity and socializing skills of the boys. Eventually, after a gradual downfall, thing tend to rise back to its original glory. After the school reopened, the boys had the freedom to get back with their old companions, they got to know about their friends who had left the school but moreover, they knew that this is the place where they truly belong, as if it was their second home.

The situation was pretty much similar about our house, Lawrence House, where due to new admission in the pandemic years, and unfamiliarity of our school, led the boys to be strangers initially, but with time and the spirit of socializing and interaction, our boys built a new concept of not only friendship, but also of brotherhood, not only a concept of freedom but also that of fraternity, not only a concept of togetherness but also of integrity.

But then, the question arises of which worthy candidate would lead the House. Which one of the individuals had what it took to be guiding these souls? Which one of them would lead to their goals and dreams? These were the questions arising in our minds. At once it had now been decided of who was going to lead the house. For the 9th Prefect, we had Nikesh Kharel, for the House Prefect, we had Jubair Mahmud and as for the House Captain and the School Vice Captain, we had Prayas Bhowmick.

Now that the Lawrencian Prefectorial body had been decided, it was the time to set our own goals and execute the accordingly.

On the 12th of March, we had our Senior Wing House Activities, where we Lawrencians discussed about the various targets and goals which we planned to execute by the end of this year, in order to call it a successful year. We had the brilliant minds and yound talents, especially the stage activity marvels along with sporty individuals to excel at all fields at any cost.

Our first endeavor started on the 5th of May with the Brain of St. Paul's the Inter House Quiz Competition. We fought our way and managed to secure the third position with only 45 points on the board. Initially, there were regrets and disappointments within the House, but we lit ourselves



up and cheered ourselves, since it was only the beginning and that there were more opportunities lying ahead.

The 9th of May was a special day. It was Rabindra Jayanti, where the people of the literary world acknowledge and celebrate the birthday of Rabindranath Tagore. We Lawrencians, believing in ourselves, went up on the stage on the occasion of Inter House Bengali Elocution, to prove our worth and our boys gave a brilliant performance. Jubair Mahmud from class 12 from the drama division secured the first position, whereas Anubhav Biswas from class 10 from the prose division and Sulemaan Kazi from class 9 from the poetry division secured the second position. With the declaration of the overall results, we fought all the way up to the second spot, proving that we were not going to give up till the end. Clive, who secured the first position, only had a difference of one point with us coming second. Jubair Mahmud, from our House was declared as the Best Bengali Elocutionist.

On the 18th, 19th and the 20th of May, we had the challenge of proving the points of our own arguments. It was those three days, where we took part in the Inter House Debate Competition. We fought our way and proved our points to the end of all three rounds. In the first round, against Hastings, Ayush Raj from class 12 was judged as the best speaker, and on the second round, Arman Mandal from class 11 was judged as the best speaker against Havelock.

A special mention to Arman Mandal of class 11, who is also a Lawrencian, represented the school cricket team for the Edinburgh Cricket Shield Tournament and scored 107 against Goethals Memorial School in the semi-finals and was the recipient of the Minor color in cricket.

Our stock opened up on the 25th of May, when the English Elocution was being held. Our boys gave a staggering performance on stage with brilliant description of the dramatic moments and they were well versed with their prose.

Otheniel Daniel secured the first position in the Junior Drama, Arman Mondal secured the first position in the Senior Prose, Shams Ur Rahman secured the third position in the Junior Extempore and Prayas Bhowmick secured first position in the Senior Drama. The House Captain Prayas Bhowmick was also declared as the recipient of the Sakrani Medal for the Best English Elocutionist. Eventually, we went on the secure our first trophy on our shelf.

The Hindi Elocution was held on the 11th of June, where once again, our boys excelled on stage and were declared as the winners of the Inter House Hindi Elocution. Nikam Waii from class 9 stood third in the poetry

division, Amritansh Kashyap from class 10 stood first in the prose division and Ayush Raj from class 12 stood first in the drama division. This moment led us to out second trophy. Ayush Raj was declared as the Best Hindi Elocutionist.

On the 20th of July, was the mement, where once more, the boys literally conquered the stage, and gave a mind blowing performance, which led us to our third trophy, the Inter House Nepali Elocution. Atulya Koirala from class 9 stood first in the poetry division, Ansh Pradhan from class 10 stood first in the prose division and Nikesh Kharel from class 12 stood second in the drama division. This had led us to our third cup and we had won three out of four Elocution trophies.

On the 30th of July, we had our Annual House Concert. We started off with a Hungarian play named, 'The Refund', where it hilariously questioned the flaws of the education system. The cast of this play are as follows:

- 1. Prayas Bhowmick Mr. Ricardo Muller (School Principal)
- 2. Arman Mondal James
- 3. Varish Subba The Mathematics Teacher
- 4. Ayush Raj The Physics Teacher
- 5. Otheiel Daniel The History Teacher
- 6. Arayo Sato Vamuzo The Geography Teacher
- 7. Nikesh Kharel The Servant

It was directed by our Hose Master, Mr. Nabarun Modal.

The overall performance was loved and praised by all. The Chief Guest for the night was the Principal of Goethals Memorial School, Mr. Naveen Katwal. It was a memorable night where young prodigies of Lawrence House got the opportunity to display their talents. In the end, it was a very eventful night with a wonderful performance by the boys. Eventually, the Chief Guest declared his vote of thanks and expressed on how felt about the performance of the night.

On the 27th of August, the Marathon Finals took place, where our boys ran like as if their life was dependent on it. They did not look back and kept running until they made sure that Lawrence House had won the Marathon cup, securing their fourth cup on the shelf. Yet another day of sheer brilliance. Some of the brilliant performance from our boys were displayed by Churchil Ngangbam. Ansh Pradhan, Nath and Raghav Padia.

Some of the many achievements of the Lawrencians on Speech Day are as follows:

 Prayas Bhowmick-Sakrani Medal for the Best English Elocutionist, Kothari Physical Science Prize, Luv Kumar Ecological Studies Prize, Nanibala Dey Literature Prize and Kamlesh Kanti Photography Medal.

- 2. Ayush Raj Rudra Hindi Prize, Best Hindi Elocutionist, Clarke Geography Prize, Ajit Singh Lama Medal for Discipline and Bible Reading Prize.
- 3. Nikesh Kharel-Madhukar Rana Nepali Prize, Sahgal Business Prize and Class of 89 Economics Prize.
- 4. Arayo Sato Vamuzo-Carter English Prize.
- 5. Jubair Mahmud-Best Bengali Elocutionist.
- 6. Arman Mondal-Majumdar Science Prize, Leslie Goddard Medal, Renuka Dang Proficiency Medal (ICSE) and KL Pradhan Medal for Economics (ICSE).
- 7. Varish Subba-Best Artist Medal.
- 8. Sahil Sharma-Social Service Medal (Under 10)

In terms of academic, Shams Ur Rahman stood first and Atulya Koirala stood second in 9B. Tejaswi received the Progress and Application from class 10B. Arman Mondal from 11 Science and Reghav Pedia from 11 Commerce received the Second Proficiency respectively, Ayush Raj from 12 Science won the First Proficiency, whereas Nikesh Kharel from 12 Commerce and Varish Subba from 12 Humanities received the Second Proficiency respectively.

In the first round of PT competition, we unfortunately could not perform good due to various reasons and stood 4th, but in the second round, we gave a tough fight and shared the second position with Havelock.

In the Inter House TT Competition, we gave a brilliant fight and Ajmain Tazwar of class 9 gave a great fight won all three rounds of the singles. The doubles represented by Atulya Koirala and Nath, were also a matter of great fight back but we eventually stood 2nd, having a great competition with Havelock.

Overall, this year was major success, mainly in terms of stage activity and academics. Yet, it is another proud moment for us Lawrencians as we glorify our name in front of everyone by capturing the Sikkim Shield for this year. It has been a year where we are bathed with glory and reeved with greatness. Another year of the black and amber flying high.

We have concluded this year with a successful cheer for each, and the outstanding reason on why we had an enjoyable and successful year is due to the reason that we follow the old Latin phrase, "Credo in Senedx", meaning, 'Believe in Yourself'.

Prayas Bhowmick Lawrence House Captain and School Vice Captain



#### **JUNIOR WING REPORT – 2022**

After two years of closure due to Covid 19, the School gates finally opened on 25th of February, 2022 to welcome the boys of class 8 along with the other senior wing boys. Subsequently the boys of classes 6 and 7 reported on 5th March, 2022.

The following boys were appointed monitors for the year 2022

Anderson – Kounik Chandra Roy / Anubhav Kumar

Betten - Shashwat Jha / Pritam Raj

Cable – Shreyash Yadav / Ashneel Chakrabarty

Westcott - Mihir Singh / Niyang Waii

Junior Wing House activities were conducted on 16th March, 2022.

The Junior Wing Cricket team played two fixtures with St Joseph's School on 19th March and 23rd April, 2022. Our team won both the matches.

The three rounds of inter house debating competition were conducted on 26th March, 9th April and 21st May, 2022. Anderson House won the debate cup for the year 2022 and Sayantan Das of Westcott House was adjudged the best speaker.

Vaccination drive for boys aged between 12 – 14 years was organised on 30th March, 2022 for the first dose and the second dose was administered on 6th May, 2022.

Easter overnight exeats were issued on Friday, the 15th of April, 2022 where a large number of boys went out with their parents. Special pizza treat was organised on 16th April, 2022 for those who did not go on overnight exeat.

The First Period Order Tests began from 21st April, 2022 and ended on 2nd May, 2022.

The first of the House Concerts was staged by Betten and Cable Houses on 23rd April and was enjoyed by all. Anderson and Westcott House staged their concert on 10th September, 2022. This was the last house concert for the year.

First round of Karanjai Quiz was held on 5th May, 2022 and as usual, it was conducted by the team Quizzoria from Siliguri with whom we have a tie up. The second and third rounds were held in the month of September. Westcott House won the Quiz cup for the year 2022 with Sayantan Das being adjudged the Best Quizzer in Junior Wing for the year 2022.

On the 2nd of May, 2022 the following boys were awarded for their various achievements

- 1. Sayantan Das (8B) Golden star and badge for "Mr Genius" for achieving the highest aggregate (92.8%) in Junior Wing for the First Period Order Tests
- 2. Souhrit Das (7A) Golden star for securing above 91.6% in the First Period Order Tests
- 3. Sushobhit Mukhia (6) Golden Star for securing 90.8% in the First Period Order Tests
- 4. Zidane Asif (8B) "Mr Presentable" badge for being the most smartly dressed boy in Junior Wing for the month of May, 2022.

Cricket house matches started from 17th May, 2022.

JW Hindi Elocution was conducted on 20th June with Westcott House outsmarting the other three Houses. JW English elocution was held on 13th August. The English Elocution Cup was shared by Anderson and Westcott.

The first term exams started from 24th June and concluded on 2nd July, 2022. Boys left for summer break after the exam on 2nd July and reported to school on 12th July.

The Parent-teacher meeting was held from 9:00 am on 12th July.

Games had to be suspended for few weeks after the boys reported. Many boys took ill during this time and we were forced to isolate a few of them fearing the spread of covid like symptoms. We couldn't have a proper football House Leagues due to this. Football House matches were conducted somehow and the Football Cup was bagged by Westcott.

The boys of Junior Wing had their regular band practice from the month of July. The boys who were not part of the band had their NCC practice from August.

Byju's lessons started for the boys in Junior Wing from the month of August. The teachers conduct these lessons in the Tuck Hall where Byju's TV has been installed.

On the 9th of August, 2022 the following boys were awarded for their various achievements.

- 1. Souhrit Das(7A) Golden star and badge for "Mr Genius" for achieving the highest aggregate in Junior Wing for the First Terminal Examinations.
- 2. Pritam Raj (8A) Golden star for securing above 91.6% in the First Terminal Examinations.
- 3. Swastik Dutta (6) Golden Star for securing 90.2% in the First Terminal Examinations.

4. Ayush Raj (7A) and Al Mahrab Mashrafe (7B) – "Mr Presentable" badge for being the most smartly dressed boy in Junior Wing for the month of July, 2022.

Independence Day programme was organised on 15th August, 2022. This year we had advised parents not to come for the event fearing the spread of covid and monkey pox virus. However, few parents had come to school to witness the parade. Our boys looked smart in their NCC uniform and our band performed commendably during the parade.

Marathon practice run started from 22nd August and the final was held on 27th August. Betten House bagged the Marathon Cup for the year 2022.

Athletics season began from 30th August. However, we had to face a lot of disruption in conducting the athletic event s due to frequent rain in the afternoon. The Athletics Standard Cup and the Athletics Cup were both bagged by Betten.

Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5th September as usual. Our boys had put up a variety entertainment programme for us in the Prep Hall.

The Second Terminal Examinations began from 16th September, 2022.

Along with games and academics, boys had been busy with their hobbies from the month of September. There was a good display of hobbies on the exhibition which was inaugurated on 29th September, 2022. Sports Day was held on 30th September and Annual Speech Day was held on 1st October, 2022. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Old Paulite and Honourable High Court Judge (Sikkim), Mr Bhasker Pradhan. Boys left for Puja Holidays after the speech.

The third term began with the arrival of boys on 13th October, 2022. This term was mostly dedicated to academics with special classes being organised for the boys who needed some extra help in various subjects. However, we were able to squeeze in Basketball, Badminton and Table tennis House Matches. Basketball Cup was won by Cable, Badminton by Anderson and Table Tennis by Betten.

