



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CHRONICLE
2024



The Rector

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The Pavilion



The Quad



The School Dining Hall



The Hallowed Corridor



BOARD OF GOVERNORS - 2024

The Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning

(Bishop of Kolkata)

- Chairman

The Rev. Abir Adhikary

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- Member

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- Member

Mr. Snehasis Chakrabarty

- Member



The Chronicle Team

FORWARD

For us here at St. Paul's 2024 will be ever fixed in our minds as something akin to an ancient Roman triumph. A procession of glorious events that began in March, swelled, and with ever growing pace, thundered towards an equally impressive end.

On the first of May this year we witnessed the induction ceremony of Mr. Agnelo Dennis our Senior Master, in the school Chapel by the Right. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta and the Ex official chairman of the Board of Governors. His grace was accompanied by the Revd. Assa Kiran Parichha. Also present were Dr. Subir Choudhury, Mr. N.R. Pradhan, Dr. P.C. Lama and Mr. Raghav Naik.

This year many school renovations took place engineering our renaissance. It must be mentioned with gusto the splendid work done by the Rector, Senior Master and staff in advancing our admissions: have seen a swell in our numbers - the proof of this can be witnessed at our joint assembly where it is standing room only! This year St. Paul's School hosted for the first time the Gospel Concert - whose music filled the Prep Hall and indeed the school with seraphic melody and blessings. This year we set farewell to a school stalwart Mrs. Proma Bhattacharyya - a motherly figure whose beatific and robust manner were the main stay of life in St. Paul's. After 30 years of devoted service in the Junior Wing and to the Bengali department she has earned a well deserved rest in her retirement - her presence will be sorely missed

As always there is a harvest of new boys - a new Prefectorial body that takes the place of the previous. New staff that take the place of those whose toil and labour has left us enhanced.

As the famous catchphrase from Gussepi Di Lempedusa, The Leopard - "if things are going to stay the same then things are going to have to change." Our ethos of discipline, faith warmth, care and rigour, remain the main stay of life at the heart of St. Paul's. Yet there must be ever growing deep wells that strengthen the school to look beyond the present and keep an eye on the future - we must always strive to better ourselves, following the template enshrined in our school motto. This being the blueprint of our journey forward, the undercurrent of all adaptations we make of ourselves - and the foundation of our present and future lives - for these are virtues for all seasons. In that we can always we can turn to our School Chapel as a place which affirms, nourishes, encourages and remains the solid link between generations.

Thus remembering that essential creed in our school prayer : 'Make us ever mindful of the abundance of Thy blessings'. We praise Thee for our school and the heritage into which we have entered'. There is much to be thankful for and much to look forward to - onwards! Ad Meliora.

STAFF LIST – 2024

Residence

Mr. Peter Lepcha, M.A., B.Ed., B.Th., B.Ph.		
	Rector	Rectory
Mr. A. Dennis, M.A., B.Ed.	Senior Master	Pellys
Mr. P. Lama, M.Sc., B.Ed.	Head, Junior Wing	Wilson's
Mr. Deon James Smith, B.A., TTC	Head, Pr. Wing	Benson

ASSISTANT MASTERS/TEACHERS

Mrs. P. Bhattacharya, M.A., B.Ed., B. Mus.	Cotton Hall
Mr. D. J. Cecil, M.A.	Howard Block 2 nd Floor
Mr. P. S. Chaturvedi, M.A., B.Com., B.Ed.	Carters
Mr. R. Chettri, M.Sc.	Lower Rajbari
Mrs. S. Dennis, M.A., T.T.C.	Pellys
Mr. G. G. Dutta, B.Com., Dip. Lib. Sc.	Carters
Mr. M. Dutta, M.A., B.Ed.	Westcott Hall
Mr. B. Gurung, M.A., B.Ed.	Wilsons
Mr. M. C. Kharga, M.A., B.Ed.	Dawkins
Mr. S. K. Khaling, M.Sc., B.Ed.	Bensons 2 nd Floor
Mr. N. Mondal, M.Sc., B.Ed.	Milman
Mr. A. R. Mukhia, M.Com., B.Ed.	Bensons 2 nd Floor
Mr. M. Mukhia, M.A., B.Ed.	Wilsons
Ms. N. Pandit, M.A., B.Ed.	Woodlands
Mr. B. Rai, M.Sc., B.Ed.	Bensons
Mr. R. Rai, M.A., B.Ed.	Howard Block 1 st Fl.
Mr. S. Roy, M.A.	Johnson Hall
Mr. Y. Sunam, M.A., B.Ed.	Gibbs
Mr. B. Tamang, B.Com., B.Ed.	Dr. Z.H. Road
Mr. P. Tamang, B.Sc., B.Ed.	Lyon Hall
Mrs. S. Thapa, M.Sc., B.Ed.	Johnson Hall, Ground Fl.
Mr. D. Thapa, M.P.Ed.	Dawkins
Mr. S. Rai, M.A.	Bensons 1 st Floor
Mr. Marcian Joshi, M.A.	Gibbs
Mrs. Pramila Rai Gurung, M.A., B.Ed., BLIS	Howard Block 1st Fl.
Mrs. Shibani Allay, M.A., B.Ed.	Toong Soong
Mrs. Mitali Mondal, M.A.	Milman
Mr. Sisir Gurung, M.C.A., B.Ed.	Kutchery Compound
Mr. Niladri Gupta Bakshi, M.Com., B.Ed., MBA	Lower Rose Bank

Mr. Prashik Chand Gurung, M.A., B.Ed.	Kakjhora
Mr. Cheten Tsh Lepcha, M.V.A.	Near Rajbhawan
Mr. Pemba Tamang, B.S.E.	Rectory
Mr. Saroj Gurung, M.Sc., B.Ed.	Gibbs
Mr. Randolph John, B.A., TTC	Primary Wing
Mr. Samuel Anmol Pradhan Henry, M.Sc.	Rockville
Mr. Umang Khawas, M.Sc., B.Ed.	Dhirdham
Mr. Gyan Prakash Mishra, M.A., B.Ed.	Howard Block 1 st Floor
Mr. Kundan Thapa Mangar, M.Sc., B.Ed.	Pellys
Mrs. Namrata Pradhan, M.A., TTC	Dj. Town
Dr. Aayush Rai, M.Sc., Ph.D.	Dali
Ms. Joyce Lepcha, M.A.	St. Paul's Estate
Mrs. Laxmi Prasad, M.A., B.Ed.	Cross Dorm
Mr. Prayag Chhetri, B.A., B.P.Ed.	Primary Wing

SCHOOL DOCTOR

Dr. Sangam Gurung, MBBS	Navin Gram
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MEDICAL & NURSING STAFF

Sister P. Chettri, SRN	Pry. Wing
Sister P. Rai, ANM	Lefroy (SW)

MATRONS / WARDEN

Mrs. S. Vincent, B.Com.	Pellys
Mrs. Bindu Chettri, M.A.	West Point, Dali
Mr. Rajeev Pradhan, B.A. (Warden)	Lyon Hall
Mr. Stella Chhetri, M.A.	Pry. Wing East Block
Ms. Rebika Sundas, M.A., B.Ed.	St. Paul's Estate
Mrs. Kalyani Giri, B.Sc.	Wilsons
Mrs. Nurkit Lepcha, B.A., B.Ed.	St. Paul's Estate

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mr. K. Trivedi, B.Com., (Diploma in Bs. Mgmt.)	Bursar	Benson
Mr. Promod Chettri, MBA	Estate Manager	Newtons
Mr. A.K. Sinha	Acting Estate Manager	Dr. Z. H. Road
Mr. A. Dutta, B.Com.	Cashier	Marion Road
Mr. R. Pradhan, B.Com.	Secretary	West Point, Dali
Mr. F. Y. Mazhari, B.Com.	Caterer	Pellys
Mr. Dharmendra Sharma, M.Com.	Accountant	Carters
Mr. Niraj Kumar Shah, B.Com.	Office Asst.	Cross
Mr. Jeff Mistry, B.A. Int. Hosp. Mg.	Caterer	10, Gandhi Road
Mrs. Indu Trivedi, B.A.	Receptionist	Benson



The Senior Wing Staff



The Junior Wing Staff



The Primary Wing Staff



The School Coordinators



The Administrative Staff



The Support Staff



The Staff Completing 25 Years of Service



The Prefectorial Body 2024



The Chief Guest, Mr. Ashish Kaul at the Speech Day

RECTOR'S SPEECH – 2024

Honourable Chief Guest Mr. Ashish Kaul, Mrs. Simran Kaul, 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 Mr. Ashish Kaul, Educator, Vision Guardian and CEO at Destination Outdoors Learning Systems, an Old Paulite from the Batch of 1986. Thank you, sir, for taking the time out, in spite of your busy schedule, to grace the occasion with your presence. We are equally honoured to have Mrs. Kaul with us. Thank you to ma'am for your time with us yesterday and today.

The Staff reported back to school on 21st February, and the students reported back to school on 25th February.

The school year began with the **General Staff Meeting** and **Departmental meetings** on 22nd and 23rd February. This was followed by the **Teachers' Workshop** conducted by the Education Board of Vocational Training and Development on 24th February. The aim of the workshop was to provide orientation to the teachers on various aspects of education and development and issues concerning implementation of **NEP 2020** in residential school set up at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling.

Staff Appointments

Mr. Agnelo Dennis relinquished the post of the Head Primary Wing as he was appointed the **Senior Master** by the Board of Governors. He is rendering a commendable service to the school. In his place **Mr. Deon Smith**, with sound training and experience, was appointed as the Head of the Primary Wing.

Dr. K. R. K. Singh retired as the Chemistry Teacher and was replaced by a very competent, enthusiastic and energetic **Dr. Ayush Rai** as a Senior Chemistry faculty. **Ms. Joyce Lepcha**, a very well qualified teacher, was appointed in place of **Mrs. S. Sharma** in the Primary Wing. Similarly, **Mr. Laxmi Prasad** replaced **Mrs. N. Sinha** as a Hindi Teacher in the Primary Wing. **Mr. A. D. Rai** retired as the senior PTI and **Mr. Prayag Chettri**, another very well trained, competent and talented teacher was appointed to look after games and sports and other physical training programmes as the PTI. Other appointments include:

Mr. Promod Chettri as the Estate Manager

Mr. Jeff Mistry as the Caterer

Mr. Niraj Kumar Shah as the Bursary Office Assistant

Mrs. Kalyani Giri as the Matron in the Junior Wing

Mrs. Nurkit Lepcha as the Matron in the Primary Wing

Mrs. Indu Trivedi as the Receptionist

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, some of them acquiring distinctions in the said examinations.

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

The students put up a good show in various games and sports and other co-curricular activities during this academic year. The junior school team was victorious in the **under - 14 tournament** hosted by St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, at the start of the season. The school cricket team too had a very successful season. The team was runners up in **Inter-School Edinburgh Shield** for Cricket.

The school performed very well in the Inter-School Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis and Badminton tournaments. The performance of the students in the **Inter-School Lawn Tennis tournament** held at the Darjeeling Gymkhana Club was particularly commendable during this academic year where students bagged medals and certificates in various categories.

For the first time, this year, the school took part in various **CISCE National Level Inter-School Tournaments** in Chess, Badminton, Table Tennis and Football held in the state of West Bengal. The teams performed very well in all these tournaments. The school **Football Team** went to Sela Qui International School in Dehradun and put up a good show. In addition, the newly formed **Karate Team** from Junior and Primary Wings took part in the Inter-School Karate Tournament which was held in Kolkota and won medals and certificates.

The school successfully conducted all calendered 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 **Quiz team** was the 2nd Runners up in **Mukh Band Kam Suru Inter-School Quiz** held in Darjeeling Gymkhana Club. The school **Debate team** is gearing up to participate in the **8th Clifford Hicks Memorial International Debate Competition 2024**, which will be held in Kolkata soon after the Puja break.

This year too **Quizzora** Team from Siliguri worked wonders with our students. The team has consistently been providing much needed professional quizzing experience to our students.

Career Guidance:

Apart from the **Global Reach Team** that provided information about I-League Universities across the globe and **Student Outreach Team** that provided information on Indian Universities, this year the school engaged **Education Board of Vocational Training and Development team** from Kolkata to conduct several workshops and counselling Sessions for staff and students throughout the academic year for proper orientation, assessment and career guidance. The team has rendered commendable service.

Personal guidance and counselling:

On 13th May the school organized **Orientation cum Awareness programme** on the issues related to POCSO Act, Bullying and Ragging, Juvenile Justice, Cyber Crime for Junior and Senior Wing staff and students and Good Touch and Bad Touch for Primary school staff and Students. The programme was conducted by **eminent professors and team of experts from Indian Institute of Legal Studies, Siliguri**.

Excursion, treks and tours:

All three Wings went for excursion during **Easter Break**. Primary Wing, Junior Wing and Class 9 went to Kalimpong. They had a lovely hike around **Kalimpong** visiting some of the most picturesque destinations. Class 10 had a memorable Trek to **Rimbik and Gorkhey** in Darjeeling, while class 12 went to **Lataguri Reserve Forest** in Doars. The Junior Wing had an enjoyable expedition to **Lataguri Reserve Forest** in Doars and **Savin Kingdom**, Siliguri as part of their study tour during the second term, while the Primary Wing had a delightful expedition cum study trip to **Lataguri Reserve Forest, Bengal Safari and Savin Kingdom**, Siliguri. The expeditions were greatly enjoyed by the students and gained valuable experiences. Thanks to Ramailo Service Cooperative Society Ltd. that organizes regular treks and tours for our students.

Visits from eminent personalities:

The school enjoyed visits from a good number of eminent personalities during the year. Among others **Adam. Commandant Deputy Col. Subhra Pratim Bose** from 123 Mountain Brigade served as the Chief Guest for the Under 14 Bicentennial Cricket Tournament hosted by the school. **The Chairman of the Board of Governors** along with the Secretary and members of the Board of Governors graced the occasion of the **Induction of the Senior Master** on 1st May in the event of the School Founda-

tion Day. The **Air Commodore Capt. Sameer Pradhan**, an Old Paulite from the Batch of 1992, graced the **Independence Day** programme as the Chief Guest. The **Thai Consul General and her team** paid a visit to our school in the month of August and organized a **Mother's Day Programme** for their students studying in Darjeeling. All of them were greatly impressed by the educational programme at the School.

Visits and contributions from Old Paulites:

The newly constructed **Pathway** along the Top Field is a generous gift from the **Old Paulite Batch of 2006**. The inauguration for the same was held on

The **Senior Old Paulites (Batch of 1974)** paid a visit to school in the month of May. They inaugurated the **Generator** which was their generous gift to the school. The batch also undertook the task of complete renovation of the **School Infirmary** with new sets of beds and other furniture and medical equipment. The infirmary was inaugurated on 31st August. The **Old Paulite (Batch of 1998)** made a generous contribution towards a complete **renovation of the Goddard Pavilion**. The batch has set up a lovely lounge named '**The Lounge Class of 1998**' for Old Paulites, Staff and Visitors. The Lounge was inaugurated on 31st August. The **Old Paulite (Bihar Chapter)** made a commendable contribution towards total face lift of the '**Green House**' at the back of the school building. That too was inaugurated on 31st August. Adding to the list Mr. **Abhishek Jaiswal (Batch of 1997 and a parent)** generously contributed to the renovation of the **Primary Wing Quad and Eton Fives Court**, dedicating the same to his parents. **Mr. Shaigal (Batch of 1971)** made a significant monetary contribution to the renovation of the **Billiard Table** in the Lounge which is greatly used by the staff during their free time. He has also come forward to provide partial funding for the **Guard House** on the Senior Wing Quad which is in the process of being constructed. The latest in the list is **Mr. Qummar Siddiq (Batch of 1974)** who has gifted the school with a large volume of his company furniture for office use. Some of the materials have already arrived while the second consignment is still in transit from Kolkata to Darjeeling.

