

Frobel Academy



Dear Parents,

Another term has whizzed by us at a fast pace. Since Frobel Academy shifted to its temporary campus in July 2019 at Shugandha, we had a bit of a rocky start as we completed the maintenance and decorated the classrooms as well as bought new furniture and playground equipment. I am happy to report that now the learners have settled well into this campus. Meanwhile, work is ongoing in our new campus at Ananya and we are hoping to shift sometime in 2021.

Academic year 2019-20 started off with a big bang. A ten days teachers' induction programme was designed to equip the teachers with all the tool kits they need for classroom management and teaching strategies.

Frobel Academy is still a new school and we are investing in our people and systems on a daily basis to create the best possible environment to provide academic excellence to our learners. We hope that you will enjoy reading about the various activities and events that took place in this term.

As always, your support and parent partnership is essential to our success.

Thank you
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Parents Partnership:

A hearty thank you to all our parents of class 1 for showing awesome hospitality to our teachers during the home visits. These visits are essential for our teachers to understand the home environment so that they can better support the learners in school.

The parents' observation sessions of Key Stage 1 (class 1 and 2) were successfully conducted and we are grateful to all the parents who supported their children by being a part of this activity.

Our greatest highlight of the term was **Parents of the Park** event that was planned in honor of Mujib Borsho. Various free activities were arranged at Railway CRB, such as Kabaddi, Football, badminton, self-defense classes by Karate sir Fazle Rabbe Bhuiyan, clay and pottery workshop by renowned sculptor Sameena M. Karim, tug of war, snakes and ladder, puppet show by Frobel Academy learners of class 4, a recitation and story telling highlighting our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Through this event, Frobel Academy and Frobel Play School requested the various government agencies to ensure **SAFE** and **FREE** parks for children from all levels of society.

Learners' Activities:

The learners celebrated **friendship day** with great enthusiasm and drive. Various group activities took place in the classrooms and promises were made to friends. This was followed by **crazy hair day** and we were enthralled to see our learners come up with creative ways to decorate their hair. **Safe touch awareness workshops** took place for all learners and we hope that it will help them protect themselves better. Our teachers worked hard to equip the learners with the knowledge they need to exit the building safely in case of an emergency, and we are happy to report that when the **emergency drill** was conducted, all the learners exited the building within 4 minutes.

Siblings day was a resounding success as we welcome older and younger brothers and sisters and played games with them and celebrated the bond that binds a family.

Teachers' day was planned by our trainees of Pre-Primary and Primary Teachers' Training Course and a movie show was organised. Learners gave thank you cards and notes to their teachers and exchanged hugs.

Each year we make an effort to bring awareness of **World Food Day** in a distinctive manner to ensure that our learners understand the value of the food they eat and why they must not waste it. This year each class did a separate activity and tiffins were exchanged, blindfold games were organised, along with collecting dry food items for various organisations such as Upalabhdhi Foundation and Mother Teresa's Jyoti Nibash (an old home for the underprivileged).

Parents Of The Park



Crazy Hair Day



Emergency Drill



Siblings Day



Teachers' Day



World Food Day



Abinta Art Competition was organised in the school and classes 3 and 4 participated with a lot of vigor. The three selected winners' art was showcased at an exhibition in Dhaka and later sent back to school. We have proudly showcased the paintings near our gate.

Our students' body is integral to our decision making process. We want our learners to take ownership of the school and that is only possible if they are involved in decisions related to school. Since last year we have established a student body with a school leader and this year, we took it a step ahead by creating one class leader as well as a school leader. Student Elections were held to ensure a transparent and fair process. A video regarding this has been uploaded on YouTube and we encourage you to see and appreciate it.

Pajama Day was a fun, interactive event and we found learners and teachers loved to show up in their night gear. Stories were told and bedtime routine was demonstrated in class.

World Children's Day was celebrated in a unique manner by raising awareness about the millions of children around the world who have to walk to school every day to get access to education. Our learners marched from Road no. 3 Nasirabad Housing Society to the school. Class 1 learners enjoyed a visit to Frobel Play School campus under the guidance of our teachers and staff and had a great time playing on their old playground. Class 2, 3 and 4 attended the school without any desks and chairs as they sat on mats and learnt to develop empathy for those who are not so privileged.

The first-ever formal **sports day** of Frobel Academy went off without a hitch. The learners ran, played, jumped, kicked, dived under nets, and battled on the playfield with their opponents. The theme of this year was **TEAM SPIRIT** and hence all games were planned as teams. The victorious teams received trophies that have been placed in their respective Head of Key Stage office.

Taheri Flour Mills



Abinta Art Competition



Pajama Day



World Children's Day



Sports Day



Various field trips were organised for all classes, and they have visited Taheri Flour Mills, a farm in rural area, as well as a brick factory and adjoining farm.

In honor of Victory Day, class 1 and 2 enjoyed a field trip to **Shadhinota Park** and learnt about the history of the country.