The final round of PT Competition was held on 18th November, 2022 and the PT Cup was shared by Betten and Westcott.

The final term examinations began from

The Carol service for junior wing was held on 27TH November, at 5:00 pm which was followed by special dinnerr in the dining hall. The various trophies for the year were given out at the dinner. The most prestigious cup Solomon Cup was won this year by Westcott House.

On 29th November, after high tea in the dining hall boys were allowed to go home for winter holidays.

Before concluding, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr A D Rai, the Senior Wing P T I for his valuable suggestions from time to time. Mr. Diwakar Thapa, the Primary Wing P T I for conducting the morning PT and the house matches in junior wing and I would also take this opportunity to thank all the MICs for various activities for their help in conducting these events so smoothly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff of Junior Wing, House Masters, Hall Masters, Matrons, Dorm bearers and all the boys of Junior Wing for their help and cooperation throughout the year. My special thanks to Mr Arnold R Mukhia for coordinating all the examinations in the Junior Wing. Last, but not the least, my sincere thanks go to the Acting Administrator for his valuable advice and guidance all through the year.

# Punam Lama Head Junior Wing



Junior Wing Debating Team



Junior Wing Cricket Team



Junior Wing Quizzing Team



Junior Wing Hindi Elocution



Junior Wing Racquet Games Enthusi-

#### **ANDERSON HOUSE REPORT - 2022**

House Master: Mr. Rakesh Rai House Tutors: Mr. Genesis G. Dutta

Mr. Marcian Joshi Mr. Marcian Joshi Mr. Pemba Tamang

School reopened on 25th February, 2022. The Covid-19 pandemic had kept the students physically away from the school for two long years. It was refreshing to see the students back in school.

House activities were held on 16th March. It was a good time for the housemaster and the house tutors to interact with the boys. The boys too got an opportunity to interact among themselves and plan the way forward for the year.

Cricket, Basketball and Volleyball seasons began. It was evident that the boys were out of physical activities and they had lost touch with various games. Online classes had taken its toll. However, the boys slowly picked up their pace and showed improvement.

Soon the house matches began. The boys tried their best in cricket but we could not get our hands on the cricket cup. Basketball house matches were well contested but we lost in some close matches.

The boys excelled in the debate competition. The debating team comprising of Srinjoy Mondal, Souhrit Das, Pragyum Pratyaksh, Divyajyoti Panda and Anubhav Kumar did exceptionally well in convincing the judges with their strong arguments and were able to grasp the Debate Cup. With the spirit running high after winning the debate cup the boys once again performed extremely well in the English elocution. Ayan Pratap Maurya, Agastya Koirala and Pragyum Pratyash, mesmerized the judges and the audience with their excellent elocuting skills. The team emerged victorious and we were able to bag the English Elocution Cup. Well done boys!

We put up the Annual House Concert jointly with Westcott House. We staged the play 'The Rowland Ruby' based on a simple thriller. The boys also performed a skit and a few songs; it was overall a very entertaining concert. The concert was followed by the most awaited house supper which was very sumptuous and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We played the football house matches with utmost vigour but could not get our hands on the trophy. This was followed by the Badminton house matches in which we showcased the skill and talent and made sure that the trophy did not go to the opponents. We convincingly won the opponent



houses and added the Badminton trophy to our kitty. Khalid Ferdous, Kinghuk Das and Kounik Chandra Roy exhibited great skills to win the cup. Kudos to everyone!

The following boys were awarded prizes on the speech day:

(i)	Swastik Dutta	6A	Second proficiency
(ii)	Anubhav Kumar	8A	Second Proficiency
(iii)	Souhrit Das	7A	First proficiency
(iv)	Deeptarka Saha	8A	Amiya Bhatacharya Memorial Prize for Musician

(v) Pragyum Pratyaksh 8A Junior Wing Moore Divinity Prize

(vi) Souhrit Das 7A Disawala Prize for Best Actor

With the effort of the entire members of the house we were able to win the Academics cup for the year 2022.

With the year coming to an end I would like to thank all the boys of the house for their contribution in various fields. I would like to acknowledge the good job done by the two monitors Anubhav Kumar and Kounik Chandra Roy. I would like to thank the House tutors, Mr. Genesis G. Dutta, Mrs. Pramila Gurung Rai. Mr. Marcian Joshi and Mr Pemba Tamang for their help and support.

Mr. Rakesh Rai House Master, 2022



# **BETTEN HOUSE REPORT, 2022**

House Master: Mr. P. Tamang House Monitors: Pritam Raj

House Tutors: Mrs. P. Bhattacharya Shashwat Jha

Dr. K.R.K. Singh Mr. B. Gurung

When the Pandemic hit the world in 2019 it brought the activities of human life almost to a standstill. It swept the people off the streets, offices, factories and institutes confining them within the four walls of one's own dwelling. In fact the entire world plunged into to the darkness of Coivd-19 and so was St. Paul's. Days, weeks, months and a couple of years passed and eventually normalcy was restored. St.Paul's school was then stirred into action by the arrival of old as well as new enthusiastic students. On 25th February 2022 we all returned to school with a mixed feeling of uncertainties and hope for a better tomorrow.

House activities were held on 16th March 20222. By this time the old as well as the new boys had adapted quickly to the new environment and there was no looking back. The preparation for the House Concert began from early March, along with the boys of Cable House. A variety of programs along with the play entitled 'Bravehearts' was put up by them. This year, the House secured second position in the game of Cricket despite our best efforts. Pritam Raj, Shashwat Jha and Ayush Raj were star players of the House. They were also a part of the school Cricket team. In Football, our boys strove to score the highest but had to be content with third position. Besides we won the second and third positions in Badminton and Basketball matches respectively held in the month of October.

Marathon season started immediately after the Independence Day. All the Bettenites gave their best and won the first cup of the Year. "Marathon Cup".

Yarab Ghimiray (1st in Division IV), Shreyansh Ayush Singh (3rd in Division A) Nikesh Kharel (11th in Division IV) and

Pritam Raj (21st in Open Division) were the best runners of

the House.

There was absolutely no looking back after winning this cup. The Bettenites were always full of enthusiasm and vigour and then .. they also won the "Athletic Standard Cup" and "Athletic Cup" as well. Shreyansh Ayush Singh , Nilesh Kharel , Yarab Ghimiray, Firaj Islam and Pritam Raj represented the school in various athletic events in Inter-School Athletic

Meet-2022 held at St. Paul's school. Ishaan Singh, Aritro Saha and Shashwat Jha were the best Table Tennis players of the House. They made the House very proud by winning Table Tennis Cup.

Not only this, the boys namely Ishaan Singh, Joe Banerjee, Md. Mohtasin Islam Mugdho and Shreyansh Ayush Singh took part in various rounds of Karanjai Quiz and won the third position. These young talented souls-Ishaan Singh, Joe Banerjee and Shreyansh Ayush Singh represented the House in English Elocution. In Hindi elocution we secured the second position. Shreyansh Ayush Singh had taken a part in the Inter-School Hindi Elocution held at Loreto Convent. Aritro Saha and Yarab Ghimiray also participated in Inter-School Bengali and Nepali Elocution respectively. Joe Banerjee also took part in Inter-School Chess Tournament held at Victoria school, Kurseong. We secured second position in the 1st round of PT competition and first position in the second round and finally won the PT cup (shared with Westcott) .

There were several other proficiency and special prizes bagged by Betten House boys. In this respect, mention must be made as follows:

Joe Banerjee 1st Proficiency
 Al Meherab Mashrafe 2nd Proficiency

3. Pritam Raj 1st Proficiency and Computer Prize

4. Abhigyan Singh 2nd Proficiency

From the very beginning of the year we all were eager to win the most prestigious cup 'Solomon Cup' in the Junior Wing. It was the 'Study Cup' that would determine whether we would walk away with this highly coveted cup or not. On the final day, the boys' joy knew no bounds when they were announced the winner of 'Solomon cup' though they had to share it with Westcott House. *Congratulations boys!!!!!* 

This kind of achievement would not have been possible if there had been no strong team work on the part of the teachers as well as the students. So I cannot remain in peace unless I express my deep sense of gratitude to one and all. Let me begin by thanking my monitors Pritam Raj and Shaswat Jha for extending their helping hands in running the House smoothly. It gives me great pleasure to thank my House tutors Mrs. P. Bhattacharya, Dr. K.R.K. Singh and Mr. B. Gurung for their constant support and cooperation throughout the year. My special thanks are due to Mr. P. Lama, Head of the Junior Wing, for his valuable guidance and cooperation from beginning till the end of the academic year. I earnestly look forward to having even more successful and cheerful 2023 for all the Bettenites.

Mr. P. Tamang House Master

# **CABLE HOUSE REPORT, 2022**

House Master: Mr. Agnelo Dennis House Monitors: House Tutors: Mrs. S. Dwivedi Shrevas Yadav

Mr. S. Roy Ashneel Chakraborty

Mrs. S. Allay Ms. P. Bose Mr. N. Bakshi

PANDEMIC!!! What does it even mean? Yes, we all know what it means because we are all learned and have read about it somewhere in the course of our education; yet, its truest meaning was only relevant when we had to live it rather than read or hear about it. Fear! Uncertainty! Chaos! Misery! Discrimination! Greed! Every negative aspect pertaining to human existence was apparent. The world had come to a standstill. Nobody was spared. Gloom and Doom wailed their way across the world. The stench of death reeked in the air. People were afraid to even breathe lest they contracted the deadly 'CORONA VIRUS':

Schools had to be closed. Students had to stay at home as were the teachers. By the time sanity returned and a good enough cure was developed, we had all stayed at home for two consecutive years. Students received education through the virtual medium. How much of education could be imparted through the virtual medium was apparent when the world cried out that schools should reopen and students should get back to classroom teaching.

After much deliberation and careful planning, relating to vaccinations; masking up; sanitization; distancing; temperature monitoring and isolation, students and teachers was allowed to begin the all important classroom teaching. The opening up of classes was followed in a paced out manner.

We, at St. Paul's, Darjeeling, were extremely overcome with joy to have our students back. Following all government protocols, we had our senior students back first, followed by the juniors and then the Primaries. Every cough, every cold and every fever was monitored with utmost care. In doing our best we overcame the odds and before one knew it we had all settled down to the rhythm of the schooling system yet again.

The children seemed to have missed out a lot in the past two years and it showed in their overall development. In the first of the House Activities, it was difficult to get the boys back into the system. I organized some fun ways of getting them involved and making and making them aware that they were back into the schooling system and needed to follow up



on all that seemed to have been lost in the past two years. It did not take long for the young minds to pick up from where they had left off. Soon, the boys were socializing, making friends and fitting into the system. We had dances, songs, quizzes, fun games followed by the most important of all a box of goodies. There was no looking back from here onwards.

In the second month of the academic year. Cable House staged their house concert. We put up a play based on the bravery of little children and their logical thinking. The children loved being back on stage acting. We also put up some songs, dances, skits and instrumental recitals. The boys were filled with eagerness to overcome their discomforts that the two years of lockdown had brought about. The concert was followed by the house supper where in they served with delicious food.

The year had begun in earnest. The students of Cable House had settled down to the great environs of the school and were eager to partake in more of the wonders that a boarding life provides, especially the life in St. Paul's. The cricket season followed immediately and the boys were engaged in the cricket leagues. Every student was involved in the leagues irrespective of their skill in the game. This helped us to pick our best team for the house matches. We put a formidable team, unmatched on the field, resulting in Cable House winning the Cricket Cup. Having now been a part, in person and not virtually of the many activities the students begin to shed their inhibitions.

There after the students of the house took to basketball with zeal, absolutely excited to also prove their prowess in this sport too and they did. We won the Basketball Cup as well. Our excitement seemed unquenchable. Alas! It was not to be.

We were routed in the remaining of the games as our team could not prove their mettle over and over again. We did realize our short comings but could not correct the same as most of our players were not entirely built for all the sports. Nonetheless, we did put up a tough fight and gave our opponents a stiff competition. We were no pushovers.

By mid year we had to scale down our enthusiasm as some of the boys began to fall ill which resulted in the school taking the necessary precautions. The sick were isolated and all tests conducted to rule out covid. We managed to deal with the situation professionally. Within a month all the boys were fit and rearing to get back to the remaining activates.

From class six. Aditya Bikram Ghosh displayed absolute skills in music: he could play the piano, the synthesizer, the guitar and also read music

quite efficiently. He helped in playing music in chapel for assembly; in playing music during the concerts; and also was picked to be a part of the school band. He also represented the house in the English Elocution Competition and judged first in his category.

From class seven, Shivansh Singh showed exceptional skills in athletics. He took part in all the track and field events in the Inter House Meet and won in the hundred meters race in his division. He represented the school in a few of the track events in the Inter School Meet, as well.

From class eight, Zidance Asif anchored the House Concert with great confidence and also wrote, directed and acted in his skit. He also represented the house in the Inter House English Elocution Competition and was judged first. He also won the coveted Junior Wing English Elocution Medal. Also from class eight the two monitors: Shreyas Yadav and Ashneel Chakraborty steered the house well. They their duties assigned to them with utmost confidence and guided the house boys quite efficiently.

Throughout the course of the year the students had their town outings. With the amount of pocket money they were given, they learnt the value of money and its management. They had their present buying towards the end of the year which is a lesson in giving that brings joy to oneself and to the others. They bought little gifts for their loved ones and were seen packing those gifts with joy. We had a very positive year after a gap of two years; the students were able to get back into the groove of schooling.