The **2nd Bicentennial Paulite Football Tournament** was held in the school on 31st and 1st August. The six teams, namely, OPA Chapter Kolkota, OPA Chapter Bihar, OPA Chapter Sikkim, OPA Chapter Nepal, OPA Chapter North-East and Siliguri and School Masters' teams participated. About 200 Paulites were present for the event. The tournament was one of the most memorable events in the school calendar. The final was played between the School Masters' Team and the Nepal-Sikkim Old Paulite Team. In a most closely contested final match the Nepal-

Sikkim Old Paulite team won against the School Masters' Team, in the extra time, with a narrow margin.

The Old Paulites have, time and again, translated their love, loyalty, dedication and commitment towards their '**Alma Mater**' by visiting the school time to time, identifying the needs and doing something meaningful. The school is extremely grateful to Old Paulite Chapters, Batches and Individuals for their commitment and invaluable contribution.

Achievements of Old Paulites:

We want to celebrate the achievements of some of the Old Paulites in recent days:

Nehal Raj Pradhan (2013) was awarded the champion of change Award for climate justice at Girl Up India Future Leadership Summit

Mr Jit Pradhan (1987) represented India in International Tennis Federation World Individual and Team Championship held in Mexico

Rahul Shrivastav (1995) has been named the 67th Chairperson of the National Association of College and University Food Service in America

Sharad Kumar won Silver Medal in High Jump for India in the recently held France Paralympics

Mr Basav Ray Chaudhuri (1987) is appointed CEO of Wisdom Circle Europe

Dr. Abishek Gautam (2007) was awarded Gold Medal for super specialisation in Nephrology

Zenden Lingzerpa (2009) has topped in the USPC 2023. He is the IPS Officer posted in Madhya Pradesh.

Interaction with various Old Paulites:

A healthy interaction between the school and various Old Paulite Chapters around the globe is bearing much desired results. The Rector made a planned visit to the Old Paulite Associations in Thailand and Bihar in the month of February, 2024. The zoom meetings were held with Europe and North America Chapters in the first part of the academic year and still the interaction is on. The Presidents as well as members of all those Chapters have expressed their willingness to be part of the ongoing developmental programmes at St. Paul's School Darjeeling. The plan is meet up with all the Chapters and come up with the collective venture for the well being of the school in the days to come.

Various Academic programmes introduced in the school:

To foster **STEM-based learning** among young students, the school has engaged 'X-Robotics Works', an educational company based in Kolkata,

for '**Robotics**' programme for the students of classes 5 to 8. The students took part in the **National Level Artificial Intelligence (AI) Competition** organised by the CISCE Board where over 1000 schools had participated. The school qualified for the second round. This was a commendable achievement.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been included in the syllabus from class 9. This has replaced Computer Applications which was offered earlier to the students of classes 9 and 10. The students are getting much needed exposure to new avenues of knowledge in the field of AI through this course. Some of them have already started working on models with help from the team of experts.

To enhance knowledge and understanding to **Science Subjects** and to foster interest in Science Subjects at an earlier age the school has collaborated with **ThinkTac Pvt. Ltd. Company, Bangalore**. The programme has been providing added impetus to students' knowledge and interest in Science from a very early age.

To cater to **the career aspirations** among students and gain clarity and confidence in pursuing a particular career, the school has engaged **Education Board of Vocational Training and Development** group to provide career guidance to students and empowerment to the faculty. Several workshops carried out all through the academic year have been yielding great results and enhancing learning experience among staff and students.

Various Co-curricular and Extra-curricular programmes introduced in the school:

For the overall mental and physical development of the students at the Primary and Junior levels the school has engaged **Sports Karate-Do Association of Darjeeling**, which is affiliated to Indian Karate Federation (IKF), at the State and National level. The training programme is going on very smoothly and the children are benefitting immensely from the programme. Our school Junior Karate Team took part in the Inter-School Armature Karate Tournament held in Kolkata and bagged medals and certificates which was commendable.

The school has also engaged good number of professional musicians from Darjeeling for training on **various musical instruments** such as drums, guitar, piano and violin for Primary, Junior and Senior students. The students will be appearing for the **Trinity College Examinations** at the end of the year for attaining professional degrees.

To prepare our students better for the Board Examinations (ISC and ICSE) the school has been providing **regular coaching classes**. The mock

tests are carried out on Sundays. The students who are weak in particular Subject/s are provided with **additional coaching classes** depending on their needs.

Infrastructure Development:

The **Rectory Building** has been completely renovated.

The **Westcott Hall Washroom** has been newly constructed and **Dormitory Flooring** has been done up

The **Primary Wing East Block Washroom** was done up during the last winter break. The **floors of the classrooms and dormitories** were done up and **room heaters** were mounted to add warmth and comfort to the Primary Students. The **Primary Wing Corridors Tiling, Quad renovation and Eton Fives Courts** have been done up. **New sets of metal beds and lockers** were provided to all the Junior Wing dormitories. New sets of metal beds were also procured for class 11 dormitories in Lyon Hall.

In addition, the **school infirmary** has been completely done up. The **Goddard Pavilion** has a state of the art lounge for Staff, Old Paulites and Parents. The **Green House** has been given a face lift. The fire extinguishers and water hydrant systems have been completely refurbished.

The school is working on three major second phase projects namely **Bicentennial Academic Block** and a **Multipurpose Sports Centre** and **DIY Lab and Guest House**.

Things are looking up at St. Paul's with help and support from Team Educare, Old Paulites, Parents and friends. It is hoped that the new initiatives undertaken will take St. Paul's school to a greater height in the days to come.

Awards and Recognitions:

The school was felicitated by the **Indian Institute of Legal Studies**, Siliguri, for its exemplary contribution towards the society on 5th May, 2024, in the International Conference held in Siliguri. The school also received **21st Century Innovative and Transformative School Award -2024**, from Education Board of Vocational Training and Development in the award ceremony held in Kolkata. The latest in the list was a set of awards from **Times Now Group Ranking of Schools in Eastern India** in the awards ceremony held on 10th September, 2024, Kolkata. The school was awarded the following: **1) The Best ICSE School in Darjeeling, 2) Best Residential School in the East, 3) Best ICSE School in West Bengal and 4) 2nd Best ICSE School in Eastern India.**

Thank you note to teachers and parents:

It has been another successful year for St. Paul's School, Darjeeling. The success we have achieved is not because of one person or a few individuals. It has been the result of a collective effort. Hence, I stand here to thank each and every member of the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who has helped our school to achieve a greater height. I want to place on record a very special 'Thank You' to the Senior Master, Head, Junior Wing, Head, Primary Wing, Bursar, Caterer, House Masters of all three Wings, Estate Manager and Estate Superintendent, teaching, admin and support staff for their relentless hard work and support to me to carry out my responsibilities 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 School.

Special word of appreciation to **Mr. Alokesh Dutta** and **Mrs. Bindu Chettri** for completing their 25 years of service at St. Paul's School. My heartfelt gratitude to **Mr. Michael Dutta**, **Mr. Goutam Bhattacharya**, **Mrs. Proma Bhattacharya** and **Mr. Anil Sinha** some of whom have retired or will be retiring at the end of the academic year 2024. We will always remain indebted to your selfless service to the school.

As I thank and honour our staff, I would also like to place on record, a very special 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 reached 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.

I look forward to your continued support and encouragement, so that St. Paul's School can provide greater care for your child in every sphere of his school life and, thus, help your child become a man of character and conduct.

'Moniti Meliora Sequamur'

Peter Lepcha
Rector

St. Paul's School Darjeeling



201st Speech Day

Saturday 5th October 2024 at 10:00 am

Chief Guest:

Ashish Kaul (Batch of 1986)

Vision Guardian and CEO at

Destination Outdoors Learning Systems

List of Prize Winners

Programme

Arrival of the Chief Guest

Lighting of the Lamp & The Invocation

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- 2024

Class	First Proficiency	Second Proficiency	Progress & Application
2	Siddharth Seal	Basant P. Bhagat	Priyom Sarkar
3	Ishaan Nandi	Md Ayan Zeya	Abhiraj Jayaswal
4	Ankit Kashyap	Kanish Gupta	Md Mursalin
5A	Shauryam Gupta	Srijon Das	Sharthak Saha
5B	Ashwab Sumargi	Marven Basnet	Saurya Gupta
6A	Ishan Kumar	Ayan Chhetri	Arpit Arya
6B	Pehlaj Kaushik	Rudra Pratap Singh	Dhairya Sharma/ Mohammad Motasim
6C	Rayeed H. Aayan	Dagyal Bhutia	Soumya Shekhar Jha
7A	Eshaan Banerjee	Palsang S. Bhutia	Shah Nazeef Faisal
7B	Achintya Shekhar	Shlok Kumar	Abid Hasan Rakin
7C	Rajdeep Chatterjee	Mayukh Sen	Jai Raj Anand
8A	Virat Yadav	Antriksh Garg	Md. M. Mukdha
8B	Swastik Dutta	Aarush Dutta	Animesh Raj Nayak
9A	Krishna Kunal	Eklavya Raj	Nishant Verma
9B	Toufiq Raihan	Al Meherab Mashrafe	Ankit Raj Nayak
9C	Souhrit Das	Shakib Ali Mondal	Kairav Singh
10A	Pritam Raj	Anubhav Kumar	Shubhayu Pramanik
10B	Jishu Kumar	Adwaita Subba	Ishann Singh
10C	Sayantan Das	Abhigyan Singh	Tikshnadhee Sarker
11H	Yavisht S. Jamshedji	Shams Ur Rahma	-
11C	Sabbir Ahmed	Aditya Pandey	-
11S	Thayakon Munthongchun	Blaise Dorjee Bhutia	Nikam Waii
12H	Nakijing Tagi	Bamang Apa	Aryan Dhar
12C	Dev Jalan	Karthikay Jalan	Rhitik Raj
12S	Shubham Chaudhuri	Vibhas Raj	Thanakit Rattanapanang

Special Prizes - Primary Wing

Class	Good Conduct	Art
2	Anish Kumar Das	Abhinav Dey
3	Poorab Singh	Ayushman Roy
4	Anay Raj	Md Mursalin
5A	Prakhar Prakash	Ihaan Priyadarshi
5B	Dakshit Jaiswal	Aagney Nath
	Saxena Prize for Quizzing	Srijon Das
	P.W Best Artist Medal	Ihaan Priyadarshi
	Essay Prize	Akshat Sahu
	Moore Divinity	Arjay Ghosh
	Evelyn Howard Prize for English Elocution	Gadno Apang
	Gal Gregory Mathematics Medal	Raghav Boral
	P.W. Prize for Best Actor	Ashwab Sumargi
	Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal	Ashwab Sumargi

Special Prizes in Junior Wing

Amiya Bhattacharya Memorial Prize for Musician	Al Mehrab Mashrafe
Amiya Bhattacharya Memorial Prize for Musician	Hanu Naval
Junior Wing Moore Divinity Prize	Shreyansh A. Singh
The Junior Wing Art Prize	Animesh Raj Nayak
B.J. Sharma Medal for Best Sportsman in Jr. Wing	Khalid Ferdous
Jack Warren Medal for the Best Cricketer in Jr. Wing	Mohit Kumar Soni
Jyoti Kundu Medal for Elocution	Aayan Pratap Maurya
Naresh Shanmungam Memorial Medal for Good Conduct in Class VII	Aditya Sinha
K.N. Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading	Aarush Dutta
Dawa Norbu Medal for the Best Debator in Jr. Wing	Palsang Bhutia
The Sakrani Medal for Computer	Virat Yadav
The Karanjai Prize for Quizzing	Srinjoy Mandal
B.P. Dutta Science Prize	Swastik Dutta
The Gayatri Kanti Prize for Consistent Academic Achievement	Swastik Dutta
Gal Gregory Mathematics Prize	Swastik Dutta
Disawala Prize for Best Actor	_____

Special Prizes in Senior Wing

Leslie Goddard Medal – (ICSE)	Yavisht S. Jamshedji
Saraf Short Story Medal	Yavisht S. Jamshedji
Renuka Dang Proficiency Medal – ICSE	Yavisht S. Jamshedji
Kamlesh Kanti Medal – ICSE Hindi	Aryan Kumar
Das Studio Prize for Consistent Good Work	Kartikay Jalan
Kamlesh Kanti Medal – Photography	Aryan Kumar
Kabra Prociency Medal – ISC Commerce	Rakshyak Dahal
A.B. Miller Proficiency Medal – ISC Science	Arman Mandal
Karan Majumdar Science Medal	Shayaan Ahmad Khan
Anil Choudhary Art Prize	Shamu Ur Rahman
Madhukar Rana Nepali Medal	Anjan Limbu
Sahgal Accountancy Medal	Dev Jalan
Sahgal Business Studies Prize	Kartikay Jalan
Best Craftman's Medal-Woodwork	Vibhas Raj
Gyaltsen Medal for Best Footballer-Under 10(X)	Niyang Waii
Tower History Medal	Yavisht S. Jamshedji
Karun Majumdar G.K. Medal	Sayantan Das
Rahoul Music Medal	Khaidem Isun
Best Actor Medal – Nepali	Advaitya Haang Subba
Darjeeling Rotary Medal for Social Service-(Under X)	Ronit Singh
Raj Bhandari Nepali Medal – ICSE	Atulya Koirala

N.K. Mitra Medal for Club Activities	Sabbir Ahmed
Kothari Physical Science Medal	Shubham Chaudhuri
Rudra Hindi Medal	Aryan Kumar
K.L. Pradhan Medal – ICSE Economics	Sabbir Ahmed
Darjeeling Photo Stories Medal – (excellence in Photography)	Rafael Lalrinsanga
Robin Banerjee Life Science Prize	Blaise Dorjee Bhutia
OPA Medal for Social Service	Raiyan Chowdhury
Adam's Music Medal	Aksukit Thitijaruspornasuk
Usha Rani Bengali Medal	Kounik Chondro Roy
Clarke Geography Prize	Yavisht S. Jamshedji
Moore Divinity Medal	Sayantan Das
Rai Bahadur D.N. Singh Medal-ISC Humanities	Abhishek Goswami
Best Craftsman's Medal – For Batik	Kartikay Jalan
O.P.A Medal-Best All Round Sportsman	Vibhas Raj
Ajit Singh Lamba Award for Discipline	Thankit Rattanapanang
Best Actor Medal in Bengali	Sk. Hasibur Rahaman
Best Artist Medal	Thanakit Rattanapanang
Best Actor Medal – Hindi	Ishaan Singh
Class of 89'S Economics Medal	Dev Jalan
Gal Gregory Mathematics Medal	Aryan Khalid
Nanibala Dey English Literature Medal	Sabbir Ahmed
Sakraney Medal for English Elocution	Atulya Koirala
Gen. Virendra NCC Medal	Aman Kuma
School Captains Medal	Vibhas Raj
G.J. Shaw Medal –for Best All Rounder – Class 10 (X)	Sayantan Das
K.K. Mukherjee Medal – Best All Rounder – Class 12 (XII)	Vibhas Raj
Gibbs Medal For Outward Bound Activities (Pioneers)	Sayantan Das
Bible Reading Medal	Shubham Chaudhuri
Jack Warren – Best Cricketer Under – 10	Tushar Singh
Atanu Bhattacharjee Memorial Cricket Medal	Aryan Bharti
Tenzino Norgay Leadership Award	Vibhas Raj
Air Force Medal – for Best Public Speaker	Yavisht S. Jamshedji
Luv Kumar Ecological Studies Medal	Sayantan Das
Carter English Medal	Subham Chaudhuri
Rector's Medal	Vibhas Raj
Bishop's Medal	Aditya Kharga
R.S. Prasad Computer Science Medal	Aditya Kharga
Nawraj Pradhan Enviromental Ambassador Medal	Tabsir Rajin Khan
Batch 2006 Prefect of the Year	Raunit Singh
Maj Bhattanagar Medal for Brain of St. Paul's	Sayantan Das

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.



