



**ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CHRONICLE  
2023**



The Rector

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Edinburgh Shield lifted by the boys





N. M. Masters Shield lifted by the boys



### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS - 2023**

The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning (Bishop of Kolkata)	- Chairman
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THE CHRONICLE TEAM



## **Foreword**

### **The School Chronicle 2023 ~ “A Watershed Year”**

To say that in our Bicentennial Year, as our School celebrates 200 years, that 2023 was a watershed year, would be understating the momentous year that we have had. Those of us who lived through 2023, know well how this year will stand out historically and as a landmark in the life and times of St. Paul's School.

The year began with us welcoming a newly minted Head Primary Wing, Mr. Agnelo Dennis. As the course of the year ran, on the 1st of September we had the Induction of our Rector, Mr. Peter Lepcha, by His Grace The Bishop Of Calcutta, Dr. Paritosh Canning. Formerly, Mr. Lepcha was the Senior Master and for a time the Acting Administrator, since the departure of Revd. Joy Halder. As the year drew to a close we welcomed our new Senior Master as well. Mr. Agnelo Dennis travelled upwards, past Foss Westcott, to the Senior Master's office on the 1st of December! In one academic year we have a new Rector and SM!! It did not end there.

Cotton Hall and the School Chapel refurbishment completed, the inauguration of both took place on the School's First Foundation Day, on the 1st of May by His Grace Bishop Paritosh Canning in the presence of Dr. Subir Choudhury Secretary to the Board of Governors, and other distinguished guests, former teachers and Old Paulites.

The sense of a renaissance has begun to take hold as the year progressed – the winning of the Edinburgh Shield, the NM Master's Shield only enhanced that feeling, and gave it its tangible reality. The ongoing restoration of the Rectory, the expansion and refurbishment of Westcott Hall, the pace and speed that shone of new life and vision was palpable in all our celebrations – Independence Day, Speech Day and finally those glorious days of Carol Service and GHD.

During the course of the year we also published the pending Chronicles of 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2022. We are grateful to Mr. Udaya Mani Pradhan, for his valiant efforts in keeping the deadlines we had set. So another Hurrah!

To say we have turned a page, or a corner would be a mild, lukewarm acknowledgement of what has been a tumultuous few years since the pandemic. Now in our Post-Pandemic era – our School, sturdy on its feet, regaining lost ground and buoyed with new hope – We enter into our new century – not losing sight of our past and history, but adding new chapters, new life to old foundations and with our eyes fixed firmly to the future – and what it holds for us – we look forward to the years ahead we take our first steps into the new Petrine Age for St. Paul's School!

Moniti Meliora Sequamur

**- The Chronicle Team**

## STAFF LIST – 2023

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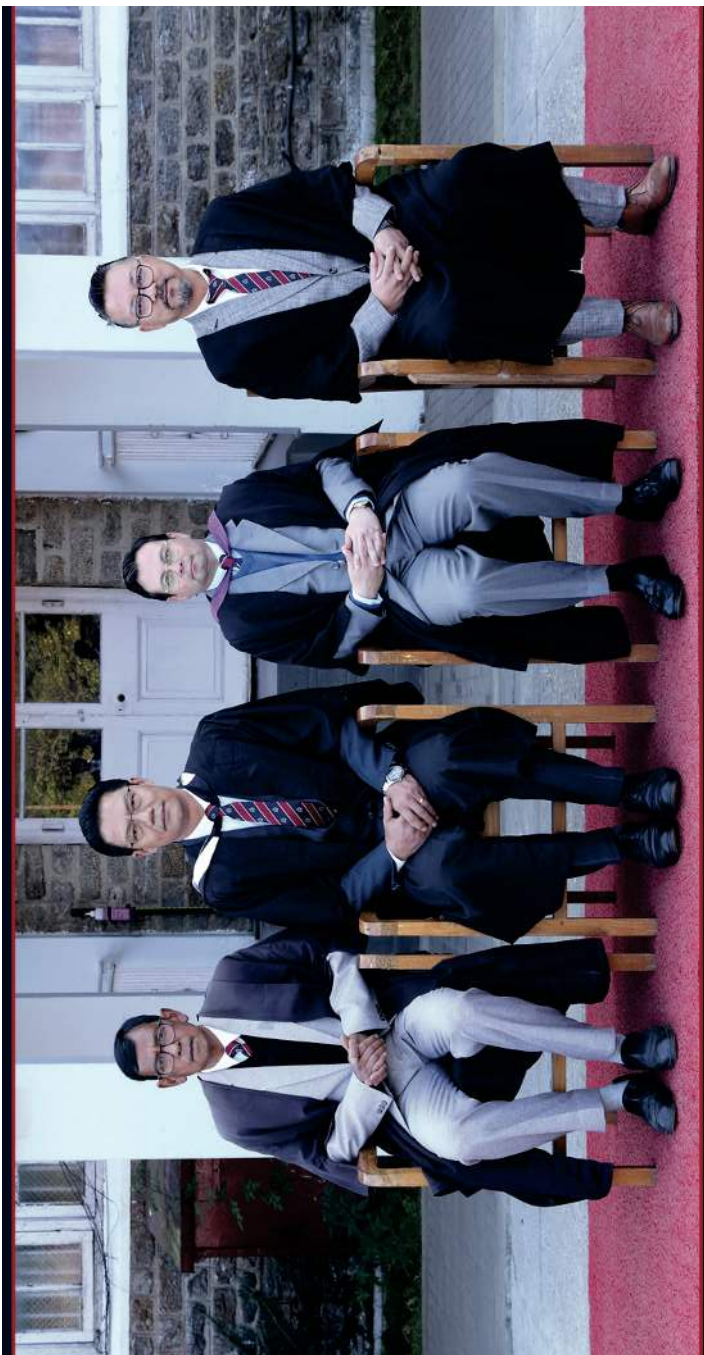
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THE PRIMARY WING STAFF



THE SCHOOL COORDINATORS



THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF





THE NON-TEACHING STAFF



THE STAFF COMPLETING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE



THE PREFECTORIAL BODY 2023



## RECTOR'S SPEECH – 2023

Honourable Justice Sanjib Banerjee, ladies and gentlemen,

I extend my warm welcome to each of you, on behalf of the Chairman and members of the Board of Governors, staff and students of St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, to this great annual event.

We are honoured to have amidst us, our own, honourable **Justice Sanjib Banerjee**, Chief Justice, High Court Meghalaya, an Old Paulite from the Batch of 1980. We are delighted and proud of sir's achievements. Thank you, sir, for taking the time out, in spite of your busy schedule, to grace the occasion with your presence.

The Staff reported back to school on 21st February and the students reported back to school on 26th February.

The school year began with the **General Staff Meeting** to provide ourselves with a perspective to carry out our responsibilities with greater effectiveness. This was followed by the **Orientation Programme for students** conducted by the then Acting Administrator. The idea behind the Orientation Programme was to provide guidance to the students, especially the new ones, about the school life at St. Paul's.

The **Academic Staff Meeting** was held on 8th March to plan school events for the year so that all school activities, Academic and Co-curricular, are carried out smoothly.

### **Staff Appointments:**

**Mr. Angelo Alva's** contract as the HPW ended at the end of the last academic year. He was succeeded by **Mr Agnelo Dennis** as the Head Primary Wing, a very senior teacher who has served the school for many years. Likewise **Mrs D. Alva** retired from her service as the PW Matron and was succeeded by **Ms. Stella Chettri**, another very caring and loving person. **Mr N. V. Vincent** retired as the Mathematics teacher and was replaced by another very competent teacher **Mr. Umang Khawas**. **Mr. Kundan Thapa** Magar has been appointed as a Physics Teacher in place of **Mr. D. P. Pradhan**. Likewise, **Mr. Gyan Prakash Mishra** replaced **Mrs S. Dwivedi** as senior Hindi teacher. The school has appointed **Ms. Rebeka Sundas** as the Matron for the Senior Wing to give a much needed motherly care to the senior students. Finally, **Mr Peter Lepcha** was appointed as the Rector of the school on 1st September, by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Rt. Rev. Bishop of Kolkota, Dr. Paritosh Canning. His induction ceremony took place on 4th September.

### **Academic performance of students:**

The ICSE and ISC Board examinations were carried out in the months of March and April. The students performed very well in the Board Examinations. We had a 100% pass results in both ICSE and ISC examinations.

### **Performance of students in games and other co-curricular activities:**

The students have achieved much greater heights in games and sports and other co-curricular activities during this year. As usual the school cricket teams had a very successful season. The junior school team played **under - 14 tournament** hosted by St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, at the start of the season. The team performed successfully, lost only to Baga Jatin Das club Siliguri in the final. This year our school won the most prestigious **Inter-School Edinburgh Shield** for Cricket. The school Cricket Team has been coached, every year, by the Trained Coach from Cricket Association Bengal (CAB), along with special coaching sessions by the MICs Cricket, which is yielding great results.

The students took part in various other inter-school sports events such as Chess, Badminton, Table Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball and Football within and outside the state of West Bengal. While the school **Chess Team** took part in Inter-School tournaments in Darjeeling and Siliguri, the school **Football Team** went to Sela Qui International School in Dehradun and put up a good show.

The school successfully conducted all calendared co-curricular activities such as House Concerts, Dramas, Debates, Elocutions, Quizzes, Club activities, House Activities etc. The students actively participated in the Inter-School events and proved very successful in many of those events. The **English Elocution team** won the most prestigious **N. M. Masters'** trophy this year in the Inter-School event held amongst Anglo Indian Schools in Darjeeling. The **Quiz team** won the **1st Gymkhana Inter-School Quiz** held in Darjeeling Gymkhana Club. The latest in the list was the participation of our school **Debate team** in the **7th Clifford Hicks Memorial International Debate Competition 2023**, held in Kolkata Boys School, Kolkata, where our students were the finalist amongst 72 schools from across India and abroad.

The school is in partnership with **Quizzora** Team from Siliguri for providing much needed professional quizzing experience. The school subscribes to their Nutshell book series for training and exposure which is yielding great results.

### **Career Guidance:**

The school organized several career guidance programmes for providing adequate knowledge and information to students concerning their future studies. **Representatives from more than eight universities**, from all across India, were present at our school to provide career guidance to our students in the month of May. The programme was organized by **Student Outreach team**. In the same month a **Science Workshop**, for classes 6-12 was conducted by **Mr. Krishnendu Chakraborty** to provide greater exposure and interest in Science. The **Stratosphere Education Counseling team** visited in the month of July to give our students a more personal help concerning career choice. The career guidance was also conducted by the **OPA Chapter of Siliguri**, in association with the **Global Reach team** in the month of August.

### **Personal guidance and counselling:**

On 4th May the school organized **Orientation cum Awareness programme** related to POCSO Act, Juvenile Justice, Cyber Crime and Good Touch and Bad Touch for Primary, Junior and Senior school staff and Students. The programme was conducted by **eminent professors and team from Siliguri Institute of Legal Studies**. The staff and students were also made aware of the evil consequences of corporal punishment, bullying and ragging.

### **Excursion, treks and tours:**

The Senior and Junior Students went to **Lataguri** for their enjoyable expedition. The Senior Wing students also enjoyed a lovely hike to Tiger Hill in the month of August. The Junior Wing went to **Savin Kingdom, Siliguri** for their outing and later had a delightful trip to **Bunkulung river side in Mirik**. The Primary Wing had a great study tour of **Science City and Bengal Safari, Siliguri and Lataguri**. The trip was made more enjoyable owing to generous help from parents who served as wonderful hosts providing the boys and staff with needed support.

### **Visits from eminent personalities:**

The school enjoyed visits from a good number of well-intentioned people during the year. Among others, the **Thai Ambassador** paid a visit to our school in the month of March and organized health camp at St. Paul's School for their students studying in Darjeeling. The Ambassador was greatly impressed by the educational programme at the School. The **team of eminent Professors from IIT Kharagpur** paid a visit on 4th September to set up a **Do It Yourself (DIY)** lab at school. The tie up with IIT Kharagpur for setting up **IIT lab** is one of the most important developments for new-age learning endeavour for the students of St. Paul's.

## Visits contributions from Old Paulites, Parents and Friends:

The **O. P. batch of 1983** paid a visit to school in the month of April. They were very generous in gifting us with two sets of Venus Water Heating System. They have also undertaken to build a basketball court on the Junior Wing field to provide students with greater exposure to the game. The **OPA Kolkata**, who came to play Cricket with the school team on 29th April, gifted the Primary Wing with the fully equipped Computer Lab along with the OHP for general school use. The **OPA Sikkim Chapter** came to play a football match with our school team in the month of July. The First Bicentennial Paulite Football Tournament was held school on 27<sup>th</sup> August. The four teams namely OPA Chapter Kolkota, OPA Chapter Bihar, School Staff and Students teams participated. The tournament was one of the most enjoyable events in the school calendar. The **Batch of 1981** too paid a visit to the school in the month of September. Another batch that has made a significant contribution to school is the **Batch of 1998**. They had their reunion at the school on 7th September, 2023. The last batch to visit is the **Batch of 2005** who too have gifted the school with music system to be used for outdoor events. In collaboration with them the school has instituted the **Prefect of the Year award**. The first recipient of the same will be declared today. Sixteen members from the batch, along with their wives and children, are present with us today to grace the occasion. The last batch of Old Paulites to pay their visit this year will be the **Batch of 2006** who will be providing the school with funds to pave the tiled pathway from the Pavilion gate to the main building.

One of the most important aspects of their visits is that various batches of Old Paulites have expressed their willingness to do something for their 'alma mater' and some of them have already started their works. The school is grateful to them for their love for the school and invaluable contribution. The school is also very grateful to the **Batch of 1974** who will be having their reunion, next year, in the month of March 2024, but have already gifted the school with the most needed **generator**, which is already installed and in operation.

Some of the Old Paulites have come forward, individually, to express their generosity. The school is thankful to **Mr. Dr Momocha Thangjam** and his brother **Mr. Naoba Thangjam** for donating Brass Band equipment to school, **Mr. Shoeb Zamane** from Bangladesh (Batch of 2009) for Cricket Kit, **Mr. Vidyut Jain and the Batch of 2001** for Musical Instruments and **Mr. Sachin Pradhan** (Batch of 2000) for Electric Piano. Special thanks to Mr. Jamsedji, parent of **Master Yavisht Shahaveer Jamshedji** for gifting us with a very professional drum set.



### **Various Academic programmes introduced in the school:**

First of all, the school has tied up with **Nutshell ‘Quizzoria’** team from Siliguri who conduct regular quiz contests for all three Wings. Secondly, to enhance the performance of the students the school has set up **regular coaching classes**, in various core subjects, for all three Wings. Thirdly, the school has introduced two new hobbies at Junior and Senior School level namely **AI (Robotics) and Pottery making hobbies**. In addition, the school has made provision for some students to attend regular **online classes** to prepare for JEE and NEET examinations. Some of these programmes have been incorporated, as an integral part of our school curriculum.

### **Academic and Infrastructure development in collaboration with Educare team:**

A new feature at St. Paul's School is its partnership with Educare, for overall academic and infrastructure development. Through Educare the school is in constant dialogue with prominent **JEE and NEET** coaching agencies to set up a centre at St. Paul's. There is an ongoing interaction with IIT Kharagpur for setting up **DIY lab**. The installation of the **Smart Class** is also underway. The discussion is also taking place with various colleges and universities for students **exchange programme** as well as for our students' future studies in India and abroad.

With financial support from Educare an infrastructure overhaul has begun with the **renovation of the Cotton Hall and Chapel** along with introduction of modern furniture in the primary wing and renovation of the **Millmen Hall Classrooms and Rectory Dormitory**.

The works in progress are Rectory up gradation, up gradation of structural design of the Westcott Hall, Extension and repair of the existing toilets, flooring, and State-of-the art furniture for all three Wings.

A complete renovation exercise is being undertaken, in a phased manner, with a complete revamp of the senior, junior and primary wing in the offing.

The school has envisaged two major Bicentennial projects to enhance the overall development of our students. Firstly, an **Academic Block** of approximately 30000 sq. ft with auditorium on the top floor, and secondly, a **Multipurpose Sports Centre** with facilities for various indoor games and sports such as Badminton, Table Tennis, basketball, volleyball, fitness centre, swimming pool, including futsal. The school has engaged a very renowned architect **Mr. Abin Chaudhury** to execute the projects. He will be assisted by another renowned architect **Mr. Kailash Pradhan**, an Old Paulite, Batch of '83.

Things are looking up at St. Paul's with help and support from Team Educare. It is hoped that these new initiatives will take St. Paul's school to a greater height in the near future.

### **Bicentennial Celebration:**

The three-day Bicentennial Celebration is scheduled for the month of May, 2024. The event will feature visits and performance from some of the most eminent personalities, musical extravaganza, documentary on school history and legacy, panel discussions, award ceremony, fund-raising dinner etc. The event management team from Kolkota is already at work to make the event a memorable one for everyone associated with St. Paul's School, Darjeeling.

### **Thank you note to teachers and parents:**

I must say that the year has been a successful one. We have achieved much more than what we did the last year. However, this journey towards the path to success has been a collective effort. Hence, I stand here to thank each and every member of the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who has helped this school to achieve a greater height. I want to place on record a very special 'Thank You' to HJW, HPW, The Bursar, Caterer, House Masters of all three Wings, Acting Estate Manager, teaching, admin and support staff for their support to me to carry out my responsibility as the Head of the School. I am greatly indebted to all of my staff for their loyalty and dedication to carry on the legacy of St. Paul's.

Special word of appreciation to **Mr. Punam Lama, Mr. M.C Kharga and Mrs. S. Vincent** for completing their 25 years in service at St. Paul's School.

As I think and honour our teachers, I would like to place on record, a word of appreciation to our parents for all the support and encouragement the school has received from you. In fact, it is because of parents like you that the school has been able to carry on with effective academic programmes, and have come to where we are today. I would like to acknowledge the generosity and loyalty of our parents towards St. Paul's and say 'Thank You'. We need parents like you to make our educational venture a success.

We look forward to your continued support and encouragement, so that we can provide greater care for your child in every sphere of his school life and, thus, help your child become the man of character and conduct.

'Moniti Meliora Sequamur'

**Peter Lepcha**  
**Rector**

# St. Paul's School Darjeeling



## 201st Speech Day

Tuesday, 17th October 2023, 10:00 am

### *Chief Guest:*

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjib Banerjee  
Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya

### **List of Prize Winners**

### ***Programme***

Arrival of the Chief Guest

National Anthem

Rector's Report

Felicitation of the Teachers completing 25 years of Service

Prize Distribution

Chief Guest's Address

Vote of Thanks

School Song

## Prize List- 2023

Class	First Proficiency	Second Proficiency	Progress & Application
2	Ayushman Roy	Aarya Roy	Mani Himanshu Chandan
3	Krithikesh Poddar	Nirmoy Satre	Ankit Kashyap
4	Aagney Nath	Utkarsh Singh	Prakhar Prakash
5A	Ayan Chhetri	Dagyal Bhutia	Rehan Mondal
5B	Swastik Aich	Aniket Singh	Agnideep Roy
6A	Amol Agarwal	Palsang S. Bhutia	Daiwik Bisht
6B	Aniruddh Singh	Aditya Kumar & Abhrajit Saha	Shatayu Ghosh
7A	Sushobhit Mukhia	Shreyansh A. Singh	Ehan Mullick
7B	Swastik Dutta	Virat Yadav	Mehtaj Kabir Rehan
8A	Eklavya Raj	Pushkar Raj	Anish Chowdhary
8B	Al Meherab mashrafe	Joe Banerjee	Amritya Kr. Bhagat
8C	Souhrit Das	Shakib Ali Mondal	Prottoy Mukherjee
9A	Pritam Raj	Anubhav Kumar	Neshat Ali
9B	Shayaan Khan	Jishu Kumar	Ishaan Singh
9C	Sayantana Das	Pragyum Pratyaksh	Dibya Jyoti Panda
10A	Sabbir Ahmed	Aryan Kumar	Bjarat Sahal
10B	Blaise Dorji Bhutia	Sk. Hasibur Rahman	Parth Kashyap
11H	Teekawin Juntee	Bamang Apa	–
11C	Kartikay Jalan	Dev Jalan	Aman Kumar
11S	Shubham Chowdhury	Vibhas Raj	–
12H	Abhhishek Goswami	Takam Tanu	–
12C	Rakshyak Dahal	Raghav Padia	Mayank Singh
12S	Nirvan Rinchen Lama	Aidan Shermom Dennis	–

## Special Prizes - Primary Wing

Class	Good Conduct	Art
2	Paramartha Barman	Aarya Roy
3	Md. Mursalin	Md. Mursalin
4	Hansel Chhetri	Aagney Nath
5A	Khush Saraf	Dagyal Bhutia
5B	Arpan Pal	Aniket Singh
	Saxena Prize for Quizzing	Ayan Chhetri
	P.W. Best Artist Medal	Tuhin Ali Mondal
	P.W. Prize for Best Actor	Aniket Singh
	Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal	Ayan Chhetri
	Essay Prize	Ayan Chhetri
	Moore Divinity	Nirvoy Sartre
	Evelyn Howard Prize for Elocution	Aniket Singh
	Gal Gregory Mathematics Medal	Ishaan Kumar

### **Special Prizes in Junior Wing**

Amiya Bhattacharya Memorial Prize for Musician	Al Mehrab Mashrafe
Junior Wing Moore Divinity Prize	Souhrit Das
The Junior Wing Art Prize	Amritya Kumar Bhagat
B.J Sharma Medal for the Best Sportsman in JW	Aditya Devnn
Jack Warren Medal for the Best Cricketer in JW	Tanav Biswas
Jyoti Kundu Medal for Elocution	Souhrit Das
Naresh Shanmungam Memorial Medal for Good Conduct in Class VII	Aritro Saha & Kumar Aryaman
K.N Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading	Agastya Koirala
Dawa Norbu Medal for the Best Debater in JW	Virat Yadav
The Sakrani Medal for Computer	Joe Banerjee
The Gayatri Kanti Prize for Consistent Academic Achievement	Souhrit Das
B.P Dutta Science Prize	Souhrit Das
The Karanjai Prize for Quizzing	Srinjoy Mandal
Disawala Prize for Best Actor	Sai Shreyas
Gal Gregory Mathematics Medal	Swastik Dutta

### **Special Prizes in Senior Wing**

Gibbs Medal for Outward Bound Activities (Pioneers)	Blaise Dorji Bhutia
A.B Miller Proficiency Medal - ISC (Science)	Ayush Raj
Anil Chaudhury Art Medal	Shams-Ur-Rahaman
Best Artist Medal	Sk Habibur Rahaman
Usha Rani Bengali Medal	Shadman Mahir Ahmed
Adam's Music Medal	Swamosar Muchahary
G.V Swaika Medal For Drama	Sk Habibur Rahaman
Jack Warren-Best Cricketer Under - 10	Tushar Singh
Nilima Bose Medal - For Excellence In Theatre	Rakshyak Dahal
Best Craftsman's Medal....For Batik	Mayank Singh
Sahgal Business Studies Medal	Rakshyak Dahal
Class Of 89's Economics Medal	Rakshyak Dahal
Best Elocutionist Medal In Bengali	Arman Mandal
Gen. Virendra N.C.C Medal	Sk Habibur Rahaman
Tower History Medal	Kupuka Zhimomi
Moore Divinity Medal	Kupuka Zhimomi
Nanibala Dey English Literature Medal	Arman Mandal
Sakrany Medal For English Elocution	Arman Mandal
Leslie Goddard Medal ... (ICSE)	Kartikay Jalan
Renuka Dang Proficiency Medal - ICSE	Kartikay Jalan
Rahoul Music Medal	Bidhya Sagar Chettri
Best Elocutionist Medal In Nepali	Rakshyak Dahal

Rudra Hindi Medal	Mangesh Raj
Kothari Physical Science Medal	Arman Mandal
OPA Medal - Best All Round Sportsman in SW	Ahnaf Porosh Patwary
Atanu Bhattacharjee Memorial Cricket Medal	Arman Mandal
School Captains Medal	Ahnaf Porosh Patwary
K.K Mukherjee Medal - Best All Rounder - Class 12 (XII)	Ahnaf Porosh Patwary
Bishop's Medal	Rakshyak Dahal
Robin Banerjee Life Science Medal	Kupuka Zhimomi
OPA Medal For Social Service	Gurveer Singh Lamba
G.J Shaw Medal .. for Best All Rounder - Class 10 (X)	Atulya Koirala
Kamlesh Kanti Medal - ICSE (Hindi)	Vibhas Raj
Maj. Bhatnagar Medal For Brain Of St. Paul's	Kupuka Zhimomi
K.L Pradhan Medal ICSE (Economics)	Amritansh Kashyap
Rai Bahadur D.N Singh Medal - ISC (Humanities)	Jerome Ayemi
R.S Prasad Computer Science Medal	Shayaan Ahmad Khan
Karan Mazumdar G.K Medal	Sayantana Das
Sahgal Accountancy Medal	Rakshyak Dahal
Das Studio Medal For Consistent Good Work	Ram Kumar Aryan
Kamlesh Kanti Photography Medal	Nirvan Rinchen Lama
Darjeeling Photo Stores Medal - (Excellence In Photography)	Nirvan Rinchen Lama
Raj Bhandari Medal ICSE (Nepali)	Aarav Malla
Saraf Short Story Medal	Kupuka Zhimomi
Madhukar Rana Nepali Medal	Rakshyak Dahal
Air Force Medal - for Best Public Speaker	Yavisht S. Jamshedji
Tenzing Norgay Leadership Award	Ahnaf Porosh Patwary
Carter English Medal	Yavisht S. Jamshedji
Nawraj Pradhan Environmental Ambassador Award	Swamosar Muchahary
Bible Reading Medal	Mananjay Luke Mukhia
Rector's Medal	Swamosar Muchahary
Darjeeling Rotary Medal For Social Service - (Under X)	Tabzir Rajin Khan
Best Elocutionist Medal In Hindi	Raghav Padia
Kabra Prociency Medal - ISC (Commerce)	Pranav Pokharel
Clark Geography Medal	Nirvan Rinchen Lama
Best Craftman's Medal - Woodwork	Raghav Padia
Luv Kumar Ecological Studies Medal	Nirvan Rinchen Lama
Karun Majumdar Science Medal	Arman Mandal
Ajit Singh Lambu Award For Discipline	Rishit Dutta
Gal Gregory Mathematics Medal	Vibhas Raj
Gyaltsen Medal -- for Best Footballer -- (Under 10 (X)	Rishit Dutta
Batch-2006 Prefect of the Year	Swamoar Muchahary

## SCHOOL SONG

From the low and steamy plains  
'Upward !' the old School calls;  
Come share our joys and pains,  
Come, mould your limbs and brains;  
'Upward !' the old School calls;  
St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's !