Mr. Agnelo Dennis House Master

# **WESTCOTT HOUSE REPORT, 2022**

House Master: Mr. Mahendra Mukhia House Monitors:

House Tutors: Mr. A. R. Mukhia Mihir Singh

Miss N. Pandit Niyang Waii

Mr. P. C. Gurung

The sessions of 2022 turned out to be quite remarkable and excellent ones for us Paulites as we achieved a lot in the field of academics and extra-curricular activities. The pandemic that hit us all hard and that that it lasted for about two years and people dealing with its negative after effects. For a change, I felt joy witnessing students returning back to their temple of knowledge.

The arrival of the eighth standard students was on the 25th of February and on the 5th of March the students from the 6th and 7th standards arrived. The COVID-19 protocol had been strictly kept in mind and with Gods grace no one had been infected or even showed symptoms.

With the return of each and every student the only thing hitting a teachers' mind is the fact as how to create a positive environment for the students. The fact here was that everyone was going through such dark times and even so that we've been inexperienced to these situations for the very first times in our lives from unborn children to the elderly ones.

Now experienced survivors I genuinely see how capable we all humans are.

The Westcottians Journey began as the first activities took place on 16th March 2022, where all the boys introduced themselves and enjoyed very much. Chosen from the body were the monitors who are namely Mihir Singh and Niyang Waii both of standard Eight.

With the commencement of the session, we witnessed the Cricket session initiating the co-curricular activities.

The Debate was the first inter house competition. Westcott House prepared and performed exceptionally well but we stood second. But we manage to win Inter House Hindi Elocution Cup soon after. The Westcottians adjust joint winner with Anderson House in the Inter House English Elocution Competition in 2022.

On returning from our Summer Holidays the football leagues were played. The westcottians displayed amazing skills in the football fields and was able to win the football cup.

This year in T.T. we were placed third and in Basketball and Badminton we ended up securing the second position. We were joint winner with Betten House in P.T. Competition.



The Marathon season began and boys were busy in the practice runs. The Marathon final was held on 27th of August 2022. The boys of Westcott house did not performed well in that event. In Athletics and Athletic Standard we ended up securing the second position.

On 10th of September 2022, we united with Anderson House to put our house concert. Boys of both house performed very well in every field. (singing, dancing and acting)

On the Speech Day the following boys made the House proud by achieving success:

Sushobhit Mukhia (6) : 1st Proficiency Prize
Pushkar Raj (7A) : 2nd Proficiency Prize
Shreyas Sai (7A) : Progress and Application
Sayantan Das (8B) : 1st Proficiency Prize

Ankit Raj Nayak (7B) : NareshShanmungam Memorial Medal for

**Good Conduct** 

Niyang Waii (8A) : Best Sportman Prize

K. N. Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading

Mihir Singh (8B) : Best Artist Prize

Sayantan Das (8B) : Best Debator Prize, Best Elocutionist Prize,

Best Quizzer Prize,

K. N. Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading, Gayatri Kanti Medal for Consistent

Academic Achivement

This year has been a successful year for Westcott house. We were able to win SOLOMON CUP for the year with Betten House. I would like to thank my House Tutors Mr. A.R. Mukhia, Miss. N. Pandit and Mr. P. Gurung for their kind co-operation. I would like to thank my Moniters Mihir Singh and Niyang Waii for their support. Lastly my sincere gratitude to Mr. P.Lama (HJW) for his Constant support and guidance.

Mr. Mahendra Mukhia House Master



The Primary Wing Monitors, 2022, with Mr. Angelo C. N. Alva (HPW).

#### PRIMARY WING REPORT - 2022

The Pandemic was on the decline, across the world and in our country, so it was decided that we call our children, back, and resume off-line classes from our sprawling campus, here in Darjeeling. However, keeping in mind the Standard Protocols, for Covid19 Management, it was decided that the students be called back in stages, rather than all at once. Thus, because the Primaries had the smallest children and the smallest number, they were given the privilege of returning the last, on 12th. March, 2022.

Prior to their arrival, the whole Primary Wing had to be spruced up, and made to look presentable, before we opened our doors to the children, as it was looking in a shambles due to neglect over the two years of Lockdown. Painters and masons worked on a war footing to get everything in order before the first boy stepped into the school. In the bargain, the Primary Wing got the advantage of having a new set of Fibre Glass Basketball Boards fitted on the guad.

When we reopened, on the 12th of March, the number of boys that reported in, at the end of the day, was 30, out of a total of 40 on the list, much to the surprise of many. As the days progressed, our ranks swelled to a decent 45, which included 2 staff children, as well. As such, it was decided to house all the boys in the East Block Dormitory for easier management.

On the 16th of March, the House Mistresses conducted the first round of House Activities. Then, on the 23rd of March, the Primaries began their Cubs, after a long gap of two years. Majority of the boys were absolutely new to this activity and, as such, it took a much longer time to drill them in learning the Cub Law and Cub Promise.

Our cricket matches, against St. Joseph's School, North Point, had to be shelved as our boys had forgotten the very basics of the game, because they had not played it for two full years. Unfortunately, we had to do the same, later, when the football season started, after the summer holidays.

On 2nd April, the first round of the PW GK Competition took place. This was a written round of questions that was kept open to all boys of classes 3, 4 and 5 from each House.

Then, on 13th April, the long awaited, and much anticipated, Inter-House Drama Competition took place in the Senior Wing Prep Hall. We were delighted to have Mr. Nisith Pramanik (father of Debanjan Pramanik, 4 TZ), the Honourable Member of Parliament, Union Minister of Home, Sports and Youth Affairs, gracing the occasion as a parent. Considering that this was another New Activity, the standard of the plays, put up by each House,

was well appreciated by all the parents who were in attendance. While Everest stood First, Hunt came Second, Hillary Third and Tenzing brought up the rear, when the judges' scores were tallied, at the end of the show. After the concert, a large number of boys went out for their first 'Overnight' of the year, accompanied by their parents.

On 1stMay, the PW had their customary 'ART COMPETITION' and, after the Senior Art Teacher, Mr. Chetan Lepcha, had scrutinised all the drawings, Dhiraj Paul (5, HT) was adjudged the Prize Winner for this year.

On 4th May, the PW Cub Rally took place and, after all the fun, games and light-hearted competition, Packs Kaa, Jakala and Baloo were adjudged 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, for this year.

The second round of the PW GK Quiz was conducted on 28th May and, once again, this was a written round. Then, later, on 30th July, after the Summer Holidays, the Final Round of the GK Quiz was held in the PW. At the end of the event, Eshaan Banerjee (5, EV) out quizzed the other contestants, but his effort was not enough to take his House to the top as Hunt ran away with the Quiz Cup. The Final Round was with visuals. Thanks are due to Mr. R. John for conducting the three rounds and to Mr. B. Tamang for assisting him in conducting the Final round, by preparing all the questions, along with visuals.

On 18th June, the PW had their Inter-House English Essay Competition, where Palsang Sangay Bhutia was adjudged the 'Best Essay Writer' and will be awarded the Medal for Essay, 2022.

Then, on 23rd June, the PW had the first round of their PT Competition and, then, from 24thJune to 2nd July they had their Half-Yearly Examinations. After completing their examination on the 2nd July, the boys went off on their Summer Vacation and returned on the 12th of July. That day was a day to be remembered as we were joined by another boy, Tanish Ghosh (4, HT) who came all the way from America and took our number up to 44.

On 20th July, the second round of House Activities was conducted by the respective House Mistresses, and on the same day the Primary Wing started their Hobbies.

Later, on 3rd August, the PW had their Inter-House English Elocution Competition, in the Prep Hall, where Palsang Sangay Bhutia was adjudged the 'Best Elocutionist' and will be awarded the Evelyn Howard Medal for Elocution, 2022.

After four months of hectic activity, the Primaries needed a break and, so, on 5th August, the students, teachers and didis of the PW headed off to Lataguri for a, much needed, weekend break, after lunch. There they visited the Coochbehar Palace, in Coochbehar, following which they were treated to a sumptuous lunch at Hotel Yuvraj, in Coochbehar Town, which was hosted by the parents of Debanjan Pramanik (4, TZ). Then, they returned to their Hotel and cooled off in the swimming pool, before getting themselves scrubbed up by the didis. On their return, they came via Siliguri and stopped at the Bengal Safari Park, where they were taken around the place and witnessed a whole lot of deer, bears, leopards, monkeys and tigers, moving around freely, in their natural habitat. On their arrival, the parents of Neel Lahiri (3, HL) served cold drinks to the entire group, while the parents of Dhiraj Paul (5, HT) provided a box of snacks for the entire group, too. Then, before heading back up the hill to Darjeeling, the entire group was invited to the Conclave Hotel, of Rajveer Majumder (5, TZ), where his parents treated everyone to a sumptuous lunch, after which they distributed chocolates to everyone, too. Neel Lahiri's parents had also given packets of chips for everyone, which they had on the way up. Then, on the 7th of August, they returned, refreshed, from their short excursion.

All Period Order Tests and Examinations were held, as scheduled, without any delays.

Towards the end of August, the Inter-School N M Master English Elocution took place, at St. Joseph's School, North Point, where Palsang Sangay Bhutia (Class 5, Hunt) not just did the Wing proud, but also the School, when he was adjudged 'First' in his Division. His recitation of "The Three Pigs", by Roald Dahl, was really outstanding in all aspects.

At the Independence Day programme, the PW boys sang an old spiritual hymn, "Land of our Birth". In addition, they also renewed their usual 'Cub Promise' and 'Cub Law' in the presence of the Chief Guest. In addition, all those boys who had their guitars, strummed along in accompaniment.

On 27th August, the Marathon Season culminated with the Final run taking place. Later, after lunch, the boys of the PW, and JW, witnessed a Magic Show in the Prep Hall.

On 3rd September, the PW put up their Second Language Concert in one half of the Dining Hall that was converted into a mini auditorium. There were a number of parents, along with the Second Language Teachers, of the JW and SW, who attended this show, to encourage the budding talents,

and they expressed their appreciation of the immense talent among the boys in the Primary Wing.

On 5th September, the Primaries honoured their Teachers, on Teachers' Day, by putting up three items of entertainment, at the programme hosted by the boys of class XI, in the Prep a

HallHall. Later, the Staff and students were treated to Chicken Biryani, from the Park Restaurant in town, by the parents of Neel Lahiri (3, HL) who also ordered a huge cake for the Teachers, as well. In addition, they presented every teacher with a token gift and the Primary Wing with a beautiful, huge clock which has been put up outside the HPW's Office.

After the Puja Holidays, all the boys were extremely excited as they were going to learn a new game — Hockey. A large number of boys returned, armed with their own Hockey Sticks and Hockey Balls and, the remaining who did not have were given one from here and the parents willingly paid for it, immediately. After about ten days of practicing the skills of dribbling and controlling the ball, the House matches were conducted and, at the end of it Hunt House came out trumps by managing a solitary win in their last match against Hillary House.

Apart from this, the PW have had their regular devotions, in the Chapel, every Saturday.

The next exciting event for the Primary Wing boys was going to be the Carol Service and the Going Home Day (GHD) Supper, scheduled for 16th November, as this was something new to almost 98% of the Wing. Every Saturday, when they went up to the Chapel, they practised the Carols that would be sung for that service. It was a tough task, I must say, as yours truly had to first teach the Carols to the Music Teacher before being able to teach them to the boys but, in the end, it all paid off well as the boys put up a wonderful performance, especially with the PW special item "A Hallelujah Christmas". For this song, almost 50% of the PW boys were also seen strumming on their guitars, in accompaniment. The Batch of 1997 Old Paulites who were present appreciated this and were seen happily belting out the Carols during the service.

Earlier, on 16th November, the PW boys had their last lunch, together, outdoors, which was ordered from KFC. Needless to say, it was truly "Lip Smacking Delicious" and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Immediately after this, they went in for their last scrub up, by our dormitory didis, for this year and, as soon as that was over, they were rushed up to the Top Field to attend the inauguration ceremony of the New Shed/ Shade", over the Old Pavilion, that was constructed by the Old Paulites of the Batch of

1997 as a gift of appreciation to their alma mater. The special plaque for this was unveiled by Debojyoti Chowdhury (Class 1, Everest), along with one of the stalwarts of the Batch of 1997. Here, I must say that this Batch, in particular, came to the aid of the Primary Wing, in 2018, and provided us with a Sony Music system, with built in amplifiers, which is being used, regularly, for all our functions and programmes. To enhance the utility of this system, and make the PW less dependent on the Senior Wing Audio-Visual Department, Mr. Palash Paul, father of Dhiraj Paul (Class 5, Hunt) very generously donated a pair of Ahuja cordless microphones, which are also being used extensively at all our functions, here in the Primary Wing.

After the Carol Service, all the students, Guests, Parents and invitees came down to the Primary Wing where there was a Bonfire blazing and they were greeted with a nice cup of hot soup. After a while, they students were very happy to see someone who had taken time off from his extremely busy schedule and had made it a point to visit them, much ahead of his scheduled time, and this was none other than the very dear Santa Claus. As soon as he got off his sleigh, he went straight to business distributing gifts to each and every child, of the Primary Wing, as they seem to have been very good throughout the year. Just as excited as the children were, the same could be said of their parents, present, as every parent was eager to get a picture of their child receiving his gift from Santa, while some even took selfies with him. Once every child had received their gift, Santa got back onto his sleigh and headed straight back to the North Pole without wasting much time. Just to add to the Christmas feeling, the boys of the Batch of 1997 sang a song for the PW children, following which, Mrinal Jain, of their Batch, spoke a few words on the benefits of sending children to Boarding Schools, such as St. Paul's.