The ISC Batch 2024



The ICSE Batch 2024



The Chapel



THE CHAPEL REPORT 2024

Dean of the School Chapel : Mr. David Cecil

The School Verger : Mr. Randolph John

The Head Warden : Raiyan Chowdhury

The School Chapel by tradition began the Academic year with the Opening of Term Service, on the 26th of February, this was held in the Prep Hall to accommodate the entire staff and school body, where new students and staff were introduced.

The School followed Holy Week marking Good Friday in our traditional Service. On the 3rd of March new Pages and Junior Wardens were inducted bringing the consistory to 20 people led by the Head Chapel Warden for this year which fell to Raiyan Chowdhury who has been part of the consistory for many years as a student.

This year on the 1st of May we celebrated the School's Foundation Day. It was especially important an occasion as it was the Induction Ceremony for the Senior Master, Mr. Agnelo Dennis. His Grace the Rt. Reverend P. Canning, Bishop of Calcutta along with Rev. Asa Kiran, Rev. Father Adhikari, Dr. S. Choudhury, other significant members of the Board were present for this occasion. A glorious ceremony ripe with moments of celebration, somber prayer and deep emotion, especially for the person dedicating themselves to this high office of service to the school community.

The Chapel invested in new vestments and other refurbishments to keep the Chapel in the fit sense as the center of the School Life. The Chapel bid a hearty farewell to the out-going Dean Mr. Michael Dutta, and welcomed its new incumbent as well as the new School Verger Mr. Randolph John , who has already impressed all with his sincerity and dedication. He has become an indispensable leader of the consistory, and we hope will continue on for many years, carrying on the great Tradition of the School Chapel.

This year Evensong was reinstated into the Chapel Service and was conducted in the traditional format , on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The first of these began on the 21st of April and the last evensong of the year was celebrated on the 17th November.

As the year took brass, we celebrated Independence Day Service, and on the 5th there was special Teachers' Day Service, this year it was special as the Cross Bearers and Acolytes' were members of staff – Mr. S. Gurung, Mr. S. Rai, Mr. P.S.Chaturvedi, Mr. S. Khaling, and Dr. A. Rai were extremely sporting donning proper vestments as well! This made the Service even more special and very unique.

On the 2nd October there was a Service to mark Gandhi Jayanti. On the 2nd of November a very solemn Service was observed for All Souls' Day- at the Graveside Knoll wreaths were laid for Bishop Westcott and Canon LeBlond by the Rector, Senior Master, HJW, and HPW, School Captain and Head Warden. Service of Remembrance was held for all those staff and students who had lost dear ones during the course of this year. It was poignant as we remembered our former student Neirav Giri who passed away suddenly. His parents and family attended the service.

This year, now as part of a differently new pattern there was a Rector's Day Service – a celebration for the Service and Thanksgiving in the form of a Joint Assembly which was conducted by the Consistory, Verger and the Dean- it was especially poignant to have Mrs. Lepcha and members of the School Support Staff also in attendance..

Apart from our Sunday Matins, Evensong there have been Services conducted in the Prep Hall for Joint Assemblies. During the rather wet monsoon season daily services were conducted in the Prep Hall.

On the 10th of November there was a somber Service to mark the occasion of Remembrance Sunday- Poppy Sunday- the Wreaths were laid for the Rolls of Honour and the Last Post was sounded with a times Two Minutes' Silence. A memorial for Neirav Giri was also offered, to which some of his batchmates attended.

This year it was a pleasure to note that the Roster for Reading was scrupulously followed by the Sixth Form and there was a traditional Rota for the readings for weekdays. Sunday readings were delivered by the School Captains/Prefects and the Master on Duty. The homilies and Chapel Address was given by the Rector and the Senior Master. This year Dr. F. Chang also addressed the boys in Chapel.

During the course of the there have been many Services conducted for batches the Old Paulite Reunions.

This year Bible Reading Prize in the Senior Wing was awarded to Shubham Choudhury. The Moore Divinity Medal- SW was awarded to Sayantan Das and Moore Divinity Medal-JW was awarded to Shreyas Ayush Singh, the OPA Medal for Social Service was awarded to the Raiyan Chowdhury, and the Darjeeling Rotary Medal for Social Service(Ux) was awarded to Ronit Singh.

Towards the end of the year the school looks forward to the singing of carols and the final culmination of the School Service Year with the Carol Services for the wings followed by the GHD Suppers. This year the PW Carol Service was held on the 21st of November, the JW Carol Service on 28th and the SW Carol Service on the 29th. The End of Term Service held

on the 30th of November, brought the School Year beautifully to an end.

Throughout the year the team of Wardens work tirelessly, to prepare, organize and to conduct the services of the Chapel and School. Without their selfless spirit and true dedication the beauty and vividness that our Chapel Services are known for would not be possible. The team consists of boys of every community and diverse religious backgrounds, bound together and blending together to this special service towards the School- this is the core of our School spirit and the essence of the Paulite ethos – I thank this very special band of boys whole-heartedly- with deep admiration and love for what they contribute to our Chapel and School life. It would be impossible without them. A wonderful thank you to all.

This year the School Chapel Warden Rolls included:

Raiyan Chowdhury	– Head, Chapel Warden.
Sayantan Das	– Senior School Cross Bearer/Oddments
Tushar Singh	– Rector's Cross Bearer/Vestry Properties/ Records
Zidane Asif	– Dean's Page and School Acolyte
Mharomo Kikon	– Verger's Page and School Acolyte
Mihir Singh	– Rector's Acolyte and Page of the Stalls
Abhigyan Singh	– Rector's Acolyte/Oddments
Ronit Singh	– Alter Dressing and Vestry Properties
Pritam Raj	– Page of the Vestry and Oddments
Abhudaya Choudhury	– Readings, Records, Collections
Senior Pages of the Vestry	– Siddharth Singh, Tabsir Khan, Divyanshu Pandey, Rwik Bhattacharya, and Bidit Paul.
Pages of the Stalls	– Siddhant Roy, Shashank Mohata, Khairav Singh
The Jr. Wing Wardens were	– Dhiraj Paul, Lahskya Kr. Singh and

“Duty before pleasure, others before self and no one before you”

Dean of the School Chapel.



Dean with Chapel Wardens



Special Assembly





Special Chapel Service



Clive House

CLIVE HOUSE REPORT – 2024

House Master: Mr. David Cecil House Mentor:
House Tutors: Mr. Saroj Gurung Mr. Goutam Bhattacharyya
Mr. Samuel Henry
Mrs. R. Sundas
Dr. Ayush Rai

IMPOSSIBLE IS NOTHING. This year, just like any other year, Clive proved this statement in academics, as well as sports and stage activities. The year 2024 was a really successful year for Clive House. By success, I mean not only winning cups and shields, but the comprehensive development of the House. Everything started off with the prefect investiture where the following sixth forms were assigned roles for leading the school:-

- 1) Vibhas Raj – Clive House Captain & School Captain for the year 2024
- 2) Raiyan Chowdhury – Clive House Prefect for the year 2024

This year started with high spirits, unbridled enthusiasm and lofty ambitions. It commenced with the cricket season, where just like any other year, we put up a strong fight and gained valuable experience for future competitions. Vibhas Raj led the Clive House first eleven and Atulya Koirala led the Clive House second eleven. The boys showed some great talent on the field. Special commendations go to the sixth formers – Vibhas Raj, Anmol Lakra, Raiyan Chowdhury, Shubham Chaudhuri, Anuvab Biswas, Devadeep Hazowary and Aryaan Dhar and the lower sixth – Atulya Koirala, Jesse Zhimomi and Rishit Jana, without whom, the cricket season would not be such a success it has been.

Clive has consistently excelled as a powerful presence in the field of Elocution and this year, it was nothing different. Clive bagged the English, Hindi and the Nepali Elocution cups. Special commendations go to Vibhas Raj and Satwik Raj who excelled in their divisions in the Hindi Elocution. Special congratulations to Jesse Zhimomi, Zidane Asif and Joe Bannerjee who excelled in their respective divisions in the English Elocution, Agastya Koirala who stood first in his division in the Nepali Elocution and especially, Atulya Koirala, who stood first in both English and Nepali Elocutions. Atulya Koirala was also awarded the G.V. Swaika medal for Drama.

The Debate team of Clive House, consisting of Shubham Chaudhuri as the lead speaker, along with Atulya Koirala, Agastya Koirala, and Joe Banerjee, showcased an impressive performance at the Inter House Debate Competition. Despite not securing the winning title, the team demonstrated excellent preparation, strong arguments, and commendable teamwork. Their spirited participation and critical thinking earned them

appreciation from both judges and peers. Reflecting on the event, the team expressed that while victory eluded them this time, the experience proved to be an invaluable learning opportunity, enhancing their debating skills and boosting their confidence for future competitions.

The Clive House *Brain of St. Paul's* team, comprising Shubham Chaudhuri, Vedatro Dey, Shayan Khan, Abhigyan Singh, and Joe Banerjee, delivered an impressive performance in the highly competitive quiz event. The team displayed exceptional teamwork, quick thinking, and a broad spectrum of knowledge across various subjects. While they narrowly missed clinching the top position, the experience proved to be immensely enriching, sharpening their quizzing skills and fostering a deeper passion for learning. The team's dedication and effort earned them respect and recognition, setting a strong foundation for future successes.

The Clive House Eton Fives team, consisting of Anmol Lakra, Anuvab Biswas, and Wasil Rameen, delivered an outstanding performance in the Eton Fives tournament. Demonstrating remarkable skill, coordination, and resilience, the team outplayed their opponents to secure the prestigious Eton Fives Cup. Their victory is a testament to their hard work, strategic gameplay, and unwavering team spirit, bringing pride and glory to Clive House.

The Clive House Football team displayed remarkable effort and sportsmanship in the recently held Inter House Football Competition. Although the team did not secure the winning title this time, their performance was a testament to their dedication and passion for the sport.

Each match highlighted their resilience and commitment to giving their best on the field.

Special commendations are due to Vibhas Raj, Aryaan Dhar, Anuvab Biswas, Anmol Lakra, Rishit Jana, Jesse Zhimomi, and Atulya Koirala, whose exceptional skills and unwavering determination stood out during the tournament. Their contributions were instrumental in maintaining the team's fighting spirit and ensuring every match was hard-fought. The competition provided the team with invaluable lessons, helping them identify areas for improvement while strengthening their unity and strategic gameplay. This experience will undoubtedly serve as a stepping stone for future successes, as Clive House continues to uphold its tradition of excellence and resilience in sports.

The Clive House Athletics team demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm and determination during the recently held Intra-School Marathon and athletics events. Every member of the team participated with full dedication, contributing valuable points to the house's overall performance. Their collective effort reflected the true spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork.

Special commendations go to Vibhas Raj and Anmol Lakra for their exceptional performances in the running events, showcasing speed, endurance, and remarkable competitiveness. Additionally, Devadeep Hazowary and Jesse Zhimomi stood out in the throws category, impressing everyone with their strength and technique. The team's participation and achievements are a testament to their hard work and dedication. The valuable experience gained in this year's events will undoubtedly inspire and prepare them for even greater accomplishments in the future, further solidifying Clive House's legacy in athletics.

The Clive House Lawn Tennis team delivered an exceptional performance in the recently concluded Inter House Lawn Tennis Tournament, emerging as the champions. Their skill, perseverance, and strategic gameplay were evident in every match, ultimately securing the coveted title for Clive House. Special commendations go to Saikat Paul and Wasil Rameen for their stellar contributions throughout the tournament. Their consistency, precision, and determination played a pivotal role in the team's success. This victory is a testament to the team's dedication and hard work, bringing pride and glory to Clive House and setting a benchmark for future tournaments.

The Clive House Concert was nothing short of spectacular, filled with vibrant performances and unmatched enthusiasm. However, what truly set this year apart was the captivating house play, *"Who Killed Lord G.B.?"* A brilliant fusion of intrigue, humor, and drama, the play brought together the creative energies of both students and teachers, with even the Senior Master taking on a pivotal role. The production was a testament to the exceptional teamwork and talent within Clive House. Every aspect, from the meticulously designed sets to the outstanding performances, left the audience spellbound. The nuanced acting, witty dialogues, and gripping storyline ensured that the play stood out as a masterpiece, earning widespread acclaim and admiration. It is safe to say that *"Who Killed Lord G.B.?"* set a new benchmark for theatrical excellence, leaving an indelible impression and adding a touch of brilliance to the Clive House legacy.

Clive House showcased excellence not only on the field and stage but also in academics, further solidifying its reputation for all-around brilliance. Among the Sixth Formers, Shubham Chaudhuri and Vibhas Raj stood out by securing the prestigious First and Second Proficiency Prizes, respectively, a testament to their hard work and dedication to academics. The juniors also made their mark with commendable performances. Shayaan Khan and Abhigyan Singh from Class 10, along with Joe Banerjee, Eklavya Raj, and Agastya Koirala from Class 9, demonstrated remarkable academic achievements, earning recognition for their consistent efforts and excellence. These accomplishments reflect the commit-

ment of Clive House students to achieving distinction in every sphere, inspiring others to strive for the same level of dedication and success.

Here is a list of all the special prizes won by Clivians in 2025:-

- 1) Vibhas Raj – Rector’s Medal, School Captain’s Medal, Second Proficiency Prize (XII – Science), Best All Rounder (Senior Wing), Best Sportsman (Senior Wing), Tenzing Norgay Leadership Medal, Best Craftsman Medal.
- 2) Shubham Chaudhuri – First Proficiency Prize (XII – Science), Kothari Physical Science Medal, Carter’s English Medal, Bible Reading Medal.
- 3) Raiyan Chowdhury – O.P.A. Medal for Social Service
- 4) Atulya Koirala – G.V. Swaika Medal for Drama, Elocution Medal, Nilima Bose Medal for Excellence in theatre

As we draw the curtains on the year 2024, Clive House stands tall as a beacon of excellence, resilience, and unity. The achievements of this year are not just a testament to the talent and hard work of every Clivian but also to the enduring spirit of camaraderie and determination that defines our house. From the cricket fields to the debating stage, from the marathon tracks to the academic podium, Clive has left an indelible mark in every sphere, proving that **impossible truly is nothing**. As we move forward, the legacy of 2024 will serve as a source of inspiration for the generations to come. With an unwavering commitment to excellence and a heart full of pride, Clive House marches onward, ready to face new challenges and scale greater heights. Here’s to a year of triumphs, growth, and unparalleled teamwork—an unforgettable chapter in the illustrious history of Clive House.





Hastings House

HASTINGS HOUSE REPORT – 2024

House Master : Mr. Michael Dutta/ House Captain : Aman Kumar

Mr. B. Rai

House Tutors : Mr. Ranjan Chettri House Prefect: Teekawin Junttee

Mr. Sanjive Rai

Mr. Rajeev Pradhan

Mr. Cheten Lepcha

The dawn of yet another year saw the members of the Hastings being beckoned with a host of challenges. The House had excelled in the past and so the onus to keep up the good work was on us. Rejuvenated by the winter vacation, the boys returned fresh this year, with newer additions and an insuperable vigor and excitement to keep the victorious flag of Hastings waving high. The previous year has been moderately successful one and now the responsibility was on our shoulders. The boys of the Sixth Form were loaded with the yoke of responsibilities and each one did justice to their portfolio. The boys, of the Sixth Form, who were vested with authority, were as follows:

Aman Kumar : Hastings House Captain, NCC Commander

Aarav Malla : Secretary, Nepali Society.