When pales and dies the light  
'Courage !' the old School calls;  
Fear not the darkest night;  
Clouds only veil the light;  
'Courage !' the old School calls;  
St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's !

When press unhallowed foes;  
'Fight on !' the old School calls;  
See the eternal snows;  
Pure be thy soul as those;  
'Fight on !' the old School calls;  
St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's !

And when life's course is run,  
'Homeward !' the old School calls  
Face towards the rising sun,  
Wait for the glad 'Well Done !'  
'Homeward !' the old School calls;  
St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's.



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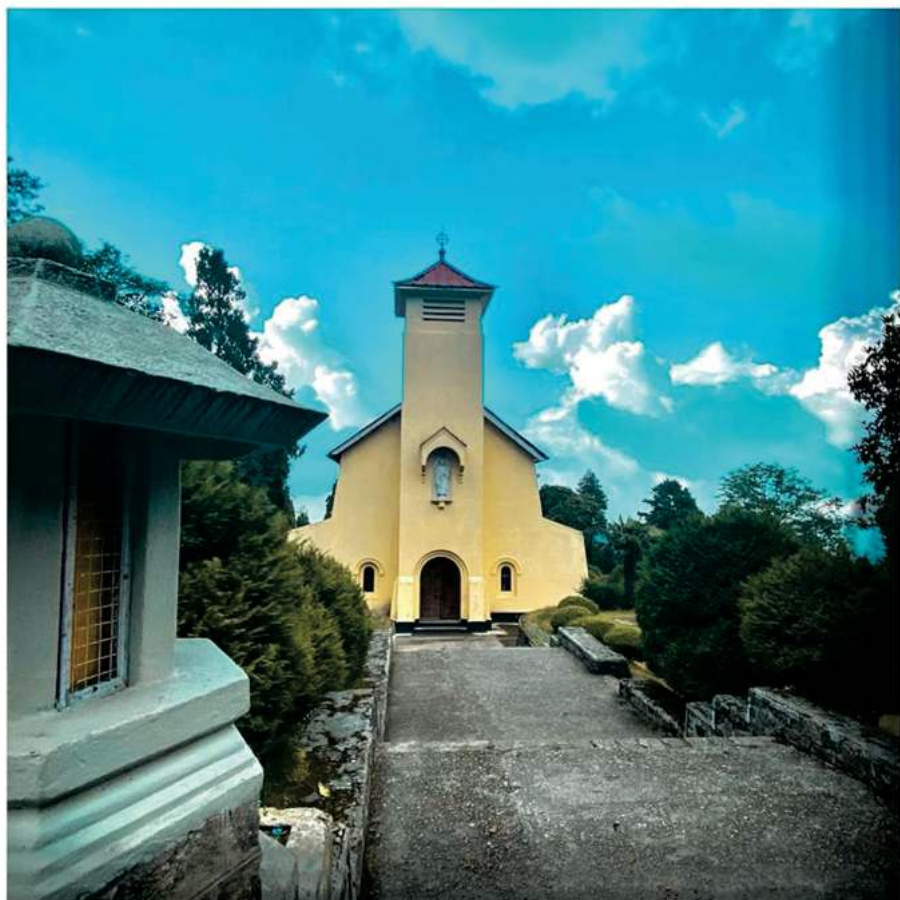




THE ICSE BATCH 2024







## CHAPEL REPORT - 2023

Dean of Chapel : Mr. MICHAEL DUTTA

School Verger : MR. DAVID JOHN CECIL

Head Chapel Warden : Guruveer Singh Lamba

Set in the midst of the majestic grandeur of the mountains, with its steeple towering above the cynosure of the entire campus of St. Paul's truly is a sight that beckons one and all. It is the one place where the entire family of St. Paul's gathers as a community and from where the spiritual and moral body is developed in a student. For this reason the Chapel holds a central position in the heart of every Paulite – old or new.

The Chapel doors were unable to open in the beginning of the term as the Old Paulites wanted to give its interior a new look. On 27<sup>th</sup> of February a combined service was held to mark the opening the term. The investiture of Captains and Prefects was held on 28<sup>th</sup> of February, in the school Prep Hall. The Leaver's Service was held for the outgoing students of ICSE and ISC on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The morning services were held, separately for the Junior and Senior Wing, from Monday to Thursday, every week. The Primary Wing had their services once a week, on Saturday mornings. Friday, as usual, remained earmarked for the congregation practice. A combined service was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month in the prep hall. These services were attended by all three wings, all the achievements of the boys were spelt out and certificates and other prizes were given out after each of these services.

On the first of May, 2023 we had the first service of the year in the beautifully renovated chapel. This was the 200<sup>th</sup> year foundation day service graced by the Right Revd. Bishop P. Canning, our Chairman accompanied by Rev. Asa Kiran who were the consistory of the St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, there was a special service for the Christian boys along with the staff of the school. The Chapel was looking amazing. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June we had the end of the term marking the end of the first term.

The school resumed its academic year on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June by opening of the Term service.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August to commemorate the Freedom Fighters of a beloved nation we had the Independence day service on the 76<sup>th</sup> Independence day, with the Chapel, as always looking at its finest with beautiful flowers which instilled a feeling of peace in the minds of those who witnessed it.

A very thought provoking address was rendered by Mr. Premendra Tamang, the Havelock House Master.

The service we had on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, was one of the most important, as it embarked the Induction of a new Rector to our revered Institution. Mr. Peter Lepcha , our former Senior Master and Acting Administrator was officiated as the Rector of our school under the presence of the Chairman, the Right Revd, Bishop P.Canning and Rev. Asa Kiran.

Then on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, we had a combined service in the Prep hall where we thanked the teachers for their support all along the years that they have rendered.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October , our Chapel was brought up to the occasion , where we held a special service of thanksgiving to our beloved Father of Our Nation Mahatma Gandhi for his motives of peace and non violence that we all should uphold the values he left behind .

We even had three batches of Old Paulites visiting us and attending the special service for the Old Paulites on 7<sup>th</sup> of October . Batch of 1973 attended on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November and the batch of 2006 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November we had the service for All Souls Day which was followed by Remembrance Day Service on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November .

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of November there was a service commemorated to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru , our former prime minister on his birth anniversary to also celebrate a day for the children not only ones in age but also the children in everyone's hearts.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November we had the Primary Wing Carol Service which marked the end of the session of the little primaries. The second Carol service for the junior wing was held on 28<sup>th</sup> of November ,and finally on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November the senior wing had their carol service marking the end of the year for one and all of the school.

On all these three occasions the Chapel looked at its finest and was mesmerizing with the several candles on the altar that enlisted the feeling of peace serenity and tranquillity In the minds of those who visited it .

A number of special prizes related to the Chapel was awarded to the following boys :

P.W MOORE DIVINITY - Nircoy Sartre

J.W MOORE DIVINITY - Souhrit Das

J.W BIBLE READING PRIZE – Agastya Koirala

S.W MOORE DIVINITY – Kupuka Issac Zhimomi

S.W BIBLE READING PRIZE - Mananjay Luke Mukhia

Finally we would like to extend our thanks to the DEAN OF CHAPEL, Mr. Michael Dutta and the CHAPEL VERGER , Mr David J Cecil respectively for their words of wisdom inspiration guidance and from time to time the affectionate scolding and above all their ability to motivate us with their good sense of humour .

***HEAD CHAPEL WARDEN  
GURVEER SINGH LAMBA***



CLIVE HOUSE



## CLIVE HOUSE REPORT – 2023

House Master: Mr. G. Bhattacharya

House Tutors: Mr. D. Cecil      House Captain: Ahnaf Porosh Patwary  
Dr. A. Rai              House Prefect: Habibur Rahman  
Mr. S. Gurung  
Mr. Samuel A. P. Henry

“IMPOSSIBLE IS NOTHING” This we have been proving year after year in our beloved house CLIVE. With an enthusiastic and energetic bunch of boys we started the year 2023 with absolute belief in our motto, keep up the house spirit. The bubbling talent among the Clivians was waiting to be translated into practice and the opportunities were waiting to be explored.

The following six formers of Clive house were assigned with the house responsibilities for the year 2023.

Habibur Rahman: Clive House Prefect.

Ahnaf Porosh Patwary: **House captain and school captain for the year 2023.** Their contribution and everlasting support has been truly rewarding to the house. This year started with soaring spirits and numerous ambitions. The year commenced with cricket season. Clive has always been a dominating figure on the cricket field. Our boys have shown some great talent in cricket field, Porosh, Habibur, Borno, Habibur, Rishit and Abhinav had played good amount of cricket. Porosh was awarded Major colour in cricket for the year 2023. This year our boys won P.T. competition and Chess Tournament also. They showed a great interest in Volleyball and Basketball and Football but other House were better and we could only bag the Basketball cup.

Clive has always been a dominant force in the field of elocution. This year we have done pretty well in all vernacular and English elocution. Our team comprising of Rakshyak, Borno, Hasibur, Habibur, Ariyan Kumar, Jidane Asif and Yavisht Jamshedji performed with great zeal and confidence in Bengali, Nepali, Hindi and English elocutions contest. All of them performed with great conviction and eloquence, In Hindi we jointly won the cup and in spite of coming first in three section we unfortunately came second in the English Elocution. Boys have performed fairly well Marathon, Football and Athletics. Again we came 2<sup>nd</sup> in annual Marathon Run. Porosh Patwary was awarded the best Athlete in the open division. Anubhav, Ariyan, Vibhas and Yashasee Vardhan also did fairly well in Athletics. We stood first in annual P.T. competition. Aryan Kumar stood first in his section in Hindi elocution. Rakshyak stood first in Nepali Elocution in senior Drama Section. Jidane Asif, Jamsedji and Rakshyak Dahal came

first in their divisions in inter house English Elocution. Yavisht Jamsedji stood first in inter-school English Elocution and received One Thousand Rupees cash award and a trophy for second time which is a History in St. Paul's School. This year Clive House has done fairly well in inter house debating and Jamshedji was awarded the best speaker for second time. Congratulation to our team and particularly to Yavisht Jamshedji for achieving the Best Speakers Award and Trophy for second time.

We had our annual house concert on 1<sup>st</sup>. April this year, where we staged the annual House play titled "Jhon Brytons Diary" based on a suspense and thriller story of Satyajit Ray, written and directed by Mr. G. Bhattacharyya. Clive is always known for its short plays. It was a short and splendid play on a tragic story of a British indigo planter and indigo revolution. The acting, stage and background music was well appreciated by one and all present in the Auditorium. Porosh, Borno, Habibur and a group of class 9 and 10 boys acted in this huge successful play. They acted with great spirit and confidence and kept everybody spell bound. The dance put up by class IX, X and the sixth formers and quite a few also songs by Porosh Patwary, Rakhsyak and Habibur was enjoyed thoroughly by the entire audience. The concert certainly ended with a great dinner and we ate to our hearts content! Habibur and Hasibur were a constant help in the production of entire concert. This year being the last year of Mr. Bhattacharyya as Clive House Master, we had a lot of guests and parents present for the occasion.

This year 17<sup>th</sup> October was the Annual Speech Day. Clivians bagged a lots of prizes on this annual prize distribution ceremony. 1<sup>st</sup> proficiency prize was won by Shayaan Khan, Shubham Chowdhary and Rakshyak Dahal. 2<sup>nd</sup> Proficiency prize was won by Anubhav Kumar, Aryan Kumar, Hasibur Rehaman, Vibhas Raj and Takam Tanu. Apart from academic prizes, Clive House boys were awarded a lot of special prizes. Yavisht Jamshedji got prestigious medal for public speaking and English Medal. Vibhas Raj - Mathematics and Kamelesh Kanti Medal for Hindi, Sk. Habibur Rahaman - Best Artist and G.V. Swaika Medal for excellence in Theatre, R.S. Prasad Computer Science Medal - Shayaan Khan, Rakshyak Dahal - Nilima Bose excellence in Theatre, Class of 89 Economics Medal, Sahgal Business Studies Medal, Best Nepali elocutionist medal, Bishops Medal and Rana Nepali Medal, OPA Medal for Best Sportsman (Senior Wing) K.K. Mukherjee Medal for all rounder, Tening Norgay Award for leadership. School Captain's Medal was awarded to the School Captain and House Captain Ahnaf Porosh Patwary. We organized a thanks giving end of the year party on 14<sup>th</sup> November, where Mr. Bhattacharyya gave away a few Medals and Trophies to the successful Clivians.

On an ending note, I would like to extend my gratitude to my House Prefect Sk. Habibur Rahaman and all the sixth formers – Rakshayk, Borno, Vashisth, Adayant and Takam, without their constant help and support the year would not have been a successful year at all. Finally my heartfelt thanks and gratitude goes out to our House Master Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya and House Tutors, Mr. David Cecil, Mr. S. Gurung, Dr. Ayush Rai, Mr. Anil Rai and Mr. Henry who have always been guiding, encouraging and supporting for all Clivians in every sphere of our house activities and day-to-day life. Particularly Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya's presence is inspirational for all of us. This year is his last year as House Master and we fondly remember his substantial contribution as a House Master in all levels of Residential school life, and wish him all the very best in his future endeavour. THANK YOU SIR!! The two years in Clive have been wonderful and it has been like a family to all of us. Finally I wish all my Paulites a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in advance

**Ahnaf Porosh Patwary**  
**House Captain, 2023**





HASTINGS HOUSE

## HASTINGS HOUSE REPORT – 2023

Housemaster: Mr. Michael Dutta      House Captain &  
Vice Captain of the School:  
House Tutors: Mr. Sanjive Rai      Kupuka Issac Zhimomi  
Mr. Ranjan Chettri      House Prefect:  
Mr. Cheten T. Lepcha      NirvaN Rinchen Lama  
Mr. Rajeev Pradhan

The academic year knocked every boy's heart in Hastings House surprising them with a blessing they receive every year, a blessing full of enthusiasm and charisma invigorating the boys! And yes, the boys accepted this blessing with their most open arms!

Being galvanized, the boys had already fixed their minds on ascending high doing whatever matters for the House to come out glorious and standing out among everyone else! Just a spark is needed to trigger all the potential to erupt into a massive supernova of energy and charisma.

The important duties bestowed upon our Sixth Formers of Hastings for the year 2023 were:-

Kupuka Isaac Zhimomi: Hastings House Captain  
Nirvan Rinchen Lama: Hastings House Prefect  
Basketball Captain  
Chess secretary  
Volleyball Captain  
Football Captain  
Photography Secretary  
Editorial Committee Secretary  
Abhishek Kr. Goswami: Philately Secretary  
Lawn Tennis Secretary  
Digvijay Singh Khadka: Table Tennis Secretary

### EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Our boys have achieved a lot of things this year with their gifted skills. The Hastings ship didn't always sail so smoothly. It was our boys who managed to see the depth of the iceberg and managed to overcome the danger evading many losses. It's the boys' wittiness and their outstanding aptitude that made it possible for us to hold the Hastings' Crest high! In the field, we were able to secure the Volleyball Cup with the House Prefect, Nirvan leading the team along with Mananjay L. Mukhia, our Captain, Kupuka and other members of the House whose equal contribution led us to victory.

We have also won the Lawn Tennis Cup. The sole credit for this victory goes to the class 9 boy Hridayesh Chettri, for his passion and dedication for the game. We won the Table Tennis Cup as well, due to the diligent hard work of our boys. The sixth forms contributing greatly are Abhishek Kr. Ghoswami, Digvijay Singh Khadka and Rishit Kumar Dutta.

**“We live it up and win the cup while others stand and drool!!”**

We did not win so many cups. But in the end, you either count the cups or make the cups count, all our achievements have given us exhilarating amount of joy.

Not only in House events have our boys performed so well but even in Inter- school events like the Jack Coffey Football Tournament, all matches involving challenging Old Paulites or Masters, Basketball, Volleyball, Chess and so many more. This year, the boys had also gone all the way to Selakui, Dehradun, selected to play a prestigious football tournament.

### **THE 2023 HOUSE CONCERT**

The House Concert started with a lovely and enchanting Nepali flute recital by Aarav Malla of class XI. The delightful performance was followed by our House Play - *The King's English*. The play had been performed in the past before but now with a fresh set of cast, the level of entertainment was taken to a next degree of entertainment and with our House Master, Mr. Michael Dutta as the director and our Prefect as the manager, nothing could have possibly gone wrong. After the long but captivating play, a lovely piece was played in Guitar by our sixth form Mananjay. The following events were:- Class IX Group song, Class X Dance - Bhangra, Solo song In Nepali by Prefect *Nirvan- Sahara*, Qawali, entitled '*Aaj is concert mein*' by the Plus 2 with Mr. Michael Dutta as the lead, Solo song by Jesse Zhimomi of class X- *the Temple of The King*, Solo song by sixth form Shadman - *Adhuri Kahani*, Solo song by Prefect - Timi Bhane, Tutor Rajeev Pradhan (Warden) solo song- Runaway Train, and the House Captain Kupuka 's solo- *Careless Whispers*. All the songs and dances went down well with the audience and their jocund, joyous and motivating cheer said it all.

The following event was a House Skit directed by Prefect Nirvan and co-directed by Captain Kupuka. The skit was super hilarious and showcased the modern trends of reality today which could also resonate well among the millennials and older audience! The House Skit was followed by our House Song and the Vote of Thanks from our Captain ending the lovely evening that comes only once in a year but stays in our heart for years. And obviously afterwards the boys were greeted with a delightful meal in the Dining Hall!

## STAGE ACTIVITIES

The Hastings House had its fair share of contributions in the Stage activities, the boys of our House have contributed a lot towards such activities namely Captain Kupuka who represented the school in many Quizzes, Debates and Elocutions. He had also represented our school in an International Debate event in Kolkata being invited by a prestigious school in Kolkata, Calcutta Boys School. When it comes to entertaining the audience on the stage our boys along with the Tutors are number one.

## CLASS PRIZES

Our boys did not go home with empty arms. They had secured many prizes for themselves on the Speech Day. Starting with the class prizes,

### First Proficiency Prize:

Blaise Dorji Bhutia	- XB
Teekawin Juntee	- XI Humanities
Nirvan Rinchen Lama	- XII Science
Abhishek Kumar Ghoswami	- XII Humanities

### Second Proficiency Prize:

Pragyum Pratyash	- IXC
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### Progress and Application:

Bharat Sahal	- XA
Aman Kumar	- XI Commerce

## SPECIAL PRIZES

The following are the special prizes that our boys have individually achieved.

Blaise Dorji Bhutia	- Gibbs medal for Outward Bound activities
Shadman Mahir Ahmed	- Usha Rani Bengali Medal
Aarav Malla	- Raj Bhandari Medal ICSE- Nepali
Rishit Dutta	- Lamba Award for the most disciplined boy
Mananjay Luke Mukhia	- Bible reading medal
Nirvan Rinchen Lama	- i. Kamlesh Kanti Photography Medal ii. Darjeeling Photo Stores Medal for excellence in Photography iii. Clarke Geography Medal iv. Luv Kumar Ecological Science medal
Kupuka Issac Zhimomi	- i. Tower History Medal ii. Moore divinity Medal iii. Robin Banerjee Life Science Medal iv. Maj. Bhatnagar Brain of St. Pauls Medal v. Sharaf Short Story Medal

I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate all the boys of Hastings for holding tight through this difficult cruise to glory. Oh what a year has it been, even when things got tougher, The Hastings Ship even when it was on the verge of capsizing, the team efforts of the entire Hastings crew under great leadership of all the sixth forms, Prefect, Captain, all the House Tutors and obviously our legendary House Master, Mr. Michael Dutta, finally took us to the shore safely.

Sharing a former Captain's words, *"If the school is his Faith, then his House is his Religion."*

It's the little things like being a part of a House and sharing this unbreakable bond that makes our stay in St.Paul's eternal and our memories evergreen.

"Hastings! Hastings! The best house in the school....."

**Nirvan Rinchen Lama**







HAVELOCK HOUSE

## HAVELOCK HOUSE REPORT - 2023

House Master: Mr. Premendra Tamang    House Captain:  
House Tutors: Mr. P.S. Chaturvedi        Swmaosar Muchahary  
                  Mr. S. Khaling                    Prefects: Mayank Singh  
                  Mr. Y. Sunam

The year 2023 held a very special place in all our hearts as it cordially marked the 200<sup>th</sup> year of our school. Moreover, it held an even more special place in our hearts bestowing the responsibilities of our House on the shoulders of our new Housemaster Mr. Premendra Tamang who was all set to continue from where our current House tutor Mr. Sudin Khaling left of.

The year began with the boys resting their hopes on their new set of Captain and Prefect who were all set to take the House to new heights and as I begin I would like to say “ how the mighty have fallen”. The year set of Cricket , Elocutions , that of English, Hindi, Nepali, Bengali and a few rounds of Debate . Although the boys struggled to do surely fare well in these event in the First Term, we surely were not demotivated and held our hopes high for PT competition in which we did put up a great stand . The boys were constantly on their toes in search of their first victory and were constantly down with failures yet not giving up. Soon came the First Term exam and the boys were determined to show their grit in what they really have come for and sure as ever the education sector was well handled and Havelock was right up with the best in terms of the studies. The end of the exams marked the end of the First Term as the boys left for their homes leaving their concerns behind.

The boys returned from their homes and as full as they were with energy they were ready to head straight into Football and remaining rounds of Debate . Football season was surely very competitive and the boys were right enough to shoot the ball .Football yet again was a great downfall where inspite of a great team we fell short by a few goals here and there. Next in line was Athletics and this time the boys did not disappoint and the entire House put their efforts to finally get hold of a cup with many boys also being awarded with indivisual awards as well as lifting the Athletics Standards Cup, falling a few points short to the main shield . Yet again the boys did very well in their studies for the Second Term exams and with the onset of the Speech Day where Havelock House boys yet again did their part to win their own prizes with the House Captain leading the way on the top of the list. With this, the boys yet again marched down onto the steamy plain to enjoy their pujas. As these few lines of appreciation come to an end I would like to put on record some of our very diligent

Havelockians who were awarded the following awards :

1. Swmaosar Muchahary :Adam's music prize; Nawraj Pradhan Environmental Ambassador award; Rector's Medal and Batch of 2006 Best Prefect of the year Medal
2. Mayank Singh: Best Craftsman award : For Batik; Progress and application proficiency award XII COMMERCE
3. Aidan Sherman Dennis: Second proficiency Award XII SCIENCE
4. Pritam Raj : First proficiency award
5. Jishu Kumar: Second proficiency Award

After a glorious two weeks of holidays the boys returned back from home to school and although the boys were not lined up for much with not having won much the past two terms; they were set for the Marathon and PT that were marked out for the Final Term. Thus having returned back fresh from home it was not a surprise that we finally lifted the Marathon Cup and came quite close to PT which was not in our fate. With this it marked the end of events as a house .Yes we did have our hopes down and the odds were against us , we did do our best .As this report ends I would render thanks to my Housemaster for constantly supporting us and to all those who helped the House become better with each step.I would also like to express my gratitude to our House tutors for their guidance and support throughout the year.

I wish great success to the House in the upcoming years and hope to see it reach greater heights.