The next morning, 17th November, began with all the teachers, Matron and Nurse having breakfast with the children of the Primary Wing and, this was followed by the Final Classroom Inspection taken by the HPW. Once the inspection was over, we assembled, for the last time, to pray for a good, restful and enjoyable holiday and for journeying mercies for all our children and parents. Then, each child was given a small packet of eatables, for their journey down the hill and, then, at 10:00 am, the exodus began. By lunch time only four boys were left but, soon after three of them moved out leaving only one boy, Swastik Aich (Class 4, Tenzing), behind and he had to be sent up to the Junior Wing where, with the kind permission of Mr. Punam Lama (HJW), he spent the night and was fed and watered till lunch time the next day, after which his father finally

arrived and took him home, bringing the curtains down on another very successful year for the Primary Wing.

The Primaries have been blessed, this year, by a number of extremely generous parents who have willingly provided KFC treats, Dominos Pizzas, Momos, Subway Sandwiches, Mutton Biryani, Butter Naans with Chicken Tikka Masaala and Paneer Butter Masaala, not just to the boys of the Primary Wing but to every single person, including the didis, dajus, sweepers and guards, for their sons' birthdays or just because they wanted to give everyone a treat, in appreciation of the care given to the little ones, for which we are ever grateful.

Finally, since this will be my last report, following which I will be retiring, along with my wife, Mrs. Diana J. Alva, I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude to all the teaching and non-teaching staff of the PW, who have worked sincerely throughout, and to wish each of them the very best for the years ahead and, with this, I close with a line from a song by Jim Reeves:

"May the Good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again"

Mr. Angelo C. N. Alva Head Primary Wing

# **EVEREST HOUSE REPORT, 2022**

House Mistress: Mrs. S. Sharma

House Tutor: Mr. R. John

The Primary Wing boys reported to school on the 12th of March, 2022. We, the teachers, were very happy to see them after 2 years of lockdown. The boys were very excited, too. They started settling down and making new friends in the Boarding School set up.

The first House activities were conducted on Wednesday, 16th March. The boys introduced themselves and got to know each other well. The first Inter-House Competition started on the 2nd of April. This was the first round of the G.K. Quiz Competition. The second big event, the Inter-House Drama Competition, was held on the 13th of April, 2022. The boys worked very hard. They learned their lines and picked up the acting skills quickly. Everyone was confident on stage and performed brilliantly. We secured the first position and were very happy.

Everest House boys also participated in the Art Competition, English Essay, Moore Divinity exam, Basketball and the Quiz Competition. The boys performed quite well in all of them. Eshaan Banerjee, of class 5, was adjudged the 'Best Quizzer' in the General Knowledge Quiz Competition.

In the Inter-House English Elocution Competition, Aadidev Banerjee, of class 5, recited his poem very well, but he had to be content with the Second position. The boys in the Choral Speaking Group stood first and made us proud.

Everest House was unbeatable in the Inter-House Football matches. Varannya P. Basnet, of class 5, is the Lionel Messi of Everest House. Varannya also helped Everest House win in the Marathon as he secured the first position and gave us a lot of points. He also won a cash prize of Rs.200.

The Following boys were awarded special prizes on Speech Day.

1. Debojyoti Choudhury Class 1: Good conduct

2. Sharthak Saha Class 3: Art prize

3. Dagyal Bhutia Class 4: Good conduct.

Aditya Sinha
 Class 5 : Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal.
 Eshaan Banerjee
 Class 5 : Saxena Prize for Quizzing and

Art prize.



We were happy to share the first place with Hunt House, in the Inter-House Table-Tennis Competition. The last event for the year, 2022, was the Inter-House P.T Competition. I feel very proud to announce that the boys of Everest House performed excellently and they grabbed the last trophy for the House. Varannya P. Basnet was adjudged as the 'Best Commander' in the P.T Competition, for this round.

Overall, this year proved to be quite a good year for the Everesters. I would like to thank Mr. R. John, my House Tutor, for his help and support. At the same time, I would like to wish all the boys of Class 5 the very best as they move out of the Primary Wing, into a new world in the Junior Wing.

Last, but not the least, we in Everest House are very thankful to Mr. A.C.N. Alva, Head Primary Wing, for his continued help and guidance.

Mrs. S. Sharma House Mistress



# **HILLARY HOUSE REPORT, 2022**

House Mistress: Mrs. Shamrock Dennis

At the end of another academic year, it gives me great pleasure to write this report to highlight the achievements of my, Hillary House, boys. All of them have indeed worked very hard to attain desired levels of performances. This year we welcomed many new boys and a staff girl into our House.

Hillary House boys were the winners of the Studies Cup, the Cricket cup and the Essay cup. We were runners up in the following Inter-House Competitions: English Elocution, Football, General Knowledge Quiz, Art. Moore Divinity, P.T. Marathon.

We won ourselves the third position in Drama, Basketball Athletics Standards and Championship and Tennis. We came fourth in Hockey.

On Sports Day, Abhigyan Bharti(cl 4) won himself a few certificates and did Hillary House proud. He took part in High Jump and came second. In Broad Jump he stood third; in the hundred meters he came second. Well Done Abhigyan. Shaurya Choudhury also performed well on Sports Day. He came third in the hundred meters race.

On Speech Day the following children of the house received special medals and certificates:

Class I – Second Proficiency Medal and the Art Medal

Aarya Roy

Class II – Second Proficiency Medal – Nirvoy Sartre

Class III – Second Proficiency Medal – Shaurya Choudhury

Progress and Application – Neel Lahiri

Class IV – First Proficiency Medal – Ayan Chhetri

Progress and Application – Abhigyan Bharti

Class V - Second Proficiency Medal - Anmol Agarwal

P.W. Prize for Best Actor Medal – Utkarsh Jhunjhunwala

I, on behalf of Hillary House would like to thank Mr. Angelo Alva (H.P.W) for all the help and support he rendered to us throughout the year.

I would also like to thank Mrs. D. Alva (Matron) who was attached to Hillary House from the time she joined the Primary Wing. She was always

obliging whenever I went to her for any props or costumes for our plays. We will miss her as she retires this year. I wish her a restful, happy and healthy retired life.

Last but not least; we would like to thank "Our Heavenly Father" for keeping us in good health throughout the year, in order to carry out our activities well.

I, now on behalf of Hillary House, wish all my class fives the very best as they move up to the Junior School. Good luck boys for your future endeavoyrs.

All's Well that Ends Well!

Mrs. Shamrock Dennis House Mistress, 2022

# **HUNT HOUSE REPORT, 2022**

House Mistress: Mrs. N. Sinha House Tutor: Mr. D. Thapa

The beautiful lines were written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow -

"Let us, then, be up and doing, With a heart for any fate; Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait."

Each passing year is a great challenge. Our success is not measured by what we win, but how we win! A new year, with new hopes, new aspirations and a new set of people taking on the leadership of this great House. The boys, excited for the beginning of a new year, were ready to face the challenges that were in store for them.

The House activities, held in the first month, allowed the boys to socialize and be better known to each other. The year commenced with our boys having one goal in mind.....to win.

The first major game which drew the boys to the fields was Cricket. We shared the Cricket Cup with Hillary and Tenzing.

In the Art Competition, we were judged first and this is largely due to the concerted participation of all the children of the House. Dhiraj Paul did the House proud by walking away with the "BEST ARTIST" award for the year, 2022.

Hunt House emerged victorious with the Quiz Cup, victory seems to be on our fingertips.

In Basketball, Drama and the English Essay Competitions, the House secured the 2nd position. The Essay Prize Medal was awarded to Palsang Sangay Bhutia, and in the Drama Competition, the "BEST ACTOR" prize went to Aniket Singh. Well Done!!

We stood 3rd in Football and PT, while in the Marathon we came 4th. After this, the fate of the House turned again. "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get."

We proudly bagged the English Elocution Cup, this year. All the individual participants and the Choral Group speakers came first. Palsang Sangay Bhutia was adjudged the "BEST ELOCUTIONIST". Palsang Sangay Bhutia, Class V, represented the school at the N.M. Master Inter-School English Elocution Competition, held at St. Joseph's School, North Point, and came first in his division. We did prove that we are good speakers.

The Hunt House boys were determined to do their best in Athletics. Athletics is a sport where the performance of all the boys in the House



counts. Here, everyone has to perform as a team and this is where all the boys performed well together and we lifted both the Standards Cup as well as the Athletics Championship Cup, leaving the other Houses far behind. Tanish Ghosh, Ansh Raj Poddar, Palsang Sangay Bhutia, Kishlay Raj and Ayan Singh played major roles in achieving this victory.

In the Moore Divinity Prize, our boys showed how attentive they were during chapel services by winning the Moore Divinity Cup and Palsang Sangay Bhutia also won the Moore Divinity Medal.

I also appreciate the Commendable performances of all, in the following boys who were awarded prizes on Speech Day -

Ayushman Roy Class 1 1st Proficiency Prize

Krithikesh Poddar Class 2 1st Proficiency Prize and Art Prize

Ayan Singh Class 3 Good Conduct Medal

Aniket Singh Class 4 2nd Proficiency Prize and

Best Actor Prize

Palsang Sangay Bhutia Class 5 1st Proficiency Prize,

Essay Prize Medal, Moore Divinity Prize and the Evelyn Howard Prize.

In Hockey, the enthusiastic Hockey players of Hunt fought with great effort and, in the end, it bore fruit as we won the Hockey Cup. We managed to become victorious due to the efforts of Dhiraj Paul, Ansh Raj Poddar and Tushar Kariwala.

The boys of Hunt House did well in studies, too, and clinched the 'Studies CUP' (Shared with HL).

In Table-Tennis, we shared the Cup with Everest, thanks to Tushar Kariwala, who won all his matches.

At the end, Hunt House was awarded the "Best House Cup" to our JOY, and the others' ENVY. Hurrah!! Well Done Boys!!! It is true that hard work and perseverance do bring just rewards, in the end. A million thanks to the Almighty and all the boys.

I wish all the boys of Class V happiness and success as they move on to Junior Wing. "May God keep all of you safe from all harm and danger".

I thank all the House Monitors, and the House Tutor, for another very successful year.

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment."

Mrs. N. Sinha House Mistress



# **TENZING HOUSE REPORT, 2022**

House Mistress: Mrs. Mitali Mandal

House Tutor: Mr. B. Tamang

The much awaited academic year of 2022 after the corona affected one and half year helped the boys to get the freedom of happiness and meet their friends. It was a blessing for our boys.

In Tenzing House the secret lays in the talent and the will power of our boys for decades. Commencing with the House activities, boys, House mistress and House Tutor got to know each other well. The first half of the season was marked by inter house G.K, English Drama, Art and essay competition. Though we didn't came victorious but the way our boys gave fight will be remembered for long time.

The story didn't end here. Our boys worked as TEAM TENZING and emerged as champion in Inter House Cricket and Inter House Basket Ball for the year 2022. Well done boys.

After the June Holidays will power of the boys remained the same and in Athletics and Inter House hockey competition we came second. Boys, You are really Champions in my heart.

Congratulations to all the boys in doing well in academics. Here I like to mention about Aditya of class FIVE who won the Jyoti Kundu Prize for being the best boy of Primary wing in 2022.

I wish a BIG THANK YOU to all my monitors (Aditya, Aarush, Anirudh and Rajveer) and my House Tutor Mr B. Tamang for their help.

Tenzing House wishes all boys of class FIVE many successful years ahead as they start their journey in Junior wing.

Mrs. M. Mondal House Mistress



N. M. Masters Elocutionists



English Elocution Team, 2022

# **ENGLISH ELOCUTION REPORT, 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Agnelo Dennis

Coming back to the formal system of classroom teaching reaching after a gap of two years and having to cope with all that was lost was a herculean task for the students. They seemed to have lost quite a lot of the communication skills in the use of words and its effects in public speaking. Virtual reaching could not fulfill the requirements in the art of pronunciation enunciation, gesture, poise, stress, composure and the finesse one observes from the teacher in the real teacher taught situation.

Fortunately, with years of experience in aspects of teaching the students the art of Elocuting, it was not as difficult to quickly get the students involved. Though rusty at first they began to brush off their stiffness and soon were in the groove of things.

The three wings organized their English Elocution Competitions for the year. The house Mistresses and House Master were seen guiding their candidates for days on end before the competition this resulted in a high level of competition between the candidates. On stage, in front of an audience and scrutinized by judges, the participants did not flinch. They displayed composure, confidence, clarity and class in emphasizing their pieces to impress upon us all.

At the Primary Wing Elocution competition, the results were as follows:

Class 1 – Ayushman Roy – 1st

Class 2 – Nirvoy Sartre – 1st

Class 3 - Shlok Roy - 1st

Class 4 – Aaavan Chettri and Aniket Singh – 1st

Class 5 - Palsang Bhutia - 1st

The Evelyn Howard medal for the best Speaker in the Primary Wing was won by Palsang Bhutia.

At the Junior Wing Elocution competition, the results were as follows:

Class 6 - Aditya Bikram Ghosh - 1st

Class 7 – Agastya Koirala – 1st

Class 8 - Zidane Asif and Sayantan Das - 1st

The Junior Wing Medal for the best speaker was share by Zidane Asif and Sayantan Das

At the Senior Wing Elocution competition, the results were as follows:

Class 9/10 – Junior Drama – Othoniel Ronald Daniel – 1st

Class 9/10 – Extempore – Aman Kumar – 1st

Class 11/12 - Senior Drama - Arman Mandal - 1st

Class 11/12 – Senior Prose – Prayash Bhowmick – 1st

The Sakraney Medal for the best speaker was son by Prayash Bhowmick.