Rachanapong Jangaroon : Games Secretary

Bhumiraaj R. Temkar : Ninth Prefect, Thai students' Coordinator

“You'll never find a House like this wherever you may go;

Such spirit and devotion with its usual pomp and show;

Unity, integrity are the virtues that prevail;

We bravely sail undaunted through wind and storm and gale.”

With this spirit in mind and soul, Hastings set out to achieve its goals. In fact, this year we have laid more emphasis of games and other field activities.

The year began with House Activities where the boys and House Tutors got to know each other better. This was closely followed by the onset of the Cricket season. Our boys played reasonably well and eventually secured 3rd position. In the field of Basketball and Volleyball, the House performed very well but had to be contented with 2nd positions both in Basketball and Volleyball. Hastings saw the transition phase of the House master in the month of May. Mr. Michael Dutta, who served as House Master for over two decades handed over the baton to Mr. B. Rai, a Senior

Wing teacher serving the school since 2008. We thank Mr. M. Dutta for his immense contribution for the House and our best wishes to our new House Master. While the transition of the House Masters were going through, the various House matches to be played during the Second term were taking place simultaneously. The boys fought hard in all the Football House matches and Badminton House matches but eventually secured 3rd and 2nd positions respectively. With the Marathon season getting underway, the boys performed with ardent determination and we emerged victorious in the Marathon where the effort of the boys placed the House way ahead of others in points to lift the Marathon Cup. Nath Rattanapanang and Gesar Wangchuk Sherpa completed second and third respectively in the Open Division. Hastings take pride in winning the Table Tennis Cup and credit goes to Nath and Sabbir for their valuable contribution.

On stage, all the participants of Hastings boys selected for different competitions gave their level best, but Hastings came empty handed, be it the Vernacular Elocution, Quiz, Debate and the rest. Hope the table turns next year.

Hastings House staged its Annual Concert on the 18th of May. Our actors did their bit by acting out the one act play 'The Dumb Wife of Cheapside'- directed by Mr. M. Dutta. It was a humorous play which was enjoyed by one and all. The role played by Aman Kumar was appreciated by everyone. The enthusiastic soloists and the nimble-footed dancers set the stage on fire. The House Tutors item this year was a rock show wherein Mr. Rajeev Pradhan left the audience spellbound with his rocking number- *Smoke on the water*. The Hastings special 'Qawali', revolving around the theme 'Sixth Form'-by our House Master Mr. Michael Dutta and his group of Sixth Forms was well received by the audience and everyone present in the hall contributed their bit by their rhythmic claps.

The advent of the Third Term set the mood for LawnTennis. Hastings emerged as joint-winner. Hastings could not do well in both rounds of the PT competitions

During the Annual Speech Day many of our boys did us proud by winning Medals and Special Prizes :

NAME	CLASS PRIZES	
Niyang Wai	10	Gyaltzen Medal for Best Footballer Under-10
Khaidem Isun	12	Rahoul Music Medal
Sabbir Ahmed	11	First Proficiency Class 11 Commerce, N.K. Mitra Medal for Club Activities, K.L. Pradhan Medal – ICSE Economics, Nanibala Dey English Lit. Medal.

Rafael Lalrinsanga	11 Darjeeling Photostores Medal
Krishna Kunal	9 First Proficiency Class 9A
Shakib Ali Mondal	9 Second Proficiency Class 9 C
Shubhayu Pramanik	10 Progress and Application Class 10 A
Aditya Pandey	11 Second Proficiency .Class 11 Commerce
Nikam Waii	11 Progress and Application Class 11 Science

The following boys have also being awarded with Minor Colors in different games and sports:

Cricket: Shreyas Yadav **Football:** Tenzin Urgen **Table Tennis:** Nath Rattanapanang and Sabbir Ahmed **Badminton:** Aditya Dev

Hastings House takes pride placing on record that Teekawin Junttee was adjudged the winner in the ISC FEST Solo Dance Competition while Aman Kumar and Gesar W. Sherpa bagged the award in the ISC FEST Duet Dance Competition. Congratulations to all the boys for making the House proud.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boys of Hastings for being successful in becoming a united family and keeping the famous energy of Hastings alive. For being a part of the uniqueness we share. In the words of our previous Captain, “ *If the School is his faith, then his House is his religion.*”

I would like to thank our Hastings Sixth Formers, whose external support has always given us morale in times of discomfort and of course our brilliant House Captain and House Prefect who have rolled the legacy of Hastings with such skill and control of power.

Our heartfelt gratitude towards our House Tutors, whose support has been priceless to us, whether in stage or field; they have always been there for us. Thank you, Sirs!

And last, but not the least, our heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing House Master Mr. Michael Dutta, whose essence keeps Hastings alive and gives substance to its purpose. Thank you for your dedication, love and care for us sir. And as our new House Master Mr. B. Rai takes over the baton from Mr. M. Dutta, Hastings convey their best wishes in the endeavor to keep the House Flag flying high.

And above all we would like to express our love for Hastings itself. Hastings is not only a house for us but a living entity itself to whose soul our soul are connected to and this makes our stay in St. Paul's almost magical.

“ HASTINGS!! HASTINGS !! THE BEST HOUSE IN THE SCHOOL....”



Havelock House

HAVELOCK HOUSE REPORT - 2024

House Master: Mr. P Tamang

House Captain: Rithik Raj

Tutors: Mr. Y Sunam

House Prefect: Raunit Singh

Mr. P S Chaturvedi

Mr. D Thapa

Mr. S Khaling

As we conclude one more brilliant academic year, this report serves as a comprehensive overview of the achievements, activities, and developments within the school throughout the academic year. It provides a detailed account of Havelock's participation in various events, including sports, cultural activities, and other co-curricular activities. The report highlights the contributions of students, House Tutors and our very beloved House Master Mr. P Tamang reflecting the collaborative efforts that foster a sense of teamwork, school spirit, and leadership. Additionally, it evaluates the overall performance of the houses, celebrates individual and collective accomplishments, and sets goals for the following year.

To begin with, the year began with our house activities where the boys for the first time could open up with each other and took the pledge to give their level best for the house.

We then started with the cricket season, where the boys fought and gave their everything but unfortunately we couldn't manage to grab the shield as it slipped from our hands by the barest of margins.

To speak about the elocutions, our boys put up a commendable show marking Ayush Kumar Ranjan (IX) in the first place in Hindi Elocution for his exceptional vocals. Yavisht Jamshedji (XI) English Elocution performance was appreciated by all as he was ranked in the first place in his division as well.

The Debating team comprising of Yavisht S. Jamshedji, Sk Hasibur Rahaman, Ishaan Singh and Prottoy Mukherjee gave a very tough fight to their opponents but the shield slipped from our hands once again by the barest of margins.

The year then brings us to our annual concert where we put up a play entitled "The Day the Internet died" directed by our House Master and various other events accompanied by very delicious food items thereafter.

Coming to quizzing, our team of Sk Hasibur Rahaman, Yavisht S. Jamshedji, Ishaan Singh and Pritam Raj put up a great show among the audience as their quick and creative thinking facilitated Havelock to grab the Quiz Cup very comfortably.

The football season was all a decent one for Havelockians where our boys gave their best and registered their name on the Standards Cup to make it all ours but we struggled a little for the shield.

The Badminton Team dominated the House matches right from the beginning and we were on high clear; winning the Badminton Cup. This team comprised of Aryan Bharti and Hari Om Kumar from XIs and Udoy-Onoy brothers from IXs.

The athletics season was something that could be appreciated by everyone as after having a weak team, we managed to grab the Athletics Standard Cup and also gave a tough fight ; specially by Tabsir R. Khan and Pritam Raj to the shield winners as we missed it once again by a very few points.

Marathon was participated by each and every member of the house as we once again put a highly commendable performance.

Those who made sure that the boys woke up in the morning with dedication , it had to be us who won the PT competition and the commanding was led by our prefect Raunit Singh and Sk Hasibur Rahaman (XI).

The Eton Fives is once again started in our school and the house matches were played where the cup was shared among 3 houses out of which we are one. This team comprised of Mitthu Kumar (XII) and Mohtasin Billah Udoy (IX).

To mention about other sports- Volleyball, Basketball, Table Tennis , Lawn Tennis comprising of Mitthu Kumar, Shashvat Priyadarshi, Mohtasin Billah Udoy and all others put up a great show but they could not manage to stand victorious.

We concluded the year with our House Party on 17th November, 2024 where we could get together to recall all that we have achieved in the academic year, to acknowledge their contributions and shared a lot of memories all together. Special Thanks to the sixth formers for their arrangement of lovely food.

Other Special Mentions for Havelockians:

1. Yavisht S.Jamshedji- 8th Clifford Memorial International Debate (held in Calcutta Boys School) best speaker among 150 participants and Air Force Receptent for the 3rd time in a row and 6 medals.
2. Sk Hasibur Rahaman- ISC fest Best Quizzer and best Bengali actor.
3. Tabsir R.Khan- One of the participants to break the relay race record in the inter school athletics meet.
4. Ishaan Singh - Best Hindi Actor.
5. Advaitya H. Subba- Best Nepali Actor.

All the achievements individually and for house says the dedication and love of the boys not only towards their house but also towards their School. This report is an opportunity for me on behalf of Havelockians to thank all the boys who have put the name of Havelock on high and I am sure that they will take it to a next level in the years to come as we conclude by saying “ROLL ON DEAR HAVELOCK”....!





Lawrence House

LAWRENCE HOUSE REPORT, 2024

House Master: Mr. Nabarun Mandal

House Captain: - Ram Aryan
Kumar / Sardo Waii

House Tutors : 1. Mr. M.C. Kharga

House Prefect: - Kartikay Jalan

2. Mr. S. Gurung

3. Mrs. S. Thapa

At the dawn of the new academic year, Lawrence House embraced a renewed sense of purpose, fueled by our shared dreams and determination. Each member brought their unique spark, weaving a tapestry of unity and ambition. Together, we set out to honor our legacy while crafting a story that felt deeply ours.

Lawrence House kicked off the year with vibrant activities fostering connections between teachers and students. The 6th form led juniors in engaging games, building camaraderie across grades. Laughter and teamwork filled the air as housemates bonded through shared experiences. The day concluded with everyone relishing a well-deserved and delightful snack.

Our house shined brightly on the sports field, clinching victory in the Inter-House Cricket Sets. Siddharth, Ronit, Lamim, Bidit, Nikunj, Aryan, Rwik, Sparsh performed really well and the team's dedication and strategic gameplay led us to a well-deserved win of Cricket Sets Cup, demonstrating our strong sporting spirit and determination.

Lawrence House had a triumphant cricket season, claiming the coveted cricket shield. The 1st XI demonstrated exceptional skill, winning all three matches with impressive performances. The 2nd XI also contributed significantly, securing two victories out of three. Players like Kartikay (as Captain of 1st XI), Siddharth, Tanav, Tushar, Kounik, Ram Aryan, Ashneel, Kshitiz, Aryan (as Captain of 2nd XI), Toufiq, Lamim, Shashank and Soumik were instrumental in Lawrence House's success, showcasing exceptional skills and teamwork throughout the tournament. Tanav Biswas earned himself a minor color for his outstanding performance in the cricket season. Their outstanding contributions were crucial in securing the cricket shield for Lawrence House.

The Lawrence House's annual concert, held in the prestigious Prep Hall, was hailed as a resounding success. The highlight of the evening was the captivating one-act play, *The Boy Comes Home*, directed by Mr. G. Bhattacharya and Mr. N. Mandal. The performance, based on A.A. Milne's work, explored themes of familial bonds and personal aspirations, with Sayantan Das, Vansh Raj Narayan Banerjee and Souhrit Das delivering standout performances. Following the play, the audience was treated to

soulful musical renditions and captivating dance performances. The evening concluded with a stirring rendition of the Lawrence House song and an emotional speech by House Captain Ram Aryan.

Lawrence House proudly announces the resounding success of our Bengali Elocution team. Rwik, Kounik, and Souhrit delivered exceptional performances on stage, captivating the audience with their eloquence and passion. Souhrit secured 1st position in Poetry category, Kounik secured 2nd position in Prose category and Rwik secured 1st position in the Drama category. Their skillful delivery and profound understanding of the subject matter earned them a well-deserved victory, securing the coveted cup for Lawrence House.

The Lawrence House Volleyball team exhibited exceptional skill and teamwork in their house matches. The standout performers were Bamang (as Captain), Churchill, Sardo, Shwebik, Thayakon, and Soumik whose exceptional plays were instrumental in securing the cup. Their combined efforts led to a decisive victory, showcasing the team's dominance and the individual brilliance of its members.

Lawrence House emerged as the undisputed champions in the Basketball House Matches, securing a clean sweep against all three opposing houses. The team's stellar performance was fueled by the exceptional skills of players like Sardo (as Captain), Churchill, Aksukit, Thayakon, Urken, Dinraj, Siddharth, and Nayeem. Their outstanding teamwork and individual prowess were instrumental in securing victory for Lawrence House, adding another prestigious cup to their collection.

Academically, Lawrence House has also excelled. We secured first place in the First PO, First Term, and Second Term Exams, reflecting the hard work and intellectual prowess of our students. Souhrit, Toufiq, Sayantan, Bamang, Aryan, Shams, Thayakon, Dev and Kartikay outshined the others and did exceptionally well in their academics. This achievement underscores our commitment to academic excellence and sets a high standard for the rest of the year.

Lawrence House emerged as the undisputed champion of the Inter House Debate Competition, defeating all three opposing houses. The debating team, comprised of Aryan, Shams, Rwik, Sayantan, Vansh, and Souhrit, demonstrated exceptional oratory skills and strategic thinking throughout the competition. Their compelling arguments and effective rebuttal techniques proved to be the deciding factors in their victories. In the first round, Aryan was judged as the Best Speaker against Clive House and on the final round, Sayantan was judged as the best speaker against Hastings House. Lawrence House's outstanding performance earned them the coveted Debating Shield.

Lawrence House put up a valiant effort in the Inter-House Football Sets, ultimately finishing in second place. Despite a tough competition with Havelock House, players like Shams (as Captain of 2nd XI), Kshitiz, Ram, Sparsh, Aryan, Aksukit, Kounik, Dinraj, Siddharth, Dikshant, Nayeem, Nawab, Warat, Shashank, and Rwik displayed exceptional skill and determination. Their performance showcased the house's strong football talent and competitive spirit.

The Inter House Hindi Elocution competition was a resounding success, with Lawrence House and Clive House emerging as joint champions. Nikunj secured 3rd position in the Poetry category, Sayantan secured 1st position in the Prose Section and Aryan secured 1st position in the Drama category. The Elocution team delivered exceptional performances, captivating the audience with their eloquence and passion.

The Inter House English Elocution competition was a grand success, with Lawrence House securing a commendable second place. Souhrit secured 1st position in Junior Drama category, Sayantan secured 1st position in Extempore, Aryan secured 3rd position in Senior Prose Category and Shams secured 3rd position in Senior Drama category. Their eloquence and passion captivated the audience, showcasing the outstanding talent of Lawrence House.

The Inter House Nepali Elocution was a resounding success. Lawrence House emerged as the second overall champion, showcasing their exceptional talent. Urken Sherpa also made a significant impact, securing second place in the drama category. Shaurya Bohra earned the second-place title in the Prose category. The event highlighted the remarkable linguistic abilities and cultural appreciation of all participating houses.

Sardo Waii took up the Captaincy of Lawrence House from Ram Aryan Kumar (1st March – 3rd August) from 6th August, 2024.

Lawrence House emerged victorious in the Inter-House Football Matches, securing three out of five shields. The First XI team showcased dominance, winning all three matches. The Second XI team also performed admirably, winning two out of three matches. Thayakon and Bamang played amazingly on the field which made them earn themselves the minor color. Standout players included Sardo, Bamang (as Captain of 1st XI), Thayakon (as Top Scorer of 1st XI), Kartikay (Goal Keeper of 1st XI), Churchill, Shwebik, Urken, Shams (as Captain of 2nd XI), Soumik, Lamim, Ashneel (as Top Scorer of 2nd XI), Aksukit, Shashank (Goal Keeper of 2nd XI), Nayeem, Dikshant, and Nawab, whose exceptional skills and teamwork contributed significantly to Lawrence House's success.