Moniti Meliora Sequamor

**Swmaosar Muchahary**





LAWRENCE HOUSE

## LAWRENCE HOUSE REPORT, 2023

House Master: Mr. Nabarun Mondal

House Captain:

Raghav Padia

House Tutors: Mr. M. C. Kharga

House Prefect:

Mr. B. Rai

Bidhya Sagar Chhetri

Mr. C. Gurung

9th Prefect:

Gurveer Singh Lamba

### **Credo In Te Senex**

Keeping her house motto engraved in our hearts we lawrencians started the year with enthusiasm at its peak carrying on the positive energy of our achievements, from the previous year. The Portfolios of the Lawrence House Captain and Prefect were offered to Raghav Padia and Bidhya Sagar Chhetri which were duly accepted. The 9th prefect of the school Gurveer Singh Lamba was also appointed from Lawrence House.

Shortly after the Investiture was the house activities were the new lawrencians introduced themselves and blended into the environment of the house.

The challenges for the house set in with the first season that began, Cricket. Our boys showed their immense talents and displayed their unmatched team spirit which led to the victory of the cricket shield with a huge margin. Some of our excellent performers throughout the season were Raghav, Arman, Bidhya, Gurveer, Mangesh, Tushar, Konik, Ashneel and Atulya. We also take pride in having a Major Colour and a Minor Colour recipient from our house, Arman Mandal Major and Tushar Singh Minor.

After the cricket house matches, the boys performed very well in the basketball and volleyball house matches. Even though we fought with all our might, we were unable to stand victorious but did achieve 3rd and 2nd positions respectively.

The year has been a year of domination for the matter of stage activities for the house first on calendar was the Hindi elocution where we shared the cup with Clive where Sayantan Das stood first and gave a brilliant performance in his division. The second one was Bengali elocution where we got a clean sweep and bagged the cup, this is a huge achievement as we are the first house to get the Bengali elocution cup from Clive in the last two decades we won in each and every division

Junior Poetry - Konik Roy

Junior Drama - Suleman Kazimaruf

Senior Drama - Arman Mandal

The third and the last vernacular elocution of the year was Nepali elocution where we emerged victorious just like previous year Atulya Koirala stood first in junior drama division. Then we had the last of the elocutions, the English elocution in which we again shared the cup with Clive in which ArmanMandal stood first in senior drama division.

After that, decisively defeating havelock and hastings, we proceeded to the final against Clive where after a nail-biting debate, we emerged victorious winning the second most important shield. In the realms of quizzing are quizzers, in the first round we are leading by a pretty good margin but in the second and final round are quizzers brought the cup in our nest by a lead of almost 100 points Sayantan Das in this have been the uncommon performer from our team for this immense victory. With this Lawrence house bagged all the Shields and cups in regards of stage activities. The figure who stood out in all the victories was a fresher of her house Sayantan Das (9) who had performed very well, also secured in the first position in his division in the prestigious N.M. Masters Inter School English Elocution Shield.

Ending the first term our boys performed extremely well in the examination and happily Departed for their well-deserved summer break.

The start of the second term was very important for the house as all of us had the annual Lawrence house concert. The preparation was in full sway right after returning from the holidays. Due to the immense amount of hard work put in by all of the lawrencians the concert eve turned out to be an absolute success. Beginning with the play " The Proposal " written by Anton Chekhov. The play was directed by our house master Mr. Nabarun Mandal. The main caste of the play were Bidhya Sagar Chettri, Arman Mandal and Raghav Padia in the lead roles and Gurveer and Atulya playing important parts in the play. After the entertaining concert there were trophies given to the boys who achieved greater heights in various aspects of school life.

With the constant progress in academics alongside our boys also showed their skills in the badminton were our boy Suleman Kazimaruf won all the single player matches and winning the doubles our house also stood victorious in this field. Then we had the last major sport that was the athletics. In spite of our brilliant performance in the athletic standards, we were left behind by a few points and could not win the athletics standards cup, but we did overcome the grief of the loss by winning the athletics finals shield leaving by huge difference with the second position. Our house always believed in team spirit but the Shield could not be achieved without the brilliant performance by few of our boys namely Bidhya Sagar Chettri, Raghav Padia, Kartikay Jalan, Churchill, Nikam Waii, Ronit Singh,

Dikshant Krishna. Among these boys, we had the best athletes who won the victor ludorum medal in their divisions - Churchill.N of under 16 division and Bidhya Sagar Chettri of open division.

Our boys were selected as the secretaries of various different hobbies and society's some of them being:

- Hindi secretary - Mangesh Raj
- T-shirt painting secretary - Navojyoti Pramanick
- Pottery Secretary - Zainul Abeddin
- Head Chapel Warden - Gurveer Singh Lamba
- Woodwork Secretary - Raghav Padia

Our boys even though carried by the spirit of a group, some of them achieved the limelight and were awarded the following medals for their excellence on the 200th speech day program:

**Proficiency Medals**

- First proficiency class 9C - Sayantan Das
- First proficiency class 10A - Sabbir Ahmed
- Second proficiency 11 hum. - Bamang Appa
- First proficiency 11 com. - Kartikay Jalan
- Second proficiency 11 com. - Dev Jalan
- Second proficiency 12 com. - Raghav Padia

**Special Prizes:**

- Karun Majumdar G.K. prize exam - Sayantan Das
- Jack Warren medal for the best cricketer (under 10) - Tushar Singh
- Under 10 all-rounder - Atulya Koirala
- Anil Chaudhary medal for best artist - Shams Ur Rahman
- Renuka Dang Medal for ISCE - Kartikay Jalan
- Leslie Goddard Medal - Kartikay Jalan
- Das studio medal for consistent work in photography - Ram Kumar Aryan
- Best craftsman in pottery section - Zainul Abeddin
- Rudra Hindi prize - Mangesh Raj
- Nanibala Dey medal for literature - Arman Mandal
- Sakrani medal for elocution (English) - Arman Mandal
- Kothari physical science prize exam - Arman Mandal
- Majumdar science prize exam - Arman Mandal
- Best actor in Bengali - Arman Mandal
- Atanu Bannerjee Prize For Best Cricketer- Arman Mandal
- Social service medal - Gurveer Singh Lamba
- Rahoul music prize - Bidhya Sagar Chettri

- Best craftsman in Woodwork section - Raghav Padia
- Best actor in Hindi society - Raghav Padia
- Second proficiency 12 commerce - Raghav Padia

With all this awards our boys and house ended the year in a very successful and historic manner by winning all most all the shields and cup in a calendar year. We are very proud of what the house has achieved throughout the year and the lawrencians have showed the way to the future generations and set the bar higher. Believe In Yourself .

**Raghav Padia, House Captain**  
**Bidhya Sagar Chettri, House Prefect**





**THE BICENTENNIAL MAJOR PRODUCTION 2023**  
**Rabindranath Tagore's**  
**KABULIWALA – THE FORGOTTEN STORY**  
**Adapted and Directed – by Mr. Goutam Bhattacharyya**

The play as heralded in its synopsis reads “The well known story, Kabuliwala is famous for its depiction of eternal fatherhood and friendship between an Afghan and a little Bengali girl from Calcutta breaking international boundaries highlighting the beauty of the statement : Vasu dhaiva Kutumbakam.”

Before I wander into the broad strokes of the play and its nuances, it would be remiss not to acknowledge the play's inspirational force: Mrs. Prama Bhattacharyya was the inspiration behind the idea that this play that ought to be enlivened here in the School, we would discuss this for years till this year its idée fixe was realized. What a joyous moment it was when Mr. G. Bhattacharyya confirmed that he would be taking up the school play and doing Kabuliwala.

The play as all signature plays of Goutam Bhattacharyya are the triune of music, ambience, and movement: this was sublimely realized with the beautiful textured music that gave the foretaste of the play's aesthetic reality. The ambience was conveyed by the layered set- a transportation to a Old Calcutta via Shantiniketan – the wall murals, the ochre colored walls, the resplendent batik that threw the stage into a multi-dimensional prism of Tagorean varnish- that continually underlined the play's movement.

The play toured its movement in Two acts, and eight short scenes, its tone and texture true to the Tagorean form that the actors imbibe the heart of the story that they convey- this was spectacularly with the cast composition : The Kabuliwala was played by Sk. Habib ur Rahman – his strains of Kaju Kishmish can still be resonate within the Prep Hall, and was echoed throughout the school thereafter, a mature and insightfully presented and brought out – the character was instantly beloved and connected to the audience especially the children of the junior and primary wing. The next actor that brought joy was Mini played by Varannya Basnet, he danced, and took our collective breath away with the sheer innocence and carefree way in which he portrayed Mini- for which he awarded the most promising Actor Medal on Speech Day, a special recognition of his mesmerizing performance.

Rakshyak Dahal play Mini's father, a consummate and smooth portrayal, that brought to life the complicated and difficult juxtaposition of fatherhood, and traditional values that had to be maneuvered. Dahal gave a sensitive and dialectical rendition of fatherhood, that held the audience captive and in rapt attention. Mini's mother was played by Shubhayu Pramanik, that stole the show for the realistic portrayal, what wonderful costume arrangement by Mrs. Bhattacharyya and Mrs. Mandal to make him look so realistic!!

The two friends played by Raiyan Chowdhury and Atulya Koirala was a good blend of cosmopolitan understanding that Tagore always strove to achieve both in his plays and in life.

The Director masterfully brought out the political tensions by inter fusing in the play plot the tensions that were rife during the freedom struggle, and placed the play in the foreground of both national tension, personal tension and divisive conservative prejudice that is overcome by the eternal bond of fatherhood.

Mr. Bhattacharyya, the masterful director as always brought to life the story – that simply stands as a tribute to timeless bond between fathers and daughters- of love, loyalty, and friendship.

The play would be incomplete without the army of its cast of actors that supported the main cast, and the legion that make the backstage- the Art Department with Mr. C. Lepcha that brought the visual sense alive with the stage, Mrs. M. Mandal who choreographed the dance scenes, Mr. P. Tamang at the piano, the costumes and make-up team of Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Chettri, Ms. Sundas, Mrs. Rai. The devoted and time consuming work of the stage hands, prompters, and managers.

In years to come this Production will be remembered as Mr. Andre Lefevere , Vice – Principal, St. Joseph's School ,Guest of Honor said – a takeaway of the years of skillful mastery that was displayed, the intricate voices, and texture that pivoted the plot and the music and set that gave the brace and was the touch of genius – this is what years of experience, honed to perfection brings – to retain its magic ,and continue its rhythm is challenge and the tradition that we need to maintain.

“ Let us not forget our inner voices, the dancing child in our hearts – who sets us free – and fills us with delight...”

***Mr. David Cecil.***





THE JUNIOR WING MONITORS

## JUNIOR WING NOTES – 2023

The School re-opened on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February after the long winter vacation for the new academic year. On the first day we had only around seventy boys reporting and the number kept increasing as the days progressed and we closed the session in November with the total strength being one hundred and thirty. We are picking up the number in Junior Wing slowly after the Covid pandemic and we are hopeful of getting close to our strength of over two hundred in the near future.

On our staff body there were few changes, as expected, after some of the senior teachers retiring at the end of 2022 academic year. Mrs Sindhu Dwivedi, our Hindi teacher and Mr N Vincent, our senior Mathematics teacher retired at the end of academic session in the year 2021. However, both continued to render their services on our request till the end of 2022 session. This year we welcomed Mr Gyan Mishra as the new Hindi teacher to teach Hindi and Mr Umang Khawas to teach Mathematics in Junior Wing and Senior Wing. Mr D Pradhan our senior Physics teacher also retired at the end of 2022 academic session and in his place we welcomed Mr Kundan Thapa. Dr K R K Singh, our senior Chemistry teacher also retired this year in the month of June and in his place we found his replacement in the form of Dr. Aayush Rai. All these young masters have settled in well in the school environment and are making their valuable contributions to the school while trying to fit into the much bigger shoes of all those senior teachers who have retired.

I personally take this opportunity to thank Mrs S Dwivedi, Mr N Vincent, Mr D Pradhan and Dr K R K Singh for their dedicated and loyal service to the school for many good years. They will always be missed by many generations of Paulites and the staff as well. I wish them a happy retired life.

The following boys were appointed as monitors for the year 2023:

Anderson :	Souhrit Das & Agastya Koirala
Betten:	Ayush Raj & Al Meherab Mashrafe
Cable:	Aditya Dev, Mezabullhsan (till June) & Shivansh Singh
Westcott:	Sai Shreyash & Pushkar Raj

The text book distribution was done on 27<sup>th</sup> February and the normal lessons began from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The cricket season also began immediately and the first fixture against St Joseph's School was played on 11<sup>th</sup> March which our team won comfortably. The return fixture was played on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

The House activities were conducted on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. On 18<sup>th</sup> March we sent our representation to Victoria Boys' School for a chess tourna-

ment. From Junior Wing we had, Rajit Dutta, Swastik Dutta and YarabGhimire representing the school.

The Rectory Dormitory got a face lift with its wooden floor being completely done up and the lockers also were refurbished. The boys of Rectory Dormitory were shifted to Howard Block temporarily on 21<sup>st</sup> March to facilitate the repair work in the dormitory. All these boys were shifted back to Rectory Dormitory after the June Break.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, Anderson and Betten staged the first concert of the year in the Prep Hall and was enjoyed by one and all. The last of the house concerts was staged by Cable and Westcott on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

The Under 14 Cricket Tournament began from 29<sup>th</sup> March and ended on 2<sup>nd</sup> April with our team making it to the finals against Bagajyoti Athletics Club, Siliguri. We put up a good fight but lost the finals.

The first of the overnight exeats were issued on Good Friday where a sizable number of boys availed of this facility with their parents. Those left in school were sent out on an excursion to Dooars with some of the teachers.

Cricket house matches were conducted from 17<sup>th</sup> April along with the First Period Order Tests in the morning. Cable House bagged the Cricket Cup for the year.

The Bicentennial Foundation Day programme was held on 1<sup>st</sup> May where His Grace, Rt. Revd Dr Paritosh Canning was our Chief Guest. On this day we felicitated our retired staff members who were in and around Darjeeling. We also inaugurated the newly refurbished Cotton Hall in Senior Wing and the School Chapel which also had got a facelift.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May we had an interactive session with the professors from IIT Kharagpur who are helping us set up the “Do it Yourself Lab” in our school.

From the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, we started special coaching classes for the weaker boys to help them cope up with their studies. These classes were conducted in the afternoon and evening by our own teachers .

The first round of debating was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May and the final round was held on 21<sup>st</sup> July. The debating cup was bagged by Betten with Virat Yadav of Westcott being adjudged the Best Debator in Junior Wing.

The first round of P T competition was held on 30<sup>th</sup> May and the final round was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> November. The P T Cup went to Westcott House.

The first terminal examinations began from 2<sup>nd</sup> June and ended on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Boys went for June Break on the 10<sup>th</sup> June after writing the examination.

After the much needed break of around fourteen days, boys reported to school on 25<sup>th</sup> June and we had our first Parent-Teacher Meeting on the same day in the afternoon.

During this term we normally play football and indoor games. The football leagues were carried on along with badminton and table tennis matches. On Wednesdays we had NCC practices and we also had regular Band practices that we had started from the beginning of the term. This year we upgraded our band to Brass Band with generous funding in the tune of around three lakhs from our Old Paulites Naoba and Momocha Thangjam. We remain truly grateful to these two boys for their love and affection for the school.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, as usual we had the Independence Day Parade on the Quadrangle amidst a large gathering of parents and guests. The Chief Guest for the occasion was the Brigadier Sailesh Kopkar, from the 123 Mountain Brigade, Jalapahar.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August, boys of Junior Wing watched the live telecast of the historic landing of The Chandrayaan 3 on the Moon. It was a very proud moment for all of us.

On 4<sup>th</sup> September, we had a special service in the Chapel for the induction of new Rector, Mr Peter Lepcha who was appointed as the Rector of the school with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Mr Lepcha held the post of Senior Master prior to his appointment as the Rector.

The Final Round of Karanjai Quiz was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September with Anderson House emerging victorious, while Srinjoy Mondal of Anderson House, Class 7 was adjudged the Best Quizzer for the year.

On 26<sup>th</sup> September, boys of Junior Wing went for a picnic to Bunkulung, below Mirik. Earlier, on 23<sup>rd</sup> July too, the boys had gone for a day picnic to Savin Kingdom, Siliguri.

The athletics season began from the 11<sup>th</sup> of September and culminated on the Sport's Day which was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October. The Athletics Cup was won convincingly by Anderson while the Standards Cup was bagged by Betten.

The Annual Exhibitions were held from 14<sup>th</sup> October till 16<sup>th</sup> October and as usual this year too we had a wide range of hobbies carried out by the boys and all exhibits were displayed in the Tuck Hall. This year we had added Robotics also as part of the hobby in Junior Wing under the able guidance of Mr Umang Khawas (Mathematics department) and Mr Kundan Thapa (Physics department).

On 17<sup>th</sup> October we had our Annual Speech Day. Justice Sanjib Banerjee, Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court and an Old Paulite graced the occasion as our Chief Guest. Special prizes along with class prizes were given out to the boys in front of a large gathering of parents, Old Paulites and special guests. The Puja holidays began after the Speech Day Programme.

Boys returned on 30<sup>th</sup> October after the holidays. This final term being very short one our main focus was mainly on academics. However, we were able to manage the marathon runs during this time with the new marathon route in place. Due to bad traffic on the usual Ghoom-Jorebunglow route we forced to divert the marathon route to Katakpahar from the TCP. The army was kind enough to allow us to use their entire route for this new change. The finals were held on 11<sup>th</sup> November with Westcott House bagging the Marathon Cup for the year.

The Inter Class Singing Concert was held on 18<sup>th</sup> November where all boys from Junior Wing took part in the group songs. Some of boys who take regular music lessons on guitar and piano featured in this Concert as well.

The Carol Service was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November which was followed by special dinner in the Tuck Hall where the GHD trophies for the year were given out. The Prestigious Solomon Cup was bagged by Betten House. Congratulation!!!

The final examinations ended on 30<sup>th</sup> November and boys left for the winter holidays on the same day.

Before concluding, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr A D Rai, the Senior Wing P T I and Mr. Diwakar Thapa, the Primary Wing PTI for conducting the house matches in junior wing and for their valuable suggestions from time to time. I would also take this opportunity to thank all the MICs for various activities for their help in conducting these events so smoothly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff of Junior Wing, House Masters, Hall Masters, Matrons, Dorm bearers and all the boys of Junior Wing for their help and cooperation throughout the year. My special thanks to Mr Arnold R Mukhia for coordinating all the examinations in the Junior Wing . Last, but not the least, my sincere thanks go to the Rector, Mr Peter Lepchafor his valuable advice and guidance all through the year.

**Mr. Punam Lama**

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THE JUNIOR WING ELOCUTION TEAM



THE ANDERSON HOUSE

## ANDERSON HOUSE REPORT – 2023

House Master: Mr. Rakesh Rai

House Tutors:

Mr. Genesis G. Dutta

Mr. Nilima Pandit

Mrs. Pramila Gurung Rai

Mr. Marcian Joshi

House Monitors:

Souhrit Das

Agastya Koirala

The year 2023 has been by and large a fruitful one for the house. Boys reported back to school for the new academic year on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023. Many new faces were seen in the house, some nervous faces and some eager ones. House activities were held to help the boys know each other better and to bring a sense of belonging to the house. Few games were organized with the help of the house tutors and the boys very sporting took part in it and enjoyed playing the games. The boys vowed to put their best foot forward in every activity of the school in order to make the house shine in every field. Finally the much awaited snacks were distributed to the boys.

Cricket, Basketball and Volleyball season began. Boys tried their best in the cricket field but could not get the better of the other houses. We fought very well in the basketball house matches. Some very close matches with nail biting finish but once again could not get our hands on the trophy. The inter house debate competition was held with lot of enthusiasm. The debaters representing the house were Eshaan Banerjee (CL-VI), Srinjoy Mondal (CL-VII), Ayan Pratap Maurya (CL-VII), Taksheel Singh (CL-VIII) and Souhrit Das(VIII). The boys worked hard and prepared themselves well. They performed well with their debating skills but we missed the cup.

We put up our House concert along with Betten house on the 25th of March. The play entitled 'The Dear Departed', A comedy in one act, was performed wonderfully by the boys. The play has a universalizing essence which is expressed in terms of the pitfalls of human greed and hypocrisy. It exposes the hypocrisy associated with the event of death. The play was followed by a few English songs which were very well sung by the boys. After the concert was the much deserved House Supper, which was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The Hindi Elocution competition saw a rare event. The cup was shared by three houses- Anderson, Betten and Westcott. The boys representing the house were Achintya Shekhar (CL-VI), Shaurya Kashyap(CL—VII) and Kairav Singh(CL-VIII). Well done, boys!

The opponent houses once again could not beat us in the English Elocution Competition and the cup was retained by us. The boys showcased their excellent elocuting skills and grabbed their hands on the cup, not letting it go anywhere. The participants included Eshaan Banerjee, Ayan Pratap Maurya and Souhrit Das. A special mention, Souhrit Das, stood first in the N M Master Inter School English Elocution Competition in the intermediate section. He won the award for the Best Elocutionist in the Junior Wing. Kudos to you!

Taksheel Singh and Srinjoy Mondal led from the front in the Inter House Quiz competition and did not give the opponents any chance to lay their hands on the cup. We won all the three rounds of the Quiz competition and emerged victorious. Srinjoy Mondal won the award for the best Quizzer in the Junior wing. Well done!

With the setting in of the Monsoon, football, Badminton and Table Tennis season began. The boys displayed sheer grit and determination in the football field with the limited talent we had. It was the result of the teamwork. The boys showed resilience in the field and were able to bag the football cup in their kitty. Congratulations and well done to all the team members!

Badminton house matches was closely fought but we this time we could not keep up with the opponents skill and lost the cup. We could not perform well in the Table Tennis house matches as well.

Soon after football, the Athletics season began, the boys did well to qualify for the finals and on the Sports Day, and they performed exceptionally well to win the Athletics cup.

The following boys were awarded prizes on the speech day:

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| (i)  | Swastik Dutta 7A | First Proficiency |
| (ii) | Souhrit Das 8C   | First Proficiency |

#### SPECIAL PRIZES

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|-------|--|-----------------|
| (i)   | K N Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading     | Agastya Koirala |
| (ii)  | The Karanjai Prize for Quizzing        | Srinjoy Mondal  |
| (iii) | Gal Gregory Mathematics Medal          | Swastik Dutta   |
| (iv)  | Junior Wing Moore Divinity Prize       | Souhrit Das     |
| (v)   | Jyoti Kundu Medal for Elocution        | Souhrit Das     |
| (vi)  | The Gayatri Kanti Prize for Consistent | Souhrit Das     |

#### Academic Achievement

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|-------|-------------------------|-------------|
| (vii) | B P Dutta Science Prize | Souhrit Das |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------|

Having won equal number of trophies. Anderson and Betten had bagged five trophies each and we were eagerly waiting for the winner of the Solomon Cup to be declared. We lost the Solomon cup to Betten House by a whisker on the final average. The boys were disheartened after having given their best. Their hard work and commitment for the House will be remembered and never forgotten.

I would like to thank all the boys of the house for their contribution in every field. I would like to thank the two monitors Souhrit Das and Agastya Koirala for their dedication towards the House and helping and guiding the boys. I would also like to thank the House tutors Mr. Genesis G. Dutta, Mrs. Pramila Gurung Rai, Mr. Marcian Joshi and Ms. Nilima Pandit for their help and support.

*Mr. Rakesh Rai*





THE BETTEN HOUSE

## BETTEN HOUSE REPORT, 2023

House Master: Mr. Bishal Gurung            House Monitors:  
House Tutors: Mrs. P. Bhattacharya        Ayush Raj  
                         Mr. Umang Khawas            Al Meherab Mashrafe  
                         Mr. Pemba Tamang

A new year, new vigour and aspirations once again brought our young Paulites back to the majestic grandeur of these mountains and into the warm welcoming embrace of St. Paul's School. A number of new students joined the ranks along with our old boys in all three wings of the school. The session began with the customary Opening of the Term service followed by the Prefects Investiture ceremony. With the previous House Master Mr. Premendra Tamang called up to the Senior Wing to lead Havelock House, I was chosen as the new House Master of Betten House. Big shoes to fill indeed, as I had to match all the success and accolades that Mr. Tamang had brought for our House in all those years that he had managed the House.

With the felicitation done and with a prayer to the Almighty for guidance and support we Bettenites set on course with a host of events. The House activities organized on 15<sup>th</sup> March was a wonderful way for our new 'recruits' to feel that they belonged here. With hardly any breathing room and time to prepare we had our annual House Concert co-headed by Anderson House this year, on 25<sup>th</sup> March. It turned out to be a gala event with the main play entitled '*The Dear Departed*' directed by Mr. Rakesh Rai (House Master, Anderson) and a host of musical items presented by the boys of Anderson and Betten. The tutors of both Houses also co-ordinated and trained the boys well to put up some amazing items of songs and dance on stage. This was followed by a sumptuous dinner which brought the evening to a wonderful conclusion.

