

Frobel Academy



Dear Parents,

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Another academic year at Frobel Academy has come to a successful end. This year, we are particularly grateful to our parents and our teachers for adapting to online platforms in an energetic and effective manner to ensure continuation of learning for learners. There were certainly massive challenges. The teachers struggled with new technology as well as a lack of privacy. They found themselves teaching children on an unfamiliar medium and under the watchful eyes of parents and grandparents. The change wasn't easy but they were the unsung heroes. We are forever grateful to our entire Academic team for supporting us in this uncharted territory.

You, parents, were also the backbone for this endeavour. For the parents, the sudden shift in the responsibility to maintain communication, ensure devices at home, Internet connectivity, and adhering to a schedule was a big challenge. You all rose to the occasion and did an amazing job. It wasn't easy. It will not be easy if this continues, but we are grateful to each and everyone for making sure that we could close the year without a gap in the learning of the children.

One BIG ANNOUNCEMENT is the introduction of our new Head of School. Ms. Nusrat Khan has been working in the genre of education in Dhaka for the last 20 years. She has served as a PYP faculty member in The Aga Khan School Dhaka, as an Academic Program Manager and Training and Development Manager at Scholastica, as the Vice Principal and Head of Academics at the Yale International School, and a Leadership Trainer at the British Council. She possesses a profound experience of working with International Curriculum like CAIE and IB. We are excited to welcome her into the Frobel Family from August 2020.

As always, all of you, our learners, staff, and teachers are always in my prayers. May God keep you safe.

Thank you
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Reminder about start of new academic year

A few parents have expressed their concerns about our next academic year. Rest assured, that **our classes for 2020-21 will start on 9th August 2020 for our learners.** If the government allows the schools to be open, we will take all safety measures and a new plan will be given to parents regarding pick up, drop time, and other precautions. **If the government decides to not open schools, we will resume our ZOOM classes from 9th August.** A schedule will be shared prior to that.

Books for the new year will be prepared and kept ready for pick up. We will inform you the date in August. If the school is not opened physically, the parents **MUST** collect the child's books as they will be needed when classes resume online.

Cambridge International

Frobel Academy is now a Cambridge International School, registered to offer education programmes from Cambridge Assessment International Education, a department of the University of Cambridge. We are proud to be part of the world's largest International community of schools, preparing students for life with Cambridge International qualifications that are valued by universities and employees around the world. We offer Cambridge programmes through a Cambridge Associate.

The Cambridge Pathway gives students a clear path for educational success. We shape its curriculum around how our students learn – with a wide range of subjects and flexible ways to offer them. Cambridge International programmes inspire students to love learning, helping them discover new abilities and a wider world.

STEM Certification

We are also proud to announce that Frobel Academy qualified as **THE FIRST SCHOOL IN BANGLADESH** to receive a certification for STEM from stem.org. STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. Rather than teach the four disciplines as separate and discrete subjects, STEM integrates them into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world applications. Three of our leaders will be taking the STEM certification so that it can be fully implemented in our classrooms.

Field Trips

We were lucky to complete the following field trips in our second term before the school was shut down physically. **During our academic year 2020-21, NO field trips will be planned unless we are assured of the safety of our students.**

Class 3 and 4 visited Upalabhdi orphanage and an old home under their Citizenship Model. They worked for the benefit of the deserving by collecting food, clothes, and old bags. Class 4 visited Narqes Medispa. Class 2 enjoyed a visit to the M.M. Jute Mill as part of their learning about jute products.

Fun Fair



Cambridge International certificate



STEM Certification



Jute Mill



Night Camp

A night camp was organised for all learners of class 4 which they enjoyed with enthusiasm. The children sang songs, played games, and gossiped with their friends. They went to sleep in separate rooms for girls and boys. In the morning, a scrumptious breakfast was served and enjoyed along with playful banter. We are grateful to all the parents who supported this by allowing the children to have a night over.

Fun Days

The **backward day** was super exciting, and we had an interesting variety of innovative ideas adopted by children who decided to wear their clothes backward, walk backward, and even wear their hair backward.

What a fun, exciting activity for the young ones on **animal day** as they dressed in their favourite animals. We had parades in classrooms and several cats, dogs, monkeys, insects, and even an occasional giraffe wandered in and took classes while showing off the talented costumes.

Keeping up with the tradition of being innovative, **hat day** was organised online. All the children were asked to show their creativity by wearing funny and interesting hats during class. It broke the monotony of their classes and allowed them to interact with each other with a bit of hilarity.