Victory Day celebration was a wonderful, festive occasion and all the learners dressed up in red and green outfits and did a cultural event. Many children sang and performed and the whole school cheered them on.

The last event planned for a successful conclusion to the first term was **nerd day**, and we are happy to report that most children participated with eagerness.

Consultants

We are happy to announce that Ms. Nandita Dasgupta has been working with us since October 2019 as a school consultant. She has more than 25 years of experience with various prestigious schools in India. Her effort is to observe our teachers and provide them guidelines for enhancement.

As a school counsellor, we are now working with Ms. Rosie Jamal, accredited member of National Counselling Society, UK. She is a licensed Psychotherapist and has vast experience in counselling with UK school students. She will be conducting counselling sessions on a need basis and will also be working with teachers to enrich them with counseling skills.

Design for Change Projects

We want the children to become active participants within their community. The first step is to instill an ownership of the school and a belief that they can make a change. Under aProCH (a protagonist in each child), we plan Design for Change projects from class 2 onwards. Every year, the learners pick up a problem they wish to address by bringing about a change within or outside the school premises.

Class 2 wanted to enhance their playground by developing three new spaces: **monkey bar, hopping logs, and wonderland**. While the school supported the initiative, we wanted them to be creators of this change. The children did a wonderful **fund raising event** and brought books, food, paintings, and toys to be sold. It was amazing to see the support other classes gave and almost everything was sold out within hours. They were able to raise one third of the amount they needed and the school provided the rest.

Class 3 picked up a more strenuous project. They wanted to ensure that no fruits and other items fall off the trees. Their initiative involved **creating nets under trees**. After several challenging meetings and design consultations with experts, they were able to create the nets.

Class 4 wished to tackle the smell emanating from the drain. Various consultants were called to the school, and it was finally agreed that by planting more trees near the drain, they may see some result. The project is currently underway and **plantation** has been done. We are hoping that it will benefit the entire school community.

Sports Day



Shadhinota Park



Victory Day



Nerd Day



Old Home



Citizenship Model:

Under the citizenship model, we wish to involve the children in community service projects. Class 3 works with **Upalabhdhi Foundation** and collects dry food items for the whole year. The children visited the orphanage and will continue to do so throughout the year. Class 4 visited **Mother Teresa's Jyoti Nibash** (an old home for the underprivileged) and decided that they wanted to play games with the old people who live there and are also collecting old clothes.

Special Education:

Frobel Academy is a proud inclusive school and various efforts are made to ensure that our special needs children are integrated into mainstream classes. For this purpose, **peer sensitization** workshops were held for all learners to help them realize the need to have empathy and understanding for our special needs children. We have seen some beautiful acts of kindness from our learners, and we are hopeful that such interventions at a young age will help our learners become better human beings.

Moreover, on **World Dyslexia Day** and **World Disability Day**, interesting and fun activities were planned for our learners.

Staff Activities:

A **safety and first aid** training for staff was organised by BSRM safety team and a doctor showed them how to manage first aid cases in school. A **medical camp** for staff was also done to ensure that they remain in good health.

Camps and Workshops:

The **E-tyro** and **E-primo** camps for Information Technology began with collaboration from Daffodil Institute of Technology and we are happy to report that learners are progressing at a fast pace. The **chess** Camp was started with Ms. Tonima Parveen who is a renowned chess champion and conducts training for students for competitions. A **badminton** camp was conducted by our games teachers for all learners. Many of our learners enrolled for **Life Skill Olympiad** that is designed to test the life skill levels of the young minds. It tests the students on critical life skills like leadership, decision-making tools, ethics, goal planning, time management, negotiation and several other 21st century Skills.

Upalabhdhi Foundation



World Dyslexia Day



World Disability Day



E-tyro and E-primo



Chess



Professional Development Activities:

The **mathematics workshop** conducted for our teachers by Mr. Subrata Das, our Head of Key Stage 2 Maths, provided a lot of information. Indian trainers Ms. Hema and Ms. Bidisha did a workshop on **Arts and Theatre Integration**. Moreover, a **leadership** workshop was organised for our school leaders.

Pre-Primary and Primary Teachers' Training Course

Our franchise of the Pre-Primary and Primary Teachers' Training Course taken from Sunderji Global Academia started off with a big bang for the second batch. On the **Meet and Greet** day, we welcomed many candidates who wanted to know more about this one year course that equips teachers and those who are interested to gain knowledge in education about child development, classroom management strategies, special needs, principles of education, and 21st century teaching techniques.

We are proud to announce the **graduation** of our first batch of the PPTC trainees who joined us in 2018-19. It was rewarding to see their one-year journey. Most of the trainees have gotten jobs as qualified teachers.

The third batch will start in July 2020. Interested candidates may download the registration form from the website and submit it to the office.

Important Dates:

First day of the second term: 5th January 2020

First Term Report cards: 14th January 2020

Office close dates: 23rd December till 1st January 2020

Enjoy the winter vacations.

Badminton



Mathematics Workshop



Arts Theatre Workshop



Meet and Greet



Maths Training by Mr. Eric