The determination and zeal to realize one's full potential was evident amongst the Bettenites as we started the Cricket season with a lot of promise outshining our opponents in the field. We knew that we could stand at the top of the mountain; however, the Cricket cup was not ours to keep as we lost it to Cable House by a very thin margin. This broke our hearts but made us believe in ourselves that we could do better. And indeed, we emerged as winners of the Basketball cup! This was followed by another success as we managed to share the first position in the Inter-House Hindi Elocution with Anderson and Westcott House. But there was more heartache along the way as we kept falling short and had to be content with the second position in a number of events like the Inter-House Football tournament, the Karanjai Quiz tournament, the Inter-House

English Elocution, the JW P.T. competition, the Athletics cup and the Annual Marathon (JW). The worst of the lot was when we lost the Studies cup to Cable House with a margin of a single point! However, we managed to balance these slender defeats with a number of wins as well. Along with the Basketball cup and the first position in the Hindi Elocution, we also tasted glory with wins like the Inter-House debate competition, the Athletics Standard cup and the Inter-House table tennis cup. But the best of it all, the cherry on the top was when we were declared the winners of the Solomon Cup, the most prestigious trophy in the Junior Wing. Thus, Betten House emerged as the top ranked House in the Junior Wing for the year 2023!

I consider myself fortunate to have been blessed with some amazing talents in the House. While many boys proved they were worthy leaders and shone bright when the situation demanded the rest of the House can in no way be undermined. These boys ably supported their House and gave in their best every time they were called to do so. Not to forget the valuable contribution of the tutors in all events, both academic and co-curricular. Hats off to every member of Betten House!

The following is the list of boys who made the House proud with their participation in various Inter-School events and the annual Speech Day:

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| Joe Bannerjee (VIII-B):       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Proficiency Prize, Sankrani Medal (Computer Application), 1 <sup>st</sup> position in Inter-School Hindi Elocution (Hindi Parishad), member of Junior school table-tennis team. |
| Al Meherab Mashrafe (VIII-B): | 1 <sup>st</sup> Proficiency Prize, Best Musician (JW), Participant (Inter-School Bengali Elocution).  |
| Shakib Ali Mondal (VIII-C):   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Proficiency Prize.  |
| Palsang Sangay Bhutia (VI-A): | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Proficiency Prize.  |
| Aritro Turjo Saha (VII-B):    | Good Conduct Prize.   |
| Aryaman Kumar (VII-B):        | Good Conduct Prize.   |
| Sparsh Kumar (VIII-B):        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> position in Inter-School Hindi Elocution (Hindi Parishad).  |

Once again, I place on record my sincere gratitude to my House tutors Mrs. P. Bhattacharya, Mr. Umang Khawas and Mr. Pemba Tamang for being the pillars of the House, to my monitors Ayush Raj and Al Meherab Mashrafe for leading the House from the front and instilling a sense of



pride and discipline amongst the boys, Mr. Premendra Tamang for his guidance and support, the Rector Mr. Peter Lepcha for his blessings and support and last but never the least our Head of the Junior Wing Mr. Punam Lama for believing in me and rendering his full co-operation at all times.

Bidding adieu to a successful and memorable 2023, I wish every member of the House, all students and members of staff of the Primary, Junior and Senior Wing Merry Christmas and a prosperous and joyful New Year. God bless St. Paul's School.

***Bishal Gurung***





THE CABLE HOUSE

## CABLE HOUSE REPORT, 2023

House Master: Mr. Shirsendu Roy      House Monitors:  
House Tutors: Mrs. S. Allay      Aditya Dev  
Mr. N. Bakshi      Shivansh Singh  
Mr. G. Mishra

As a new House Master ,I took charge of Cable House in the month of February with lots of enthusiasm. As it is at the beginning of every academic year so it was this year too some new faces ,some sad faces, some glad faces but within a week the boys were back to their normal selves ready to take on another year of hard work. The house activities happened in the month of March that helped to break the ice and everyone got to know everyone; on one was new or old but all were 'Cableites', unified in one spirit and friendship.

We began the year in sports with cricket. Boys played extremely well and our best player Tanav Biswas won 'Jack Warren Trophy 'for the best cricketer in the Junior Wing. Fortunately, Cable House also won the Cricket Cup [J.W] of the year 2023.

In the first P.T competition of the year the boys showed great precision in their exercises and were able to come second but were unable to do better in the second competition and yet again were unable to retain another cup.

In such, we Cabelians were no aliens to the inborn traits which are subjected by the environment in which one lives .St. Paul's is the environment and it influences our innate nature.

Though we secured for ourselves the first cup of the year but failed to win more cups as we were unable to assess the strength of the opponents. We had to rethink on our strategies and shape our attitude in order to harness the strength that lay within us. Time came just after the Puja break and our players performed tremendously well and we won the Badminton Cup of the year 2023.

On 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2023, we united with Westcott House to put our house concert.The main Play the 'The Instalment' was much appreciated by the audience. Boys of both the houses did very well in singing, dancing and acting.

On the Speech Day the following boys made our House proud by achieving the awards:

Varanya Pratap Basnet [6A] :Certificate for outstanding performance in

School Play.

Anirudh Singh [6B] : 1<sup>st</sup> Proficiency Prize.

Abhrajeev Shah [6B] : 2<sup>nd</sup> Proficiency Prize.

Ehan Malik [7A] : Progress and Application.

Aditya Dev [8C] : The Best Sports Man award of the Junior wing.

Tanav Biswas [8A] : The Best Cricketer award of the Junior wing.

Amritya Kumar Bhagat [8B] : Progress and Application,  
The Best Artist award of the Junior wing.

At the end of the year we also won the Studies Cup which made all of us very happy and proud. The year had been successful for Cable House. I would like to thank my House tutors Mr. Bakshi, Mrs. Allay, and Mr. G. Mishra; my monitors as well for their dedication and support to the House. Last but not the least to Mr. P. Lama (HJW) for his constant support rendered to us.

***Mr. Shirsendu Roy***





THE WESTCOTT HOUSE

## WESTCOTT HOUSE REPORT, 2023

House Master: Mr. Mahendra Mukhia

House Monitors:

House Tutors: Mr. A. R. Mukhia

Sai Shreyas

Miss N. Pandit

Pushkar Raj

Mr. Prashik Chand Gurung

Mr. Kundan Thapa

As per the new sessions of 2023, students are to report back to school on 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2023. As another year comes to an end, even though we Westcottians did not bring many cups homeunlike in the previous year, the team spirit of all the children of the house was highly appreciated.

Chosen from the body were the monitors namely Sai Shreyas and Pushkar Raj both of standard Eight. House activities were held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 to welcome the Class VI boys and the new boys into the House.

With the commencement of the session, we witnessed the Cricket session as an initiation to the co-curricular activities followed by Basketball House matches. The Debate being the first inter house competition. Westcott House prepared and performed exceptionally well standing second. The Westcottians adjust joint winner with Anderson and Betten House in the Inter House Hindi Elocution Competition in 2023.

In the Inter House English Elocution our boys performed very well in their said division, Sushobhit Mukhia has manage to secure the First Position in his division. We altogether ended in third position in the English Elocution 2023.

In the Basketball house matches our boys played very well but unfortunately we stood second.

After summer holidays, as the second term kicked off with the football season. The boys were a bit sloppy with their performance on the field, the result to which was that we manage to secure a third place.

This year in Table-Tennis we were placed runners up. We did win the P.T. cup this same year.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> August the boys of Westcott and Cable house put up their annual house concert. That being the last house concert of the year 2023, which everyone enjoyed. The main play titled " The Instalment " Directed by Mr. S. Roy. The major role played by Shivansh Singh from Cable house, Sai Shreyas and Virat Yadav from Westcott house. There was a number of songs, dances and a skit.

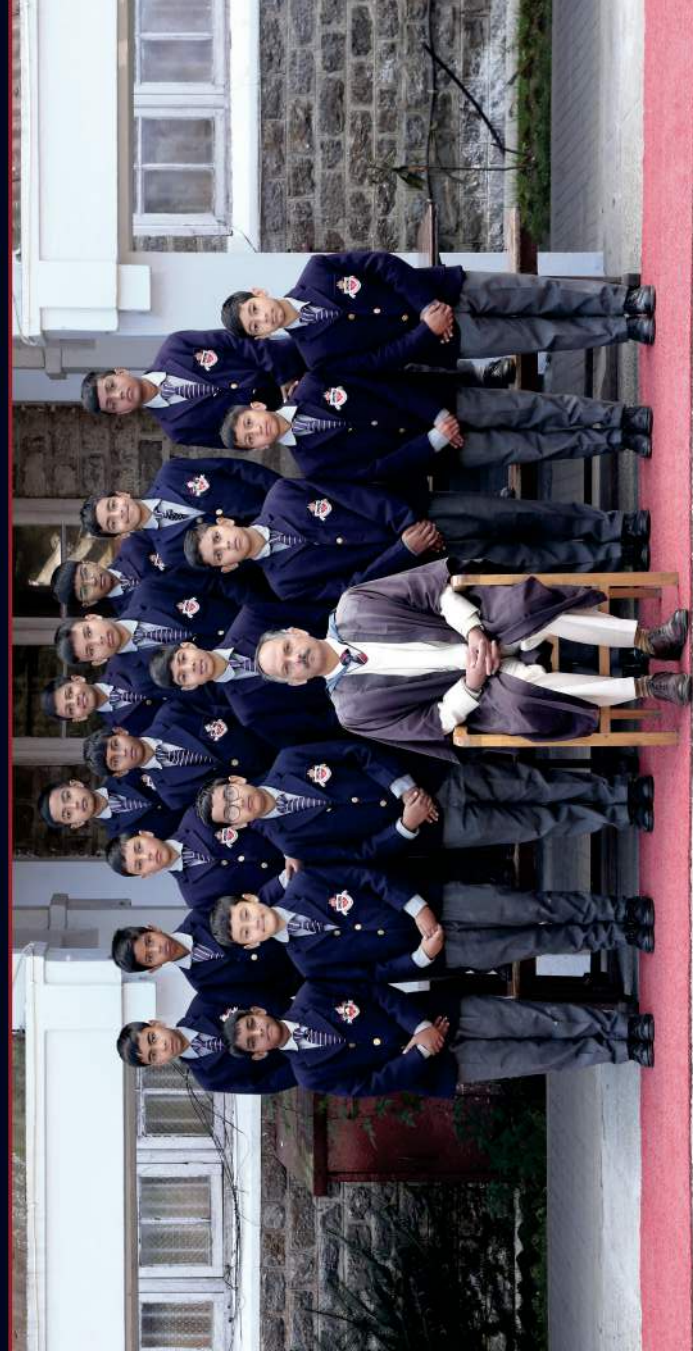
The Marathon season began and the boys were busy with their practice runs. The Marathon final was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. The boys of Westcott house performed very well in that event. As a result Westcott house won the Marathon Cup for the year 2023.

On Speech Day the following boys of Westcott House were awarded Class and Special prizes :

Anmol Agarwal (6A)	1 <sup>st</sup> Proficiency Prize
Aditya Kumar (6B)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Proficiency Prize
Satayu Ghosh (6B)	Progress and Application
SushobhitMukhia (7A)	1 <sup>st</sup> Proficiency Prize
Virat Yadav (7B)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Proficiency Prize, and Best Debater of The Year Prize
MetajKabirRehan (7B)	Progress and Application
Eklavya Raj (8A)	1 <sup>st</sup> Proficiency Prize
Pushkar Raj (8A)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Proficiency Prize
Anish Chowdhary (8A)	Progress and Application
Sai Shreyas (8A)	Best Actor Prize
ProttoyMukharjee (8C)	Progress and Application

In conclusion I would like to thank my House Tutors Mr. A.R. Mukhia, Mr. Prashik Chand Gurung and Mr. Kundan Thapa Magar for their kind co-operation. I would like to further express my appreciation to my Monitors Sai Shreyas and Pushkar Raj for their support. Lastly my sincere gratitude to Mr. P. Lama (HJW) for his Constant support and guidance.





THE PRIMARY WING MONITORS



## PRIMARY WING REPORT – 2023

Resilience is what St. Paul's School, Darjeeling is made up of and it is evident from the fact that the institution has withstood the testament of two hundred years with all the ups and downs that the world has thrown at it.

And this year was no different: a new head, in the name of Mr. Agnelo Dennis, was appointed to replace the outgoing person; education fares were held to showcase the institution as the ideal place for a student to study in as a boarder; admission drives were conducted to take the school to the parents who otherwise are unable to come to us; gradual upliftment of the primary wing was worked on and the academic affairs were improved upon. All this and much more was done in order to take the school forward. It was a good start to re-strengthen our foundation like all great institutions need to from time to time.

The results of which began to show almost immediately: the number of students from forty four last year increased to fifty seven this year; both dormitories became operational and a new matron in Mrs. Stell Chettri was appointed; an additional section in class five was opened; a new teacher in Mrs. Namrata Pradhan, was appointed; the library that was defunct became operational with Mrs. Pramila Gurung supervising and Mrs. Ritu Chettri as the helper; a new computer laboratory with new sets of computers was made operational with help from the old boys of the institution (Kolkata Chapter); the dining hall was refurbished; new furniture (PopCorn) was installed in all the class rooms; blowers were installed in the dormitories to keep the children warm; a new water geyser was installed to provide the students with hot water by the old boys of the institution (Batch of 83); the menu was worked on to provide the students with a more nutritious diet and many other negligible issues and areas were addressed.

In the academic area, we increased the 'Prep' time from one hour to two hours; doubled the teachers supervising the prep and introduced extra classes for all the core subjects. All work and no incentives would make the task difficult so I introduced a 'Roll of Honour' for each class with five themes: 'Maths Wizard'; 'Spelling Bee'; 'Corridor Champ'; 'Best Behaviour'; and 'Best Dressed'. The students were given a medal each as recognition for their effort. Also, as a whole school procedure, we decided to award the students who scored ninety per cent and above a certificate at the joint assembly day.

Positives! Positives! Positives! We had begun on a lot of positive vibes that also reflected in the staff who felt invigorated and enlivened and it was

apparent from the change in the characteristics of their classrooms: lots and lots of educational charts and teaching aids; clean classes; old , unwanted stuff discarded; walls and furniture painted and corridor displayed with colourful charts by all the teachers. It percolated to the support staff as well : dormitories were displayed with pictures; beds were kept taut; toilets were constantly kept hygienic; corridors and quadrangle were kept clean and litter free ; the dining hall was neat and tidy and felt like royalty and the food was fresh, piping and appetizing.

The cold was no dampener in February when the children joined in because they were welcomed with much warmth in the dormitories, the classrooms and in the dining hall. Within the shortest of time, they felt the care and love of a home away from home. They were allowed to even wear woolen caps and gloves to keep warm. The warmth continued with the first of the House Activities that saw every student shed their inhibitions, make friends and socialize with ease. It was through the activities that the house teachers helped to infuse the all important bonding. The house spirit was now enlivened and the House Teachers and students were now rearing to prove their skill in every field as is the ethos of St. Paul's: 'Competition makes a Gentleman'.

In the month of March, we sent Ayan Chhetri of class 5 to compete in the Anglo Indian Schools, Darjeeling, Inter School Chess Competition at Victoria Boys School, Kurseong. He secured the third position in his category. During the same period we sent Tushar Kariwala, Denabjan Pramanik, Abhigyan Bharti to represent the school in the under 14 Basketball Tournament held at St. Augustine School, Kalimpong. We played to our potential but could not rout the opponents. We also sent out two groups of students to witness and experience plays put up by Loreto Convent – 'Once Upon A Time' and St. Joseph's School – 'The Jungle Book'. The students were enriched by the exposure.

Before we concluded with the month of March, the students took the first of the Quizzing competitions (Written) and were introduced to Nutshell (Quizzora) a team from Siliguri, we tied up with to make Quizzing more interesting and fun filled with plenty more General Knowledge. They conducted the first round in the Primary Wing and the students were quite excited with more quizzing. They had some novel ways of engaging the students and the audience.

Like gentlemen of the game of cricket, the Paulities took on the Northpointers at their venue; though we did not come out triumphant, they proved to be true gentlemen whose mettle is best tested when the chips are down and the boys came out triumphant in their conduct even though they lost the match. At the house matches, the players, though

Paulities, took each other on as seriously as they did the other schools. The matches were played with absolute seriousness and much skill was discovered among the students.

While the cricket house matches were on, the basketball house matches were also simultaneously in progress. Having allowed the students to play with dozens of basketballs during their free time, they had very quickly picked up important basic movements and shooting skills that reflected in their games.

While they were being trained to be gentlemen on the field, the House Mistresses were also preparing them to be gentlemen in the art of speech as well. Training for the English Elocution House competition was also in progress in the individual and the choral categories. On 15<sup>th</sup> April the competition got underway, allowing all the students to display their skills on stage in front of an audience. The long hours, constant guidance, and repetition helped them deliver their skills with ease and great aplomb. The competition was stiff and of high quality that was also commented on by the Acting Administrator and the judges.

Every Wednesday, during the same period of the house matches and elocution practises, the students were also kept occupied with Cub Activities. They were taught the 'Cub Promise' and the 'Cub Law' in keeping with the Cubs and Scouts' rules; they were encouraged to take part as practices in various exercises that would help keep the body and mind in sync. The various rope knots; memory games; balancing acts; dressing up; skipping and the like were practiced in preparation for the Cub Rally that was held on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023. On a bright sunny day, the cub packs competed with each other for bragging rights. Every student of the Primary Wing was a part of the activity; taking part in at least two events. At the end of the rally, the winners were awarded chocolates. Topping the packs were Kaa, Sher Khan and Baloo.

By the end of April, the students had taken their Short Report One Examination that was based on short tests of not more than twenty marks over a span of time and the marks accumulated to prepare a report. This was done in line with the continuous assessment concept to test the students' skill level in academics. After the preparation of the reports, the Head Primary Wing called for an Academic Meeting to discuss the progress of the children and the ways by which the children could be helped to better themselves. It was a fruitful meeting and the results of which did show in the progress of the students over the year.

Also, during this period, the students took their Essay Prize Examination. They were called upon to not only compete for their house but also to show their penmanship and win the prize for themselves.

Just before the conclusion of the First Term called Half Yearly in the Primary Wing, the students took the Half Yearly Examination in the first week of June. The examination was in keeping with the consolidated question paper carrying the maximum marks for the subject so that the students could also be tested on this aspect of their academic skill and time constraint. We had, by this time, conducted two examinations that tested the students' skill level in both the continuous assessment and the consolidated assessment.

After the last paper of the Half Yearly Examination, the school closed for the June Holidays. The students were given a fortnight to spend with their family. They returned, rejuvenated, from their break at the end of June. On the day the students returned, we had a Parent Teacher Meeting. The students were given their report card and parents interacted with the teachers and the head. A staff meeting was conducted after a few days wherein the students' progress was discussed and need for improvement noted for further strengthening the students' academic outlook.

The second half began with the football season and a change in the sets structure. The students were divided into four sets, including the Primary Wing Football Team. The students practiced under the supervision of the teachers and the PTI. We played two football fixtures with St. Josephs School(NP). Our boys were unable to win as the opponents were far superior in their skills. The Inter House Football fixtures were conducted among the houses; even a few class two boys with promise in the sport were allowed to participate. The season was quite fruitful.

During the football season, the Art Competition was conducted allowing all the students to showcase their skills in art. Also, the second round of Quiz was conducted in the Prep Hall.

To drive away the boredom in the monsoons, in the month of July, a magic show was organized in the PW hall. The magician, who claimed to have learned his tricks from the famous P.C. Sarkar, kept the students spellbound with his tricks. His craft was well enjoyed.

In the month of August, before Independence Day, the students had a week of preparation for Independence Day Celebration. On 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, they sang a Hindi patriotic song – 'Vande Mataram', took the Cubs' Promise and kept the Law in the presence of the Chief Guest, and the presence of the school and guests and witnessed the NCC parade.

By the beginning of September, the third and final round of the Quiz was conducted in the Primary Wing Hall by Nutshell (Quizzora). In addition to the three rounds of Quizzing, we also initiated the importance for the

Primary Wing to also attend and be part of the Brain of St. Paul's Quiz in the Prep Hall. At this juncture, we fielded a team at the Inter School Quiz Competition conducted by Rotary Club, Darjeeling. We stood sixth among twenty six schools. Ayan Chhetri won the Best Quizzer prize.

It was that time of the year, when after all the Bible readings by the boys on the Saturdays in Chapel and the moral values imparted to them, the Moore Divinity Prize Examination was conducted. The children were tested on their memory of all the lessons in Chapel and on the basic moral values of life. This year a class three student, in Nirvoy Sartre, won the prize.

Athletics season began in earnest and this year the students were divided into groups according to their ages unlike the previous years of height, weight, and age; this was in keeping with the inter school rules. The Primary Wing had five divisions: under seven, under nine, under eleven, under twelve and the under fourteen. Standards were conducted in all the disciplines of track and field, followed by heats and the finals on Sports Day. That we were celebrating our Bicentennial year, we also introduced a few obstacle races. For the first time in our history, we also had the Flame lit by a primary wing student. All parents were invited to witness and be a part of the event. We also had a few flat races for the parents and for the old boys of the batch of 2005.

On Wednesdays, and other days when it rained during the second half, the students were kept occupied with Hobbies, Arts and Crafts; this was in preparation for the Annual Exhibition. The students were taught the many uses of wool as in Wool Pulling to create Teddy Bears and Rug Making; the many uses of pots and paints to make Vase Painting, Flower Pot Painting; the students were also introduced to the dexterity of String Art using fine silk thread; silk cloth was also used to make stuffed cushions; also, paint was put to use in Abstract Art by the students. The students were not limited to the mentioned Hobbies: they also used their ideas to create various models, everyday used objects and decorative items using throwaway materials. The Annual Exhibition was inaugurated by the Rector on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 and opened to students, parents, guests and teachers upto 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

For the first time in the Primary Wing, the Gal Gregory Maths Prize was also introduced and Ishan Kumar of class 5 was the winner. We also initiated a process of judging the Jyoti Kundu Medal in the Primary Wing: the candidates were judges on their all round contribution based on a points system. The winner was Ayan Chhetri of class 5. We also introduced the good conduct medal in class fives.

On 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, we had our Annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution. The chief guest was our very own, Chief Justice Mr. S. Bannerjee from the batch of 1980. The Rector read out his speech for the year gone by and for the time to come, outlining the future of the institution. Certificates and medals were given to students in various categories. The Chief Guest left us with his message on St. Paul's School, wishing us every success. With the vote of thanks and lunch at the Rectory Lawn, we broke for the Puja Break.

Over the the Puja Break the students were also educated on the need to help the needy. CINI, an NGO based out of Kolkata took the initiate to impart their work and how they touch the lives of countless number of children who are in need of our help. CINI forms were given to students to also feel the need to help the underprivileged children. With the help of their parents the children were able to contribute a good amount. CINI gave away awards to the children in the form of medals, certificates, stationery, frisbee, and football as a token of their appreciation.

We began the Final Term on 30<sup>th</sup> October,2023 with a Parent Teacher Meeting. This was the second PTM. The very next day we started the preparation for the Carol Service. On 1<sup>st</sup> November, we had our Academic Staff Meeting to initiate the need for the students to do well in the Final Examination. On 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 we began the Marathon season and concluded with it on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. For the first time Marathon was held in the month of November in St. Paul's . During this season, I had to go on leave due to the demise of my brother. In my absence, Mr. Bhupendra Tamang coordinated the affairs of the wing along with the house teachers and the teacher on duty. I place on record my sincere thank you to them for their dedication to the Primary Wing.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 the school had its photographs for the year taken that would be used for the school chronicle.

Diwali was celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> November,2023. The entire Primary Wing was decorated with lights and 'dihyas'. The students were distributed with a gift each and sweets. The school took a pledge to keep the environment clean and we have kept to it by not burning or bursting firecrackers. This was our contribution to preserving the earth for the future generations.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November, the official photographs were taken for the chronicle that would be used to record the students of the school and the events for the year.

On 13<sup>th</sup> November, the Final P.T competition was conducted with the Rector as the Chief Guest for the day. At lunch the Rector announced the results. We were blessed also to have the Board Member in our midst:

Mr. N.R. Pradhan. After lunch the Rector and Mr. N. R. Pradhan inspected the Primary Wing and took stock of the development that is needed in the wing.

On 14<sup>th</sup> November, we celebrated Children's Day. The teachers performed dances, songs and fashion show for the students. The HPW also presented himself as the standup comedian, bringing laughter into the little hearts. Thereafter, they were distributed with chocolates and later they were treated to a sumptuous lunch and tea.