Karate Belt

While all classes have been enjoyed karate on zoom, Class 1 sat through their exams for the year and most of them received the yellow belt which will be handed over when they re-join us after school is opened physically.

Sports Camps

Camps for cricket, football, and badminton were held in the school during hours. It's always heartening to see the thrill of excitement that children experience when they learn sports and play with their friends.

Ekushey Mela and Mother Language Day

The Ekushey Mela was the last big event that we pulled off before Covid 19 hit the world. The fun fair celebrating Mojib Borsho was a resounding success. Children played games, rode the Ferris wheel, and did horse rides. Games were also organised for adults, and everyone enjoyed the delicious snacks. We hope that soon we can enjoy such festivities again.

Mother Language day was honoured in school by inviting the Pre-Primary and Primary Teachers' Training Trainees to perform a skit for the children. It was followed by several performances by learners from all grades.

Night Camp



Fun Day



Sports Camps



Ekushey Mela



Provocation and Installation

The exhibition allowed children to showcase their knowledge and talent in one key topic that was picked by each class. After making the decision to choose the topic, the children studied in depth and went on field trips to know more. After they mastered the topic, the display was put on for parents replete with presentations, glittery, gorgeous decorations put in classrooms, as well as the question and answer sessions with learners.

Competitions

From our school, 32 children participated in Life skill Olympiad, a digital competition that had more than 100,000 participants from all over the world. Our results were amazingly strong. Four of our children came in Top 100, three came within the 100-200 categories, and 19 were in the top 1000. This clearly indicated that our children performed well in decision-making, critical thinking and social emotional skills that we have been working on. These results have buoyed our spirits and made us have faith in the processes we have established in our school.

Apart from this, Zubia from Class 3 won the renowned Vashkor Novera Ahmed Podok 1st prize at Fulki Shishu Kishor Shank-skritik Uthsob 2020.

In the Bangla Olympiad, Group Dance our learners came 2nd place and Zunaira got 1st place in poem recitation. It was held at International Hope School and a total of 26 schools and 340 participants attended. A big thank you to Ms. Taneema and Mr. Jason was accompanying the learners.

Quiz competition at Cider International School was also fun and exciting. Our learner received the prestigious participation award and got high praise from the judges.

Mother Language Day



Provocation and Installation



Life skill Olympiad



Vashkor Novera Ahmed Podok



Children' Section

This term we asked our class 4 to share their ideas with us for the newsletter. The children have been heroes in this battle against pandemic's impact on learning. They have been strong and resilient, and it shows in the way they have expressed their thoughts.

Children' Section

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Writing activity

Name: Md. Ahnaf Awsef Section: 4E-07 Date: 27.6.2020

Topic: Provocation & Installation

An example of fun filled journey with many excitements is our Provocation and installation. This year our PI was about the human's largest organ of the body, the skin. The skin what we see every day, we touch every day, has a lot of mystery and astonishing fact that we don't notice. We have covered many topics about our skin, which includes skin layer, skin disease, nutrition for skin, taking care of skin etc. This year we even had a fabulous field trip to Narques Medispa where we met skin specialist and learned all about facials, skin product etc. We even practice being a Dermatologist, Aesthetician etc. In addition we have done an act-out about skin racism, and PowerPoint presentation. And we had a final presentation about skin on 7th March where we showed to our parents what we learned and what we experienced during our P.I.

Children' Section

How to overcome COVID-19

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

- 1) Please wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based solution. Such frequent washing with soap and water, or preferably with an alcohol-based hand solution, kills viruses that may be on your hands. It is simple, but it is very important.
- 2) Cover your nose and mouth with a bent elbow or tissue when you sneeze or cough. Dispose of tissue immediately and wash your hands.
- 3) Avoid close contact. If possible, maintain 6 feet between the person who is sick and other household members.
- 4) Clean and disinfect. Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- 5) When caring for someone who is sick: Use disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting the area around the person who is sick or other surfaces that may be frequently touched in the home.

