

# newsletter

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Dear Parents,

The academic year 2017-18 is historical for Frobel Academy; we are proud to begin the journey with your children. God Almighty has allowed us this chance to bring our dreams to reality and for your support and encouragement, we will all be forever grateful.

Frobel Academy is built on the foundation that Every Child Matters. We are an inclusive school and our aim is to ensure that we teach in a way so that every child gets an opportunity to learn within the classroom. We want to do that which is best for each learner – and in order to achieve that, we will require your consistent help and understanding. We encourage all of you to keep in touch with us and give us your feedback as and when required.

Together, we will build an educational institute we can all be proud of.

Thank you

  
MRS. HUWRA ZOHAIR  
Principal



## INAUGURATION & ORIENTATION WEEK

31<sup>st</sup> of July 2017 was the first day of school for Frobel Academy class 1 and 2. To mark this momentous moment, Chairman of BSRM and Directors attended a short program in school and prayed for the Almighty's blessings to support this new venture. The learners opened the school doors and excitedly walked into their new classrooms.

The official Inauguration was on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Radisson Blu, Chittagong. All the parents of Class 1 and 2 learners were invited. Honorable Member of Parliament Mrs. Waseqa Ayesha Khan graced the event as Chief Guest. Some of the special guests included Alhaj Sufi Mizanur Rahman Chairman PHP family, Mrs. Madhuri Banerji, Head of UNICEF, Chittagong Zone, MD Purkayastha Indian Embassy Attache, Chairman, Directors, and Managing Directors of BSRM Group of Companies.

### ACTIVITIES OVER THE MONTHS

It's always important for parents to understand the activities our learners are engaged in during school hours. While education is always a priority, we try to impart it in a variety of ways as learners learn best by doing and experiencing things on their own.

### IN OUR QUEST FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, WE DID THE FOLLOWING:

**AUGUST:** The orientation and inauguration week for learners was a double dose of fun and learning. It included introduction to a host of co-curricular activities such as Karate, Art and Craft, Dance Movement Time, French Language, Yoga, and Outdoor Sports.

Story Act outs took place in order to introduce learners to the concept of role play, expressing themselves through drama and stories, and in general to help them gain confidence. The learners loved the opportunity to enact different roles. Another important activity was the challenges that each class participated in such as making sandwiches and fruit salads within their classrooms. This allowed each learner to adopt the I CAN approach and believe that he/she could overcome problems by giving enough thought and with proper planning. We are hopeful that by providing such challenges in the future, we would empower our learners to apply themselves to problem solving. Nature walk was fun for the learners and it was linked to their science thematic unit of observing living things in real life in the garden, roads, trees, shrubs, etc.

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, all learners participated in a discussion about the importance of the National Mourning Day and the reason why all teachers wore black badges as a sign of solidarity.

**SEPTEMBER:** It's crucial for us to ensure that learners are able to relate what they learn as concepts to practical every day life. To make learning visible, we did an activity of pond making in school premises and taught them about living things in water. For language development and creative writing, learners were asked to write a story to help them explore their creativity. It is within the vision of our school to enable the learners to connect with the social community and hence we have started a Relief Collection for the flood victims as well as for Rohingya Refugees. The project has already started, the learners will purchase or collect relief items, bring them to school, package them, and we will depute some reliable people to send them to the right locations.

### **SOCIAL AND MORAL ACTIVITIES**

We are committed to raise responsible and empathic children who will grow up to take care of their community. Conglom is a fun activity that is centered around social and moral issues. A few of the topics already covered are: Sharing, Friendship, Helping others, Not to tell Lies, Working together, Floods, Not to use bad words, Rohingya and how we can help, Qurbani Eid, Muharram, Durga Puja, etc.

Added to this, we have I CAN boards in each classroom. The I CAN Board charts the progress of the class as a whole. The emphasis is on the group rather than an individual; they succeed if all of them follow the rules. It encourages the learners to support their peers and brings the whole class together as friends.

### **TEACHERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES**

Since March 2016, we have been engaged in teachers training activities that would enable our new teachers to teach in the manner learners need to be taught. Some of these were Jodogyan Maths, Special Needs, Creative Writing, Jolly Phonics, Unit of Inquiry, Explorative Play, Teaching Strategies, Class Room Management, etc. We will continue our efforts to provide development opportunities to our teachers in the coming months.

### **MAGIC BOX PROGRAMME**

Frobel Academy has tied up with British Council to take part in the Magic Box program. British Council will keep a great variety of books in the school that can be borrowed by children. A lost book carries a fine of Taka 1500. If learners fill in their logbooks diligently after reading books, they will be awarded certificates at the end of the year. For the academic year 2016-17, a total of 64 learners received certificates. The categories were as follows:

Diamond – Those who completed 15 or more books

Sapphire – Those who completed 12 books

Emerald – Those who completed 10 books

Ruby – Those who completed 6 books

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Parent Partnership is an important component of our philosophy. We want to engage the parents of our learners in various activities such as helping us with social projects, providing knowledge in their areas of expertise, and even supporting us to ensure safety of children within our premises. We have a Volunteer form available in our office that you can use to register as a Volunteer Parent.

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

Our website is live at [www.frobelacademy.com](http://www.frobelacademy.com) Please take a look and give us your feedback via email to [info@frobelacademy.com](mailto:info@frobelacademy.com). Also, we are on Facebook and our team is actively posting pictures and providing information and we encourage our parent community to follow us. We would love to see you in the school to take a look at all the work our learners have done, to interact with the teachers, or to catch a glimpse of our activities. Please email or call to make an appointment.



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