The Final Examination started on 17<sup>th</sup> November and carried on till the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023. The students were constantly monitored for their studies and guided in preparation for the examination. They prepared well for the same and it reflected in their marks.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023 the Primary Wing Celebrated their Carol Service and Going Home Day. At 5pm we assembled in the Chapel where we welcomed the parents, teachers, old boys of the 2006 batch and guests. In the service we remembered the birth of Christ from the readings taken from the Bible and sang carols. The Rector addressed the congregation with a beautiful message of love and peace in the world. Thereafter, the congregation was wished 'A Merry Christmas!' and 'A Happy New Year!' and we proceeded to the Primary Wing. At the Primary Wing, the years events were announced; trophies and cups were presented to the winners; all concerned staff, parents, and guests were thanked for their invaluable contribution in making the year a memorable one. The Rector also addressed us and thanked us for the successful year. On completion of the ceremony, the students, parents, teachers and guests proceeded to the Grand Dinner.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023 the Primary Wing Staff along with the students gathered for a sumptuous breakfast in the dining hall; after which the House Mistresses/ Master gave the students their Christmas Gifts; had the parents sign the exeat and allowed them to proceed for the winter vacation. In the afternoon, the Primary Wing Staff bid farewell to Mrs. Subhadra Sharma as she retired from the School. We wish her every happiness as she ventures into her retirement and takes on other initiatives.

On 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, the Primary Wing Promotion Meeting was conducted at the Rector's Office. The progress of the students was discussed along with their promotion to the next class. The Final Reports were prepared and signed by the teachers. It was at this meeting that the Rector announced the resignation of Mrs. Neena Sinha and its acceptance. That Mrs. Neena Sinha requested to be allowed to leave for her winter vacation

on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, we had a felicitation ceremony for her at the meeting that was held at 12.30pm in the Lecture Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> itself. We wish Mrs. Neena Sinha every happiness as she ventures into her retirement from St. Paul's, Darjeeling and takes on other initiatives.

My tenure as the Head of the Primary wing came to an end on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. The school has entrusted me with the responsibility of the Senior Master's Post starting from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023.

As I bring my report to a close, I take the opportunity to place on record my gratitude to all the staff of the Primary Wing for their commitment to their job. I was fortunate to have worked with them and in doing so I gained immensely from their expertise; they were ever so gracious in making my work lighter. I would also like to place on record my gratefulness to the staff of the Junior and Senior Wings who were always warm in accepting to help the Primary Wing out with all our programmes. In this regard I would like to thank the Head Junior Wing for being cooperative and releasing the staff.

I would especially like to place on record my heartfelt gratitude to my Rector, Mr. Peter Lepcha for reposing faith in my abilities in coordinating the Primary Wing. Sir was always available at a call to make sure that my work was made easier and the wing functioned efficiently. Primary Wing was fortunate to have the Rector in the wing quite regularly.

My Chairman, the Bishop of Kolkata, The Rt. Revd. Paritosh Canning reposed faith on the staff of St. Paul's, Darjeeling and on me to look after the Primary Wing and I am ever so thankful to His Grace ; to the Secretary, Dr. Subir Chowdhury; to Mr. N.R. Pradhan Chairman of the Administrative Committee and the other board members for being the pillar of strength to the institution.

Above all, I praise and thank the good Lord for blessing the school through this year. All our prayers and supplications helped us bring to an end a very successful year.

***Mr. Agnelo Dennis***  
***Head Primary Wing***







THE EVEREST HOUSE

## EVEREST HOUSE REPORT, 2023

House Mistress: Mrs. S. Sharma

House Tutor: Mr. D. Thapa

The school reopened on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2023 after a long winter vacation. The general staff meeting was held in the morning. The boys reported on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> of February. They were happy to see their old friends and excited about meeting new ones. We, the House teachers, got our set of boys. The first House Activities were held on 1<sup>st</sup> of March, where the students introduced themselves, showed their talents and got to know each other well. The Cricket and Basketball season began and the boys started learning and playing those games. Some of the new boys were struggling and were not able to adjust in the new environment but they eventually settled down and did well in academics and co-curricular activities as well.

The Inter- House Elocution competition was scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> April. Debojyoti (Class 2), Wadi Ahmed (Class 3), Sharthak Saha (Class 4) and Dagal Bhutia (Class 5) were chosen for the individual recitation and the rest of the boys took part in Group Coral recitation. The boys learnt the poems well and recited them with ease and confidence on stage. Everest students secured second position.

In the English Essay prize exam, our boys wrote their essays exceptionally well and Everest House stood first. Our House Tutor, Mr. R. John took the responsibility of Hunt House from the end of July. Mr. D. Thapa joined Everest House thereafter.

The Inter- House Drama competition was scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Practice started on time. Dagal Bhutia of class 5 was so outstanding in the role of the girl 'Jane' that he left everybody speechless. Aamir Jamal of Class 5 also got an important role. Aamir learnt the lines and his actions quickly and performed well on stage. All the boys of Everest House participated with great enthusiasm.

The boys of Everest House played all the games and House matches and learnt a lot. Agnideep Roy of class 5 stood second in the Moore Divinity prize exam. Dagal and Agnideep, both from class 5, represented the House in the G.K. Quiz competition and secured second position. In the Marathon finals too, Everest students stood second. Dagal Bhutia, Junaid Issawi and Md. Aamir Jamal came within the 10<sup>th</sup> position in their respective divisions and received a cash prize of Rs. 200 each. The following boys were awarded medals on the Annual Speech Day. Ankit Kashyap (Class 3)- Progress and Application, Agnideep Roy (Class 5)- Progress and

Application, Dargyal Bhutia (Class 5)- 2<sup>nd</sup> proficiency prize and Art prize. Congratulations boys! we are proud of you.

I wish the students of class 5, who will be going up to class 6 in the Junior school next year, 'All the Best'. My Report would be incomplete without acknowledging the Head of the wing, Mr. A.Dennis and thanking him for his help and support throughout the year.

*Mrs. S. Sharma*  
*House Mistress*



THE HILLARY HOUSE

## HILLARY HOUSE REPORT, 2023

House Mistress: Mrs. Shamrock Dennis

Tutors: Mrs. Namrata Pradhan

Mrs. Stella Chettri

The year began on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February when the boys reported to school. We welcomed our new Head Primary Wing- Mr. Agnelo Dennis to the Primary Wing. We also welcomed Mrs. Stella Chettri to the Primary Wing and to the house.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March we had our first house activities where we welcomed all the new boys who showed their talent through recitals, songs, and dances.

As the year proceeded our boys were enthusiastic and as a result performed brilliantly on the field which won us our first cup of the year – the Cricket Cup. Well Done! Boys. Our school tied up with Quizzora Nutshell from Siliguri for GK. Our boys from the house showed their intellect by performing brilliantly at all the Quizzes. Ayan Chhetri of class 5a won the best quizzier for the year.

Come the month of April and the boys were trained for the English Elocution Cup; unfortunately we were unable to secure the cup.

Many boys showed their talent in art but stood second; we also stood second in Basketball, Football, Athletics Standards.

We stood first in the Moore Divinity Prize Exam where a class three boy in Nirvoy Sartre won the medal. We also won the Athletics Championship Cup on Sports Day. Three Cheers for Hillary House.

We stood third in the Essay Competition but Ayan Chhetri of class 5 a won the Essay Prize Medal.

In the month of August we staged our English Drama Competition for the year. The name of our play was , 'I MET JESUS ON CHRISTMAS EVE'. The boys showed their brilliant acting skills and won the Drama Cup for the year. A special thank you to my house tutors: Mrs Stella Chettri and Mrs. Namrata Pradhan for their help.

At the Marathon season our boys could not fare too well as our ace runner was missing in action that lost us many points. Special mention needs to be made about Nirvoy Sartre for coming first in his division.

As for the Table Tennis cup, we were able to tie with Hunt to share the points. In the Physical Training competition Hillary was adjudged the winner.

Many boys were commended and highly commended for the year for many competitions.

On Sports Day, Abhigyan Bharti, Devang Malviya, Saptak Haldar of class 5B and Nirmalya Bhaya, Ayan Chhetri of class 5 A and Mani Himanshu Chandan, Purab Singh of class 2, Nirvoy Sartre of class 3 contributed immensely to the house and helped the house win the Championship Cup.

We were blessed to have one girl in our house in Aarya Roy a staff child. We wish her the very best as she leaves to join Loreto Convent next year.

On Speech Day many students got prizes and certificates:

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| Cl. 2  | Second Proficiency & Art Prize | – Aarya Roy             |
|        | Progress and Application       | – Mani Himanshu Chandan |
| Cl.3   | Second Proficiency Prize       | – Nirvoy Sartre         |
| Cl.5 A | First Proficiency Prize        | – Aayan Chhetri         |
| Cl.5 B | Good Conduct Prize             | – Arpan Pal             |

Special Prizes:

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| Essay Prize, Saxena Prize for Quizzing, |                          |
| Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal              | – Ayan Chhetri Class 5 A |
| Moore Divinity Prize                    | – Nirvoy Sartre Class 3  |

At the Going Home Day, Hillary was further felicitated with, other than the cups and trophies won for the year, the Studies Cup and with the Best House Cup. The students and teachers of the house cherished the moment.

Well Done! Girl and boys for your outstanding performance throughout the year.

A special thank you to the monitors who did a superb job throughout the year. Last but not the least , I would like to thank the Lord Almighty for keeping us in good health so that we could carry out all the activities for the year.

I would also like to thank the HPW, Mr. Agnelo Dennis for all the guidance and help rendered to us throughout the year. Thank you! Sir.

I, along with my house Tutors and Monitors, would like to wish Mr, Agnelo Dennis, the very best as he moves up to become the Senior Master of St. Paul's School, Darjeeling.

A very big THANK YOU! To Mrs Namrata Pradhan and Mrs. Stella Chhetri for helping and supporting the house.

Lastly I would like to wish the class fives as they move up to the Junior School: ' Keep working hard and never give'. Remember the motto of Hillary House.

Alls well that ends well. We ended the year well with the Best House Cup. Praise God!



THE HUNT HOUSE



## HUNT HOUSE REPORT, 2023

House Master: Mr. Randolph John

House Tutor: Mrs. N. Sinha

I took in charge of Hunt house from the month of August 2023 from Mrs N.Sinha who was previously the house mistress. The annual reports of the Hunt house for the year 2023 are as follows.

We started the year with the house activities. The boys enjoyed the fun games and also an ice-breaking session for the new boys as they introduce themselves to their peers.

Cricket being a very popular sports in the country and here, at St.Paul's Darjeeling, we love to play cricket. The boys of Hunt house did fairly well in the field and secured a second position as we lost with Hillary house in the finals.

Basketball is an exciting sport and it helps the boys to learn team work and makes them agile and keeping them physically fit. The Hunt house boys did extremely well as they had promising players and performed well as a team. Tushar Kariwala was a star player. We defeated Hillary house in the finals to win the inter-house Basketball.

Inter-House Elocution is one of the most prestigious events. Each house prepared well and they delivered their parts eloquently with confidence. Hunt house put in their best effort .We came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the group recitation. However, Kritikesh Poddar of class 3 stood 1<sup>st</sup> in the individual category among the boys of class 3.

“Either write worth reading or do something worth writing.”

Essay competition gives the students a platform to expose their creativity and ideas. Inter-house essay competition at St.Pauls School, Primary Wing gives them that opportunity. The boys enthusiastically took part in the competition with various interesting essays.

The results were as follows.

- 1.Everest
- 2.Hunt
- 3.Hillary
- 4.Tenzing

*“Art is a lie that make us realize the truth” Pablo Picasso.*

Art competition is a fun event and the boys love to take part in it. They love to play with colours and their art fills the school environment with joy and happiness. The boys came up with beautiful art work with colourful art with visional creativity and imagination. The Hunt house boys put up

some good work. However, the winner was the Tenzing House.

‘Soccer’ commonly known as football is a sport enjoyed worldwide. Here at St.Pauls School, the boys actively took part in the inter-house matches. Hunt house boys played with team-work and sportsman spirit. They were victorious after defeating Hillary House in the final.

“Drama education teaches students about the power of story-telling and impact on society”

The play enacted by Hunt House was ‘Crafty Tom’ a scene from the book ‘Tom Sawyer’. Each boy had a part to play and they performed with great passion as the audience responded with applause.

The results were as follows.

1<sup>st</sup>-Hillary

2<sup>nd</sup>-Hunt

3<sup>rd</sup>-Everest

4<sup>th</sup>-Tenzing

Aniket Singh of Hunt House who played the character of ‘Tom’ was adjudged the best actor.

Athletics is one of the highly prioritized sports of the school. The boys from class 2 to 12 take part in it. The Hunt House had some promising athletes who enthusiastically took part in all events from track to field events and bagged in points for their respective houses. The boys were also part of the marching contingent during the sports day.

The Athletics results were as follows:

Standards

1<sup>st</sup>-Tenzing

2<sup>nd</sup>-Hunt

3<sup>rd</sup>-Hillary

4<sup>th</sup>-Everest

Champions

1<sup>st</sup>-Hillary

2<sup>nd</sup>-Tenzing

3<sup>rd</sup>-Hunt

4<sup>th</sup>-Everest

Moore Divinity is an examination based on the bible reading that is done every Saturday Chapel Services. Mr.A.Dennis (H.P.W) thoroughly prepared the boys to face the examination by drilling the stories of the bible every Saturday during the services. The boys spontaneously took at in the examination to gain points for their respective houses.

The results were as follows.

1<sup>st</sup>-Everest and Hillary

2<sup>nd</sup>-Hunt

3<sup>rd</sup>-Tenzing

The final P.T. completion is one of the main events. The boys are trained by Mr.D.Thapa every morning. The exercises they do helps them to grow physically and mentally fit. The P.T competition was adjudged by Mr.A.Rai, Mr.Y.Sunam and Mr.C.Lepcha. The drill was witnessed by the Honorable chief guest, our school Rector Mr.P.Lepcha. The boys of hunt house performed extremely well. Tushar Kariwala was the leader of the Hunt House.

The results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>-Hillary

2<sup>nd</sup>-Hunt

3<sup>rd</sup>-Tenzing

4<sup>th</sup>-Everest

Finally, the year came to an end with the Annual Marathon. The boys had a rigorous training for a week to take part in the marathon. The boys of Hunt House tried their best. The results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>-Tenzing

2<sup>nd</sup>-Hillary

3<sup>rd</sup>-Hunt

4<sup>th</sup>-Everest

***Mrs. N. Sinha***  
***House Mistress***



THE TENZING HOUSE

## TENZING HOUSE REPORT, 2023

House Mistress: Mrs. M. Mandal

House Tutor: Mr. B. Tamang

*“There are better starters than me, but I am a strong finisher”.*

*– Usain Bolt.*

Tenzing has made it in a same way as said by super athlete in 2023. Our Tenzing House boys stood 2<sup>nd</sup> in Annual Athletics meet and then relished the triumph of their accomplishments in the athletics standard.

Tenzing House boys came refreshed and rejuvenated after the puja vacation. Now it is time for Marathon. After five days of rigorous practice run boys finally experienced the test of victory as they crossed the final line first in the Marathon.

Though our boys worked diligently from the beginning of the year. But we were not getting the expected results, in Art we came first, Elocution joint second and in Cricket, Football and Basketball we came third.

In the Speech Day the following Tenzing House boys were awarded: -

Class 3 Good conduct Md. Mursalin

Class 3 Art prize Md. Mursalin

Class 4 Second proficiency Utkarsh Singh

Class 4 Progress and Application Prakhar Prakash

Class 5A Good conduct Khush

Class 5A Galgregary Maths Ishan Kumar

Class 5A Art prize Tuhin Ali Mondal

Class 5 B First Proficiency Swastik Aich

I am really glad that we all the members of Tenzing House worked as a family. From the core of my heart I want to thank Head of the Primary Wing Mr. A Dennis, House tutor Mr. B. Tamang and monitors of Tenzing House – Swastik Aich, Debanjan Pramanik, Khush, Agnibha Biswas and Ishan the hope, peace and joy you have brought to the Tenzing House in 2023. Last but not the least I would like to wish all my class five boys for their future.

***Mrs. M. Mandal***

***House Mistress***



N.M. Masters Elocution Team

# SENIOR WING ENGLISH ELOCUTION REPORT, 2023

## N.M MASTER'S ENGLISH ELOCUTION SHIELD REPORT 2023

MIC - Mr. David J. Cecil

It was with great delight that I took over the English Elocution for the Senior Wing from Mr. Agnelo Dennis, who trained and administered the Elocution Competition for many years. This year being the Bi-centennial year saw the SW English Elocution Contest reflect and continue its rich tradition of Speech and Drama that St. Paul's School hold dear.

The Senior Wing English Elocution Contest this year was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. As through the years following our custom the participants competed in four divisions- the Junior Drama, Intermediate Prose, Senior Drama and the Extempore Speech Division.

This year the participants were :

Jr. Drama – Zidane Asif [CL], Vansh Raj Banerjee [LW], Mihir Singh [HV] and Jesse Zhimomi [HS]

In. Prose – Aidan Shermon Dennis [HV], Mananjay Luke Mukhia [HS], Rakshayak Dahal [CL], and Raghav Padia [LW].

Sr. Drama – Borno Das [CL], Kupuka Isaac Zhimomi [HS], Arman Mandal [LW], and Swamosar Muchahary [HV].

Extempore – Yavisht Jamshedji [CL], Sayantan Das [LW], Ishaan Singh [HV] and Blaise Dorjee Bhutia [HS]

There were two joint winners this year for the Elocution Cup – Clive House and Lawrence House. The Sakraney Medal for Elocution was awarded to Arman Mandal.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Fr. Pragassan S.J., the judges were Fr.P.A. James S.J., Mr. P. Lama, HJW, and Mr. R. John, Housemaster Hunt House(PW). The Master of Ceremonies was wonderfully conducted by Abhishek Goswami. A glorious invocation was rendered by Nirvan Lama, Kupuka Isaac Zhimomi and Bidhya Chettri- Pie Jesu by the British composer Andrew Lloyd Webber. Nirvan Richen Lama also acted as Chair for the occasion.

This year we had the added privilege of hosting the N.M. Master's Memorial Shield Elocution Contest at St. Paul's. Under the able training and guidance of Mr. A. Dennis, Mr. P. Gurung, Mr. B. Gurung and Mr. G. Bhattacharyya, who was specially invited to train the Sr. Drama section this year. After very long lean years, we happily returned the Shield home this year. Bravo to all!

This year our participants were –

Junior Poetry – Aniket Singh – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Intermediate Prose – Sourit Das – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Senior Drama – Sayantan Das – 1<sup>st</sup>

Extempore Speech Div – Yavisht Jamshedji – 1<sup>st</sup>

Yavisht Jamshedji, an exceptionally gifted speaker, whose oratorical skills has seen him adjudged the Best Speaker this year as well as in 2022. This year has been an extremely proud year for us. A pat on the back to all!

We were very privileged to have the Heads of Loreto Convent, St. Joseph's School, and Mt. Hermon as our Guests of Honour. The Master of Ceremonies was Arman Mandal, the Chair for the occasion was Kupuka Isaac Zhimomi, the Time Keeper was Atulya Koirala – who has, it seems made off with the bell! (Kindly return it !!) We also thank the Class 11s, Captains and Prefects and the army of volunteers - Mr. B. Rai, Mr. M. Joshi, Mr. R. Pradhan, Mr. M. Dutta for writing the certificates, Mr. P. Tamang for the music, Mr. R. Chettri who was Tabulator, Mr. P. S. Chaturvedi who was the checker, making sure that was went smoothly. Thank you to all for making it a very memorable event.

With this we look forward to 2024.

Ad Meliora.

***Mr. David J. Cecil***

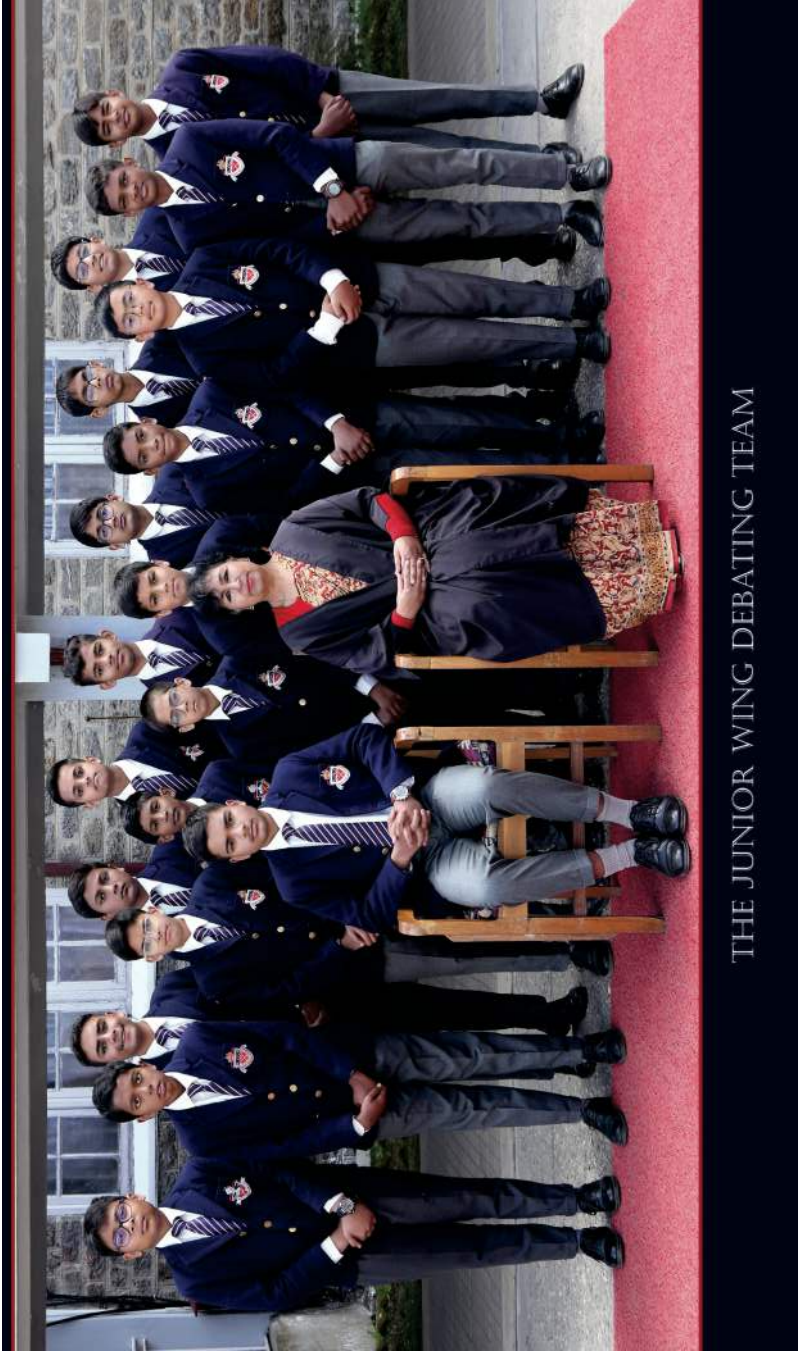








THE SENIOR WING DEBATING TEAM



THE JUNIOR WING DEBATING TEAM



THE CLIFFORD HICKS MEMORIAL DEBATE TEAM

## DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT 2023

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sanjive Rai

Secretary: Kupuka I. Zhimomi

Debating - a gentleman's sophisticated method to put forth views and thoughts is a calendared event looked forward by every Paulite with great enthusiasm and excitement, this year being no less. As this year being the bicentennial year of the school's existence, the senior wing inter-house debate was given the new title of the 'Bicentennial SW Inter-House Debate Competition 2023' where each of the house boys and the housemasters upped their debating skills to win the coveted Debating shield for the year.

The first two rounds of the Debate Competition were held in the month of May. The results for which were as follows:

Havelock vs Clive with Clive winning the round with Rakshyak Dahal of Clive being declared the best speaker of the Session. Lawrence and Hastings battled it out in the next session with Lawrence winning the round and Armaan Mandal (LW), Sayantan Das (LW) and Kupuka Isaac Zhimomi (HS) scoring equal points and sharing the best speakers for the round.

The next day saw the Second Rounds of Debate where Havelock took on Lawrence with Lawrence winning the round and Armaan Mandal of Lawrence once again being adjudged as the Best Speaker. In the second session Clive defeated Hastings with Yavisht Jamshedji of Clive being adjudged as the Best Speaker of the Session.

The Final Round of the Debate was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. The first session saw Hastings and Havelock debate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with Hastings winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Position and Kupuka Issac Zhimomi once again being adjudged the best speaker for the session. The final session of the day was between Clive and Lawrence where Clive, as the defending Champions arrived at the Hall, hoping to win the Finals against Lawrence and continue their reign in the field of Debating. With both Houses having the same number of points, it was all or nothing.

The Finals between Lawrence and Clive was filled with rebuttals and arguments which showcased the students knowledge on the subject as well as their determination to win. At the end, Lawrence was adjudged the WINNER, which crowned them as the 'Bicentennial SW Inter-House Debate' Champions for the year 2023.

The Best Speakers for the session was shared between Yavisht Jamshedji of Clive and Atulya Koirala of Lawrence.

This however led to a tie for the Best Public Speaker and the winner of the Airforce Medal for the year. Since three debaters, namely Kupuka Isaac Zhimomi of Hastings, Armaan Mandal of Lawrence and Yavisht Jamshedji of Clive had 2 Best Speaker titles to their names, a tie-breaker was immediately scheduled to take place. A topic was drawn from the lot of the remaining topics not yet debated in any sessions and each of the three participants were given 10 minutes to prepare and 2 minutes to present their thoughts and views, for or against the subject.