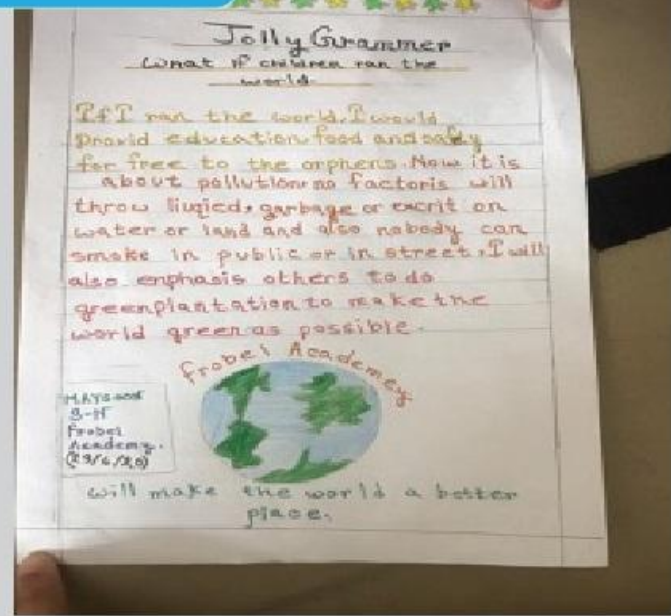
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Class:4 Section: Einstien

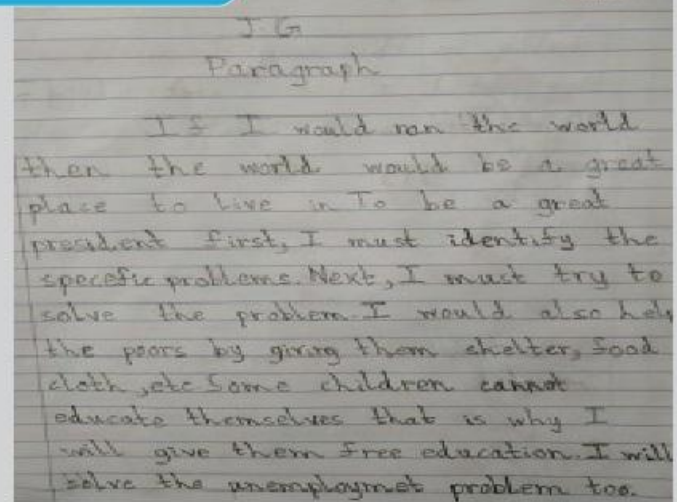
Teachers and Staff Picnic

Teachers and Staff picnics were held on time in January 2020. The teachers visited a wonderful farm outside of the city, courtesy of the arrangement made by our sister concern Frobel Play School teacher. It was an exciting event as they played games, saw various animals, did a boat ride, and enjoyed scrumptious food. The staff picnic was held at Kaptai and they relished the break from the routine by spending time together in a lush, green environment.

Children' Section



Children' Section



Teachers Picnic



Staff Picnic



Professional Development Workshop

At Frobel, we always plan a professional development schedule for our teachers, keeping in mind the key skills that we need them to work on. Apart from internal trainings that take place on working Saturdays, this year, we had special education training by Ms. Bipasha Mukerji, as well as coaching on basics of counselling by Ms. Rosie Jamal. Furthermore, we took advantage of a lot of international virtual trainings including webinars on professionalism and stress management. A group of teachers have also started their professional development for an English Language one-year course under the expert guidance of Indian consultants.

Our Principal Mrs. Huwra Zohair attended a conference at GESS (Global Educational Supplies and Solutions) as she searched for new concepts to be introduced in our under construction campus.

In June, we also started an English Language Training for our English teachers with consultants from India and Canada. We are positive that this enhancement in their English language skills will ensure a better quality of education for our learners.

Frobel Training Academy

Pre-Primary and Primary Teachers' Training Course is GOING GLOBAL.

Special Covid discount available on this completely online course.

Our Pre-Primary and Primary Teachers' Training course has almost come to an end for our second batch. As per the practice of providing internship opportunities to trainees at Frobel Academy and Frobel Play School, PPTC trainees also went to Premier English School and Cider International School for marked lessons.

Admissions are open for a new batch starting in August 2020. Interested candidates may email to training@frobelacademy.com or call 01777763300 for more information.

Charity drive

Thank you to all the teachers who donated part of their salary for groceries for poor families negatively impacted by Covid 19. We are also immensely grateful to all the parents and teachers and staff who contributed towards the zakat fund. Since this year, our teachers' lunch was not held; our principal donated the same amount for charity.

Important Dates

First day of academic year: 9th August 2020

Professional Development Workshop



Parents Workshop



Narqes Medispa By class-4



Earth Day