We fielded a team of four members for the N.M. Master Inter School Competition. The participants were chosen after much deliberation and scrutiny. The boys had to compete with each other in order to qualify. The participants were chosen, trained and sent on stage at the Inter School Meet at St. Joseph's School, Darjeeling. Our boys were exceptional. They oozed with confidence and mesmerized the audience and judges with their performances. The results were as follows:

Poetry – Palsang Bhutia – 1st

Prose – Sayantan Das – 2nd

Drama – Othoniel Ronald Daniel – 4th

Extempore – Yavisht Jamshedji – 1st

Yavisht Jamshedji of class 9 was adjudged the Best Speaker and was awarded a cash prize. We stood 2nd in the overall rally.

It was a fruitful year with the students returning to normal! education after a gap of two years, they were able to get back into the groove and benefit immensely from the co-curricular activities.

Mr. Agnelo Dennis Master-in-Charge

## **HINDI PARISHAD REPORT, 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. P.S. Chaturvedi

Secretary: Himanshu Shekhar

Throughout the course of time,we have witnessed the great architecture of Hindi Literature in the country. Our regional literature has influenced movements among people discloses the blunt truth and bleakness of the society. To do justice to these movements and reciprocate the respect, we started of this year with the sole purpose of having a successful time in promoting Hindi.

As we started with the year, the first activity of this year, the senior wing Hindi Elocution on the 11th of June.

Lawrence House was Victorious, followed by Havelock as the runners up and Clive along with Hastings sharing the third position.

The following boys took part in the Elocution and secured the following positions:

### Poetry:-

1st. Aryan Kumar

2nd. Kshitiz Kumar

3rd. Nikam wai

4th. Aditya Kumar Bhagat

#### Prose:-

- 1. Amritansh Kashyap
- 2. Ram Aryan
- 3. Mithu Kumar
- 4. Kartikay Jalan

#### Drama:-

- Ayush Raj
- 2. Raghav Sahal
- Himanshu Shekhar
- 4. Adyant Saraf

Next we had the Junior wing Hindi Elocution which was held on 20th June where Westcott bagged the Elocution Cup followed by Betten, Anderson and Cable

The participants secured the following positions:



## Poetry:-

- 1. Shreyansh.A.Singh
- 2. Samrat Singh And Naman Maurya
- 3. Shaurya

#### Prose:-

- Pushkar Raj
- 2. Tejaswa Singh
- Abhinay Kumar
- 4. Dev Aditya

#### Poetry:-

- 1. Sayantan Das
- 2. Anubhay Kumar
- 3. Abhigyan Singh
- 4. Shreyas Yadav

The Inter School Hindi Elocution Meet was hosted by Loreto Convent, Darjeeling on the 9th of August where the following boys took parts in various divisions from our school:

Shreyansh.A.Singh- Class 6
Sayantan Das- Class 8
Amritansh Kashyap- Class 10
Ayush Raj- Class 12

Besides the Elocution, the event consisted of many musical and dance performances by the students of Loreto.

Due to some medical issues and health problems the 2nd Language Concert had to be cancelled for the year.

On the occasion of Independence Day, Hindi Secretary Himanshu Shekhar delivered a speech in Hindi. Also a piece of message was given by Mr. Chaturvedi in form of a speech. The Hindi Department had a great year in achievements and presentation. The boys of class 12, Raghav Sahal, Ayush Raj and Himanshu Shekhar along with the MIC coordinated everything very well. Also gratitude towards the school heads for providing all the support for the works of the department.

Master-in Charge: Mr. P.S. Chaturvedi



# **BENGALI SOCIETY REPORT, 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. G. Bhattacharya Associate Teachers: Mrs. P. Bhattacharya,

Mrs. M. Mondal

Secretary: Durlay Datta

Like the past years, this year has also been a successful year for the Bengali society. The society was fortunate to receive the service of Durlav as secretary for the year2022. Inter-house Bengali elocution took place on 8th May on the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti and winners were as follows:

Poetry—(class IX) Hasibur Rahaman.(Cl)

Prose—(class X) Iran Karim. (CI)

(Open division) Drama Jubier Memood (Lw)

The elocution cup was bagged by Clive house once again. This year once again the boys of Junior Wing performed a Bengali Skit on the BE & An concert Day. They also put up several dance and skit and songs in different occasion of the school throughout the year. On the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti our junior wing boys Diptarko, Mezabul, Masraffe sang a wonderful song called "Asodo ma sad gomaya" and whole junior school Bengali boys performed a group song called "EMON ZODI HOTO"-Both these items were liked by one and all present in the audience. All the songs and other items were selected and taught by our junior wing Teacher Mrs. Prama Bhattacharya. Thank you Ma'am for all your encouragement and support. The Usha Rani Bengali Prize was awarded to Durlav Datta for his creative essay and Best Elocutionist Medal was awarded to Jubier mehmood of class 12(LW).

Inter school Bengali elocution was held on4th August. This year we hosted the program in our school. The entire program was started with Aditya Vikram Ghosh's Rabindra sangeet in piano. Aditya, Srinjay, Maharnava and other new boys of class six were very enthusiastic about all Bengali program. There again Diptarko and Porosh sang solo modern songs. Habibur, Arman and Sadhman performed a group song and class Nine Bengali boys performed a modern dance "FAGUNERO-MOHONAY". This was choreographed by our primary school Bengali teacher Mrs. Mitali Mondal. This was a great festive occasion. Our boys Aritra Saha, Debojyoti Das, Irfan Karim, and Redwan Amlan performed in their respective sections with great eloquence and conviction.

This year because of time constraints we could not organize Second language concert, instead of that we organized Darjeeling Poetry Festival along with" Kobita Studio,"A poetry recital organization run by our ExteacherMr. Nilachal Chottaraj of Kolkata.our Boys Hasibur, Aryan and our teacher Mr. Goutam Bhattacharyya also recited some fine poetry.

We thank Mr Chattoraj and our Administrator Mr Peter Lepcha for organizing such an excellent Evening, Congratulations to all of you! Well done!.

I would like to sincerely thank all the boys of Bengali society for their constant help and co operation. My sincere gratitude goes to Mr. and Mrs. G.Bhattacharya and Mrs. M. Mandal. After two years, full-fledged I.C.S.E. and I.S.C. examination will be conducted next year. I wish all the Bengali boys good luck. You all must prepare well as per the new pattern and syllabus. I wish all the Paulites a Great year ahead and a very happy New Year.

Durlav Datta, Class 12 Bengali Society Secretary



#### **NEPALI SOCIETY REPORT - 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Mahendra Mukhia

Secretary: Nikesh Kharel

The Nepali society has always been an integral part of the school. Under the able guidance of Mr. Mahendra Mukhia and Mr. Yogesh Sonam, our society has blossomed and further developed over the years.

This year Nikesh Kharel was appointed as the Nepali Society secretary and with utmost confidence, he has done justice to his portfolio.

Things kicked off with the much awaited Bhanu Jayanti celebration on the 13th of July where the MIC Mr. M. Mukhia read the Ramayana and our Nepali teacher Mr. Yogesh Sonam dedicated a song to Bhanu Bhakta. Since, the celebration was done one day after students reported back from the summer holidays, the Nepali Elocution was postponed to the 20th of July where the list of winners is Rakshyak Dahal of Class 11 in the Prose and Drama section, Ansh Pradhan of Class 10 in the Prose section and Atulya Koirala of Class 9 in the Poem section.

Sushobhit Mukhia(Class 6) for Junior division, Yarab Ghimire(Class 7) for Intermediate division, Atulya Koirala(Class 9) for Senior division and Samiran Sapkota(Class 12) for Open division represented our school in the Inter-School Nepali Elocution held at Mt. Hermon School. Our boys fared well and kept the school colours flying high in the event.

This year, since the Second Language concert was cancelled due to obvious reasons, the Nepali best speaker medal was awarded to the winner of Nepali Elocution winner from Open Divison; Rakshyak Dahal. The Nepali Price Exam was held on 9th August which was won by the Nepali Secretary; Nikesh Kharel.

At last, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Mahendra Mukhia and Mr. Yogesh Sonam who served as the pillars of the Society. Their constant support has kept this society standing. Also, I would like to thank the Sixth Forms, who have always been there for providing their constant support.

To conclude, I'd like to express my hearty wishes to the future batches and wish them the very best.

Mr. Mahendra Mukhia Master-in-Charge: Nepali Society



# FRENCH SOCIETY REPORT, 2022

Master-in-Charge: Mr. S Roy Secretary: Aditya Kharga

In life we don't do what we want but we're responsible for what we are.

~ Jean-Paul Sartre

St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, modeled on the lines of British public schools and located on a serene landscape, overlooking the majestic Kanchenjunga, is an ideal place of schooling for students of diverse ethnicities. Our French Society consists of students from Thailand, Bangladesh and India, and the language is taught, at our school, from classes 6 to 10 by Mr. Shirsendu Roy.

Our Society started the year, 2022, with great enthusiasm, in the hope of performing our best.

About the events that took place in our school, a group called 'Studio Saranya and Bodhi Tree', from Kolkata, conducted a poetry fest in our school, in the Prep Hall, on 28thAugust, 2022. The members of the Bengali Society recited poems, written by prominent, and influential, Bengali poets. Students of the Junior Wing also sung a famous Bengali song. The Hindi, Bengali, Nepali and French students also recited poems in their respective languages. Aditya Kharga, the French Society Secretary, represented the French department by reciting the poem 'Le corbeau et le renard' i.e. The Crow and the Fox. It was a wonderful experience.

The French Society was also represented in the School Newsletter, The Paulite, where the French Secretary wrote a short article called 'Mon loisirs' (My hobbies). He wrote about the common past-times of students in our school. In this newsletter, students present a report of various activities of the three wings of the school.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank each student of the French Society for their valuable contribution towards the successful completion of this year and I wish, in the coming years, the students of the French Society achieve greater heights in their career.

Moniti Meliora Sequamur

Aditya Kharga French Society Secretary

#### **ART & CRAFT REPORT 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Cheten Lepcha

Secretary: Varish Subba

Each stroke of the brush is a way of breathing life onto a lifeless canvas, the very elixir used to amalgamate the observable unknown. For a viewer, an abstract image may look like a preying winter dog with the applied intensity and severity of various mixtures and blend of each stroke.

This year, we initiated painting the Primary Wing classrooms, with the collective responsibility, and help of some of the teachers, and the entire Senior Wing Boys, at the end of which we were treated to a sumptuous lunch, down in the Primary Wing, which was something we all looked forward to, and enjoyed.

On the 14th May, the Art Department was involved in making the posters, programme list and decorating the stage for the House play. The artwork was well received and very much liked by all.

This was followed by the Clive House concert on the 4th of June, where the posters were drawn by the Art teacher and painted by the students.

The Senior Wing Vernacular Elocution took place on the 9th August and the poster was done by the Art Department.

The Hastings House concert took place on the 18th June and, especially, Mr. C. Lepcha was involved in making the posters which turned out to be beautiful. The Art Department was also responsible for the background painting which was done beautifully.

On the 30th July, the Lawrence House concert took place and, once again, the poster was done up by the Art Department, with the programme list done by the boys of the House, as well.

Talking about House Concerts, the Junior Wing House Concerts, put up by Betten and Cable and Anderson and Westcott, had the boys, themselves, doing all the posters, with very less effort required from the Art teacher.

In the month of August, the Art boys started working on canvases, estimating roughly around a hundred canvases, including small canvas boards.

The Woodwork Hobby boys started working on their pieces from the middle of August with roughly fifteen boys enrolled for the hobby.



Due to some unfavorable conditions, regarding the resources, the Batik Secretary managed to complete one piece which was displayed at the Annual Art Exhibition.

Finally, the Annual Senior Wing Art exhibition took place and was inaugurated by the Acting Administrator/ Senior Master on 29th September. It turned out to be a huge success and was well received by the parents and visitors.

The School Monogram was painted on the wall of the Goddard Pavilion and it was done entirely by the teachers of St. Paul's School, Darjeeling. The teachers who put their hands to complete the task were Mr. Cheten Lepcha, Mr. Sudin Khaling, Mr. Sanjive Rai, Mr. Rajeev Pradhan, Mr. Birendra Rai and Mr. Peter Lepcha, the Acting Administrator/ Senior Master.

Finally, in November the Sixth Forms went down to the Primary Wing and painted the walls for their GHD (Going Home Day) Supper. I would especially like to thank our Art teacher, Mr. Cheten Lepcha, for his contribution to the Art Department. Without his utmost guidance, the Art Department would not have become what it is. His kind and humble character built a strong foundation for the Art Department and, thus, got lots of students interested in Art.

Varish Subba Art Secretary

#### **CALLIGRAPHY HOBBY REPORT 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Michael Dutta

Handwriting is something that a person exercises regularly, especially as a student. I suppose there is none in the world who don't like their handwriting being appreciated. This is all calligraphy is about. Calligraphy is simply the art of good handwriting. The art came into existence ever since the time of cave writings. Till date, people thrive to learn this beautiful art. Keeping this in mind, the school has encourage all the students by starting calligraphy as a hobby. Two years of pandemic and online classes have hit hard on the writing skills of the students.