Finally Yavisht Jamshedji of Clive was declared the winner of the tie-breaker and eventually winning the Bicentennial Airforce Medal for Best Public Speaker, which was his second in a row.

The Senior Wing boys also took part in the Salesian Model United Nations (SMUN) held in Salesian College, Siliguri during the month of April where 14 boys escorted by Mr. Sanjive Rai participated and learnt and experienced the power of soft skills vis-à-vis diplomacy. The boys were divided into various committees such as the UNSC, UNHRC, ECOSOC and International Press. Yavisht Jamshedji of class 10 was adjudged as the 'Highly Commended' and Most Promising Journalist in his category of International Press.

Four SW boys, namely Kupuka Isaac Zhimomi (12), Borno Das (12), Yavisht Jamshedji (10) and Sayantan Das (9), escorted by Mr. S. Rai participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Clifford Hicks Memorial International Debate Competition 2023 organised by the Literary Society of Calcutta Boys School during the first week of October. 70+ schools from across India and abroad participated in the debate which was divided into two categories – Category 1 for classes 11 and 12 and Category 2 for classes 9 and 10. Yavisht J. and Sayantan Das qualified for the finals in their category but unfortunately could not finish for the podium.

The debating for the year was filled with great competition, camaraderie, emotions and unexpected events. Nevertheless, an enriching year and ample learning opportunities for the Paulites in the field of Public speaking. The year definitely depicted the rise of debating standards in St. Paul's. Best wishes to the upcoming generations of debaters.



THE HINDI PARISHAD



## HINDI PARISHAD REPORT, 2023

MIC: Mr. Prem Chaturvedi

Secretary: Mangesh Raj

Hindi, our national language is an element of pride that every Indian takes in. This nation has seen so many rulers, so many civilizations, yet the ever present language has stood tall against the test of time. Our language has been force to bend down on its knees, but it stood tall and strong even against the hardest of situations.

As we started with the year, the first activity of the year, the senior wing Hindi Elocution held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2023.

Lawrence, along with Clive shared the Hindi Elocution cup of the year followed by Havelock in the third position and Hastings in the last position.

The following boys took part in the Elocution and secured the following positions:-

Drama:-

1<sup>st</sup>. Sk. Habibur Rahman

2<sup>nd</sup>. Raghav Padia

3<sup>rd</sup>. Advait Chadha

4<sup>th</sup>. Suryansh Rishi

Prose:-

1<sup>st</sup>. Sagar Kar

2<sup>nd</sup>. Aryan Kumar

3<sup>rd</sup>. Rachit Raj

4<sup>th</sup>. Kshitij Kumar

Poetry:-

1<sup>ST</sup>. Sayantan Das and Ishaan Singh

3<sup>rd</sup>. Abhigyan Singh

4<sup>th</sup>. Shreyas Yadav

Next we had the Junior Wing Hindi Elocution on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023 where the Participants secured the following positions:-

Junior Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Achintya Shekhar

2<sup>nd</sup> Aditya Samrat

3<sup>rd</sup> Anmol Aggarwal

4<sup>th</sup> Kirisang Das Gupta

Intermediate Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Shaurya Kumar

1<sup>st</sup> Shreyash Ayush Singh

3<sup>rd</sup> Ridhan Sinha

4<sup>th</sup> Shaurya

Senior Division:

1<sup>st</sup>. Aditya Dev

2<sup>nd</sup> Kairav Singh

3<sup>rd</sup> Anish Choudhary

4<sup>th</sup> Joe Banerjee

The inter- school Hindi Elocution meet has hosted by Mount Hermon School, Darjeeling on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August where the following boys took part:

1<sup>st</sup>. Sk. Habibur Rahman (Class 12)

2<sup>nd</sup>. Sagar kar (Class 10)

3<sup>rd</sup>. Aditya Dev (Class 8)

4<sup>th</sup>. Achintya Shekhar (Class 6)

Besides the elocution, the event consisted of many musical dance performances by the students of Mount Hermon.

The mesmerizing event of the year, before the Independence Day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> lang concert was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August where the hindi parishad put up a show beginning with a play which threw light on the problem of Dowry System that was and still is present in today's India we all live in. This was followed by dances by Class 11 and PW.

On the occasion, of the Independence day, Mangesh Raj delivered a speech in Hindi. The Hindi department had a great year in achievements and presentation. the young boys of JW along with a few boys of class 9 went down to Gorkha Rangmanch, Darjeeling to elocute, as well as receive awards for their beautiful art that they had sent to the organizers.

The boys of class 12, Mangesh Raj, Mayank Singh, Raghav Padia, Zainul Abedin and Advait Chadha along with the MIC co-ordinated everything perfectly and also offer their gratitude towards the Rector and the heads of the other schools for their help and cooperation for the successful working of the department.

***Mangesh Raj***  
***Class 12***





THE BENGALI SOCIETY

## BENGALI SOCIETY REPORT, 2023

Master-in-Charge: Mr. G. Bhattacharya

Associate Teachers:

Secretary: Anaf Porosh Patwary

Mrs. P. Bhattacharya

Bengali Editor: Sadman Mahir

Mrs. M. Mondal

Like the past years, this year has also been a successful year for the Bengali society. The society was fortunate to receive the service of Porosh Patwary as secretary and Sadman Mahir as Bengali Editor for the year 2023. Inter-house Bengali elocution took place on 8th May on the occasion of Rabindra-Jayanti and winners were as follows:

Poetry - (class IX) Diptarka Saha (CL)

Prose - (class X) Kaji Maroof (LW)

(Open division) Drama - Arman Mandal (LW)

The elocution cup was bagged by Lawrence after quite a few years. Well done boys! This year once again the boys of Junior Wing performed a Bengali Skit on the BE & CA house concert Day, named "narodnarod". They also put up several dance and skit and songs in different occasion of the school throughout the year. On the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti our junior wing boys sang a wonderful Rabindra sangeet called "Amar sonar bangla" and they also performed "Birporush" on the occasion of the second language concert, Both these items were liked by one and all present in the audience. All the songs and other items were selected and taught by our junior wing Teacher Mrs. Prama Bhattacharya. Thank you Ma'am for all your encouragement and support. Primary students also performed poems, skit and dance during their annual 2<sup>nd</sup> language concert under the able guidance of Mrs. Mitali Mandal. The Usha Rani Bengali Prize was awarded to Sadman Mahir for his exceptional essay and Best Actors Medal (Bengali Play) was awarded to Arman Mandal of class 12 (LW).

Inter school Bengali elocution was held on 7th August. This year Loreto Convent hosted the program in their school. Our participants, Hassibur Rahaman, Taabsir Khan, Masrafee and Avrojeet has spoken with great eloquence and confidence and they were appreciated by one and all.

This year after along gap of three years, We could organize Second language concert with great zeal and enthusiasm. The Bengali Department produced a great patriotic play called "Vinaya-Badal-Dinesh" - The play was written & Directed by Goutam Bhattacharya. Arman, Hasibur and Tabsir acted as Dinesh, Binay and Badal. Borno, Habibur, Raiyan, Anubhav

as supporting actors also did a great job. The acting of Arman as Dinesh Basu was appreciated by one and all present there. Few Bengali songs were sang by our boys was also enjoyed by each one present in the Auditorium. Arman Mandal was awarded the best actors Medal (Bengali Section) for his skillful acting. Finally I would like to sincerely thank all the boys and Teachers of Bengali Department and also wish you all “A very happy new year and an enjoyable Winter Holidays”. I would also like to wish all the ICSE and ISC boys “All the very Best” for their ensuing Examination.

***Anaf Porosh Patwary***  
***(Secretary, Bengali Society, 2023)***



THE NEPALI SOCIETY

## NEPALI SOCIETY REPORT - 2023

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Mahendra Mukhia

Secretary: Rakshyak Dahal

The Nepali Society has always been an integral part of St. Paul's School. For the academic year 2023, Rakshyak Dahal of Class 12 was appointed the Secretary of the department. As of the board results, the former secretary Nikesh Kharel and Aarav Malla scored the highest in the subject in ISC and ICSE respectively. Bhanu Jayanti celebration is something that the whole department looks forward to, and this year, the celebration was rather special. Melodies sung by Mr. Sunam and Mr. K. Thapa, Ramayana read by the JW boys, poem by Mr. S. Gurung and biography of Bhanu recited by the Secretary, all of them truly glorified the morning assembly. However, the day wasn't over yet. The morning combined assembly was followed by the Nepali Elocution competition in the evening.

This year in Nepali Elocution, a rather interesting trend was noticed. Due to low number of Nepali speaking boys in each house, five non-Nepali speakers took it upon themselves to dedicate their astonishing elocution skills in Nepali in order to contribute to their house making them an immense part of the Nepali Department. To be honest, they did extremely well and did justice to the language. The winners were as follows; Poetry- Hridayesh Chhetri(Hs), Under 10 Prose and Drama- Atulya Koirala(Lw) and Senior Drama- Rakshyak Dahal(CI). Lawrence ended up bagging the Shield.

After apt judgement, Rakshyak Dahal(Class 12), Atulya Koirala(Class 10), Agastya Koirala(Class 8) and Varannya Basnet(Class 6) were selected for the interschool elocution in North Point on 9th of August. Under the abled guidance of Mr. Mahendra Mukhia and Mr. Yogesh Sunam, the interschool elocutionists were polished and cherished overtime for the Inter-school Vernacular Elocution. The Paulites delivered their splendid performances one after the other leaving all their competitors speechless receiving an energetic and neverending symphony of Claps and cheers clean sweeping the praises of the audience.

Obviously, we can not forget the 2nd Language Concert that was held on 14th of August. In spite of having very short time span in hand, the department was able to put up a really funny play named 'Babusaheb' directed by Mr. Mahendra Mukhia which was thoroughly enjoyed by the Primary, Junior and Senior Wings. The portion of our department in the concert comprised of the play, an electrifying music performance from Rakshyak Dahal and a dance from the Junior wing boys. Not to mention, the whole concert was anchored by the Department's Secretary. Overall, the Society had a large share of influence in the concert's success.



The two medals of the Nepali Department, namely- ICSE Raj Bhandari Nepali Prize (highest marks in ICSE) and The Nepali Department Best Actor's Medal were awarded to Arav Malla and Rakshyak Dahal respectively. At the end, I would like to acknowledge the grand success achieved by the Bicentennial Nepali Department. I as the Secretary would like to wish a good fortune to the upcoming batches and Secretaries for the years to come.

***Mr. Mahendra Mukhia***

*Master-in-Charge: Nepali Society*



THE FRENCH SOCIETY

## **FRENCH SOCIETY REPORT, 2023**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Shirsendu Roy

Secretary: Shams-Ur-Rahman

Nestled amidst the breathtaking beauty of Darjeeling and inspired by the grandeur of British public schools, St Paul's School, Darjeeling stands as a haven for students hailing from diverse ethnic backgrounds. With a panoramic view of the majestic Kanchenjunga, our school offers an ideal environment for intellectual and cultural growth.

Immersed in the rich tapestry of our school's cultural mosaic, the French Department serves as a melting pot for students from India, Thailand, Bangladesh and various linguistic backgrounds. Under the guidance of our indefatigable teacher Mr. Shirsendu Roy, the students thrive in an environment that fosters curiosity and celebrates intelligence .

In the enchanting ambience of our Second Language Concert held on 13th and 14th of August 2023, young talents from the French department illuminated the stage. Vanshraj Banerjee Narayan graced us with a melodic rendition of the song " Non je ne regrette rien" . While Shams-Ur-Rahman painted lyrical strokes with a fable " La Cigale et la fourmi " . Wadi Ahmed a prodigy from class 3, eloquently recited the French poem "Farfelue" during the Primary Wing Second Language Concert.

As the French secretary, I stand at the threshold of the future holding a Baton woven with dreams and aspirations. I entrust this legacy to the forthcoming generations urging them to stride boldly into a future while linguistic and cultural prowess intertwine seamlessly. In concluding, my heartfelt gratitude extends to each French Department Students for their invaluable contributions that have sculpted the success of this year. May the coming years witness the French Department ascent to greater heights as our students carve paths of brilliance in their careers .

***Shams-Ur-Rahman***

***French Society Secretary***



THE ART AND CRAFT CLUB

## ART & CRAFT REPORT 2023

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Cheten Tshering Lepcha

Secretaries: Art: Sk. Habib-Ur Rahaman

Batik: Mayank Singh

Pottery: Zainul Abedin

*“No painting is a failure. It is an experiment, a lesson or inspiration for the future...”*

Within the confines of the artroom we paulites find our happy place. Surrounded by canvas, paint, palettes and the aroma of creativity, we transform blank canvases into ones emotions by looking through into their eyes. The artroom becomes a space where imagination knows no bounds and artistic expression is encouraged.

From the starting of the year itself the boys had lots of different ideas in their minds and successfully they all managed to portray them by them in canvases by the annual exhibition.

The art department was involved in most of the events and functions that took place in the school for example the house concerts, ISC fest, annual-school play and many more.

This year we did host the first day of the ISC plus two fest in our school and we had the art competition in our artroom, this year during the ISC fest my fellow classmate NavojyotiPramanick and myself were able to perform well and acquire good position inArt. NavojyitiPramanickstood joint 1<sup>st</sup> with RohineePradhan of Mount Hermon School while I stood 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition.All the art work done by the boys were displayed in the art room, it gave a exhibition sort of look to the art room. The paintings and sketches were appreciated by the teachers and students of the different schools. We stood joint 1<sup>st</sup>with Mount Hermon School.

Boys from all the three wings PW,JW and SW had participated in the art competition organised by the Central Government. On the eve of “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan”. It was held in the month of September 2023.

Once again on the 5th of October, 2023 a district Level Art competition was organised where fifteen schools from the hills participated in this event. Amritya Kumar Bhagat (VIII ‘B’) was awarded the 1st position and EhanMullick (VII ‘A’) was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup>and position in this competition.

Sir, Mr ChetenTsheringLepcha was always there for any kind of help required for as in makeup, stage decoration or even poster work.

In the Annual school play the stage was completely decorated with beautiful artistic Alpona design with the help of sir and his group of boys, for the first time the stage looked very different from the old English classic backdrops. The idea was give by our senior most teacher of the school Mr.Gautam Bhattacharya.

The art exhibition was a really challenging task this year but with the help of the boys we managed to mount more than hundred and twelve canvases. The boys managed to put up woodwork pieces which were touched to its finest details. There were three batik pieces done by the secretary himself. The pottery was something very new this year and the boys took lot of interest in making creative things, Though the machine was small and could not give the output of heavy working load the boys still kept on their hard work with their working skills. The exhibition was on for three days and was visited by all the three wings of our school, the visiting schools and parents on the final day. The artwork and craft work were well appreciated by all of them.

At the end of the year some sixth forms along with our Art teacher Mr.ChetenTsheringLepcha went down to PW (Primary Wing) to the paint the walls with cartoon characters for the GHD (Going Home Day) Carol Service.

We tried our best to be different and creative in our approach. Finally, all I wish for is that our artists go on to express the joy of creation and carry on boldly experimenting, learning and never stopping for once because art itself is a gift to life. I also hope the future generations of artists, in this school, well go on expressing art in different mediums of their lives and continue finding solace in Art.

***SK Habib-Ur Rahaman***  
***Art Secretary***

## MUSIC REPORT- 2023

Director of Music: Mr. Pemba Tamang

Music Secretary: Swmaosar Muchahary

The year 2023 was indeed an eventful one for the Music Department. S.t. Paul's can surely boast of its high standard of music, and school choir which would certainly be the envy of most churches and cathedrals in India.

Swmaosar Muchahary, the Head Chorister, ably led from the front in the choir. He is an excellent tenor and was supported and assisted by the Lyric alto, Bidhya Sagar Chettri and Rakshyak Dahal.

On Foundation day (1st march 2023), to celebrate the 200 glorious years of S.t. Paul's, there was a Musical Concert held at Prep Hall. The repertoire included Light classical, soulful and joyful music and popular classics of The Beatles, Jackie Wilson, John Mayer and Michael Jaction.

It had all the coral items and two solos by a young boy of class 5, Dagyal Bhutia and by the choir Master Mr. Pemba Tamang. A large number of Old Paulites and guests attended this concert along with our chief guest the Bishop.

In the ISC Fest held at St Paul's School boys of class 11 and 12 took part in the western Music competition. Bidhya Sagar chettri performed excellently in the solo category and in the duet category, Kupuka Isaac Zhimomi and Nirvan Rinchen Lama put up a marvellous show. In the Group category, the boys performed "Earth Song" by Michael Jaction beautifully.

The school choir performed a wonderful choral rendition of "Above All" for Rectors Induction service.

The talented Choir singers of class 12 along with the staff members including choir master also put up an energetic show in front of the lively audience on the evening of diwali.

The Primary, Junior and Senior Carol Services was held on 22nd, 28th and 29th of november where the choir sang "We Three Kings" in the acapella showcasing the heavenly harmonies that blended into the melody of the hymn.

This year the Best Musician in the Junior Wing was Awarded to Al Meherab Mashrafe.

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***Bidhya Sagar Chettri***

## GUITAR HOBBY REPORT – 2023

*“Shredding Through the Himalayan Air”*

MIC :- Mr. Michael Dutta

Secretary :- Swmaosar Muchahary

Nestled amidst the picturesque hills of Darjeeling, Our school has long been an institution synonymous with academic excellence and holistic education. Beyond the pages of textbooks and the walls of classrooms, a unique cultural tapestry unfolds at our school—one woven with the melodic threads of guitars.

The vibrant Guitar Hobby at our school is not just a leisure activity; but also is a resonating passion that enriches the lives of students and adds a musical note to the ethos of this historic institution. Our school has embraced the transformative power of music, particularly through its thriving guitar hobby culture.

This hobby, far from being a mere extracurricular activity, has evolved into a community where strings become storytellers, weaving narratives of passion and creativity. It’s a space where students from diverse backgrounds unite under the common language of chords and melodies.

The pinnacle of the guitar hobby’s prominence is the Annual Guitar Hobby Exhibition, a highly anticipated event that transforms the school’s auditorium into a stage for artistic expression. Here, students of all grades showcase their musical powers, each performance is a unique testament to the dedication and skill cultivated within the school’s musical community. The exhibition isn’t just a showcase; it’s also a celebration of the diverse soundscape that echoes through the school’s corridors.

In a dazzling celebration of Diwali, the Guitar Hobby at our school hosted a mesmerizing musical evening, adding a symphony of joy to the Festival of Lights. Under the starlit sky, students showcased their musical prowess with enchanting guitar performances. The harmonious chords resonated through illuminated the night with musical brilliance but also infused the Diwali festivities with a unique blend of cultural richness and artistic expression. It was a celebration where the strings of guitars became the luminous threads weaving a memorable Diwali melody.

The guitar hobby has gained prominence as an avenue for students to explore their artistic inclinations beyond the academic realm. What started as an extracurricular activity has evolved into a thriving musical community, where the strumming of strings has become an integral part of the school’s cultural identity.





THE GUITAR HOBBY CLUB

The guitar hobby at St. Paul's School extends its influence beyond the classroom and formal events. It has become a common sight to see students gathering in the Prep Hall or beneath the ancient maple tree, strumming away on their guitars during breaks. This informal and spontaneous exchange of music further strengthens the sense of community and shared passion among students.

As the echoes of chords fade into the Darjeeling mist, the guitar hobby in our school continues to inspire generations of students. It's a testament to the school's commitment to holistic education, where the pursuit of academic excellence coexists harmoniously with the pursuit of artistic passions. The guitar hobby is more than just a pastime; it's a dynamic celebration of the universal language of music that resonates through the halls and hills of our school in Darjeeling.



THE SCHOOL CHOIR

## CHOIR REPORT – 2023

Choir Master : Mr. Pemba Tamang

Music Secretary : Swamosar Muchahary

The year 2023 was indeed an eventful one for the Music Department. St. Paul's can surely boast of its high standard of music and school choir which would certainly be the envy of most churches and cathedrals in India.

Swamosar Muchahary, the Head Chorister, ably led from the front in the choir. He is an excellent tenor and was supported and assisted by the Lyric alto, Bidhya Sagar Chettri and Rakshyak Dahal.

On Foundation Day (1<sup>st</sup> march 2023), to celebrate the 200 glorious years of St. Paul's, there was a Musical Concert held at Prep Hall. The repertoire included Light classical, soulful and joyful music and popular classics of The Beatles, Jackie Wilson, John Mayer and Michael Jaction.

It had all the coral items and two solos by a young boy of class 5, Dagyal Bhutia and by the choir Master Mr. Pemba Tamang. A large number of Old Paulites and guests attended this concert along with our chief guest the Bishop.

In the ISC Fest held at St. Paul's School boys of class 11 and 12 took part in the western music competition. Bidhya Sagar Chettri performed excellently in the solo category and in the duet category, Kupuka Isaac Zhimomi and Nirvan Rinchen Lama put up a marvelous show. In the group category, the boys performed "Earth Song" by Michael Jaction beautifully.

The school choir performed a wonderful choral rendition of "Above All" for Rectors Induction service.

The talented Choir singers of class 12 along with the staff members including choir master also put up an energetic show in front of the lively audience on the evening of Diwali.

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THE CALLIGRAPHY CLUB

## CALLIGRAPHY HOBBY REPORT 2023

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Michael Dutta

Secretary: Rakshyak Dahal

Calligraphy, a timeless art form, transforms writing into a beautiful and elegant dance of ink on paper. More than a hobby, it's a journey of self-expression, where every stroke tells a story. It is the process of conveying expressions beautifully via the movement of the wrist and pen. Under the motivating guidance the experienced MIC Mr. Michael Dutta, the department flourished beautifully engaging and gathering interest of many more Paulites who set off on their journey to become skillful typographers.

The Calligraphy Club experienced a steady increase in membership, with 36 enthusiastic students, 26 from Senior Wing and 10 from Junior Wing, joining our ranks. The members of the hobby were asked to bring cut-nib pens from their home itself. Copies for practice and other guides were however given in the school itself. The Calligraphy Club actively engaged students in the art of beautiful writing throughout the academic year. Our hobby's primary objective was to foster an appreciation of various writing styles, promote creativity, and provide a platform for students to express themselves through calligraphy and by the end of this year; we can claim that we did achieve our objective.

Though, the calligraphy hobby is exhibited almost everywhere everyday including the projects, invitation cards, greeting cards and in major events of the school as art forms, we decided to exhibit the true potential of the hobby on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. The exhibition unleashed intricate beauty of calligraphy, transforming writing to become an immense part of the artist himself. The school witnessed a delicate fusion of different fonts including blackletter, cursive, uncials, furuta bright, copper plate, gothic writing, Japanese art and Arabic Calligraphy. The beautiful framed rendered by the school to the students to preserve their pieces surely added a much-needed detail to the pieces. The pieces put up for exhibition was closely examined and critically appreciated serving the viewers a spectacle of an art to experience breaking the barriers of language, colours and fonts expressing the true meaning of 'Typography'.

Overall, this year, the calligraphy hobby's limits escalated a lot leaving the spectators of the pieces speechless. The department did gain a lot of young artists for the coming years too. I wish only the best from here on for the upcoming members and the secretaries in the near future. May the hobby grow and catch interest of the Paulites with the blessings of the almighty and the rich culture of Calligraphy never die out in the school.

***Rakshyak Dahal***

## COMPUTER CLUB REPORT – 2023

Master-in-Charge: Mr. S. Gurung

This year Computer Society started with a very robust energy as we welcomed all boys who were keen in learning and showing their computer skills. We began by testing them in understanding computer programming and logic. Out of many who opted for the hobby few quit when they found learning new computer languages was difficult for them. I must say this time we got quite a number of smart boys in the society and thus we decided to do something new this year. After the first few weeks of the academic session the team of computer society decided to take up the challenge of learning new computer language and develop a software program at end of the year for the exhibition day.

The society boys were super excited and they all began to do their research in the internet and library and learn languages like Python and Java Script to develop their games and software. Each boy dedicated their extra time after their lessons and during their free time they came to the computer lab and continued their work. They boys worked really hard and finally when the day of exhibition came on 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 eight boys were ready with their programs. I took a quick stress test of their program few days before the final exhibition and when everything was refined and polished we took computers from the lab to class XB and set up the machine for the exhibition.

These are the list of games developed by the computer boys 'World's Hardest Game' developed by Aditya Kharga class XI, 'Car Race' by NathRattanapanang from class X, IQ Test by Abhigyan Singh from class IX, 'Quiz Game' by PragyumPratyaksh class IX, 'Traffic Rider' by Shahnawaz Mansur class IX, 'Street Fighter' by TikshandheeSarker class IX, 'Squid Shooter' by ApoorvNiranjan class IX, 'Ping Pong' by Ankit Goswami class IX.

Such a display by the students were done after a very long time and the Rector was very impressed by the work the boys had done. The boys had invested more than 20 hours in about a period of 6 months after their class hours for each of their project. There were many who had started the project but only eight of them could complete the project on time for the exhibition. However these boys didn't lose hope they decided to keep the work going even after the exhibition and complete it for next year's exhibition.



