



WELCOME TO OUR ECO-SCHOOL

23 JULY 2022



COME READ AT OUR NEW LIBRARY!

The day after the inauguration of the school marked as the day when we inaugurated a fully-functional library for the learners of Sunderbans. Falak Spreading Smiles Foundation installed the library on our school premises. MLA Mr Debes Mondal, film director Ms Sudeshna Roy, four-time Kettlebell World Championship winner Ms Shivani Agarwalla and educationist Mr Harshit Chokhani were the chief guests of the inauguration. With over 4,000 books for children, the library acts as a repository of textbooks, novels, art books, dictionaries and many more!

THE FIRST ECO-SCHOOL IN KOLKATA

With GTPL KCBPL as associate partners, we built the first completely eco-friendly, CBSE curriculum-based English-medium school in Sunderbans, serving more than 200 first-generation learners with quality education. The branch was inaugurated on 23rd July 2022 by Mr Debes Mondal, MLA, Hingalganj. Our gratitude goes to the GTPL KCBPL team, Mr Ayush Sarda and Mr Ankit Agrawal for their continuous support to make the dream a reality. The team of GTPL KCBPL also donated Horlicks for the students and shirts for the SSN staff members.

Rest assured, an investment in education always pays the best interests.



Classroom News

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

We continuously strive to keep pace with modern teaching and learning pedagogy in order to provide the best to the first-generation learners of Sundarbans. By combining experiences with learning lessons, the children are provided with conceptual understanding in the classroom.

In one of the history classes, the children learnt about the history and invention of the wheel! And how did they do that?

They played with a tire; drew a well with a pulley and sketched out vehicles while counting the wheels.

Indeed, "Tell me, and I will listen; Teach me, and I'll remember; Involve me, and I will learn!"

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LEARNING FROM STORIES

Experiential Learning is at the core of our teaching methods. Recently, one of our teachers used storytelling as a teaching method to interact with the students and provide a fun learning experience. She used vivid language that kids could understand, made the characters relatable, changed her voice to mimic characters, and created fun sound effects that caught every child's attention. Indeed, fun and experiential learning are the best kinds of learning experiences!

"We are not owners of this earth, nor have we inherited it from our forefathers"

Confetti, Joy & Celebrations

CHANGE-MAKER AWARD

On 27th August 2022, Ms Satarupa Majumder, the Founder Secretary and Director of Swapnopuron Welfare Society, was felicitated by the Career After Family Enterprise (CAFÉ). Pehchaan, an event organized by CAFÉ, in association with the Council for Fair Business Practices (CFBP) to highlight the importance of identity, recognised several women achievers in diverse fields for their contribution. Ms Majumder was awarded the Change Maker Award for making exceptional differences in education and social development!



On the eve of India's diamond jubilee and the celebration of Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, we dedicated our time to the propagation of the importance of education. All our branches celebrated Independence Day with cultural events and flag hoisting. The Border Security Force (BSF) commander, Barunhat initiated the celebration at the main branch. The students of all branches wore beautiful dresses commemorating the day and performed dances and skits gracefully. Indeed, it was a memorable time!

Montreal Protocol 35 urges us to globally co-operate and protect life on Earth. With our perennial belief in upholding the future of the country, we celebrated World Ozone Day on the 16th of September with great enthusiasm.

We spent the day trying to create awareness about environmental protection and ozone layer depletion. Several experts from the Botanical Survey of India, Central National Herbarium and BSI - ENVIS RP on Biodiversity (Flora), Howrah were invited, and the home students, as well as students from nearby schools, joined a propagation rally organized by us, which was followed by an engaging quiz for all the kids.



DIWALI & TARANG



- We are elated to talk about our extended efforts to support the small business of rural women – truly, vocal for local

Swapnopuron Welfare Society celebrated the International Day for Rural Women on the 15th of October with full zest! At the beautiful Pre Diwali exhibition – “Soil to Soul” – organized by Ayush Sarda in collaboration with the Women’s Indian Chamber of Commerce (WICCI) and Ek Packet Ummeed, Swapnopuron put up products made by the rural women of the Sundarbans. Tarang is an initiative, where we celebrate rural women's efforts in feeding their families. These women are trained by Swapnopuron with skills that help them earn a living. We displayed all the products created by the mothers' group of the main school, like soap, candles and tote bags. Their products - from soaps to tote bags - are all endeavours to get out of the shackles of poverty.

Impacting the Community!



To address the issue of soil erosion, we collaborated with the Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences & Technology Trust to commission 2,50,000 vetiver plants to be planted along the river banks.

Vetiver grass is grown for many purposes. The plant helps to stabilise soil and protects it against erosion, and also protects fields against pests and weeds. Vetiver's roots grow almost exclusively downward, 2–4 m (7–13 ft), which is deeper than some tree roots. This makes vetiver an excellent stabilizing hedge for stream banks, terraces and rice paddies, and protects soil from sheet erosion. The roots bind to the soil, therefore they can not dislodge. Vetiver also has favourable qualities for animal feed. From the roots, oil is extracted and used for cosmetics, aromatherapy, herbal skincare and ayurvedic soap. Its fibrous properties make it useful for handicrafts, ropes, etc.

The people of the Sundarbans live in close communion with their natural environment and are deeply sensitive to its fine ecological balance. With the first week of July celebrated as Van Mahotsav (Forest Festival) every year, our students paid their respect to mother nature by planting saplings around the village. Meanwhile, the younger kids of the Early Education Centres spent their time drawing posters to share their understanding of the importance of forests.



Each child has his or her own needs. With the help of therapeutic games, we try to keep the children motivated. Students play games like Squiggle where they let their emotions draw objects. The counsellor, Ms Shabari Sarkar, helps in recognizing where the children lack, thereby allowing the facilitators to create a learning atmosphere suitable for each child's needs. She also spends time discussing with the children about their aims and goals and counsels them at a personal level. At the end of the sessions, the students are left encouraged, motivated and confident about their dreams!



Sundarbans has been an ecologically vulnerable region and has first hand experience of the devastating effects of climate change. To highlight this issue to children, we collaborated with Ektara Foundation to donate books on Climate Change!





Live Sessions

SWS makes every weekend productive by conducting Sunday Live Sessions on its Facebook page. This quarter, the sessions featured specialists in various spheres – Psychologists, Educationists, Counsellors, Mathematicians and Language experts.



Strategies for Vocabulary Building



Discussion on Today's Education



Importance of Life-Skills Management in Today's Education Sector

Fostering Creativity in Early Childhood Years





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