

Frobel Academy



Dear Frobel Community

Suffice to say, 2020 has been a strange year. While on one hand, children, parents, and teachers have missed the physical and social interactions that are a regular part of daily life in school; the adaptation to technology has been a bright, silver lining in the pandemic. We were apprehensive to start an academic year online, but we are proud to announce that our first term has ended on a positive, successful note. Online classes have ensured learning, and we are confident that once the children come back to physical classes, they will transition smoothly back into their normal routine. It is my fervent prayer that the pandemic situation resolves soon and we are able to see bright, happy faces of our children in the school. On that note, we are delighted to announce that Frobel Academy is shifting to our custom-built campus in Ananya R/A from 15th January 2021. We thank all the parents who came to visit the campus, and for those of you who couldn't join us, you are welcome to go on your own and see the beautiful, magnificent building that will stand testimony to the spirit of Frobel for a long time to come.

I also wish to bring attention to one important matter. Since our teachers are under scrutiny, some of you may have noticed that we organise various congloms in which topics related to upcoming holidays are discussed along with other values. Frobel Academy is committed to be a secular school where children of all religions are considered as equal. Our Bangladesh constitution demands the same respect for all religions. On various occasions, parents have taken objections to certain topics. Rest assured, our intention is to inform children about all upcoming holidays which may or may not be related to religion and also about other significant events and incidents involving history or global affairs. I personally request all parents to kindly refrain from engaging in arguments with teachers in an online class. If you have any objection to the content being delivered, this should be directed to the school academic team via an email to the heads. Upon receiving your request, we will issue an appointment. Our teachers have been given the liberty of removing any parents who engage in arguments during an online class.

We are busy preparing our return to school guidelines and policies. Our team is putting in a great deal of effort to ensure a safe return of learners to our new campus. We are blessed that the new campus has sufficient space to maintain social and physical distancing while allowing children space to play and learn. We will inform our parents regarding this when the government announces decisions to open schools. We look forward to another successful online term, starting 10th January 2021.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Activities and Events

Despite the restrictions placed by the pandemic, our academic year began with **Challenge Week** activities. The idea behind making the first week challenging is to motivate the students and give them the confidence to begin learning on a positive note. Challenge week allows them to share ideas, implement them, and feel inspired to take on new learning with great gusto.

There is no doubt that children miss meeting their friends. In August, learners rejoiced with **Friendship Day** activities. They made cards for each other, shared messages, and chatted online. It wasn't a substitute for physical interaction, but it gave the young ones a chance to express their deep bonds of friendships cultivated over the years. We hope they will meet in campus soon.

To make online learning fun, **Crazy Hair Day** was organised. We thank all the parents who supported the children by helping them to come up with various hairstyles. The teachers also participated in the event with enthusiasm to literally let loose their hair for a short while.

The grandparents revelled in the attention they received on **Grandparents' Day**. An unexpected advantage of conducting the programme online was that grandparents could join in from all over the world. The children sang a song and also expressed their feelings for their grandparents. It was a warm, wonderful display of mutual love between the two generations.

A **Potluck party** for teachers was held to celebrate the completion of a successful term. They bonded over tea and snacks, enjoying each other's company, and bid farewell to 2020.

Friendship Day



Crazy Hair Day



Crazy Hair Day



Grandparents' Day



Potluck party



Online learning has been hard for the youngest learners. For our entry class of 1, it was hard for them to start a new academic year with an entire new team of teachers without any physical introduction. To combat this lack of relationship with teachers, our academic team came up with the idea of show and tell on Tuesdays. This allowed the young learners to meet their teachers online in a smaller group so that they could **Show and Tell** about a topic. It also developed their confidence and helped them get to know each other better.

Teachers' Day was organised in the campus as a fun event for the academic team where they enjoyed healthy snacks and participated in an afternoon of merriment, dance and song with their colleagues. The learners also paid tribute to their teachers during online classes and through video messages. This occasion was celebrated to acknowledge the challenges, hardships and the special role that teachers play in our lives.

With great care and adherence to safety protocols, the teachers organised a **Meet and Greet** with their learners during the month of October. It was important to ensure a strong teacher-learner bond in order to enhance learning during online sessions. We are grateful to all parents who supported their children by bringing them. The learners played games, participated in treasure hunts, and got to know each other better in small groups. The exciting event led to many great memories and is enough to sustain us till we meet our learners again.

A big thank you to all the parents who took the time out to visit our new campus. The entire Frobel team was proud to show them our new campus that has 125,000 square feet of covered space, a multi purpose basketball court, a football and cricket field, galleries, cafeteria, play zones, collaborative spaces such as yoga, karate, meditation, etc. We are excited to shift into the new campus and welcome our students there in January 2021.