THE COMPUTER CLUB



We had visitors from North Point School and Loreto Convent who also left us with very encouraging comments. We had a very good time displaying our work to the entire school. We hope to do even better next year. In the end we would like thank the Rector Mr. Peter Lepcha who gave us the space and encouragement to make this exhibition happen for Computer Society boys. I am also grateful to all my computer Society Boys who worked really hard and dedicated their extra time to learn and develop their programs. Finally thanks to God for giving all of this wisdom and experience we got from this year's exhibition.



THE PHILATELY CLUB

## PHILATELY REPORT 2023

Master-in-Charge: Mr. P. S. Chaturvedi      Secretary: Abhishek Goswami

Philately, the collection and study of postage stamps, is a popular hobby that has been enjoyed by people of all ages for centuries. Collectors can find stamps for a wide range of interests, from world history and famous people to wildlife to sports. In addition to being a source of pleasure, philately can also be a valuable educational tool, teaching collectors about history, culture, and geography of different countries.

A number of trends have emerged in the world of philately in recent years. One trend is growing popularity of thematic collecting, where collectors focus on stamps that share a common theme. This could be anything from famous artists to historic events.

The year 2023 was a busy one for the philately club, as there were quite some themes on display, the philately society worked very hard to put forward their collection during the time of the exhibition and it was quite an accomplishment or a feat if we compare it to the time duration, also the remarks we received from the visiting school. The collection we put forward was quite diverse consisting of Olympics Games from different years, soldiers, cars, different automobiles, animals, birds, and many more .

It was quite colour full and very diverse and all these was possible due to our MIC:Mr. P. S. Chaturvedi and also the commendable hard work put forward by the philately society. At last I have nothing much to add but best wishes to the forthcoming batches who will carry forward this great hobby forward and take it to new heights in the upcoming years.

***Abhishek Goswami***  
***Secretary-Philately hobby.***



THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



THE JUNIOR WING PHOTOGRAPHY BOYS

# PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB REPORT 2023

## *A Hobby That Captures 'Time'*

Master-in-Charge: Mr. N. Bakshi

Secretary: Nirvan Rinchen Lama

The Photography Hobby in our school is a valuable resource for students who are interested in photography. The hobby provides students with a platform to learn new skills, to share their work with others, and to promote photography within the school community. The hobby is proud of its achievements this year, and is looking forward to continuing to grow and succeed in the years to come.

The Hobby has been actively involved in capturing the essence of various school events, showcasing the diversity of activities and the vibrant spirit of the school community.

The Hobby captured the thrill of sporting competitions, the determination of athletes, and the camaraderie among participants.

The hobbies photographs have been featured in the school magazine, chronicle, and website.

The hobbies photographs have been used to promote school events and activities on social media platforms.

The hobbies photographs have been showcased in school exhibitions and displayed in common areas, enhancing the school's visual environment.

The Photography Hobby efforts have been recognized by the school community and beyond. The hobby has received positive feedback from teachers, students, and parents, and its photographs have been praised for their creativity, composition, and emotional impact.

The Photography Hobby would like to thank the school administration, teachers, students, and parents for their support and encouragement throughout the year.



THE NCC COMMANDERS 2023

## NCC REPORT – 2023

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Yogesh Sunam

NCC Commander: Sk. Habib-Ur-Rahman

*“Unity an discipline”*, the foundation of all successful ventures around the world, is what we set out from April. New cadets were taken into the NCC troops, from class seven, they were trained by the sergeants and lances corporals. Their interest and enthusiasm, got them to learn quickly and gain great appreciation, by all who saw them. Selections for a fresh set of lances corporals, corporals and sergeants were conducted, and those selected carried out their duties with utmost loyalty.

128 new cadets were sent for the “A CERTIFICATE EXIMINATION” in the month of APRIL, and all of them returned with good ranks.

In spite of starting the drills a little late, the boys managed to cooperate and get the best out of themselves.

The distinguished Chief Guest for the occasion was Brigadier Shailesh Kopkar, a native of Mudhol in Karnataka. Brigadier Kopkar pursued his early education in Karnataka and completed his graduation at Fergusson College, Pune. His journey in the military began with his commissioning from IMA Dehradun in 1996 into 6/5 GR(FF), where he eventually commanded his own unit at Tawang & Sevoke Road. On December 31st, 2022, he assumed the role of CD-R for 123 Mtn Bde. Throughout his career, he served as an instructor at NDA and Army War College, holding significant positions at various headquarters.

The event commenced with a chapel service dedicated to honoring our freedom fighters.

This was followed by the solemn raising of the National flag and the inspection of the NCC troop by the esteemed Chief Guest. The role of NCC Commander for 2023 was taken up by SK Habibur Rahaman.

The PW group pledged their cub commitment, followed by a stirring Hindi patriotic song. The JW boys introduced several remarkable female freedom fighters, paying homage to their crucial contributions during the struggle for independence. The JW boys also delivered a stirring Nepali patriotic song.

Mr. G. Bhattacharya, Kapuka Zhimomi, and Mangesh Raj shared their perspectives on the new India.



The Chief Guest delivered an inspiring speech, urging Paulites to chase their dreams and pursue careers driven by their passions rather than conforming to stereotypes.

Mr. P. Lama effectively emceed the program, while Mr.P.Lepcha, the acting administrator, expressed gratitude in the vote of thanks.

Special acknowledgment goes to Mr. Y. Sunam for his instrumental role in training the NCC Cadets, which significantly contributed to the program's success.

We would also thank all the masters for training the JW and PW boys and our band master for the lovely performance by the Revival band.





THE SENIOR WING QUIZ TEAM

## QUIZ REPORT, 2023

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sanjive Rai

Secretary: Kupuka I. Zhimomi

St. Paul's School buzzed with excitement as students from various houses gathered for the highly anticipated Inter-House Quiz, also popularly known as the Brain of St. Paul's. The event, organized to foster healthy competition and showcase the intellectual prowess of the students, brought together a vibrant display of knowledge and camaraderie.

The quiz, held in the school auditorium, featured teams representing each of the school's houses, namely Clive, Lawrence, Havelock, and Hastings. The atmosphere was charged with energy as participants and spectators alike eagerly awaited the challenging questions that awaited them.

The quizmaster, Mr. Shubham Lahoti, co-founder of Quizzora, a quizzing start-up founded by a team of young quizzers based out of Siliguri, skillfully guided the participants through a diverse range of topics, including science, literature, history, and current affairs. The questions were meticulously crafted to test not only the students' factual knowledge but also their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Each team showcased exceptional teamwork, with members seamlessly coordinating to provide accurate and swift responses. The audience was treated to moments of suspense and anticipation as the teams went head-to-head, demonstrating their dedication to both individual and collective success.

The event was not merely about competition; it was a celebration of intelligence and a platform for students to shine beyond the confines of the classroom. The quiz also served as an opportunity for students to learn new facts and broaden their understanding of various subjects, fostering a spirit of curiosity and continuous learning.

After two rounds of quizzing during the year, Lawrence House emerged victorious for the Bicentennial Brain of the St. Paul's 2023, showcasing a remarkable combination of knowledge and strategy. Hastings stood second followed by Clive and Havelock in the third and fourth position respectively. Every team demonstrated commendable effort and sportsmanship, earning the applause of their peers and teachers.

The Winner of the Major Bhatnagar Prize for the Best Quizzer was awarded to Kupuka Isaac Zhimomi of Hastings House. The sense of unity and pride within each house was palpable, reinforcing the school's commitment to holistic development.

Subsequently, during the year, the MIC for Quiz, Mr. Sanjive Rai, also conducted the Karan Mazumdar GK Prize Exam which was won by Sayantan Das of Class 9.

The school quiz team also participated in several Inter-School Quizzes during the year. In the ISC Fest Quiz, the team could not perform very well and had to satisfy with the third position. Next, the school quiz team participated in "Quizeeling", an Inter-School Quiz conducted by Mukh Bandh Kaam Suru (MBKS), a non-profit organisation where 24 schools from around Darjeeling had participated. The team comprising of Sayantan Das, SK Hasibur and Pritam Raj, skilfully showcasing their quizzing prowess progressed through the prelims and the semi-finals into the finals. In a nail-biting climactic finish in the finals, the team emerged victorious clenching the Trophy in its very first edition, by answering the very last question of the competition. The school quiz team next participated in the Br. Eric Rudum Memorial Quiz 2023, hosted by North Point, where more than 30 schools, across North Bengal and Sikkim participated. The team comprising of Kupuka I Zhimomi, Rishit Dutta and Sayantan Das, once again engaging in an intense battle of wits, demonstrated their vast knowledge and quick thinking. Despite their exemplary efforts, our boys narrowly missed clinching a spot on the podium, falling short by a mere margin.

The Quizzing society would also like to thank Dr. Aayush Rai for his able guidance and support to the quizzing team throughout the year. Thank you, sir.

To conclude, Quizzing in St. Paul's, especially in this Bicentennial year, witnessed a tremendous success. The participation and success in such events promote a culture of academic excellence, teamwork and healthy competition contributing to the overall social development of the students. It provided an avenue for them to interact with peers from different classes, fostering a sense of community and encouraging friendships that extend beyond the confines of their regular social circles. The boys carried with them not only the memories of an exhilarating quiz but also a renewed enthusiasm for learning and collaboration. St. Paul's School continues to shine not just in academic achievements but also in creating an environment that nurtures well rounded individuals prepared for the challenges of the future.



THE QUEEZLING 2023 WINNERS



ISC FEST QUIZ TEAM



THE THINKONOMICS TEAM

## THINKONOMICS REPORT 2023

MIC: Mr. N. Mandal

The sixth edition of the Inter-School Lecture Series on Economics, themed 'Beyond Pandemic: Opportunities and Challenges,' proved to be a resounding success, shedding light on the intricate economic landscape that has emerged in the wake of global disruptions. Held on 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023 at the Prep Hall, the event brought together students of over 14 schools, educators, and teaching professionals for insightful discussions on the post-pandemic economic impacts.

The major credit for the grand success of this edition of the Thinkonomics lecture series goes to the speaker of the event, Associate Professor Dr. Prasun Bhattacharjee. Dr. Prasun Bhattacharjee is an associate professor of Economics at East Tennessee State University. Professor Bhattacharjee was raised in Calcutta, India. He attended Scottish Church College in Calcutta where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics in 1998. In 2000, he was awarded an MA from Delhi School of Economics in Delhi, India. Dr. Bhattacharjee received his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech in 2011.

Dr. Bhattacharjee has taught at ETSU since 2008. Prior to ETSU, he worked as a Teaching Assistant and Graduate Student Instructor at Virginia Tech. At ETSU, Dr. Bhattacharjee was nominated in 2011 for the CBAT Excellence in Teaching award. In 2005 and 2006, he was awarded the Graduate Student Teaching Award from Virginia Tech. Currently, the courses Dr. Bhattacharjee teaches include Principles of Macroeconomics and Health Care Economics.

The choice of the theme 'Beyond Pandemic: Opportunities and Challenges' was both timely and relevant, considering the profound economic shifts witnessed globally due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The seminar aimed to explore the multifaceted aspects of the post-pandemic economic scenario, emphasizing both the challenges faced by economies and the opportunities that emerged in its aftermath.

The lectures covered a broad spectrum of topics including, Global Supply Chain Disruptions, Digital Transformation, Economic Policy Responses, Sustainable Economic Practices and Opportunities in Emerging Markets.

The exceptional part of the event was that it was not one-sided. Fourteen glorious school of Darjeeling engaged in interaction. Feedback from participating schools indicated a positive impact on students' understanding of the post-pandemic economic landscape. Many students expressed appreciation for the practical insights shared by the speakers, stating

that the lectures provided a valuable bridge between theoretical knowledge and real-world application.

The success of the series was a result of collaborative efforts between St. Paul's and participating schools. The event not only fostered academic collaboration but also strengthened ties between educational institutions, creating a platform for continued exchange of ideas and resources.

The sixth edition of the Thinkonomics Lecture Series, centered around 'Beyond Pandemic: Opportunities and Challenges,' stands as a testament to the resilience of educational initiatives amidst global challenges. By facilitating discussions on critical economic issues, the series not only enriched the academic experiences of the participating students but also contributed to a deeper understanding of the economic dynamics shaping the world post-pandemic.

We cannot overlook the remarkable efforts of the Economics and Commerce Department, whose meticulous planning and execution made this sixth edition of Thinkonomics an unequivocal success. Mr. N Mandal (SSM Economics), Mr. N Bakshi and Mr. A R Mukhia (HOD) played a pivotal role in organising this extraordinary event.



## COOKING HOBBY REPORT– 2023

### “Chef Behind The Curtains”

MIC :- Mr. Michael Dutta

Secretary :- Swmaosar Muchahary

*“Breakfast like a King, lunch like a prince and dine like a pauper.”*

Thus goes one of the oldest saying in English. In the case of Paulites, how far this saying holds true is beyond any comprehension. When it comes to food and eating, one should never underestimate the Paulite’s appetite. They love eating – and they just eat, eat and eat.

Living in a residential school provides a unique opportunity for the students to explore various interests and hobbies. One such fulfilling and enriching pursuit is the art of cooking. Engaging in culinary activities not only promotes independence but also cultivates essential life skills.

Over the years, we have learnt that the secret of effective and creative cooking lies in being well organized. At the very onset, the boys were picked up from each class in a group of seven. The size of the cooking vessels restricts our group size. They were taught about the basic utensils used in cooking. This was followed by the procedures of cleaning, chopping and washing of the cooking ingredients.

Cooking is a fundamental life skill, and mastering it instils a sense of independence in students. In a home, away from home, in a residential school like St. Paul’s School, Darjeeling, cooking hobby presents the perfect opportunity for students to learn how to prepare their own meals.

From basic knife skills to meal planning, the kitchen becomes a classroom where students can acquire practical skills that will serve them well beyond their school years.

I would like to thank our MIC Mr. Michael Dutta, who in spite of his busy schedule and engagements, was always there, ready to organize the ingredients whenever we wanted to have a session. Thank you Sir, for all your guidance and support. I wish the boys best of luck as they cook and eat fabulous and delicious food for everyone to taste and cherish in the years to come.

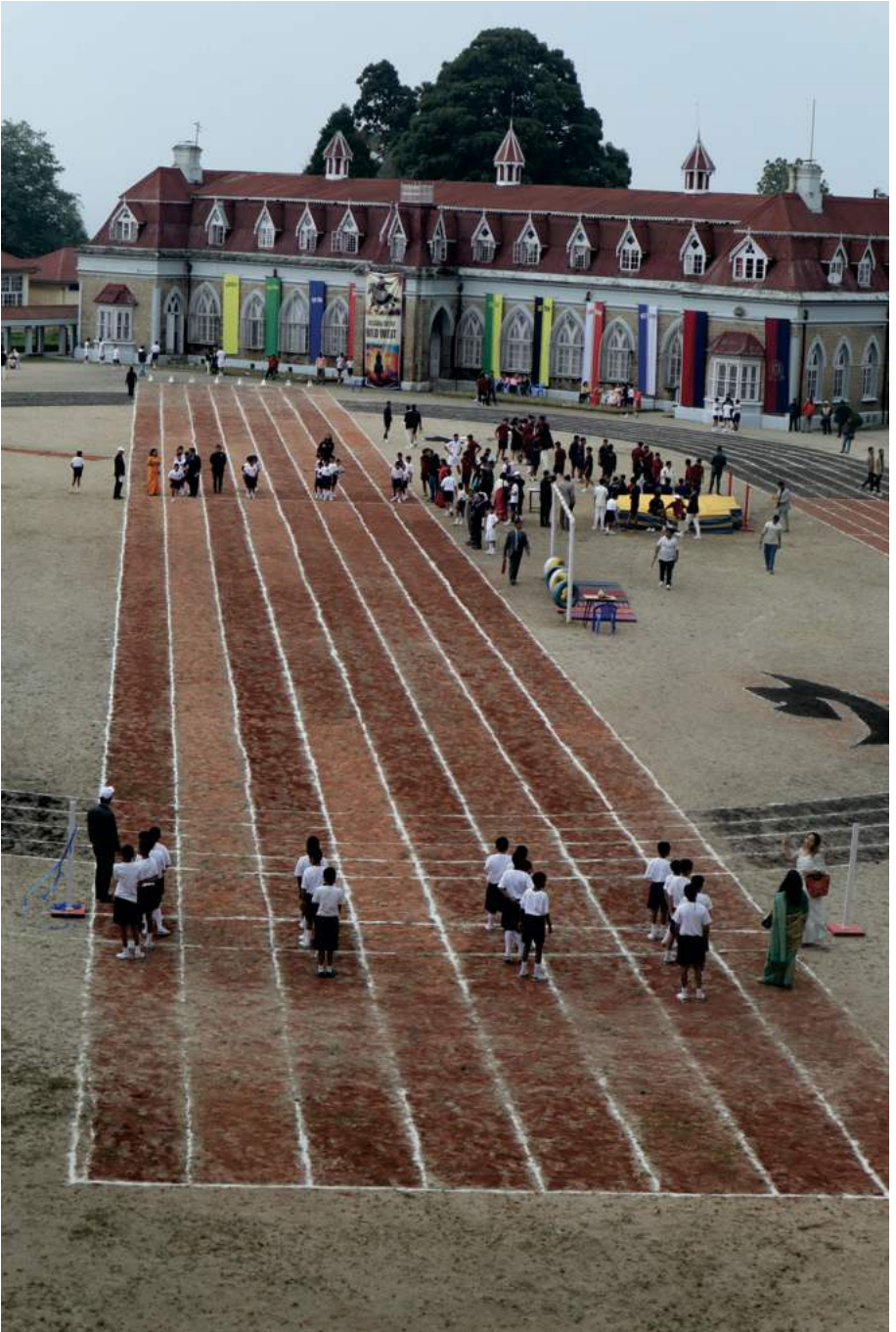
**Swamosar Muchahary**



THE PAULITE TEAM



THE ROBOTICS CLUB



## **ATHLETICS REPORT – 2023**

MIC - Mr. DiwakarThapa

Athletics Captain - Ahnaf Porosh Patwary

The athletics season for this year began in the month of September and was amidst a tight schedule and delay caused by the heavy downpour none the less the season was a very prosperous one.

Due to the ground conditions attributed to the sudden cloud burst the inter-school athletics was also postponed from the 6th to 13th of October. The School Athletics team travelled down to Victoria Boys School, Kurseong under the leadership of the school and athletics captain.

Advait Chadha, BidhyaSagar, Porosh Patwary, Vibhas Raj, Teekawin Junttee, Rounit Singh, Jesse Zhimomi, ShwebikThapa, Shreyansh Singh, put up an outstanding performance in the inter school athletics. With the glorious maroon-blue flag held up high, our school exhibited a tough fight in the event. We stood 2nd in division III, in which Pritam Raj was awarded the best athlete in his division and an interschool record to his name for the 100m race timed at 11.95sec.

We strongly believe the hardwork and determination of our boys will surely lead us to Victories in the coming years.

***Ahnaf Porosh Patwary***



THE SCHOOL BADMINTON TEAM

## **BADMINTON REPORT – 2023**

MIC: Mr. B. Rai

September 27<sup>th</sup> 2022, Inter-school teachers badminton tournament was organized by Turnbull School, in Hayden Hall, Darjeeling in which teachers from various school from Darjeeling area had participated. Mr. D. Pradhan had participated in 50+ singles category while Mr. B. Rai and Mr. Saroj Gurung had participated in 40+ doubles category. Mr. D. Pradhan became the runner-up in 50+ category while Mr. Saroj Gurung was adjudged as the Best player of the tournament.

Inter -school ICSE/ISC badminton carnival 2023

Venue: St. Joseph's School, Darjeeling

Various schools had participated.

From St. Paul's school, 13 students had participated in various categories from U-12 to U-19 division.

Out of total 9 teams, 7 teams were able to reach semi-finals.

Khalid Ferdous was able to secure the runner-up position in U-15 singles category.

Tenzing Norgay Open Badminton Tournament 2023

Venue: Gymkhana Club, Darjeeling.

Participants from various clubs of Darjeeling, Sikkim, Nepal, other states like Rajasthan etc. had participated.

Khalid Ferdous and Aditya Dev had participated in U-15 singles category from St. Paul's School.

Though they lost in the first round with eminent players from renowned clubs of Darjeeling, it definitely gave them enough exposure and experience.



THE ISC BASKETBALL TEAM





THE ICSE BASKETBALL TEAM

## **BASKETBALL REPORT, 2023**

MIC: Mr. S. Rai

Our basketball team for the year led by Nirvan R Lama under the able guidance of our basketball MIC Mr. Sanjive Rai and our basketball coach tenzin rapten participated in the isc/icse level basketball tournament held at st Joseph's school north point .

Our boys played with sheer determination and love for the game leading them to the semi finals of the icse category. Our isc team too played with incredible sportsmanship and skill . Although not reaching the finals their hard work and dedication must be commended. This is a testament to the talent and perseverance of our young athletes.



THE SCHOOL CHESS TEAM

## CHESS REPORT 2023

MIC: Mr. B. Rai

*Move in silence. Only speak when it's time to say Checkmate.*

Chess is an abstract strategy game that involves no hidden information and no elements of chance. Chess competition today is governed internationally by FIDE (Federation internationale des echecs).

Keeping in tune with the evolving trend of organising Chess tournament at the school level, the Inter-School Chess Tournament for Anglo-Indian Schools (boys and girls combined) was held in Victoria Boys' School, Kurseong on 18<sup>th</sup> March. The format of the tournament was six-round games for each participant. The composition of the team was, one student each from classes V to X and two students from Class XII ( Class XI session had not yet started). The following boys represented the school team:

Ayan Chhetri	Class V	Rajit Dutta	Class VI
Swastik Dutta	Class VII	Yaarav Ghimire	Class VIII
Tikshnadhee Sarkar	Class IX	Blaise D. Bhutia	Class X
Ananto Saha	Class XII	Nirvan R. Lama	Class XII

Boys were seen busy from the beginning of the day and with every round that completed and made way for the next round, suspense and drama filled the atmosphere as each contestant glued their eyes to the updated fixture, which depended on the previous round's result. The intricacies of the tournament governed by FIDE rules were eventually vivid when each boy also had to face the opponent either from the same school or somebody from girl's school. The effort put forth by the boys was commendable and the overall result of the school team was highly appreciative.

The school also received an invitation for the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Chess Tournament, hosted on 13<sup>th</sup> August at The Capital Hall, Darjeeling where 8 boys represented school in the tournament at the Under-18 category. A total of 64 children across India and Nepal had participated in this category. While our boys performed reasonably good, Blaise D. Bhutia of Class X , in particular was ranked 11<sup>th</sup> and missed the Top 10 (awarded with Certificates of Merit) position.

It's indeed very encouraging to see our boys actively engaging themselves in a game of chess which reassures their passion for the game and I wish all the chess enthusiasts good luck for next year.

A heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. S. Vincent for motivating the JW boys to play this beautiful game.



THE EDINBURGH CRICKET TEAM



THE ISC CRICKET TEAM



THE ICSE CRICKET TEAM

## CRICKET REPORT, 2023

M.I.C.: Mr. B. Rai

Captain: Raman Pratap

*“Play Life like a Cricket match. Don’t try to hit hard in every situation. Just keep rotating, moving, and then look for that one delivery and hit it as hard as you can”*

The Cricket season for the academic year started with a customary ‘friendly match’ between the staff and the students. No surprises, the result went in students’ favour. With the selection of the school teams for various levels having completed, the boys started their regular practice sessions all throughout the stipulated hours, with the sole purpose of emerging victorious against every opponent teams they encounter.

The first Inter-school Cricket fixture against St. Joseph’s school was held on 11<sup>th</sup> March. While the Plus 2 team and the Under 8 team emerged winners, the PW and Under 10 had results not going in their favour. The return –fixture against the same opponents was held a week later on 18<sup>th</sup> March, and here too, we had mixed results : honours shared.

The much awaited Under 14 Bicentennial Cricket Tournament got underway from 29<sup>th</sup> March till 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. The final match of the tournament for the coveted trophy was played between Baghajatin Club, Siliguri and the host team. The match got very interesting but after sometime, weather played a spoilsport and hence, the match had to be postponed for the next day. It was a truncated match and eventually the match went in favour of the visiting team. Many congratulations to both the teams for entertaining the crowd with their cricketing skills, teamwork, camaraderie and of course, for exhibiting the true spirit of the game.

The highly anticipated tournament, The Edinburgh Shield Cricket Tournament was proudly hosted by St. Paul’s School in our Bicentenary Year. In a run-up to the tournament, the boys and the teachers alike left no stones unturned, and as the saying goes – *“Practice, like you have never won before....Play, like you have never lost before”* fitted the bill aptly.