Calligraphy as a hobby is liked by one and all in this school. The scripts might seem to be easy to write, however, these attractive letters require a lot of effort and practice. Each letter represents the amount of sweat, mood and its thematic illustration. A good handwriting might not sound a lot, but for its writer, it means a lot. Despite the liking, one thing the young learners can't cope up with is the regular practice required to master this art. The fact that you have to learn everything from the very basics is quite harsh. It demands a lot of patience, dedication, determination and graceful wrist movements.

This year the interested students were asked to get their own pen sets. Since, the students are to use 'cut-nib' pens, the basic pen movements, strokes and spacing techniques were initially taught by our MIC, Mr. Michael Dutta. Boys were taught various fonts like Old English, Gothic, Italics, Unicals and also flourished ornamental calligraphy were demonstrated. As days passed, the boys learnt more and more. However, the total number of boys enrolled in the hobby decreased because of the filtering, which left only the sincere and dedicate boys who have mastered a bit of the pen movement. Unfortunately, we could not put up an exhibition of our pieces this year. However, the practical display of the beautifully mastered strokes was seen in the labelling of the project work of the boys. Towards the end there were only a handful of boys left in the hobby. Actually, this is a performing hobby where excellence is only achieved by sincere and dedicated practice and the will to do. Hopefully, more number of boys will take this hobby, no doubt.

With the diligent, sincere and dedicated guidance of the MIC, it has been our longstanding wish to start this hobby right down from the Primary Wing, because that is where the talents are raw. I have nothing much to add, but hearty heaps of best wishes for the forthcoming batches who will join this hobby.

Rakshyak Dahal Secretary, Calligraphy

#### **COMPUTER SOCIETY REPORT - 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sisir Gurung

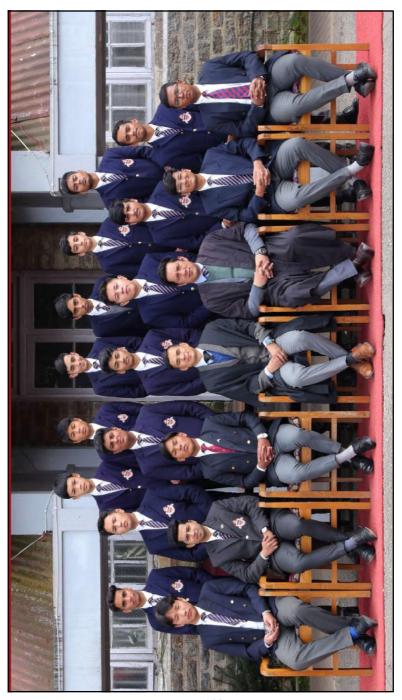
The Department of computer Science and Applications opened its door for computer hobby for the boys of all streams in the school as the session begun for the year 2022. We were overwhelmed to see many boys who were interested in the society. With a unanimous decision we elected Mr. Tashi Tobgay of class XII Science as the Computer sectary of the society. All the boys who took computer as their 6th subjects were by default in the society and they took pride in the hobby. They were all assigned a computer each in the lab where they did their research and worked on mini projects every time they were free. They worked on projects like making small games and programs that would do mathematical calculations.

The boys who were the members of the society were allowed to come to the computer lab to their machine in any of their free time and continue their work. They enjoyed the facility of using the internet and doing the research on various topics which are in trend in the IT word. All of them used Java to write their codes for their software. They recreated simple games like tic-tac-toe and calculators.

The society activities intrigued them to dive deeper into the computer world. The boys also learnt to use designing software likes Photoshop and to edit and work on photos. By the end of the session we had pretty good designers who could design banners and posters for the house concerts. The Computer society definitely looks forward in bringing in more interested students into the digital world and nurture their creativity.

Students who were really interested into programs were allowed to bring in their laptops to the computer lab and use it for the projects. They were given internet access to encourage deeper researches. This year we were able to add 25 brand new computers to the computer lab and discard all the old machines. We could also supply four new machines to the primary wing for the little ones to get their exposure to the computer world. This year we ensured each boy had a machine and they had fast internet speed. We are glad we could achieve this goal this year. We also added roll up projector screen one each in both senior and primary computer labs.

By the end of 2022 session we had seen a lot of growth in the knowledge of boys in the field of IT. We were able to have a very fruitful time with everyone who joined the society. I am glad we were able to let the students see the computer world in a very different perspective. We were able to



shift the attention of the students who only thought computer as a gaming machine to a powerful machine that can be used to bring in all sorts of better changes in day to day life of any individual.

We would also like to thank the school authority for providing us with all the new machines in the computer lab to match our needs. We continue to work and enjoy in this society and progress in the world of digital era.

Mr. Sisir Gurung MIC Computer Society



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## **DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT – 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Prasik C. Gurung

Secretary: Rikzen P. Bhutia

#### "All Great Ideas are Controversial".

The first stage of competition, after two years of lockdown, was the Junior Wing Inter-House Debating Competition. Once again, the Junior Wing Tuck Hall, that lay dormant for two years, came back to life, on 26th March, when the first round of debating took place.

In the first session, Anderson and Betten locked horns with each other, and in the second session it was Westcott took on Cable. Both the sessions were charged as the volley of questions was answered confidently by both the sides, inviting counter questions, which were aptly answered by witty and vivacious speakers. Finally, it was Anderson House that proved to be better and Srinjoy Mondal, of Anderson House, was adjudged the best speaker. In the second session Westcott House weighed over Cable House and Sayantan Das, of Westcott House, bagged the honour of being the best speaker.

The second round of debates took place on 9th April. This time, it was Anderson taking on Cable and Westcott against Betten. It was a sweeping victory for Anderson, in the first session and, in the second session, Westcott, yet again, proved their worth. Pragyum Pratyaksh, of Anderson, and Sayantan Das, of Westcott, were adjudged as best speakers in each session, respectively.

In the final round, on 21st May, it was Betten versus Cable and Anderson taking on Westcott. Betten defeated Cable and Ishaan Singh bagged the honour of being the best speaker. In the second session, between Anderson and Westcott, Anderson stood tall and Westcott was defeated. Sayantan Das of Westcott House was adjudged as the best speaker and, thus, bagged the Dawa Norbula Medal for the best Debater, 2022. Anderson claimed the Debate Cup and achieved their first cup of the year.

For the Senior-Wing students, the Inter-House debate was organised in the Prep Hall. The students battled with their wits on 18th, 19th and 20th May, consecutively. With so much intensity in the air, the competition began, with three panel judges for each debate. In the first session, it was Hastings versus Lawrence, which Hastings won, and the best speaker was Ayush Raj from Lawrence House. In the second session, between Havelock and Clive, the latter proved to be better and the best speaker was awarded to Yavisht Jamshedji from Clive House.

On the second day, the competition was just as intense with Hastings taking on Clive and Havelock against Lawrence. Once again, Clive proved their worth and sailed past Hastings House. Yavisht Jamshedji, from Clive House, was adjudged as the best speaker for the second time. In the second session, between Havelock and Lawrence, Lawrence won and the best speaker was given to Arman Mandal, from Lawrence House.

On the final day, everyone was extremely tense. A hot discussion was going on, among the participants, and everyone present knew that the decision would be rather difficult, even for the judges. Havelock was to take on Hastings while Lawrence would take on Clive. Hastings proved to be mightier than Havelock as they reasonably defended their points and arguments. Jesse Zhimomi, from Hastings House, was adjudged the best speaker, at the end of the debate. In the second session, between Clive and Lawrence, the topic for the debate was, "*Education today is preparing students for a career, not life*". Clive House, already on the top of the ladder, stood tall and prevailed over Lawrence. All the participants were students with equal calibre and potential but, in the end, some stood out shining brighter than the others. There were so many notable points presented by each team but the point presented by the winning team was the game-changer. In the end, Clive House rightfully claimed the Debating Cup for the year 2022.

The Air Force Medal for the best speaker was awarded to Yavisht Jamshedji, who in the history of St. Paul's, is the first recipient from class 9 to receive this prestigious award.

Rikzen P. Bhutia
Debating Society Secretary

#### NCC REPORT - 2022

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Yogesh Sunam

NCC is an activity that drills character, discipline and sense of responsibility for it is not only ornament and equipment which matters for the growth and development of a powerful nations, but the human factors which plays the vital and decisive factor. The youth of today are the future leaders of our great country.

In St. Paul's NCC is given the prime importance within the purview of its aim and objective. It is one of the few activities of the school which is compulsory from standard VIII to standard X. As the youth of this age group need a proper tuning with some manly activities, inculcating in them the qualities of leadership, character, comradeship, a spirit of sportsmanship and ideal of service. New cadets were taken into the NCC squad from class VIII and were trained by the older cadets. Their interest and enthusiasm got them to learn quickly and join great appreciation for themselves by all who saw them. Selection for a fresh set of Lance Corporals, Corporals and Sergeants were conducted. Those selected carried out their duties with utmost loyalty and devotion.

This year as usual, NCC activities command from the second week of April. Practice was started early so as to remove and eradicate the shabbiness from the cadets. They were trained physically and mentally on various topics like civil defense, first aid, hygiene, sanitation, national integration, NCC song etc.

During the month of July 2022, school A.N.O (III<sup>rd</sup> officer) Mr. Y. Sunam went to attend TSC(Thal Sena Camp), Kamrang, Namchi, Sikkim as a camp adjutant. In the month of May 2022, second year cadets gave a 'A' certificate physical and written examination.

As we neared the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, practice grew rigorous and for longer durations. Measurements for the uniforms and orders for accessories began to be placed. We had many army personnels coming over to our school to polish the skills of our boys. Till this time each troop practice separately but from this time onwards troops were made to practice together in order to synchronize their movements. Very soon this was perfected as well. At last, the 15<sup>th</sup> of August arrived. The Chief Guest for the occasion was our Acting Administrator Mr. Peter Lepcha. An inspiring and motivational speech was delivered. Acting Administrator, parents,

visitors and everyone else present were impressed with the program in general and the NCC parade in particular. The troop no. 302 of 5 Bengal Battalion was led by Commander Habibur Rehman. This celebration was accompanied by patriotic song in English and Hindi sang by PW and JW respectively, followed by a beautiful patriotic skit by the students which was prepared by Mr. Saroj Gurung. An inspiring speech was delivered by the HOD Hindi department. Mr. Michael Dutta presented a beautiful patriotic song with the boys, urging the nation to march abreast with the rest of the world.

Over all the year 2022, was a good for the troop no. 302, St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, if not the best.

JAI HIND!!!

Mr. Yogesh Sunam - A.N.O.

St. Paul's School, Darjeeling.

Rank: III<sup>rd</sup> Officer (5 Bengal Battalion)



#### **PHILATELY REPORT 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. P. S. Chaturvedi Secretary: Ayush Raj

One of the world's most popular hobbies Philately is the study and collection of stamps. Many hobbyists collect regular postage stamps others collect special use issues some of which are unrelated to postal services. Collecting stamps is not an easy task and takes a lot of time and effort. Philately is considered the king of hobbies, since it charters through various philatelic items, develop better appreciation of the history, culture, personalities and of their societies. Stamp collection gives not only enjoyment but also increases our knowledge.

This year, only few students took philately hobby because of the busy schedule of the students due to which there was less number of stamps put on display. The stamps which were put up was based on the theme of birds. The hobby was only successful this year because of our mic Mr. P.S. Chaturvedi's dedication and with the help of our philately society we were able to put up few but a wonderful display.

Ayush Raj Secretary - Philately Hobby

#### PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB REPORT 2022

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Niladri Bakshi

Secretary: Prayas Bhowmick

# "A picture is worth a thousand words" - Fredrick R. Barnard

Memories are made by human interactions, but it is captured through the lenses of a camera. The beautification and path of portraying scenery, or a structure, or even anything abstract, dictates the skillfulness behind the lenses, including the colour distribution and blending required for beautifying the image. The boys in the Photography Club tried to do something similar through the light adjustment of the magnification and the shutter of the camera.

Firstly, the major responsibility drawn up by the members of this club was to capture almost every single event we came across. An integral part of this department is to ensure we click every single occasion in our school. All of the pictures, regarding any inter and intra school events, were taken by the members of the club. From sporting events, to the stage activities or, even, special celebrations such as Independence Day or Diwali celebration.

Apart from the overall duties carried out by us, throughout the year, we also focused on capturing stills from nature. Let us say, a bee sucking nectar from a flower, a dog sleeping at the corner of the quad, after exhausting itself from untimely playfulness, or even the bluebells hanging in an inverted position with the light bending on its stem. It is the collective joy, we express in clicking the colossal hills or the humongous mountains when the snow on its tip reflects the tangerine tint during sunset or the early birds chirping in the depths of sharp, tangled woods.

Our work is visible in every issue of our school magazine, booklet, chronicles and newsletter. Additionally, an online photography contest was organized by Loreto Convent, to commemorate its 175 years, in the month of August, 2022, where students of various schools participated with the display of their best photos. The theme was based on 'seasons'. It was an incredibly proud moment for our school, due to the reason that in spite of all the equally competing photographs, Himanshu Shekar, a member of the Photography Club won the competition with his great display of photography skills.



One of the most important events, in the entire year, is the our own Photography Exhibition cum Competition, where the members of the Photography Club had the enthusiasm and freedom to showcase their photography talent, and creativity. As always, the boys never disappoint with their work. There were seven categories in the exhibition, consisting of Plants, Animals, People, Monochrome, Night Photography, Landscape and Life at St. Paul's. Their filling snapshots were immensely appreciated by every visitor and positive reviews were received from everyone. In a nutshell, it was positively taken, in all aspects. The boys from the Photography Club worked tirelessly to make the exhibition a success.