The Inter House Quiz Competition was a thrilling event, with Lawrence House putting up a commendable performance. The team, comprising

Kartikay, Aryan, Sayantan, Nikunj, and Toufiq, displayed exceptional knowledge and quick thinking. Despite a third-place finish in the first round, they bounced back strongly, securing the top spot in the second round. However, due to the cumulative score, Lawrence House ultimately finished in second place overall. Sayantan Das was also awarded the Major Bhattanagar Medal for the Best Quizzer. The team's efforts were commendable, and their performance was a source of pride for the house.

Lawrence House achieved an outstanding performance in the Athletics Shield competition, securing first place and bringing home the shield. Despite coming second in the Standards Cup, the team's unwavering spirit shone through, particularly in the relay, where they clinched victory. The following boys performed exceptionally well, starting with the Open Division Shwebik, Churchil, Thayakon, Kartikay, Urken and Nawab. In U-17 Ashneel, in U-15 Soumik and Dikshant. Their collective efforts and dedication throughout the events showcased Lawrence House's commitment to excellence, making this a memorable and well-deserved achievement for the entire team.

Lawrence House performed admirably in the Table Tennis House Matches, securing second place through the dedicated efforts of players like Achintya, Ankit, Ashneel, Shwebik, Dinraj, and Urken. Their teamwork and perseverance shone throughout the matches, displaying great skill and sportsmanship, making Lawrence House proud with their outstanding performance.

The important duties were given to our Lawrencians for the year 2024 were: -

Ram Aryan Kumar–	Lawrence House Captain (1 st March – 3 rd August)
Sardo Waii	– 1. Lawrence House Captain (6 th August – 30 th Nov.)
	2. Volleyball Captain
Kartikay Jalan:	– 1. Lawrence House Prefect
	2. Cricket Captain
	3. Photography Secretary
	4. Batik Secretary
	5. Quiz Secretary
Bamang Apa:	– Football Captain
Aksukit T	– Music Secretary
Aditya Kharga	– Computer Secretary
Dev Jalan	– T- Shirt Painting Secretary
Kshitiz Kumar	– Philately Secretary
Sayantan Das	– Paulite Magazine Secretary
Vansh Raj Narayan Bannerjee	– French Secretary

PROFICIENCY PRIZES

Lawrencians earned themselves some prizes on the Speech Day. Stating with the class prizes: -

1. Toufiq Raihan - 1st Proficiency in 9B
2. Souhrit Das - 1st Proficiency in 9C
3. Sayantan Das - 1st Proficiency in 10C
4. Shams Ur Rahman - 2nd Proficiency in 11 Humanities
5. Thayakon Mungthongchun - 1st Proficiency in 11 Science
6. Bamang Apa - 2nd Proficiency in 12 Humanities
7. Dev Jalan - 1st Proficiency in 12 Commerce
8. Kartikay Jalan - 2nd Proficiency in 12 Commerce

SPECIAL PRIZES

The following are the special prizes that Lawrencians have achieved individually:

1. Aksukit: - Adams Music Prize
2. Ronit Singh: - Darjeeling Rotary Medal for Social Service
3. Shams Ur Rahman: - Anil Choudhary Art Prize
4. Kounik Roy: - Usharani Bengali Prize
5. Tushar Singh: - Jack Warren Best Cricketer (Under 10) Prize
6. Dev Jalan: - (a) Sahgal Accountancy Medal and
(b) Class of '89 Economics Prize
7. Aditya Kharga: - (a) Bishop's Medal and
(b) RS Prasad Medal for Computer Sc. Prize
8. Kartikay Jalan: - (a) Best Craftsman Medal for Batik,
(b) Sahgal Business Studies Medal and
(c) Das Studio Medal for Consistent Good Work in Photography
9. Aryan Kumar: - (a) Rudra Hindi Medal,
(b) Kamlesh Kanti Medal for Photography and
(c) Kamlesh Kanti Medal for ICSE Hindi
10. Sayantan Das: - (a) Moore Divinity Medal,
(b) GJ Shaw Medal for Best All Rounder Medal (Under 10),
(c) Major Bhattanagar Medal for the Best Quizzer,
(d) Karun Majumdar GK Medal,
(e) Luv Kumar Ecological Medal and
(f) Gibbs Medal for Outward Bound Activities Pioneer

This year, Lawrence House excelled across academics, sports, and extracurriculars, embodying the spirit of unity and perseverance. From dominating inter-house competitions to fostering camaraderie, every member showcased exceptional talent and commitment. This year we Lawrencians celebrate the collective achievements, highlighting the milestones that made Lawrence House's journey truly remarkable this year. We Lawrencians followed our motto throughout the year "CREDO INTE SENEX".

"We Lawrencians, We Lawrencians, We Lawrencians are the best"

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Debate Excellence



Crafting memories through teamwork and spirit

SCHOOL PLAY REPORT

The annual school play for the year 2024, saw a blend of Edwardian lifestyle and a mixture of unconventional jokes. The mystery-comedy titled the “Murder at Gosington Hall,” was three scene play, revolving around the mysterious murder of one Lord Betton, played by none other than our very own Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya – Bengali teacher for the Senior Wing. The murder ties itself to another murder of a rich lady by the name Mrs. Mary Wentworth (played by Sk. Hasib-ur-Rahman), which occurred three decades earlier. In a complex plan conjured up by Detective Enderby, a renowned detective as well as Mr. Jenkins, a retired Chief of London Police, with an intricate tie to the plot. Vice, suspicion and revenge play out in the intense interrogations and revelations in this play set in 1931’s London. The prologue consists of the characters of Mary Wentworth (Sk. Hasib-ur Rahman), Jenny the maid (Thejota T. Vadeo), The Butler (Gesar W. Sherpa) and Lady Dawkins, Sister of Mary Wentworth (Blaise D. Bhutia). The second scene set ten years later saw the introduction of the main five characters, namely – Lord Betton (Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya), Captain Hastings (Sayantan Das), Doctor Rowlands (Aman Kumar), Enderby (Atulya Koirala), Jenkins (Yavisht Jamshedji) and Fred the Butler (Zidane Asif) who was accompanied by his two servants played by Rafael Lalrinsanga and Churchil Ng. The second scene saw the inclusion of Lady Armstrong, also known as Daisy, daughter of Mary Wentworth (Jesse Zhimomi), Lady Dawkins, Sir Anthony Frank Dawkins, husband of Lady Dawkins (Sabbir Ahmed) and Mr. Armstrong, husband of Lady Armstrong (Kartikay Jalan). This scene saw the eventual poisoning of the great Lord Betton, and built up to the eventual final scene, with the unmasking of the killer. The third and final scene was filled with suspense as everyone tries to grasp the reality as well as questions their own conscience and motives over the untimely demise of the great man. A surprise came from one Mr. Thacker (Agnelo Dennis - Senor Master) delivers the heroes with a final clue and reveals Jenkins to be the perpetrator. The play ends with a cliff hanger as Lord Gerald Betten makes his final appearance on stage along his trusty sidekick, Fred.

The play would not have been possible without the stage hands led by the manager of the play, Aryan Kumar, who took charge and arranged for evening snacks during practices, prop handling as well as overall supervision of the backstage. The first performance was held on the 3rd of October, 2024, where schools from Darjeeling, namely Loreto Convent, St. Joseph’s School North Point, Mount Hermon School and Nepali Girls High School, graced the occasion and witnessed the spectacle at Gosington Hall. The second performance was graced with the presence

of the teachers, parents, guests and students of St. Paul's School, Darjeeling. The final curtain call was met with thunderous applause, as Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya waved his final goodbye on stage to the old school. The days of hard work and determination amidst a busy schedule, paved way for a fabulous performance, with Atulya Koirala winning the medal for the Best Actor in English, an addition to his Sakrani Medal for Elocution. With immense gratitude, the cast and crew thank Mr. David Cecil for his commitment and skill dedicated to his first school play; the first of many.





The Junior Wing Monitors

JUNIOR WING NOTES – 2024

Boys reported to school after a long winter break on 25th February. There were quite a few new students this year in Junior Wing taking the total strength to 160 which was more than what we had last year.

All the junior wing dormitories were furnished with new beds, mattresses and lockers giving all of them the much needed facelift.

Opening of term service was held on 26th February while investiture of prefects was done on 27th February. Book distribution followed the investiture ceremony.

Normal classes started from 28th February.

The Junior Wing House Monitors for the year 2024 were as follows

Anderson House : Khalid Ferdous, Aayan Pratap Maurya & Swastik Dutta

Betten House : Nilesh Kharel & Shreyans Ayush Singh

Cable House : Mohit Kumar Soni & Veer Pratap Maurya

Westcott House: Samrat Singh & Samrat Kumar Mehta (Methaz Kabir Rehan till June, 2024)

In order to make the new students feel at home we got them immediately involved in the evenings with various musical activities and they showcased their talents on 13th March on the day of the house activities. This year, unlike the other years, we had house activities for all houses in the Prep Hall where the respective House Masters introduced their House Tutors and the boys to the whole Wing. This introduction session was followed by a short concert put up by the new boys.

On 2nd March, our boys attended Maths workshop conducted by Think Tac.

On 9th March, 2024 26 boys from Junior Wing took part in the local marathon run organised by Nirmana Foundation, on the occasion of Women's Day. At school too, on 8th March, we had a special combined assembly in the Prep Hall where all the lady staff were felicitated by the Rector.

The first ever "Graduation Ceremony" for the outgoing students of class 12 was organised on the 9th March which was attended by many parents of outgoing boys along with students.

On 16th March our JW Cricket team played a fixture against NP and convincingly won the match. Again on 20th April we won the fixture against NP at NP. At the Inter House level, the cricket cup was won by Cable House.

On 23rd March, Pelhaj Kaushik (6), Dhruv Pujari (6), Ayan Chettri (6) and Rajit Dutta (7) went to Victoria Boys' School, Kurseong to take part in the

Inter School Chess Competition. The same day our Under 8 Basketball Team went to NP for the tournament.

The Inter House Basketball Cup and the Inter House Basketball Cup both was won by Westcott House this year.

Holi was celebrated for the first time in school on 25th March. Boys enjoyed the celebration by playing with colours on a small scale.

The first of the House Concerts was staged by Anderson and Cable on 28th March and the second House Concert was staged by Betten and Westcott on 24th August, 2024. Both these concerts were enjoyed by all.

Special Good Friday Service was held on 29th March and boys were allowed to go for overnight stay with their parents after the service. On the same day we took 99 boys who were left in school, to Kalimpong, for an excursion. The Head Junior Wing along with the other staff from Junior Wing escorted the boys. The boys had a good time during the excursion. They were taken for swimming to a swimming pool near Relli River and they had their ATV (Quad) driving session at Pudung Farm near Relli. They were also taken to the Science Centre at Delo and went for local sightseeing at Durpin Monastery. They returned to school on Sunday night.

Form the 2nd of April, 2024 the Bicentennial Under 14 Cricket Tournament began in school. We were able to clinch the trophy after a nail biting finish at the final match played against St Augustine's School, Kalmpong. Mohit Kumar Soni, Veer Pratap Maurya, Abhrajit Saha, Sushobit Mukhia, Satyam Raj, Khalid Ferdous, Ansh Raj, Samrat Kumar Mehta, Md. Mohtasin Islam Mukdha, Samrat Singh, Varannya Basnet, were part of the team from Junior Wing. Mohit Kumar Soni was adjudged Man of the Tournament for his outstanding all round performance at the tournament.

On the 10th of April 2024, on the occasion of Eid, parents of Muslim were allowed to take their children for overnight stay to celebrate Eid.

From the 12th of April, we started special karate lessons for all the boys of Junior Wing. They have classes on Fridays and Saturdays which was later changed to Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Scholastic Book Fair was held on 13th April where boys were allowed to purchase books within a budget of Rs 1000.

The first Period Order Tests began from 15th of April.

On the 19th of April, the Under 7 Basketball went to Kalimpong to participate at the Basketball Tournament hosted by St Augustine's School, Kalimpong. Our team was represented by Ansh Raj Poddar, Tushar Kariwala, Md. Aamir Jamal, Palsang Sangay, Anubhav Kalwar, Agnideep Roy, Swastik Aich, Abhrajit Saha, Shreyash Gurung, Varannya Pratap

Basnet, Nirveek Lama, Saptak Haldar, Sonam Norbu Bhutia, Uzeil Datta, Krishnendu Das and Atikoto Zhimomi.

Eye camp for the boys of class 8 and above was held on 22nd April where boys received free eye check up from the company Himalayan Opticals, Siliguri.

Boys attended orientation programme conducted by Education World on 29th April and later many such sessions were organised for the students and the teachers by the team all through the year.

May Day was celebrated as Foundation Day in the School with special Chapel Service and briefing on “Artificial Intelligence” by Director IIT Kharagpur in the Prep Hall.

The first round of Inter House Debating was held on 11th May, the second round was held on 9th July and the final round was held on 17th July, 2024. The Debating Cup was shared by Betten and Westcott.

This year the school started Robotics Workshops on a regular basis for the students of class 6 to 8. This proved to be a good initiative for the younger minds to explore new and exciting territories in the field of science and technologies.

The first round of Karanjai Quiz was held on 20th March, the second round on 20th May and the final round was held on 28th September, 2024. The Quiz cup was bagged by Westcott House.

Cricket house matches began from 21st May and there was a stiff competition amongst the houses for the cricket cup which eventually was won by Cable House,

The preparation for the first terminal examinations began with special morning prep organised for the boys two weeks ahead of the examinations. These preps started from 5:30 am to 6:30 am on weekdays and it was supervised by the HJW himself.

The First Terminal Examinations began from 31st May and ended on 8th June, 2024, The boys went for the much deserved June Break from the last day of the examinations.

The school reopened on 23rd June. The students got busy with various activities immediately. The football and indoor games season kicked off immediately.

The JW Inter House English Elocution was held on 3rd July and the prestigious Elocution Cup was won by Anderson House. The JW Inter House Hindi Elocution was held on 3rd August, 2024 and the Hindi Elocution Cup was won by Cable House.

We also started special music lessons for the boys in Guitar, Piano and

Drums during this term. We hired professional music teachers for the purpose and the students benefitted a lot out of it.

We played two football fixtures with St Joseph's School and unfortunately we lost both of these matches. At the Inter House level, the football cup was won by Cable House. The Inter House Table Tennis Cup was bagged by Cable House while the Inter House Badminton Cup was bagged by Westcott House.

On 25th July, we sent eleven boys from Junior Wing to take part at the Inter National Karate Championship which was held at Kolkata for around four days. Two of our boys won Silver medal at the tournament.

The Inter School Table Tennis Tournament was held at St Augustine's School Kalimpong on the 26th July, 2024. Tushar Kariwala of class 6 won the finals in his Division.

The preparation for the Independence Day began from the later part of July, where the boys were engaged in NCC and Band practices on a regular basis. This year Junior Wing presented a patriotic Hindi song on the Independence Day. The song was written by our own Hindi Teacher, Mr Gyan Mishra and it was set to tune by Mr M Dutta, The boys in NCC and Band did their part and impressed the Chief Guest and the parents on the occasion.

From 27th August, once again the morning prep began for the boys ahead of the Second Terminal Examinations which began from 16th September and ended on 24th September, 2024. The Junior Wing boys were treated to a lovely excursion to the Dooars area after the examinations. This trip was a refreshing experience for all of us.