The school team made their way into the final with a resounding victory against St. Augustine’s School, Kalimpong. This victory was sweeter as it led to a title clash against St. Joseph’s School. The final match for the Bicentennial Edinburgh Shield was played on 17<sup>th</sup> May. The school team batted first and gave the visitors a score of 180 plus to chase for the victory. The score posted by the host team may have looked ‘under-par’,



but our bowling unit, supported by brilliant fielding proved the pundits wrong. At the end of the day, St. Paul's team won convincingly by a margin of 40 odd runs and lifted the prestigious Edinburgh Shield - a victory, much to be cherished for years together. Congratulations boys and the masters ( Mr. Dharmendra Sharma, Mr. Mahindra Mukhia and Mr. Saroj Gurung proved that 'age is just a number').

The Cricket Season also witnessed the various matches played for the Inter-House tournaments. While most of the House matches were played in a more gentleman-spirit, few others were played with intense passion and a 'never-say-die' attitude. Putting both together, it was a successful tournament.

In recognition to the immense and valuable contribution provided and the faithful service rendered over the years in the field of cricket, the following boys were awarded 'Colours' for the Bicentennial year:

Minor Colour: Tushar Singh

Major Colour: Ahnaf Porosh Patwary and Arman Mandal

Congratulations to the worthy recipients.

It gives me great pleasure and honour to place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. A. D. Rai and Mr. D. Thapa (PTIs) for their immense help and support, Mr. S. Banerjee, our cricket coach who helped the boys fulfil their dream, the cricket captain Ahnaf Porosh Patwary and all the other people who have contributed in making this cricketing calendar a very successful one.



THE JUNIOR WING CRICKET TEAM



THE UNDER 14 CRICKET TEAM



THE PRIMARY WING CRICKET TEAM



THE ISC FOOTBALL TEAM



THE JUNIOR WING FOOTBALL TEAM



THE PRIMARY WING FOOTBALL TEAM

## FOOTBALL REPORT 2023

MIC: Mr. D. Thapa

Football is a sport enjoyed by all at St. Paul's. The football team trained day and night for the eagerly awaited ISC and ICSE football carnival which was held at our school for the year 2023.

Under the leadership and guidance of our PTIs our ISC team fought valiantly and made it all the way to the semi finals. Our ICSE team fought credibly however failing to make it through the group stages.

On the 9th of August our school team went to Selqui International School, Dehradun to play the 8th Selqui Soccer Invitational Tournament. Although our team fought valiantly with thorough Paulite spirit we were unable to make it into the quarter finals. Our boys returned to school on the 18th of August.







THE SELAQUE FOOTBALL TEAM

## MARATHON REPORT 2023

MIC: Mr. S. Gurung

For the year 2023 marathon practise run started from the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. The date was changed from 6<sup>th</sup> August to the new date because over the years August rain had been very difficult for the boys to run. Considering the health of the boys in the wet season marathon was postponed to November boys from all three wings ran for their praise run for 4 days. From the second day the games committee and the school authority along with Marathon MIC decided to change the running route for the boys because there was too much traffic at Jorebunglow and it wasn't safe for the boys to run. The new route was a diversion from TCP gate towards GRD ground rather than heading down to Jorebunglow.

Before the run on the second day 7<sup>th</sup> of November the teachers from Junior and Senior school were given a quick briefing of the new route and duty spots at the MCR by the senior PTI Mr. Anil Deep Rai. After that students were lined up in front of the prep hall and they were briefed as well. With the help from all the staff and school administration we were able to successfully complete the first round of run in the new route. The boys enjoyed the new route with better views and much safer runs.

The final run was scheduled on 11<sup>th</sup> November and the race started from 9:00 AM. It was a very pleasant day and the weather was on our side. This year we had four divisions: Open, Intermediate, junior and primary. There were 44 runners in Open division, 175 runners in Intermediate, 40 in junior division and 42 in Primary division. The boys of primary wing walked up to Flag Staff house at about 8:00 AM and they ran down to the school at 9:00 AM. The first in the division was NirvoySarte with the time record of 8:34:51 seconds. The juniordivision boys walked up to TCP and they ran from there to GRD at 9:30 AM and made the round of the GRD ground and headed back to school. The first in the division was Varannya Basnet with the time record of 11:16:88 seconds. Next we had Intermediate division and the boys of this division started their race from Rhino's Den at 9:45 AM. Their route was from Rhino's den to TCP then to GRD ground and then back to school which was about 5 Km in total. The first boy to reach the finishing line was Shwebik Thapa with the time record of 21:14:25 seconds. Finally we had the open division who started their run from the school at 10:15 AM going all the way to GRD ground and back to school. The first in this division was KartikayJalan and his time record was 30:58:00 seconds.

This time the army commandant was kind enough to give us a motorbike escort for the route and they route was cleared of all running vehicle till

the run was over at about 12:30 PM. Our rector Mr. Peter Lepcha also participated with the intermediate division boys to encourage the boys in their run. The boys were given snacks and drinks at the Blackies after their run and their teachers on duty were served refreshments. After the run masters were served high tea in the MCR followed by tabulation of points for each house. House masters gathered in the senior wing library and calculated the points in the library in the presence of the MIC marathon and the rector Mr. Peter Lepcha.

The result for the marathon 2023 was as follows:

- Primary wing: 1<sup>st</sup>Tenzing (353 points),  
2<sup>nd</sup> Everest (296 points),  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hunt (223 Points),  
4<sup>th</sup> Hillary (146 Points)
- Junior wing: 1<sup>st</sup> Westcott (1973 points)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bettern (1924 Points)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anderson (1717 Points)  
4<sup>th</sup> Cable (1701 Points)
- Senior Wing: 1<sup>st</sup> Havelock (2514 points)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Clive (2320 Points)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hastings (2216 Points)  
4<sup>th</sup> Lawrence (2112 Points)



THE OPEN DIVISION MARATHON WINNERS



THE INTERMEDIATE DIVISION MARATHON WINNERS



THE JUNIOR DIVISION MARATHON WINNERS



THE SENIOR WING LAWN TENNIS TEAM

## LAWN TENNIS REPORT 2023

MIC: Mr. RanjanChhetri

Despite being a prestigious sport, lawn tennis has historically seen limited participation within our school community. However, the academic year of 2023 marked a significant turning point as we witnessed a surge in student interest and involvement in the sport.

One of the major achievements of the year was the successful hosting of the Inter-House Tennis Tournament, a first for our school post-pandemic in the month of November. The winner house for this year was Hastings House. This event not only provided a platform for students to showcase their skills but also revitalized interest in the sport. The tournament served as a catalyst for fostering a renewed enthusiasm for lawn tennis within the school.

The success of our lawn tennis program would not have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of key individuals, notably the Tennis Captain, Abhisek Goswami, and the PTIs Mr. A.D. Rai and Mr. D. Thapa. The tennis captain played a pivotal role in motivating and guiding fellow students, organizing practice sessions, and leading by example both on and off the court.

In conclusion, the increase in participation and the successful hosting of the Inter-House Tournament signify a positive trajectory for lawn tennis within our school. Moving forward, we are optimistic about the continued growth and success of the lawn tennis program, as we strive to make it a cornerstone of our school's sporting culture.

## TABLE-TENNIS REPORT

MIC – Mr. P. Tamang

Table Tennis has always a sport taken up by many paulites establishing an integral part of our curriculum for its competitiveness. One can always see boys, after classes, utilize their free time playing Table-Tennis at the Goddard Pavilion.

With a handful of days, our boys had also participated in the Interschool Table-Tennis Carnival held at St. Augustine's School, Kalimpong on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. It was very encouraging to see the spirit of the participants. The participants, however, had numerous hindrance in the practice timings with various school activities in which they were involved too. The expectations from our boys were a lot at the beginning which was proven by our Under-17 and Under-19 Table-Tennis team by achieving great highs. The School was represented by the following boys:

1. Under-19 singles: Atulya Koirala
2. Under-19 doubles: Rishit Kumar Dutta and Digvijay Singh Khadka
3. Under-17 singles: Ashneel Chakraborty
4. Under-17 doubles: Ishaan Singh and Nath Rattanapanang
5. Under-15 singles: Shaswaat Jha
6. Under-15 doubles: Proguum Pryataksh and Aman Majumdar
7. Under-14 singles: Aritro Saha
8. Under-14 doubles: Joe Bannerjee and Shauriya
9. Under-12 singles: Varanya P. Basnet

Extras: Sabbir Ahmed, Shreyas Yadav, Yarab Ghimire

The House matches were conducted after the July Break. In the Senior wing, the Table-Tennis Cup, 2023 was won by Hasting House, and Betten House in the Junior Wing.

Lastly, I would like to thank our MIC, Mr. P. Tamang and Mr. B. Rai for constantly guiding us through our practices, and I would also extend my gratitude to Mr. M. Joshi for looking after the boys throughout the journey.

I hope that the upcoming batches will raise the standards of the games and keep the cup home.

***Digvijay Singh Khadka***  
***Table-Tennis Captain***



THE ISC VOLLEYBALL TEAM





THE ICSE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

## **VOLLEYBALL REPORT 2023**

MIC – Mr. D. Thapa

For the year 2023 , the school volleyball teams under the guidance of Mr. A. D. Rai and Mr. D. Thapa were taken to Goethals Memorial School Kurseong for the Annual ISC / ICSE level volleyball carnival.

The ISC and ICSE teams played with fierce determination and played the game with true sportsmanship.

The ISC team was led by Nirvan R. Lama and the ICSE team was led by Churchil Ng. The love for the game shown by the teams must be commended and truly highlights the determination and dedication that the boys have shown.

# Celebrating the Spirit of Old Paulites at St. Paul's School

## “Legacy in Motion: Old Paulites Illuminate St. Paul's Bicentennial Year”

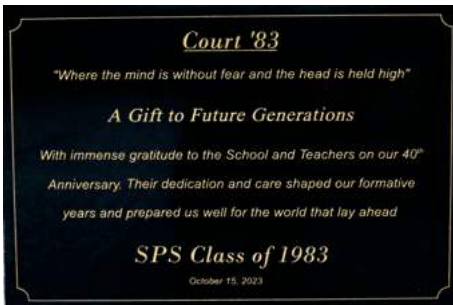
In the hallowed halls of St. Paul's School, the legacy of Old Paulites continues to weave an intricate narrative, bringing vibrancy and vitality to the bicentennial year. As the school celebrates its rich history, the return of esteemed alumni has been nothing short of a crescendo, amplifying the spirit of camaraderie and shared memories. Old Paulites have consistently been an integral part of the rich fabric of St. Paul's School, with their organic growth fuelled by an unwavering affection for their alma mater. This year, this cherished tradition continued with a significant influx of Old Paulites returning to wander through the corridors of nostalgia.

### Class of '83: Nostalgic Reunion and Infrastructural Contribution

A particularly noteworthy reunion unfolded as the distinguished Batch of '83 graced the school to commemorate their 40th year since bidding adieu to its hallowed halls. The occasion resonated with nostalgia as they participated in the chapel service, rekindling memories that had weathered four decades. Adding a touch of legacy, the batch inaugurated the Venus Heating System in



both Junior Wing and Primary Wing dormitories, contributing to the school's infrastructural progress. In a gesture that transcended time, the alumni engaged with current Paulites in the Prep hall, sharing their personal odysseys of success and resilience, serving as living testaments to the



power of unwavering dreams. A compelling challenge was laid upon the young minds – to reclaim the Edinburgh Shield and restore it to its rightful place. In reciprocity, the batch pledged to erect a basketball court in the JW field, a promise that took tangible form with the boys emerging triumphant.

The ensuing reward was the inauguration of a splendid court on the 29th of November.

### **Bicentennial Cricket Match: OPA Kolkata's Triumphant Return**

The 29th of April saw the Old Paulites Association (OPA) Kolkata making a momentous return to the school grounds for the highly anticipated bicentennial cricket match pitting the School against the seasoned Old Boys. The match, marked by its thrilling and entertaining dynamics, witnessed the OPA Kolkata emerging victorious once again. A multitude of Old Paulites from Kolkata, led by the distinguished Mr. J P Roy, the honorary treasurer of the association, lent their spirited presence to the occasion.



### **Convergence of Eras: Bicentennial Celebrations Unveiled**

Transitioning into the heart of the bicentennial celebrations on the 1st of May, the school inaugurated the festivities with an opening ceremony that exuded grandeur and significance. Presidents from various OPA chapters graced the occasion, embodying the collective strength and unity of the Old Paulite community. Amidst the palpable excitement, numerous Old Paulites engaged in lively conversations, delving into the intricacies of the events and sharing their unique perspectives, thus adding a rich layer of depth to the commemorative proceedings.

### **Victorious Bicentennial Football Match and Tournament**

The bicentennial football match between OPA Sikkim and the School took place on the 1st of July, featuring the ever-enthusiastic Sikkim boys and the present Paulites, delivering an enjoyable spectacle for the spectators. Ultimately, the present Paulites clinched victory, securing the trophy played in honour of the late Tenzing Kutsapa. In a touching gesture,

the chapter bestowed special individual medals upon the football boys, commemorating the bicentennial year.

Subsequently, on the 27th and 28th of August, the School organized a bicentennial football tournament, attracting participation from various chapters. The school witnessed a gathering of Old Paulites, fervently representing their respective chapters in a highly entertaining tournament. Remarkably, the school emerged triumphant, prevailing over the Masters and competing chapters to clinch the inaugural tournament. Noteworthy contributions came from the Bihar Chapter, which presented goodie bags to the school football team, while the Kolkata chapter bestowed individual cups, adding a touch of camaraderie to the event. Encouraged by the enthusiasm displayed by Old Paulites, the school expresses its intent to institutionalize this tournament as an annual tradition.

### **Technological Gift: OPA Kolkata's Computer Lab Contribution**

In a momentous gesture befitting the bicentennial celebrations, the OPA Kolkata presented the primary wing with its own computer lab, a generous gift inaugurated by Mr. J P Roy and Mr. Amarnath Tiwary. The school's primary wing extends heartfelt gratitude to the Kolkata Chapter for this invaluable contribution, fostering a technologically enriched learning environment. This benevolent act stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of generosity within the Old Paulite community, solidifying the bonds between alumni and alma mater during this historic bicentennial year.

### **25th-anniversary Reunion: Batch of '98's Memorable Return**

On the 8th of October, the esteemed Batch of '98 made a memorable return to the school for their 25th-anniversary reunion. Their visit commenced with attendance at the chapel service, followed by a meaningful exchange with the Rector, Mr. P Lepcha. Engaging in insightful conversations with present Paulites further enriched the experience. Post-lunch, the day culminated in a keenly contested football match against the school football team, with the boys displaying remarkable resilience to secure victory. Notably, the Batch of '98 has undertaken the commendable task of revamping the Goddard Pavilion, with the project slated to commence next year. The school expresses profound gratitude for the batch's love and generosity, exemplifying a longstanding commitment to the institution.

### **Bicentennial Sports Day: Batch of 2005's Generous Contributions**

The Batch of 2005 graced the bicentennial sports day on an impactful visit, participating in the 50m dash and presenting the school with a JBL sound system for the sports department. Additionally, they instituted the "Prefect of the Year" award during the speech day. The school is deeply

appreciative of their generosity. Notably, Justice Sanjib Banerjee, an esteemed alumnus from the Batch of 1980, presently serving as the Chief Justice of Meghalaya, was the distinguished Chief Guest for the speech day, an honour that added prestige to the event.

### **Golden Jubilee Celebration: Batch of 1973's Pledge of Support**

On the 17th of November, the Batch of 1973 undertook a momentous visit to celebrate their golden jubilee. The day included a nostalgic school tour and a closed-door interaction with the rector, culminating in a pledge to support the school in the coming days.

### **Legacy Continues: Batch of 2006's Pathway Inauguration**

The 21st and 22nd of November witnessed the return of the Batch of 2006, marked by a chapel service and a football match against the Masters, dedicated to the late Alexius Dhungel from their cohort. The Batch of 2006 showcased prowess on the field, convincingly winning the match. Their visit was further distinguished by the inauguration of the "Pathway," a generous gift to the school from the batch. The school extends heartfelt thanks to the Batch of 2006 for this significant contribution, enhancing the legacy of St. Paul's School.

### **Generosity Across Departments: Contributions by Old Paulites**

The Old Paulites have made generous contributions to the school, demonstrating their commitment to enhancing various departments:

- 1) Mr Sachin Pradhan (Batch of 2000) gifted an electric piano to the music department.
- 2) Dr. Momocha Thangjam (Batch of 2002) and Mr. Naoba Thangjam (Batch of 2006) generously provided the school band with complete sets of brass instruments.
- 3) Mr. Shoeb Zamanee (Batch of 2009) contributed a complete cricket set to the school.
- 4) Mr. Anil Sahgal (Batch of 1971) refurbished the snooker table for the Masters Club.
- 5) Mr Amitava Banerjee (Batch of 1992) gifted the school a complete set of Eton Fives Equipment.
- 6) The Batch of 1974 presented the school with a new generator.
- 7) The Batch of 2001 contributed musical instruments to the music department.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each contributor for their invaluable support and commitment to the school.

## **Future Collaborations: Strengthening Bonds for a Visionary Path**

The Rector, alongside Mr. Arnold Roshan Mukhia, engaged in a profound Zoom meeting with representatives from OPANA and OPAE. During this session, the Rector eloquently shared the school's visionary aspirations. Remarkably, both chapters exhibited a highly positive response, expressing a commitment to collaborative efforts in working closely with the school to bring this vision to fruition. This dynamic exchange reflects a shared dedication to advancing the institution's goals and underscores the strength of the partnership between the school and its esteemed alumni chapters.

## **A Legacy Unfolds, a Future Beckons**

The bicentennial celebrations at St. Paul's School have strengthened the enduring bond with its Old Paulite alumni. This significant year saw alumni not only revisiting their school days but actively contributing to the ongoing narrative. From infrastructural enhancements to spirited sports clashes, the bicentennial became a canvas where past and present converged into a masterpiece of shared memories and dreams. As the curtain falls on these festivities, the Old Paulite community emerges not just as a reservoir of reminiscences but a dynamic force propelling the school toward a future steeped in excellence. Each thread in the fabric of St. Paul's School represents a story, journey, and contribution. The Old Paulites, with their indomitable spirit, have added vibrant hues, ensuring the fabric remains a living testament to the school's ideals. Stepping into the future hand in hand with the echoes of the bicentennial celebrations, the Old Paulites and the School embark on a journey promising continued collaboration, growth, and shared success—a legacy guiding generations to come, standing as a beacon of excellence and camaraderie.

***Mr Arnold Roshan Mukhia  
(Paulite Public Relation Officer)***



## Down Memory Lane

### Aarman Mandal (1to 12)



In the tranquil hills of Darjeeling, my boarding school years unfolded like a mesmerizing reverie spanning a remarkable 12 years. The mist kissed morning and the rhythmic hymns echoing through the corridors became the backdrop of my formative journey. From tentative footsteps in junior years to confident strides in senior ones, St. Paul's School has always been a platform for my growth.

On my first day at the boarding school, as I approached the campus at the age of 5 the lively sounds of boys playing echoes in air. Nervous anticipation gripped me as I waited for the admission test. Mrs. Lawrence, the primary wing head during that time conducted the test. In a moment of unintended humor, I had mistakenly referred to her as 'Mrs. Horry'. Thinking about it still makes me feel embarrassed little did I know that this day would be the start of my journey of becoming a 'Paulite'.

Despite not residing within the boarding walls, the vibrant spirits of the school and of course my Tenzing house embraced me. My mother who was a teacher at the school added a touch of familiarity to the academic landscape. The joyous moments spent with friends who were boarders became the tapestry of cherished memories, wearing a unique blend of belonging and camaraderie.

My junior wing years was the one to remembers. Three times consecutively, I stood on the podium as the best debater of the year. The journey was not without skeptics but I emerged victorious at the NM Masters, silencing doubts with the power of my conviction and the help of 'Mr.



David John Cecil'. Moreover performing and helping Cable Houlse to reach it's peak has helped to become a true Paulite.

During my class 9 and 10 the specter of Covid pandemic disrupted our routine, but resilient teachers ensured the spirit of learning persisted. Returning for the ICSE exams, the corridors whispered farewells as friends embarked on new journeys, leaving behind cherished memories etched in the annals of school life.

In the tapestry of my +2 years, woven with the threads of camaraderie, I found joy in the company of friends. The cricket field became a stage where my bat composed symphonies scoring two consecutive centuries in the prestigious Edinburgh tournament. The allure of the most prestigious major colour in cricket draped around me, a testament to victories etched in the annals of my passion. I would like to thank the rector 'Mr. Peter Lepcha' for helping me out when I needed someone to guide me. As the final chapter of my school life unfolded, laughter resonated, yet a subtle melancholy lingered – a bitter sweet cascade of years in my eyes each moment a cherished memory I realized at the end that those bullet-proof parathas, cherished lessons from teachers, enjoyment with friend and falling in love added all the ingredients that turned me into a man and moreover a Paulite.





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## SALVETTE - 2023

### Class - 2

Mani Himanshu Chandan  
Md. Fawaz Ahmed Raiyan  
Paramartha Barman  
Poorab Singh  
Rayan Abdul Khader  
Vivaan Raj Mehta  
Daipayan Sarkar

### Class - 3

Md. Mursalin  
Rudra Singh  
Vedant Tibrewal  
Wadi Ahmed  
Ankit Kashyap

### Class - 4

Aagney Nath  
Dakshit Jaiswal  
Hansel Chhetri  
Prakhar Prakash  
Sivansh Kedia  
Utkarsh Singh  
Emmanuel Rimo

### Class - 5A

Anish Saha  
Kazi Adil Ahnaf  
Krishnendu Das  
Nirmalya Bhaya  
Rehan Mondal  
Tuhin Ali Mondal  
Uziel Datta  
Ishan Kumar

### Class - 5B

Agnideep Roy  
Arpan Pal  
Devang Malviya  
Junayd Issawi  
Nilesh Agarwal  
Reyansh Das  
Saptak Haldar  
Shoumyashekhar Jha  
Shashank Singh

### Class - 6A

Achintya Shekhar  
Adavya Shrestha  
Aditya Samrat  
Atokito H Zhimomi  
Daiwik Bisht  
Harsh Kumar  
Mathasit Jirasinbunditkul  
Miftah Ul Jannah  
Nirveek Gyaltchen Lama  
Pushkar Mehrotra

### Class - 6B

Abhrajit Saha  
Akash Singh  
Atul Ashish  
Jai Raj Anand  
Kushal Agiwal  
Md. Arbab  
Nabaneel Debnath  
Raghuveer Singh  
Saharsh Shaswak  
Sohan Sautya  
Sreyas Jariwal  
Shashwat Mishra  
Manan Kumar  
Aaradhy Kunwar

### Class - 7A

Ehan Mullick  
Jay Yash Singh  
Ratnadeep Sarkar  
Tejaswa Gupta

### Class - 7B

Aayushmaan Sen  
Arka Biswas  
Pannathorn Boonplam  
Rasel Mondal  
Ridhan Sinha  
Satyam Raj  
Virat Yadav  
Ishank Shankar

**Class - 8A**

Angaad Arora  
Arshmaan Tanweer  
Ayush Majumder  
Eklavya Raj  
JuzerAli  
Kunkawee Nuntapakorn  
Pansin Noomkan  
Rajbir Chatterjee  
Tanav Biswas  
Anjan Limbu

**Class - 8B**

Adhrit Kumar Das  
Ahmed Rafiul Dayan Tausif  
Ayush Basu  
Nikunj Sachdev  
Shashank Mohata  
Shashwat Raj  
Soumik Das  
Sparsh Kumar  
Taksheel Singh  
G M Fateh Qavie Chowdhury  
Jaden Caesar Mendonce

**Class - 8C**

Aarush Prakash Singh Shah  
Joy Chowdhury  
Joyesh Dey  
Nipoon Rerkyanyong  
Pranat Rana  
Pratham Agarwal  
Rohan Kumar  
Sanmay Roy failed  
Shakib Ali Mondal  
Sharjeel Alam Quraishi  
Swastik Shibam Ghosh  
Pranjal Pankaj

**Class - 9A**

Abir Mondal  
Hridayesh Chhetri  
Neev Sachdev  
Neshat Ali  
Shorya Jaisani Bohra  
M Nayeem Al Hasan Mehedi  
Md Wasil Rameen  
Mohammed Abdullah

**Class - 9B**

Advaitya Haang Subba  
Jishu Kumar  
Mharomo Z Kikon  
Siddharth Singh  
Warat Kumpukdee  
Yash Kumar Singh  
Zaid Alam Siddiqui

**Class - 9C**

Atharva Saraf  
Dikshant Krishna  
Jyotishman Majumdar  
Mayank Agarwal  
Pratik Agarwal  
Shubham Chohan  
Sk. Feroz Hosen  
Tikshnadhee Sarker  
Vanshraj Narayan Banerjee

**Class - 11 (H)**

Aryaan Dhar  
Bamang Apa  
Devadeep Hazowary  
Tenzin Urgen  
Nakijing Tagi

**Class - 11(SC)**

Hariom Kumar  
Shubham Chaudhuri  
Khaidem Isun  
Aryan Bharti  
Anmol Lakra