The special medals for Photography were awarded to the following boys:

- Das Studio Medal for Consistent Good Work: Shreyash Bhattacharya, Class - X
- Kamlesh Kanti Photography Medal : Prayas Bhowmick, Class XII Science
- Darjeeling Photo Stores Medal for Excellence in Photography: Nirvan Rinchen Lama, XI Science

Thank you

Prayas Bhowmick Photography Secretary



## **QUIZ REPORT, 2019**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sanjive Rai

Quiz Secretary: Rigzen Phintso Bhutia

Quizzing in St. Paul's has always been an interesting, a rather nailbiting event, something that every Paulite looks forward to. After a break of two years, this year, there was more curiosity and fascination among each and every student.

The St. Paul's annual quiz started off with the much-awaited first round of Brain of St. Paul's in the month of May, where after some interesting but competitive rounds, conducted by the Nutshell Quizzora team, Havelock House were placed as the winners with just a lead of 5 points to Hastings. Lawrence and Clive followed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> positions respectively.

The final rounds were held during the month of September where this time Lawrence managed to come back strong and turn it around with them winning the round with a significant margin followed by Havelock. However, after tallying the scores of both the rounds, the winners of the Brain of St. Paul's 2022 were ultimately Havelock and the best quizzer went to Rigzen P. Bhutia, also of Havelock.

Subsequently, in the year, the Karan Mazumdar GK prize exam was conducted by the Quiz MIC, Mr. Sanjive Rai. The results of the exam were again Rigzen P. Bhutia (HV) as the winner, Prayas Bhowmick (LW) in the  $2^{\rm nd}$  place and the  $3^{\rm rd}$  position were shared between Ayush Raj (LW) and Hasibur Rehman (CL).

The school quiz team also participated in the Br. Eric Memorial Quiz held at St. Joseph's School (NP) Darjeeling, where almost 40 schools from across Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Kurseong, Siliguri and Sikkim had participated. Unfortunately, the team could not perform well and could not proceed further from the first round. The ISC fest quiz also took place in North Point where the school team secured a third place.

This, thus summed up the quizzing season of the Paulites for the year 2022. I wish them my best for the following years. Moniti Meliora Sequamur.

Rigzen Phintso Bhutia

Quiz Secretary



#### ATHLETICS REPORT - 2022

The Athletics season for the year 2022 began on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 with let of enthusiasm and excitement. The season began with usual standards, where each boy is expected to take part, the system has been instrumental in espousing the hidden talents of our boys.

The standards went on smoothly and were completed well in time, most of the finals of the Throws and Jumps were completed with healthy expedition, but the weather sods inflicted there are on us and began to rain incessantly. It almost looked as if we would have no sports day, but we all kept our fingers crossed and finally eased. We quickly for down to completing the Bread Jump finals and Tug of War.

Sports day, which almost had to be postponed went in smoothly and on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The class X boys rallied together to decorate the field as usual, they chose, "MONEY HEIST" as their mascot this year.

Declared the meet open and then released a bunch of ballous the meet went on smoothly and "Nikesh Kharel" Athletics captain was declared the fastest runner.

This year both Standard Cup and the Athletic Cup was won by Havelock House.

Boys returned from the puja vacation with a lot of enthusiasm, to take part in the Inter-School Athletics meet which was to be held at our own school (St. Paul's) Darjeeling on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022. After a lot of effort and hard work boys manage to do well in the meet.

Athletics Season of the year as always was successful. I wish the future Paulite Athletic team all the very best and hope they bring a great name and fame, to both the school and the sport.



#### **BADMINTON REPORT - 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Birendra Rai

CAP: Durlov Dutta

There is a lot more than just a pair of rackets and a shuttle cock. It is the challenging scenarios of reflexes, speed, timing, agility, physique and a hint of a smart play with correct placement. It is more of like a clash between the quick and the quicker and much of this clash was experienced this year by us.

At the beginning of second term, after all the students had arrived to school from their much deserved vacation, we started off with our practice for this year with the initiative of carrying out the act of smashing across the court. We also got a lot of help from Mr. Birendra Rai, our Master-incharge and one of our teachers. Mr. Saroj Gurung. They played a vital role in helping out the boys with their abilities and forced us to come out of our comfort zone and deliver, thus increasing our hard work, efficiency and greater potential. Initially, our training arena was our school's "Gym Hall", but within a month time we started practicing in the "Hayden Hall, Darjeeling".

The first challenge we came across was on the 8th of September, on the event of Inter School Badminton Tournament, which was held at St. Joseph's School (North Point). From our Junior division: Khaled, Vibhas and Redwan played very well but due to unfortunate reasons they could not make it out to the finals and they left the court by seeing the semi-finals.

In the open division, Tousheen represented the school in singles, where as Durlov Dutta and Tashi represented the school in doubles. On one hand, Tousheen gave a hard try but unfortunately could not quality for the semi-finals and on the other hand, Durlov and Tashi qualified for semi-finals with the very precious gameplay. In the semi-finals out of three sets, we won the first set and lost the second set, this eventually led them to the final set, where they gave an outstanding and mind-blowing fight against North Point School but ended up not winning the game by a new scare with the difference of only one point, which was inteed very heart-breaking. Although it was not our home ground, our pavlites gave a

brilliant show to such on extent, where the opponents were obliged to applaud for us.

On the 25th of September, we had the Inter-House Badminton. Tournament which was held in the Gym Hall. In the tournament, the doubles took place between Clive and Havelock, where Clive won the doubles game with the help of Porosh and Redwan. As for single, the finals took place once again between Clive and Havelock. Durlov Dutta represented Clive and Tausheen represented Havelock. In the singles final, Clive House won with the unbeatable Durlov Dutta winning back to back matches. Hence, Clive House was declared as the winners of the Inter-House Badminton Tournament, where they gave a highly commendable performance.

Mr. Birendra Rai Master-In-Charge,Badminton



ISC Basketball Team, 2022



ICSE Basketball Team, 2022

## **BASKETBALL REPORT, 2022**

Masters-in-Charge: Mr. Sanjive Rai & Mr. Diwakar Thapa

The year 2022 opened on a very energetic note with the basketball season right around the corner. The *Hooping* season began from the month of March and the ICSE/ISC teams started their practice right from day 1 of school reopening. Both the teams were coached by Mr. Nikhil Deep Rai, though for a short while, but always regular on the court and kept the boys in shape so that they could perform their best. The under-7 and under-8 teams could not take part in their respective tournaments this year as the Junior School reported late to school thus they did not have sufficient amount of time to get in shape and practice.

The ICSE/ISC basketball carnival was held in St. Augustine's School, Kalimpong on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of April. All the Hill Anglo-Indian schools participated, leading to a tough competition, each team giving their best. Our school ICSE team had to face subsequent defeats and therefore could not proceed forward from the group stage. The ISC team gave their best but was defeated in the semi-finals by the team who later went on to win the tournament.

The MICs Mr. Sanjive Rai and Mr. Diwakar Thapa conducted the Interhouse basketball matches in the final term because of a very busy first and second term and also regular ill-health of the boys as well. Each houses of all the three wings were very competitive and the matches played were also very intense to win the respective basketball shield/cup.

The champions from the respective wings for the year 2022 were as follows:

PW - Tenzing House

JW - Cable House

SW - Havelock House

There is always a second chance for everything. Though, we were unable to win any inter-school basketball tournament this year, as a secretary, I realized that there is a lack of consistency and hardwork among our boys. Nevertheless, in the years to come, I do believe that the Paulites will train themselves even harder and fight with all their might and win the cup for the school. 'Moniti Meliora Seguamur.'

Aryan Lapung





# **CRICKET REPORT, 2022**

Masters-in-Charge: Mr. Birendra Rai

Captain: Raman Pratap

Cricket is a gentleman's game, and much like the motto of the game, we Paulites like to follow that same spirit and approach and propagate fairness and true sportsmanship to the game.

By keeping the same spirit of the game, we started off this year with the initiative of showing our dominance with each stroke of the bat and revolution of the ball. Our first friendly fixture of the year we held on the 19th of March against St. Joseph's School (North Point). The friendly fixtures were divided into three categories: +2, Under 10 and the Under 8. The +2 match, we were the first to bat. Our batters portrayed and excellent show of skill, and among them, Arman Mondal's 34 and Himanshu Shekhar's 25 played a crucial role in getting us up to a respectable total of 157 in 23 over's. Seemingly defendable, our bowlers at the other end did a brilliant job in getting early wickets. The credible bowlers were Arman Mondal with 3 wickets, Durlay Dutta and Samiran Sapkota with 2 wickets each. Overall, Arman Mondal showed an excellent all round performance with 34 runs and 3 wickets. As for the Under 10, we unfortunately lost against North Point, though our efforts were equally put in. For the Under 8 team, we won the toss and decided to bowl. In the first innings, our bowlers took the batters down as they were bowled out for 66. Each of the five bowlers took two wickets each. From the batters, the performance was an equally incredible one and a much more easier task as Shreyash Yadav put up a brilliant knock of 27 runs. The overall result of the first fixture shows a true portion of dominance by us.

The second friendly fixture was held on the 23rd of April at North Point for the +2 match. it was an away match for us with no home advantage. In the first innings, we chose to bowl, where our bowlers did an incredible job in tearing down those wickets. From the gushing peace to the magical turn, everybody gave a commendable effort on the field. The credible bowlers were Nikesh Kharel with 4 wickets, Tashi Topgay Tamang and Sebastian Vincent with 2 wickets each and a brilliant economic performance by Samiran Sapkota as he took 1 wicket and gave 15 runs over a span of 5 over's, with a restricting economy of 3.00. At the beginning of the second innings, we lost a couple of early wickets, but we eventually caught up with the score and quickly finished the game in the form of a low scoring thriller. North Point got bowled out for 83 runs and we eventually chased it off by crucial singles and doubles and adequate amount of

boundaries. As for the Under 10 category, we unfortunately lost the second match as well and as for the Under 8 team, the first innings were bowled by us and once again, we gave an overall effort in restricting them down to 87 for 8. It was a much easy job for our batters as we won the match with Konik Roy being the highest scorer of the game with 23 runs.

Additionally, we played a special match with the Old Paulites of Kolkata on the 14th of May. It was a friendly match between the experienced and the experience seekers. In the first innings, we batted with an open mind and had the purpose of putting up another show of total dominance. At the beginning of the innings, we lost a wicket of one of our experienced opening batsmen, but we eventually build up a stable and controllable partnership with Raman Pratap and Arman Mondal on the crease. As we all expect a solid captain's knock, so was delivered by Raman Pratap by playing a stable knock of 49 not out, unfortunately missing his half century. The Paulites had scored 48 runs in the first 10 overs, but much to our disappointment, rain struck the playing arena and the match had to be delayed the next day. The very next day, it was decided that the match would be reduced to 15 over's. So, we played the remaining 5 over's and somehow managed to pull up a total of 83 runs in 15 over's. At the beginning of the second innings, we managed to get couple of early wickets, but the Old Paulites had a really good middle order and credible performers and playmakers as they literally carried themselves to the margin of victory and finished the game in the 13th over. At the end of the game, we congratulated each other and wished to have an even better and sporting match if the rain hadn't interrupted. Eventually, they gave us tips for our future preparations and continuing our practice.

A special vote of thanks to our Master-in-Charge, Mr. Birendra Rai for helping us out throughout the Cricket season, and specially to Mr. Satyajit Bannerjee, who is also an Observer at BCCI, for coaching us throughout the entire Cricket season.

A special mention to the recipients of the Minor Color in Cricket: Arman Mondal, Ahnaf Porosh Patwary and Sebastian Vincent and the recipient of the Atanu Bannerjee Memorial Cricket Medal: Sebastian Vincent.

Raman Pratap





### **FOOTBALL REPORT 2022**

Masters-in-Charge: Mr. A. D. Rai Mr. D. Thapa

As always, the football season was welcomed by the boys with avid enthersiosum and excitement, the reason began on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022, after the boys were rejuvenated and returned from the mid-term break the first official match of the year was against OPA'S from Sikkim on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The school witnessed "the clash of the Tilans", the match conjured interminable exciting moment, so much so that in the school half of the game there ware 14 players on the field, 11 being from the school team the seore line ended at 7-4 with the school team being the Victors as for the OPA'S they shall be back next year to avenge their defeats of this year and the one before it.

The first fixture match against North Points School 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022, in the fixture except under 8, we manage to with both 1<sup>st</sup> XI and under 10 team the next fixture against Mount Hermon School, got cancelled due to their own internal school programme.

In the inter school football carnival hosted by DGH, our both plus two and under 10 gave in a good fight to quality for the sami-finals but they had to face defeat.

As I conclude I'd like to wish the school football team of the future years all the success in the world.

Mr. A. D. Rai / Mr. D. Thapa Masters-in-Charge



#### **MARATHON REPORT 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sisir Gurung

The Marathon, for the year 2022, was run after almost two years of break, due to the Pandemic of Covid-19. The school's Acting Administrator/ Senior Master, Mr. Peter Lepcha, along with Mr. Sisir Gurung, the MIC, decided to follow the scheduled marathon run date, according to the school calendar. The Final run, for the year, was scheduled on Saturday, 27th August, 2022. The practice runs for the Marathon started on Monday, 22ndAugust, and the boys got only four practice runs. Class XI and XII however got much less days as they were involved in the ISC Fest and they had to go to other schools where they participated. There was heavy rain during the first and the second last day of the practice run and our boys ran in the rain and completed their run circuit, nevertheless. We are glad that they did not fall sick, even after having done so. This time round, we were very glad to see the boys run with much enthusiasm and zeal. Those who were on 'Restriction', due to medical reasons, walked up to the TCP, and participated in earning points for their House, by doing so.