After 15 August the boys keep themselves busy with preparation for the upcoming major events like Sports Day and Speech Day. The hobbies come alive in full swing in the later part of August. Unfortunately, this year the Sport's Day was washed away due to untimely heavy downpour. It was postponed to 2nd November after the Puja holidays. However, we went ahead with the Speech Day Programme on the 5th October where the boys who excelled in academics and curricular activities were awarded with proficiency medals and special medals.

The Puja holidays began from 5th October, 2024.

The school reopened on 20th October, 2024. The parent – teacher meeting was held on that day from 1 pm.

The marathon season began immediately and the boys had regular practice runs in the afternoons. The final was held on 31st October and the Marathon Cup was bagged once again by Cable House.

Sport's Day was held on 2nd November. The Athletics Standards Cup and the Athletics Cup both were bagged by Cable House this year.

Diwali was celebrated on 1st November in the School by lighting up the diyas and candles followed by open air concert by the students and some staff.

Rector's Day was observed on 4th November, 2024 where the school felicitated many members of the staff for their exemplary works.

The final round of the Inter House P T Competition was held on 12th November and the PT Cup was won by Westcott House.

Once again the boys of Junior Wing went for a day picnic to Jamuni a tourist spot in the outskirts of Darjeeling.

The final terminal examinations began from 21st November and ended on 30th November. The boys went for the winter holidays on 30th after the examination.

The Carol Service for Junior Wing was held on 28th November, 2024. After soulful singing of the carols in the Chapel, all staff and students were treated in the dining hall for a very sumptuous meal. I take this opportunity to thank Mr Pemba Tamang, our Choirmaster, for giving us not just the lovely Carol service on the 28th evening, but also for being there every morning for the service in the Chapel and also for Sunday matins.

The trophies for the year were given out at the GHD supper, on the day of Carol Service, to the winning Houses by Mrs Lepcha, the first lady of the School. The best House Cup – "The Solomon Cup" went to Westcott House this year amidst a stiff competition from Cable House.

Before concluding this report I take this opportunity to thank all those people who have made it possible for the smooth running of the various activities throughout the year. I thank all the boys in the wing, the House Monitors, the staff, the Estate Department, the catering department, the cooks and the dining hall bearers, Bursary staff, Hall Masters, Matrons, my office peon, the guards and all dormitory bearers for their help and coordination.

I thank our PTIs, Mr Prayag Chettri and Mr Diwakar Thapa, for overseeing the games and morning PT for the boys of Junior Wing

I thank Mr Arnold Mukhia for looking after the responsibilities of Examination Coordinator and offering me valuable suggestions from time to time. I thank Mr Mahendra Mukhia for seeing over to the stationery needs of the boys.

I take this opportunity to especially thank the House Masters - Mr Rakesh Rai, Mr Bishal Gurung, Mr Sirshendu Roy and Mr Mahendra Mukhia for

their help and enthusiasm. They shoulder a lot of my responsibilities in the Wing and fill in, on my absence.

I take this opportunity to thank the Senior Master for his cooperation and help in running the day to day affair of the school and also for his valuable suggestions.

Last but not the least, I thank the Rector for his care and concern for the Junior Wing. I am also very thankful to the Rector for his initiatives to furnish the Junior Wing dormitories with new amenities.

Thank you all!

Punam Lama
Head Junior Wing



The Junior Wing Elocution Team



The Junior Wing Debating Team



The Junior Wing Quiz Team



The Anderson House

ANDERSON HOUSE REPORT, 2024

House Master:	Mr. Rakesh Rai	House Monitors:
House Tutors:	Mr. Genesis Dutta	Khalid Ferdous
	Ms. Nilima Pandit	Ayan Pratap Maurya
	Mrs. Pramila Gurung Rai	Swastik Dutta
	Mr. Marcian Joshi	

The year was not a very fruitful one in terms of the trophies won but on a positive note it was a year of learning, bonding and camaraderie. Learning to accept defeat in a true sportsman spirit, to fight back strongly and not give up easily. The boys this year gave their best in every field without much worrying about the outcome. They enjoyed themselves thoroughly whether it was in the games field or on the stage-

debating, elocuting or quizzing. It created a good bonding and a strong friendship among the house members and a cordial atmosphere. There was a lot of fun, laughter and joy in everything the boys did.

House activities were held on the 13th of March. This year there were many new faces in the house. Some looked excited while others looked a little nervous. They introduced themselves one by one coming up on stage mentioning their hobbies and interest. Each one was ready to put their best foot forward and make the house proud.

Soon the boys were busy as we had to stage the Annual House concert along with Cable House. Mr. S. Roy directed the play entitled 'The feast of thousand lanterns' which was based on generosity and the joy of giving. A Hindi skit by Mr. Gyan Mishra entertained the audience. There was flute recital, piano recitals, solo songs and group songs. The concert was followed by a sumptuous supper in the dining hall.

The boys fought hard in the cricket field but a few errors in decision making in the field cost us the cup. We didn't have good talents in volleyball and basketball and therefore lost against our opponents but not without giving a good fight.

With the arrival of the monsoon, the football season began along with indoor games- badminton and table tennis. We contested very well in these games but our opponents got the better of us. The debating team too did a good job but we could not lay our hands on the trophy. Then came the English Elocution Competition. With many days of practice the boys outperformed the opponents and emerged victorious. Special mention of the talented boys- Pehraj Kaushik(VI A), Eshaan Banerjee(VII A) and Ayan Pratap Maurya(VIII A). Ayan Pratap Maurya went on to represent the school in the N. M. Master Inter School English Elocution Com-

petition and stood first in his category. Some very interesting quizzing sessions kept all of us glued to our seats more so as we were one of the favourites to win the cup. We cheered for every point won by our team. Having come so close to winning the cup, we missed it by a whisker. Srinjoy Mandal was declared the best Quizzer in the junior wing and was awarded the Karanjai Prize for Quizzing.

With very limited talent in Athletics and Marathon we could not perform well against some good sportsmen in the opponent Houses.

Following boys were awarded prizes on the Speech Day:

(i)	Pehlaj Kaushik	VI B	First Proficiency
(ii)	Eshaan Banerjee	VII A	First Proficiency
(iii)	Achintya Sekhar	VII B	First Proficiency
(iv)	Rajdeep Chatterjee	VII C	First Proficiency
(v)	Swastik Dutta	VIII B	First Proficiency, B P Dutta Science Prize, The Gayatri Kanti Prize for Consistent Academic Achievement, Gal Gregory Mathematics Medal, Disawal Prize for Best Actor in the Junior Wing.
(vi)	Shlok Kumar	VII B	Second Proficiency
(vii)	Aarush Dutta	VIII B	Second Proficiency
(viii)	Arpit Arya	VI A	Progress and Application
(ix)	Dhairya Sharma	VI B	Progress and Application
(x)	Abid Hasan Rakin	VII B	Progress and Application
(xi)	Khalid Ferdous	VIII A	B J Sharma Medal for the Best Sportsman in Junior Wing.
(xii)	Ayan Pratap Maurya	VIII B	Jyoti Kundu Medal for Elocution
(xiii)	Srinjoy Mandal	VIII A	The Karanjai Prize for Quizzing

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank all the members of the House for their effort and contribution during the course of the year. I wish to thank the House monitors Khalid Ferdous, Ayan Pratap Maurya and Swastik Dutta for helping and guiding the boys. My best wishes to the class VIII's as they move up to the senior wing, I wish them happiness and success in their entire endeavor. I wish to extend my gratitude to the House tutors Mr. Genesis Dutta, Ms. Nilima Pandit, Mrs. Pramila Gurung Rai and Mr. Marcian Joshi for their help and support.

'The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail.'

Mr. Rakesh Rai
House Master



The Betten House

BETTEN HOUSE REPORT, 2024

House Master:	Mr. Bishal Gurung	House Monitors:
House Tutors:	Mrs. Bandana Chamling	Nilesh Kharel
	Mrs. Proma Bhattacharya	Shreeyansh Ayush Singh
	Mr. Umang Khawas	Al Meherab Mashrafe
	Mr. Pemba Tamang	
House Matron:	Mrs. Kalyani Lama	

When pales and dies the light

'Courage!' the old School calls;

Fear not the darkest night;

Clouds only veil the light;

Indeed; these above lines from our school song brilliantly sums up our emotions after a difficult and bittersweet year for Betten House. Such was 2024 for us; cruel at times and rewarding during others.

Betten House was riding high on a victorious previous year where we had been ranked first in the Junior Wing and I was absolutely positive and confident that we would do a double this year as well. But oh! How the mighty can fall sometimes! We were humbled in some areas while in some we had to fight tooth and nail to prove our worth.

We welcomed our boys back to school on a cold winter day on 25th February. This was followed by various regular features in the school like the Opening of Term Service and the Prefects Investiture ceremony. The cricket and basketball season and selections started right after. We had our House activities and new boys' concert in the Prep Hall on the 13th of February and I was hopeful with the quality of fresh troops in our House along with our older boys. Our boys definitely looked like a strong unit in many fronts. But that was not to be so as the cricket House matches went underway. In spite of our strong and skilled teams and with some close-call matches, our boys stood third after the end of the season. This was followed by a number of rounds of the inter-House English debate competition and the Karanjai quiz. Betten House was ranked joint winners with Westcott House at the end of the debate competition and we were ecstatic. But disappointment was waiting for us as we managed an insignificant third position in the Karanjai quiz competition despite our best effort.

We had our summer break from 6th to 23rd June and I thought to myself that perhaps our fortunes would take a turn after this. But more heart-breaking results awaited us as we could not push ourselves beyond the third positions in both the inter-House English elocution (in spite of having

two excellent and eloquent speakers in Palsang Sangay Bhutia and Ayan Chettri) and the inter-House football competition.

However, we remained hopeful that we would lift ourselves in the other remaining competitions and we kept preparing ourselves. During this time, some of our following boys did Betten House proud by successfully representing the school in various inter-School events:

1. Tushar Kariwala (Class VI): Inter-School badminton, table-tennis, Under 7 basketball, Under 8 volleyball and inter-School Athletics meet.
2. Anubhav Kalwar (Class VII): Under 8 football and basketball, inter-School karate championship.
3. Waratboon Amorndethawin (Class VII): Under 14 badminton and inter-School karate championship.
4. Md. Mohtasim Mukhdha (Class VIII): Under 8 and Under 14 cricket tournament and Under 8 football.
5. Aritro Shah (Class VIII): Inter-School badminton and table-tennis tournaments.

The Betten and Westcott House concert was put up in the Prep Hall on 24th August. It was an evening of a bouquet of talents as the boys and tutors of both Houses displayed some amazing items on the stage. The main play this time was a modern high school comedy titled “This is a Test” directed by the Betten House Master Mr. Bishal Gurung. Along with this, there were some memorable moments of solo, duo and group singing and dance items and a hilarious short Hindi skit directed by our Hindi teacher Mr. Gyan Mishra. Over all, the concert was a complete success with the entire school thoroughly enjoying and applauding every moment of it.

The athletics season began from the month of September followed by the annual hobbies exhibition and Speech Day where some of our boys also received medals and certificates for their commendable achievements throughout the course of this year. The award recipients from Betten House during the Speech Day are as follows:

1. Ayan Chettri (Class VI): 2nd proficiency prize, 90% (Second Term exam) merit certificate
2. Biswajit Mushahary (Class VI): 90% (Second Term exam) merit certificate
3. Dhairya Sharma (Class VI), Soumya Shekhar Jha (Class VI), Shah Nazeef Faisal (Class VII), Md. Mohtasin Mukhdha (Class VIII) and Animesh Raj Nayak (Class VIII) : Progress and Application award

4. Palsang Sangay Bhutia (Class VII): Best Debater (JW inter-House Debate), 2nd proficiency prize, 90% (Second Term exam) merit certificate
5. Animesh Raj Nayak (Class VIII): Best Artist prize (JW)
6. Shreyansh Ayush Singh (Class VIII): Moore Divinity prize (JW)

The school closed down for Puja vacations soon after the Speech Day and reopened with the Marathon season and the annual Sports Day which had been postponed owing to poor weather conditions. Once again, Betten House was ranked third in the Marathon finals but Shreyansh Ayush Singh shone like a bright promising star as he managed to break into the top ten in the Intermediate section. We managed to do considerably better in athletics as we came in second in the Standards and our 4x100 relay team won the first position. Shreeyan Ambasta also came in second in the 100m race while Nilesh Kharel bagged the 3rd spot in the 100 and 200m races. Tushar Kariwala also chipped in with a 2nd prize in high jump. Shreyansh Ayush Singh was phenomenal during this time as he put up a stunning performance every time he stepped forward in the field. The following are his achievements:

1st in the 4x100 relay race, 1st in high jump, 1st in 400m race, 2nd in 100m and 200m races and 3rd in broad jump.

Along with the above medals Shreeyansh had also won certificates for ranking 3rd in the 200m race and broad jump events during his participation in the inter-School Athletics meet held at Dr. Graham's Homes school, Kalimpong. Sadly, these were the only silver linings to our otherwise dark clouds as we could not repeat our success in the remaining events where we could never manage to secure the top position and always ranked in the remaining three spots in badminton, volleyball, table-tennis, basketball and the Junior Wing P.T. competition. What definitely hurt us the most was losing our prestigious Solomon Cup to Westcott House. This was indeed a bitter pill to swallow for all us Bettenites. The year was quickly drawing to an end and so all four Houses joined in one time for a sumptuous treat of chicken biryani as planned and executed by their four House Masters. After this came the Final term examinations and soon it was time to bid goodbye to school and another year.

I would hereby like to place on record my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to my House tutors Mrs. Bandana Chamling, Mrs. Proma Bhattacharya, Mr. Umang Khawas, Mr. Pemba Tamang and our House Matron Mrs. Kalyani Lama. You ladies and gentlemen are the foundations on which the House stands tall. I also thank all my boys and wish them the very best and every success in all their future endeavors. You boys contrib-

uted immensely to the House every time you were called to do so or when the chips were down. I offer my appreciation and gratitude to the Head of the Junior Wing, Mr. Punam Lama who has always been there for every single child and teacher in the Wing rendering his help and support at all times. I would also like to thank and honor the Rector Dr. Peter Lepcha for steering this mighty ship called St. Paul's to higher ground and glory. Lastly, I wish all members of the staff and students of St. Paul's School a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Mr. Bishal Gurung





The Cable House

CABLE HOUSE REPORT, 2024

House Master:	Mr. Shirsendu Roy	House Monitors:
House Tutors:	Mrs. S. Allay	Mohit Kumar Soni
	Mr. N. Bakshi	Veer Pratap Maurya
	Mr. G. Mishra	
	Ms. Bindu Chettri	

Once again the boys of Cable House returned to school on 25th of February 2024, with minds filled with confidence to do something good for their house. As it is at the beginning of every academic year so it was this year too some sad faces, some glad faces but within a week back to their normal selves ready to take on another year of hard work. The 'Cableites' welcomed the fresh new bunch of new talents who were new to the house.

As usual the year began with the Cricket season. The boys played extremely well and our best cricket player Mohit Kumar Soni won the 'Jack Warren Trophy'. Fortunately Cable House won the Cricket Cup [J.W] of the year 2024.

On 28th of March we united with Anderson House to put our annual house concert. The main Play the 'The Feast of Thousand Lanterns' was much appreciated by the audience. Boys of both the houses displayed their talents in singing, acting and dancing.

The Football season started after the June holidays. The boys played well and we also won the Football Cup of this year.

In the month of July, Inter House Hindi elocution was held, the boys recited extremely well which also add to another cup for Cable House, the Hindi Elocution Cup of the year 2024. In the events which followed thereafter we were unable to win any cup but had to satisfy ourselves with the near misses.

We realised that we yet had more opportunities to prove that we can be down but never out. Just after the Puja holidays was the Marathon season. The boys gave their best and the result was we won the Marathon Cup. Just after this season came our Annual Sports day and we won the Standard as well as to our surprise the Athletics Cup for the year 2024. Within a few days started the table tennis season, again we won and added to our collection the Table Tennis Cup.