To bring attention to and to celebrate **Children's Day**, various fun activities were planned. The highlight was the webinar organised 'by the children, for the children' on the theme of **Future Leaders Take Over**. The children took on the challenge of working hard to ensure they hosted the event and even fielded questions from the audience. The other grades also engaged in interesting and new activities to make the children's day a success. We are grateful to members of our team who remained engaged with the children during the rehearsal of this entire programme.

Teachers' Day



Meet and Greet



Meet and Greet



Children's Day



Grade 5 in world children's day webinar.

"Future Leaders Take Over"
for the children, by the children

Well-being calls are frequently placed to remain connected with our parents and learners. Our academic team is committed to not only ensure learning but also the emotional health of all learners.

World Food Day was celebrated by the Frobels keeping in mind the theme "Food for All" and to ensure food security all over the world, especially in times of crisis. Class 4 learnt to take care of plants and uploaded pictures of their progress each day. **Animal Day** was organised for and by class 1 and 2 and the little ones loved dressing up in their favourite costumes.

Character Day was a highlight in November and the learners loved to dress up as a character and discussed it during online classes. It was fun to see them in colourful costumes and understand why they were fond of a particular movie or book character.

Victory Day celebrations brought an end to our first term activities. Children wore red and green clothes and learnt about the proud history of Bangladesh.

Our key stage 1 learners successfully completed a **STEM** class, introducing them to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It's a wonderful initiative and we hope to continue it during online classes as well as in our STEM lab in the new campus.

Webinars for Parents

A series of webinars on the theme of Transform your Parenting were organised. While we did the webinar on Zoom, we shared them with a larger audience on Facebook and if any of you have missed it, they are still available on the site. Our intention with the webinars is to provide parents with a platform in which they can ask questions from experts. It's been difficult for parents to manage the wellbeing and learning while being stuck inside the confines of their homes. Our aim is to provide parents with tips and strategies to become more emotionally available to children during these difficult times and also to provide academic support. We hope to continue this series in term 2 also.

In September, parenting expert Ms. Manjushree Patil and Frobel team conducted a webinar on 'parenting that makes a difference'.

In October, our special education consultant Ms. Bipashaa Mukerji in collaboration with Frobel team conducted a webinar on 'empowering children for success'.

In December, Doctor Amrapali Lahiri conducted a webinar with Frobel team on 'empower your child for better performance'.

Animal Day



Character Day



Victory Day



STEM



Empower Your Child For Better Performance

with Dr. Amrapali Lahiri
Doctor - Pediatric (Occupational Therapy) in Delhi-NCR since 2008.

Dr. Amrapali has more than 20 years of extensive clinical experience with assessment and program development that is focused on treating challenging behaviors, low self-confidence and functional life skills. She has trained & inspired and mentored "parents", therapists, parents and other professionals.

05 DECEMBER 2020

6:30 P.M.

Frobel presents a webinar on

Empowering Children for Success

Transform your parenting and parenting that makes a difference

Special Guest: Consultant - Special Needs
31st Oct 2020 | 6:30 P.M.

Graduation Ceremony



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Professional Development Activities



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Frobel Training Academy

Frobel Training Academy proudly hosted the **Graduation Ceremony** on October 4th 2020 for the second batch of Pre-Primary and Primary Teachers' Training Course (PPTC). The PPTC course is a collaboration with Sunderji's Global Academia and is developed by their prestigious Sunderji Teachers' Training Institute team. It offers those who are interested in teaching to learn about child development, English, principles of education, and 21st century skills.

Our third batch of PPTC trainees are already half way through their online course, and we hope that when the school opens, we will be able to do better interactions with them.

Announcements

We are excited to announce that our team will shift into the new campus on 15th January 2021. We will need another two weeks of time before classrooms are prepared. We plan to launch a **Sports Camp** as an after school activity and a robotics lab class launch in February 2021. For **Robotics Lab**, Game Development, and Animation, our partner in this venture is Tech Academy who are well known in Dhaka and have recently won a world championship.

Professional Development Activities

As always, our professional development activities remained an area of focus despite the limitations placed by the pandemic. The teachers have gone through an English Language training that is conducted by Indian and Canadian consultants. Our in-house trainers have also organised a spoken English training. Positive Links, Singapore, is engaged with us for 2020-21 to train our team on Principles of teaching and learning. Our Head of School, who is a certified British Council trainer, has conducted an assessment training with the team as well as other relevant academic development activities. Apart from this software trainings were done for Zoom and for our school tech platform.

Holiday Dates: 21st December – 9th January 2021
Second term start date: 10th January 2021