The Teachers were all on duty, as per their duty roster, and we had no problem in the runs. The vehicles that picked and dropped the teachers were on time, as well, as a result of which, there was no issue in reaching the duty spots on time.

The Final run day was on 27th, and in the morning it was a little gloomy. The top field was covered with fog and the track marks and the decorations the grounds men had done were hardly visible. This time, the Final run was starting from 10:25 am onwards and the boys were allowed to enter into the army Cantonment area only after 10:00 am. We had holiday meal timings on that day and, after a healthy breakfast, the boys were lined up in front of the Prep Hall for the head count. The total numbers, of runners who were fit to run for the Final run, were as below:

Divisions	Numbers
Senior/Open	117
Intermediate	67
Junior	33
Primary	21
Total	238

We had nine students who were on 'Restriction': Six from the Senior Wing, three from the Junior Wing and none from the Primary Wing. As the boys left for their starting points, the weather, slowly, started to clear but, when the Primary Division started their run, it drizzled a lot and we were

afraid it would rain. However, fortunately, there was no rain except for few drops here and there.

# The scores for the Marathon run, in the Senior Wing Houses, for the year 2022, were as follows:

House	Run score	Negative	Final score
Lawrence	1905	26	1879
Havelock	1852	18	1834
Clive	1802	14	1788
Hasting	1226	10	1216

Thus, the winner for the Marathon, 2022, in the Senior Wing, was Lawrence House, followed by Havelock, Clive and Hastings.

## The scores for the Marathon run, in the Junior Wing Houses, for the year 2022, were as follows:

House	Final score
Betten	730
Cable	669
Anderson	638
Westcott	622

## The scores for the Marathon run, in the Primary Wing Houses, for the year 2022, were as follows:

House	Final score
Everest	125
Hillary	117
Tenzing	114
Hunt	102

# The first ten runners in the SENIOR DIVISION Marathon, 2022, are as listed below:

Position	Names	House
1st	Vibhas Raj	Havelock (30:46:53 Mins.)
2nd	Teekawin Juntee	Havelock
3rd	Raghav Padia	Lawrence

Tashi Topgay Tamang	Hastings
Thayakon Munthongchun	Havelock
Ahnaf Porosh Patwary	Clive
Nirvan Rinchen Lama	Hastings
Suleman Kazi Maruf	Clive
Karthikey Jalan	Clive
Jerome Ayemi	Clive
	Thayakon Munthongchun Ahnaf Porosh Patwary Nirvan Rinchen Lama Suleman Kazi Maruf Karthikey Jalan

# The first ten runners for the INTERMEDIATE DIVISION Marathon, 2022 are as listed below:

Names	House
Shwebik Thapa	Havelock (25:62 Mins.)
Churchil Ngangbam	Lawrence
Yavisht Shahaveer Jamshedj	i Clive
Nath Rattanapanang	Lawrence
Yashaswee Vardhan	Clive
Ansh Pradhan	Lawrence
Vivaan	Hastings
Dev Jalan	Lawrence
Rishit Jaggi	Havelock
Anubav Biswas	Lawrence
	Shwebik Thapa Churchil Ngangbam Yavisht Shahaveer Jamshedj Nath Rattanapanang Yashaswee Vardhan Ansh Pradhan Vivaan Dev Jalan Rishit Jaggi

# The first ten runners in the JUNIOR DIVISION Marathon, 2022, are as listed below:

Position	Names	House
1st	Yarab Ghimiray	Betten (11:18:08 Mins.)
2nd	Anish Choudhary	Westcott
3rd	Shreyansh Ayush Singh	Betten
4th	Sparsh Sharma	Cable
5th	Srinjoy Mandal	Anderson
6th	Aalok Kumar Ray	Westcott
7th	Animesh Raj Nayak	Betten
8th	Fahim Ahmad	Anderson

9th	Agastya Koirala	Anderson
10th	Aritro Turjo Saha	Betten

# The first ten runners in the PRIMARY DIVISION Marathon, 2022, are as listed below:

Position	Names	House
1st	Varannya P. Basnet	Everest (9:05 Mins.)
2nd	Tanish Ghosh	Hunt
3rd	Md. Aamir Jamal	Everest
4th	Shaurya Choudhury	Hillary
5th	Aniket Singh	Hunt
6th	Hanu Newal	Westcott
7th	Eshaan Banerjee	Everest
8th	Abhigyan Bharti	Hillary
9th	Shlok Roy	Tenzing
10th	Aditya Sinha	Everest

Mr. Sisir Gurung Master-in-Charge



From Left to right: Mr. Sisir Gurung MIC, with the top three of the 'Open Division', Vibhas Raj (1st), Teekawin Juntee (2nd) and Raghav Padia (3rd)



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#### **TABLE-TENNIS REPORT 2022**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. P. Tamang

Secretary: Rigzen Bhutia

After nearly two years of Covid pandemic, the Table Tennis chapter finally began. Due to poor equipment, the boys were not able to practice efficiently. However, with the generous help from the parents of Table Tennis Captain, two Table Tennis boards were donated and set up in the Goddard pavilion.

The practice went good and many boys had good hopes this year but due to serious Covid protocol, we had to withdraw our participation from the Inter-School TT tournament. However, the boys did not lose their passion for the sport and kept practicing it throughout the year.

Table Tennis House matches were played after the Puja break.

In Junior Wing, Betten House won the Table Tennis cup by winning all the six matches, Cable House secured second position and Anderson and Westcott shared the third position.

In Senior Wing, it was Havlock who won the TT cup. Lawrence House gave a tough fight and secured second position followed by Hastings and Clive.

Before ending the year for good, another TT board was given to Primary Wing by the Captain's family.

It has been a great year for the boys and kept the spirit of the game alive throughout the year which

has certainly motivated the young players to take up this sport seriously in the future.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. P Tamang ( MIC) for his guidance and support throughout the year .

Rigzen Bhutia Table Tennis Secretary





#### **VOLLEYBALL REPORT 2022**

As the year began, one could see enmeshed enthusiasm amongst the boys where volleyball is concerned. Once the plus two and under ten boys were selected from the rest, they immediately set down to practice under the watchful eye of school PTI Mr. A.D. Rai, the boys had to divide their time equally as the same set formed the bulk of the Basketball team as well.

After a month of vigorous training and sincere dedication from the boys, they were ready for the volleyball carnival, which was held at "Goethals Memorial School", Kurseong on 7th of May 2022. The boys fought tooth and nail against their rivals in their group, Dr. Graham's Homes Kalciupon and Mt. Heromon School Darjeeling and manage to reach semifinal, but were unfortunate semifinal game slipped through their fingers.

The House matches soon followed at the inter school volleyball carnival, where we saw some outstanding games, and the tournament was played in good spirit in the end hasting the unexpected contestant, bagged the coveted cup.

Thought, the teams performed fairly well this year, I hope the experiences gained helps to solidify the base for the future generations of the school and my best wishes are with the volleyball teams in the years to come.

Mr. A. D. Rai PTI

# Celebrating the Spirit of Old Paulites at St. Paul's School

In the spirit of unity and nostalgia, St. Paul's School witnessed a remarkable influx of Old Paulites on campus this year. These dedicated alumni, hailing from different batches, exemplified the enduring bond that transcends time and space. Their presence brought a renewed sense of pride and community to the school, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of students and faculty alike.

March proved to be a month of celebration and gratitude as the Batch of 1992 commemorated their 30th reunion with a memorable chapel service followed by a delightful dinner at the school dining hall. Their generosity shone through as they contributed towards the establishment of a reception room and the provision of televisions in all the JW dormitories. These acts of kindness underscored the deep affection the Batch of 1992 holds for their alma mater.

On the 14th of May, the campus buzzed with excitement as the esteemed members of the Old Paulites Association, Kolkata (OPA Kolkata), graced the school grounds for an exhilarating cricket match against the school team. Demonstrating their exceptional skills, OPA Kolkata emerged victorious, leaving an inspiring impression on the aspiring cricketers. It is worth mentioning the remarkable projects undertaken by OPA Kolkata, which were inaugurated by the distinguished Mr. J. P. Roy, the Treasurer of OPA Kolkata. Their invaluable contributions, including the establishment of a Resources Library and the installation of a Venus water heating system, showcased their unwavering dedication to enhancing the educational environment. Additionally, their benevolence extended to sending a dedicated cricket coach to nurture the talents of the school's budding sportsmen.

July brought another exciting event as the OPA Sikkim chapter graced the campus, setting the stage for a captivating football match against the school team. The Old Paulites displayed their prowess, securing a thrilling victory with a score line of 3-2. Such encounters not only fostered camaraderie but also allowed the current students to witness the unwavering passion and competitive spirit of their esteemed predecessors.

In collaboration with Global Reach, OPA Siliguri organized a commendable career counselling session on the 17th of August. This noble initiative provided invaluable guidance to the young Paulites, equipping them with the tools necessary to navigate their future career paths. The school

extends its heartfelt appreciation for this remarkable support, recognizing the tremendous impact it will have on shaping the lives of the students.

The grand culmination of the year's festivities occurred on the 1st of October during the momentous 200th Annual Speech Day. The school had the privilege of hosting Justice Bhasker Raj Pradhan, an illustrious alumnus from the Batch of 1985, who currently serves as a judge in the distinguished Sikkim High Court. His presence as the esteemed chief guest added an aura of prestige and inspiration to the event, leaving an everlasting impression on all attendees.

In November, the Batch of 97' rejoiced as they celebrated their 25th reunion in the hallowed halls of St. Paul's School. The reunion commenced with a poignant chapel service, providing an opportunity for heartfelt interactions with the current students. The festivities continued with a sumptuous lunch, culminating in the grand opening of the Pavilion 97', an exquisite gift presented by the batch to the school. This symbolic gesture serves as a testament to the enduring connection and loyalty the Batch of 97' holds for their beloved institution. In the evening, the batch extended their appreciation to the dedicated staff members by organizing a splendid party, an occasion to honour their invaluable contributions towards nurturing countless young minds.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Rosario welfare team of Old Paulites across various batches for their unwavering support in assisting our retired teachers and support staff during medical emergencies. Their selfless efforts in organizing funds to aid those in need have made a significant difference in the lives of our valued retirees.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to all the generous benefactors who have contributed wholeheartedly to this noble cause. Your generosity and compassion have made it possible to provide the necessary financial assistance and support to those who have dedicated their lives to nurturing generations of students.

Old Paulites who visit school during the year as per visitation form in the school website:-

Amrit Kumar Tibarewala (Batch 1999)

Aman Chopra (Batch 2013)

Rahul Rohan (Batch 2009)

Jaswant Sokey (Batch 1977)

Dhiraj Jaiswal (Batch 1995)

The year proved to be a testament to the unbreakable bond shared by the Old Paulites and St. Paul's School. Through their active involvement and selfless contributions, the alumni have left an indelible mark, inspiring generations to come. Their unwavering commitment to their alma mater and their altruistic endeavours have enhanced the educational experience for current and future students. As St. Paul's School embarks on its journey towards excellence, the spirit of the Old Paulites will continue to shine as a beacon of inspiration, reminding us all of the power of unity, legacy, and the transformative impact of education.

Mr. Arnold Roshan Mukhia (Alumni Relation Officer)



#### SALVETTE - 2022

Class 1

Aarya Roy (S)

Ayushman Roy (S)

Debojyoti Chowdhury

Mamar Abraham Chowdhury Yohann Daniel De Rozario

Class 2

Rudra Pratap Banerjee

Class 3

Sharthak Saha Shaurya Choudhury

Class 4

Ansh Raj Poddar Ayan Chhetri

Debanjan Pramanik

Khush Saraf

Md. Muhibbur Rahman

Tanish Ghosh Tushar Kariwala

Class 5

Aarush Mehrotra

Aditya Sinha

Eshaan Banerjee

Kishlay Raj

Krishang Dasgupta Rajveer Majumdar

Yash Raj Poddar

Varannya Pratap Basnet

Class 6

Ajinkya Jha

Animesh Raj Nayak Ayan Pratap Maurya

Fahim Ahmad Kashyap Pathak Kumar Aryaman

Lakshya Kumar Singh

Maharnab Sarkar Mehtaj Kabir Rehan

Naman Maurya Nilesh Kharel Samrat Singh

Shaurya Kumar Srinjoy Mandal

Swastik Dutta

Veer Pratap Maurya

Class 7

Kalpak Mitra Aditya Dev Kumar Aakrit Rayansh Maurya Shiyansh Singh

Yarab Ghimire

Class 8

Riddhiman Gauriyar

Ronit Singh

Shahnawaz Mansur Theophil John Kisku

Tushar Singh Shreyansh Utsav Ayushman Singh Devyansh Kariwala

Sajal Deepak Sharma

Satwik Raj

Shashvat Priyadarshi

Sayed Munaf

Class 9

Lakshayveer Keenha

Thayakon Munthongchun

Aryan Kumar

Tabsir Rajin Khan

Class 11

Taka Dodum

Takam Tanu

Rakshyak Dahal Soufique Khan

Shadman Mahir Ahmed

Shammakh Ahmed Khan

Sonu Kumar Jha