And to mention one of the most prestigious of all, the Studies Cup was again retained by us. Studies in fact has been our forte, we have won this cup for two consecutive years now. Kudos! to all the boys who had worked hard in helping the house to do well.

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

Rayeed Hasan Aayan	[6 C] : 1st Proficiency Prize.
Rudra Pratap Singh	[6 B] : 2nd Proficiency Prize.
Md. Motasim Bllah	[6 B] : Progress and Application Prize.
Aditya Sinha	[7 B] : Good Conduct Prize.
Jai Raj Anand	[7 C] : Progress and Application Prize.
Mohit Kumar Soni	[8 A] : Jack Warren Medal.
Antriksh Garg	[8 A] : 2nd Proficiency Prize.

I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to the house tutors, the monitors and the boys for their constant support. Overall, it was a fruitful year for all concerned and we look forward to a promising year ahead when we will be able to avoid the near misses and get hold of as many cups as possible. Last but not the least my sincere thanks to Mr. P. Lama, Head Junior Wing, for his constant support rendered to us.

Mr. Shirsendu Roy





The Westcott House

WESTCOTT HOUSE REPORT, 2024

House Master: Mr. Mahendra Mukhia

House Monitors:

House Tutors: Mr. A. R. Mukhia

Samrat Singh

Mr. Prashik Chand Gurung

Samrat Kumar Mehta

Mr. Kundan Thapa Mangar

We began the year well with Samrat Singh and Metaj Kabir Rehan being appointed the House monitors. After June holidays Metaj Kabir Rehan left the school, in his absence Samrat Kumar Mehta appointed as second monitor of the house. Under their guidance and motivations boys did exceedingly well in all the fields.

As per the new sessions of 2024, students reporting back to school on 25th of February 2024. The Westcottians Journey began as the first activities took place on 13th March 2024, where all the boys introduced themselves and enjoyed very much.

With the commencement of the session, we witnessed the Cricket session initiating the co-curricular activities.

The Debate was the first inter house competition. Westcott House prepared and performed exceptionally well and adjust joint winner with Betten House. This year in Cricket we were placed second and in the field of Basketball and Volleyball our boys performed very well and were able to win Basketball and Volleyball cup.

On returning from our Summer Holidays the football leagues were played. The westcottians played very well but we were manage to secure second position. In the field of English and Hindi Elocution we ended up securing the second and third position. But we manage to win Inter House Karanjai Quiz Cup soon after.

This year in Table Tennis we were placed second but we Westcottians manage to win Batminton cup and P.T. Competition.

The Marathon season began and boys were busy in the practice runs. The Marathon final was held on 31st of August 2024. The boys of Westcott house performed well in that event and stood second. In Athletics and Athletic Standard we our boys did not perform well this year.

On 24th of August 2024, we united with Betten House to put our house concert. Boys of both house performed very well in every field. (singing, dancing and acting)

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

Ishan Kumar	(6A)	:	1st Proficiency Prize
Dagyal Bhutia	(6C)	:	2nd Proficiency Prize
Mayukh Sen	(7C)	:	Progress and Application
Virat Yadav	(8A)	:	1st Proficiency Prize
			The Sakrani Medal for Computer
Hanu Nawal	(8B)	:	Amiya Bhattacharya Memorial Prize for Musician

This year has been a successful year for Westcott house. We were able to win SOLOMON CUP for the year. I would like to thank my House Tutors Mr. A.R. Mukhia, Mr. Prashik Chand Gurung and Kundan Thapa Mangar for helping and encouraging the boys most willingly on all occasions. My grateful thanks to my monitors, Samrat Singh and Samrat Kumar Mehta for their support. Lastly my sincere gratitude to Mr. Punam Lama (HJW) for his constant support and guidance.





The Primary Wing Monitors

PRIMARY WING REPORT – 2024

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." — Martin Luther King Jr.

At St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, we hold steadfast to the belief that education extends beyond the pages of textbooks. The Primary Wing serves as the foundation for our boys, fostering a vibrant environment where intellectual growth meets character development. Here, we aim to nurture curious minds, compassionate hearts, and resilient spirits, ensuring that our students are prepared to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally in a dynamic and ever-evolving world.

The appointment of Mr. Deon James Smith as the new Head of the Primary Wing marks a significant transition at St. Paul's School, following Mr. Agnelo Dennis's promotion to Senior Master. Mr. Smith has taken proactive steps from the outset to uplift the primary wing, aiming to solidify its foundation and elevate the school's reputation. The admission team launched admission drives, effectively showcasing St. Paul's as an ideal environment for holistic growth in a boarding school setting. These initiatives reflect the school's vision of preparing students for the world, laying the groundwork for a promising future.

This year has been a transformative one for the Primary Wing of St. Paul's School, marked by several key developments. Admissions saw a remarkable increase from fifty-seven students to eighty-six students, demonstrating the success of the school's strategic outreach initiatives. To accommodate this growth, additional lockers were installed, and the classrooms were enhanced with carpeting, adding warmth and comfort. The East and West Wing dormitories underwent significant upgrades, featuring new carpets and wall-mounted heaters for added warmth, complementing the existing water heater installed last year that provides 24/7 hot water. The meal menu was also upgraded to offer more nutritious and diverse options, enhancing the students' overall experience. Staffing was strengthened with the appointment of Ms. N. Lepcha as the West Wing matron, Ms. J. Lepcha as the Class 2 teacher, Ms. L. Prasad as the Hindi teacher, Mr. P. Chhetri as the PTI, and Mr. J. Mistry as the caterer for the Primary Wing.

To encourage recreation and skill development, new game equipment was provided for the students. These sequential upgrades have collectively reinforced the foundation of the Primary Wing, creating a more enriching and nurturing environment for its young learners. Academically, extra classes for major subjects continued, to strengthen the students'

foundation, and prep hours were more effectively monitored by assigning additional teachers to supervise study time. A special assembly, introduced by the Head of the Primary Wing, became a platform to celebrate and impart knowledge about significant days such as World Water Day, Holi, Easter, World Health Day, Earth Day, and World Environment Day. These celebrations enriched the students' understanding of culture, history, and global issues.

March saw an exhilarating series of cricket matches between the spirited Young Paulites and the North Pointers. The first match, held on our home ground, was nothing short of spectacular. The Young Paulites showcased remarkable skill, teamwork, and unwavering determination, leading them to a well-deserved victory. The energy and enthusiasm of the players, coupled with the roaring support of the home crowd, created an unforgettable atmosphere. "Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family." – Kofi Annan. The Primary Wing Hall at St. Paul's School came alive with energy and excitement in April as Round 1 of the much-anticipated Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz unfolded. Organized by Nutshell, the event showcased the students' intellectual curiosity and their eagerness to shine in the world of knowledge. Participants representing their respective houses displayed exceptional poise and teamwork as they tackled questions that tested their awareness of a wide range of topics, from history and geography to current affairs and science. Each round was met with enthusiasm, as the audience cheered for their peers, creating a vibrant atmosphere. The organizing team from Nutshell ensured the quiz was not only engaging but also a platform for students to learn and grow. Their dedication to making this event a success was evident in the seamless flow and interactive format of the quiz. The event concluded with a heartfelt appreciation for all participants and organizers. Round 1 served as a stepping stone, setting high expectations for the upcoming rounds and leaving the audience inspired to broaden their horizons. Such initiatives continue to encourage students to strive for excellence, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and a love for learning in the Primary Wing.

"Art is the only way to run away without leaving home." Before we concluded the month of April, we had the privilege of hosting a talented paper artist who captivated our students with his exceptional skills. Using only paper and scissors, he created stunning designs and forms that left everyone in awe. His intricate work not only showcased his creativity but also inspired our young learners to explore the limitless possibilities of art. The session was both engaging and educational, as students observed firsthand how simple materials could be transformed into masterpieces through skill and imagination. This unique experience encouraged

our students to think creatively and ignited a spark of curiosity, further enriching their artistic journey.

“Cricket is more than just a game; it's a gentleman's sport that teaches patience, strategy, and the spirit of teamwork.” In the return match at the North Pointers' ground, the team faced a tougher challenge. Though the outcome was not in our favor, the Young Paulites played with grit and grace, embodying the true spirit of sportsmanship. Adapting to different conditions and facing new challenges are all part of the journey, and the team has gained invaluable experience from this encounter. These fixtures highlighted not just the talent of our boys but also their resilience and commitment to improvement. Every match is a stepping stone toward greatness, and with continued effort, the Young Paulites are destined to achieve even greater heights in the future. The inter-house cricket matches were a true display of dedication and teamwork, with each house giving their all in the spirit of healthy competition. The boys showed remarkable passion and sportsmanship as they faced off against one another, putting forth their best efforts on the field. Every player contributed to their team's performance, showcasing not only their individual skills but also their ability to work together as a unit. The energy and enthusiasm were contagious, inspiring everyone to give their best.

By the end of April, the students had completed their Short Report One assessment, which comprised a series of concise tests, each carrying a maximum of twenty marks, administered over a period of time. The scores from these assessments were consolidated to generate the final report. "An English elocution competition is not merely a contest of words, but a celebration of eloquence, expression, and the power of language to inspire minds and touch hearts." Alongside the energetic training sessions for cricket, the House Masters and Mistresses worked tirelessly with the boys to prepare them for the highly anticipated English Elocution Competition, which took place in both the individual and choral categories. The final day of the competition arrived, and it was clear that the efforts of both the students and the staff had paid off. The students stood confidently before their audience, delivering their speeches with poise and clarity, while the choral groups mesmerized the crowd with their harmonious voices and impeccable timing. The atmosphere was charged with pride and enthusiasm, and the boys' performances were a true reflection of the hard work and dedication that had gone into both their cricket and elocution training. It was a day that showcased the spirit of healthy competition, teamwork, and the power of expression. The students demonstrated not only their athletic and oratory abilities but also the values of discipline, perseverance, and teamwork that are at the core of the school's ethos. The House Masters and Mistresses were incredibly proud of their

boys and the outstanding efforts they had put forth across both fields.

Wednesdays at the Primary Wing were a day of excitement and camaraderie, as the boys dedicated themselves to their Cub activities. The students were divided into their respective packs, each with their own unique spirit and determination, as they competed against one another in a range of fun and engaging activities. During the training sessions, the Cubs learned the important values embedded in the Cubs Law and Cubs Promise, instilling in them a sense of discipline, responsibility, and teamwork. The day was filled with laughter and energy as the boys participated in various games designed by the Head of the Primary Wing to keep them fit and prepared for the highly anticipated Cubs Rally. From the ball and paper race to the overhead ball relay, object transfer race, musical dribblers, and more, the activities were a fantastic blend of fun and fitness. The students honed their skills in the knock the cone challenge, balloon pop relay, water balloon race, balancing act, sponge pass, and memory test, all while fostering a spirit of friendly competition and teamwork. The highlight of this exciting Wednesday training came on May 22, 2024, with the main event – the Cubs Rally. It was a day filled with joy, enthusiasm, and a wonderful display of sportsmanship. Each student participated wholeheartedly, giving their best effort and showing great teamwork in every challenge. At the end of the rally, the boys were rewarded with chocolates, a sweet treat for their hard work and dedication. The winners, Baloo, Jakala, and Kaa, were celebrated for their outstanding performance, but every single participant was a winner in their own right for their spirit, enthusiasm, and commitment. The Cub activities not only provided an opportunity for physical fitness but also helped to strengthen the bonds of friendship among the boys, teaching them the importance of working together and supporting one another.

"The pen is mightier than the sword." – Edward Bulwer-Lytton. The essay competition at Primary Wing was another exciting opportunity for the boys to showcase their creativity, writing skills, and critical thinking. Under the guidance of the House Masters and Mistresses, each house's students were carefully prepared, learning how to structure their thoughts, articulate their ideas clearly, and express themselves with confidence. The competition was a true test of both academic prowess and personal insight, as the boys tackled topics that encouraged them to think deeply and reflect on important issues. Each participant brought their own unique perspective to the table, producing essays that were both thoughtful and inspiring. Akshat Sahu from Hillary House emerged as the well-deserved first prize winner, a testament to his hard work, dedication, and strong writing abilities. His achievement was a proud moment not only for him but for his house too. However, the true success of the competition lay in

the spirit of participation and learning. Every student who took part in the contest demonstrated resilience, creativity, and a desire to push themselves academically. The competition fostered a sense of healthy rivalry, while also promoting the values of persistence and self-expression. In the end, the essay competition served as a reminder that success is not solely about winning, but about striving to do one's best and growing through the process. Akshat's victory was a reflection of the hard work and effort of all the participants, and the entire school community was proud of the students' achievements and the positive energy they brought to the event. The essay competition was a wonderful opportunity for the boys to shine, and it encouraged everyone to keep nurturing their academic interests and creative talents.

"Art is not just a competition, but a celebration of creativity, where each stroke of the brush tells a unique story and every piece reflects the heart and soul of its creator." On May 8th, 2024, Primary Wing witnessed an exciting and vibrant Inter-House Art Competition, which brought together the creativity and talent of our students in a dynamic and spirited event. The competition was a great success, showcasing the artistic skills of our students and their ability to express their thoughts, ideas, and emotions through various art forms. The event was well-organized, with students from all four houses participating in the art competition. Each participant poured their heart into their work, creating a diverse array of pieces that were both inspiring and thought-provoking. It was heartwarming to see students, regardless of their level of experience, eagerly engage in the creative process and bring their unique visions to life.

May 14th, 2024, a team of dedicated dentists conducted class-wise dental check-ups for all our students. This initiative was a wonderful reflection of our commitment to ensuring the health and well-being of our students. The event was meticulously organized, with each class having a scheduled time for their dental check-up, ensuring a smooth flow of activities throughout the day. The dental team worked diligently, providing valuable guidance on proper oral hygiene practices while thoroughly examining each student's dental health. It was encouraging to see the students actively engage in discussions about maintaining healthy teeth and gums, learning practical tips that will benefit them for years to come. The teachers and staff also played a key role in supporting the event, ensuring that the children were comfortable and informed. The students, though initially apprehensive, showed a keen interest in learning and making dental care a regular part of their routine. This initiative not only helped identify any dental issues early but also instilled in our students the importance of regular dental check-ups and maintaining good oral hygiene habits. The collaboration between the dental team, our school staff, and the students

was seamless, and the overall experience was both educational and empowering.

May 17th, 2024, a group of students from the Primary Wing had the opportunity to attend the annual concert of Bethany School, featuring the timeless musical "Mary Poppins." This outing was an exciting and enriching experience for our students. May 28th, 2024, a group of students attended the annual concert held at St. Joseph's School, where they enjoyed the classic play "Beauty and the Beast." This experience offered them a wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of theater.

May 25th, the second round of the quiz competition was conducted by Nutshell. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, who showcased their knowledge and quick thinking. The competition was intense, with participants engaging in a series of challenging questions. May 30th, 2024, the Primary Wing Quadrangle was filled with excitement and energy as students took part in the much-anticipated Inter-House PT Competition, Round 1. The event showcased the enthusiasm, discipline, and team spirit of our young participants. From the very first moment, the air was charged with anticipation as each house lined up to present their synchronized routines. The students demonstrated impressive coordination, strength, and focus, embodying the true spirit of healthy competition. The competition was not just about winning; it was about showcasing teamwork, perseverance, and dedication. Each participant gave their best.

The First Term Examinations for the Primary Wing began on June 1st, 2024, and concluded on June 7th, 2024. During this term, two assessments were held to evaluate the students' academic abilities. The dedication and effort shown by the students throughout this period were truly commendable. Each student approached the examinations with focus and determination, reflecting their commitment to learning. These examinations provided a valuable opportunity for students to demonstrate their understanding and showcase their hard work.

Following the Half-Yearly Examinations, the school closed for the June holidays, providing students with a well-earned two-week respite to spend quality time with their families. By the end of June, the students returned to school rejuvenated and eager for the upcoming term. On their return, a Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) was held, during which report cards were distributed in the respective classrooms. This event provided a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to engage in constructive dialogues about the students' progress. The collaborative discussions between parents and teachers fostered a supportive environment for the students'

continued academic and personal development.

The second term commenced with an exciting start, as the housemasters and mistresses organized a variety of engaging games for their students as part of the house activities. This initiative served as a fun and energetic way to kick off the term, fostering a sense of camaraderie and enthusiasm. The football season also began with fervor, as the PW team entered training under the expert guidance of the PTI. Despite fierce competition, our boys demonstrated remarkable resilience and skill in their fixtures against St. Joseph's. Their commitment and teamwork were truly commendable. The inter-house football matches were yet another thrilling event, showcasing not only athletic prowess but also the spirit of healthy competition and sportsmanship. The players gave their all, fueling the collective enthusiasm and creating an atmosphere of unity and pride. It's heartening to witness our students continually striving for excellence, whether on the field or in their extracurricular pursuits.

June 24th, 2024, the inauguration of the Quadrangle at Primary Wing took place, marking a significant milestone in the school's development. The event was attended by the Rector, Esteemed Board Members, Senior Master, Head of the Junior Wing, Staff Members, Students, and a few parents, creating a sense of unity and celebration. This new addition to the school is a testament to the vision and hard work of many, and we extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Abhishek Jayaswal, an Old Paulite, Batch of 1997, whose unwavering support and dedication made this dream a reality for the students. The Quadrangle will serve as a vibrant space for learning, growth, and collaboration, further enhancing the educational experience at PW.

The commencement of hobbies on July 3rd, 2024, marked a truly exciting and colorful phase for our students. A wide variety of creative activities were introduced, including wool art, abstract art, string art, pot painting, rug making, t-shirt painting, vase croquette, and more. These activities have provided students with the perfect platform to express their creativity, learn new skills, and explore their artistic potential. With the support and guidance of the dedicated house masters and mistresses, the students embraced these hobbies with enthusiasm and passion.

July 26th, 2024, the Class 5 students attended the annual concert at Mt. Hermon School, where they were treated to a performance of 'The Gallant Tailor.' At the beginning of August, Primary Wing participated in an exciting art competition organized by the Centre for Educational Development Research. The competition offered our students the opportunity to showcase their creativity and talent in various categories, including drawing, colouring, and handwriting. The competition not only provided a platform

for students to hone their artistic abilities but also encouraged healthy competition and a sense of accomplishment.

August 10th, 2024, the students and staff embarked on a thrilling excursion to the renowned Saven Kingdom Water Park in Siliguri. The day was designed to offer a refreshing break from the routine, blending entertainment with bonding opportunities. The primary objective of this outing was to provide students with an opportunity to relax, recharge, and indulge in some much-needed leisure time. The day was packed with a diverse range of exhilarating and leisurely activities, ensuring there was something for everyone. The water slides were a major highlight, offering an adrenaline rush for both students and staff. Many participants enjoyed the challenge of multiple rides, relishing the excitement. The wave pool proved to be a favorite, with attendees embracing the rhythm of the artificial waves, creating an atmosphere of pure enjoyment. The day was filled with laughter, excitement, and a palpable sense of community, making it a highly memorable experience for all.

August 15th, 2024, the students and staff came together to observe and celebrate India's Independence Day with great enthusiasm and solemnity. The ceremony, marked by patriotic fervor, was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made for our freedom and the importance of national pride. The festivities commenced with the hoisting of the national flag, accompanied by the singing of the national anthem. This ritual set a reverent tone for the day, symbolizing the unity and integrity of the nation. Following this, the troops were inspected, an event that highlighted the discipline and preparedness of the students involved. A particularly momentous highlight of the ceremony was the oath-taking by the Cubs from the Primary Wing. In this solemn act, the young students pledged their allegiance to the nation, reaffirming their commitment to uphold the ideals of independence, unity, and patriotism. A spectacular march-past by the NCC troops followed, with each step executed in perfect synchronization. The precision and discipline displayed by the cadets added a sense of grandeur and discipline to the celebration. In a cultural tribute to the nation, the Primary Wing students performed a stirring Bengali song – 'Ekla Chalo Re'. Their heartfelt rendition resonated deeply with the audience, beautifully capturing the spirit of the occasion.

August 21st, 2024, the Primary Wing hosted its much-awaited Inter-House Drama Competition, a vibrant celebration of creativity, teamwork, and theatrical talent. The event brought together students from all four houses to showcase their acting skills and unique interpretations of classic and contemporary stories. The competition commenced with Hillary House, who set the stage with their performance of an original play *All's Well*

That Ends Well. Everest House presented The Mystery Club, a captivating and suspense-filled skit that kept the audience on the edge of their seats. Tenzing House impressed with their performance of Alternative Math, a creative and humorous exploration of mathematical concepts, blended with lighthearted moments and sharp wit. The competition concluded with Hunt House, who performed The Pied Piper, a timeless tale of mystery and magic. Their rendition of the story was both enchanting and dramatic, with a commanding performance by the cast that brought the classic tale to life in a vibrant and memorable way.

August 24th, 2024, the final round of the General Knowledge Quiz Competition was a thrilling event, with Everest House claiming the first-place victory after an intense contest. The competition saw participants demonstrate exceptional knowledge across a variety of subjects. Everest House consistently performed well, showcasing impressive teamwork and quick thinking, ultimately securing their top spot. Other houses also delivered strong performances, adding to the excitement of the event. The competition highlighted the importance of knowledge, teamwork, and dedication, and it was a memorable occasion for all involved.

August 28th, 2024, the much-awaited N.M. Masters took place at Loreto School, showcasing the talent and hard work of students from various schools. Representing the primary wing, Gaadno Apang delivered his piece with great confidence and determination, securing a commendable third position. His performance was a testament to his dedication and skill, and he made the primary wing proud with his achievement. Simultaneously, the Second Language Concert was held, where the Head of the Primary Wing delivered the opening speech. Following the introduction, the program unfolded in a vibrant display of linguistic and cultural diversity. The Hindi department kicked off the concert, followed by performances in Bengali, Nepali, French, and Dzongkha. The students presented a variety of performances, including songs, dances, recitations, and more, all highlighting their linguistic prowess and creativity. Each language department contributed its unique flair, making the concert a lively celebration of languages and cultures.

On August 29th, 2024, the Primary Wing proudly hosted a visit from a representative of the Child In Need Institute (CINI), who graciously collected a generous sum of ₹90,130, donated by the compassionate boys of the PW. This remarkable contribution reflects the students' selflessness and dedication to helping those in need, underscoring the values of empathy and social responsibility instilled within them. To honor the top contributors, an assembly was held to acknowledge their exceptional generosity. The first prize was awarded to Anay Raj of Class 4, who do-

nated an impressive Rs. 10,000. In recognition of his altruistic spirit, Anay was presented with a gold medal, a cup, and a football. The second prize was claimed by Rayan Abdul Khader, whose donation of Rs. 7,500 earned him a silver medal and a football. Finally, the third prize was awarded to Vedant Tebriwal, who contributed Rs. 7,241, receiving a bronze medal and a football in appreciation of his kindheartedness. This initiative not only raised substantial funds for a noble cause but also highlighted the students' commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

August 30th, 2024, a group of Primary Wing students, guided by Mr. Tamang, participated in the Math Olympiad at the Senior Wing. They showcased their mathematical skills, tackling challenging problems with enthusiasm and critical thinking. The event not only highlighted their academic growth but also fostered teamwork and resilience. Their participation was a valuable experience, reflecting their commitment to excellence in mathematics.

August 31st, 2024, the Primary Wing proudly declared its Short Report II, marking another significant milestone in the academic year. This report highlighted the various achievements, activities, and progress made by the students in the primary section. The report provided an overview of the academics. It also recognized the efforts and dedication of the teachers and students in making this period productive and successful.

The athletic season for St. Paul's School began at the start of September 2024, marking an exciting time for all students involved. The boys were divided into groups based on age categories: Under Seven, Under Eight, Under Nine, Under Eleven, Under Twelve, and Under Fourteen. Each group was tasked with competing in various disciplines of track and field. Standards were conducted in all the athletic events, where boys demonstrated their potential and preparation for the upcoming heats. The events included sprints, long jump, high jump, and relays, among others. The enthusiasm and competitive spirit were evident as the boys showcased their skills and determination to perform their best. However, due to unfavourable weather conditions, which included heavy rain and strong winds, the much-anticipated Sports Day had to be postponed.

September 7th, 2024, four students from the Primary Wing, accompanied by Mr R John, participated in the Bill German Quiz Competition. Competing against over 30 schools, the team secured an impressive 7th position. Their strong performance highlighted their preparation, teamwork, and enthusiasm, bringing pride to the school. The event was a valuable learning experience, showcasing the students' dedication to academic excellence.

On September 17th, 2024, the Gal Gregory Mathematics Prize Exam

was conducted in the Primary Wing Dining Hall, offering a platform for students to display their mathematical prowess. The exam, designed to challenge even the most astute minds, tested participants on their logical reasoning, problem-solving skills, and understanding of key mathematical concepts. After a focused and intense round of competition, Raghav Boral of class 5 from Hillary House emerged as the well-deserved winner. His exceptional performance and ability to tackle complex problems with precision earned him the title, showcasing his natural aptitude for mathematics. This event provided an excellent opportunity for students to challenge themselves and learn from the experience. Raghav's victory is a reflection of the rigorous academic environment at Primary Wing, where students are constantly encouraged to push the boundaries of their capabilities.

September 20th, 2024, the excursion to Lataguri with students and staff departed after breakfast. The Rector visited the students and staff to bid everyone a safe journey leading a prayer before the group set off. The group embarked on an exhilarating journey, beginning with an adventurous Bengal Safari, followed by a stay at Lataguri. Upon arrival, students were warmly welcomed with snacks and allowed time to refresh before gathering for a relaxing evening and an early dinner. Dining was provided at the Forest Club for all meals, where the atmosphere complemented the experience. The following day, students were eager to head to the swimming pool, where they enjoyed the water under the vigilant supervision of staff and HPW. While some students, due to restrictions, could only dip their legs into the water, they still relished the poolside atmosphere. In the evening, the group enjoyed a scenic sightseeing drive, returning in time for a lively and engaging dance session. On the third day, the group visited Science City in Siliguri, where they embarked on an educational tour, exploring the planetarium and interacting with various exhibits and games. The experience sparked curiosity and offered valuable learning opportunities. The trip was a perfect balance of relaxation, exploration, and education, offering students and staff, memorable experiences and a deeper connection with both nature and knowledge.

September 27th, 2024, the Primary Wing held the prestigious Moore Divinity Exam, which was based on the bible readings done by the students and the chapel sermons delivered by the Head of the Primary Wing on Saturdays. This exam aimed to assess the boys' spiritual understanding, knowledge of Bible readings, and their reflection on the moral values imparted during chapel sessions. The chapel readings, which are a regular feature of the weekly gatherings, serve as a foundation for the boys to deepen their connection to biblical teachings and to understand the broader moral lessons that help guide their personal development. Following each

Bible reading, the Head of the Primary Wing shares valuable insights that promote reflection and ethical growth. The Moore Divinity Exam was designed to challenge students to not only recall the biblical passages but also to internalize the moral lessons, thus ensuring that they are not only knowledgeable but also spiritually enriched. Arjay Ghosh, a student from Class 5B in Hillary House, emerged as the winner of this year's exam. His impressive performance demonstrates his commitment to the spiritual teachings of the school and his ability to apply the moral values instilled through the chapel sessions. His success in the Moore Divinity Exam highlights the importance of nurturing both academic and spiritual growth, creating a well-rounded foundation for the students at Primary Wing.

The Wednesday hobbies sessions leading up to the annual exhibition were dedicated to enhancing the boys' skills in arts and crafts. They worked on various projects such as wool art, rug making, vase and flower pot painting, t-shirt painting, abstract art, and string art. The exhibition, inaugurated by the Rector on October 2nd, 2024, featured the students' creative works, including models, and was open to the Junior and Senior Wings, parents, guests, and teachers until October 4th, 2024. The students showcased remarkable talent and enthusiasm, making the exhibition a proud moment for all. Their dedication to their hobbies and creativity was truly inspiring.

The Annual Speech Day on October 5th, 2024, was a resounding success, marking an occasion of celebration and reflection at St. Paul's School. Students were honored with certificates and medals, proudly presented by the distinguished chief guest. The Rector delivered an inspiring speech, eloquently outlining the institution's progress over the past year. He highlighted the successful introduction of several dynamic programmes, including Think Tac, Karate, Robotics, and classes in guitar, piano, and drumming. These initiatives have significantly enriched the student experience, nurturing both intellectual and physical growth. The Rector's vision for the future was clear and ambitious, with plans to continue expanding and diversifying the school's offerings, ensuring that students remain well-prepared for the challenges of tomorrow. The chief guest echoed this sentiment, conveying heartfelt wishes for the continued success of St. Paul's. The speech concluded on a highly encouraging note, emphasizing the importance of perseverance, growth, and a forward-thinking mindset. The day was an embodiment of the school's ethos: excellence, resilience, and a commitment to shaping the leaders of the future. Thereafter, the students began to leave for their Puja break, marking the end of a memorable and inspiring day.

After a refreshing Puja break, students returned to school on October 20th, 2024, with the second ParentTeacher Meeting (PTM) of the year taking place. This marked the commencement of the final term, setting the stage for an exciting and productive end to the academic year.

On October 23rd, 2024, the highly anticipated marathon season kicked off, with the grand finale taking place on October 31st, 2024. The boys threw themselves into the training with enthusiasm and dedication, showcasing remarkable determination. Their commitment to both individual and team success has been commendable. In addition to their athletic pursuits, the boys also began their carol service practice this month. Their harmonious voices and spirited rehearsals fill the school with a sense of joy and festivity as they prepare for this time-honored tradition. Their energy and discipline during these sessions promise an unforgettable performance that will surely spread holiday cheer. All in all, this month has been filled with a combination of hard work, perseverance, and festive spirit.

November 1st, 2024, the students of Class 5 came together for the first time to celebrate the festive spirit in a truly memorable way. They took the initiative to decorate the quad with beautiful rangoli designs, showcasing their creativity and teamwork. The area was further enhanced with vibrant lights, electric dihas, and lanterns, creating a magical atmosphere that captivated everyone. The boys had the opportunity to enjoy sparklers, adding a touch of excitement to the celebration. To make the occasion even sweeter, delicious treats were distributed among the students, bringing joy and smiles to their faces. The event highlighted the enthusiasm and energy of the staff and students, fostering a sense of unity and celebration among all. It was a heartwarming and joyous occasion that reflected the positive spirit of the school community.

November 2nd, 2024, the much-anticipated Annual Sports Day took place, and it was an exciting and memorable occasion for all. The event kicked off with Prankit Kumar of Class 5 from Everest House, who had the honor of carrying the Olympic flame, marking the official start of the day's celebrations. Following this, the march past showcased the impressive discipline and unity of the students as they proudly represented their respective houses. The day was filled with a variety of thrilling events that highlighted the athleticism and spirit of the students. A special karate display added an extra element of excitement, demonstrating the boys' dedication and skill. For those students who didn't qualify for specific events, they were actively involved in the Inter-House Relay Race, ensuring that every student had the opportunity to participate and contribute to their house's spirit. The sports day was a vibrant celebration of team-

work, perseverance, and school pride, bringing together the entire school community in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and camaraderie.

November 9th, 2024, thirteen students had the privilege of participating in a Christmas carol singing event at St. Joseph's School. The event was a heartwarming celebration of the festive season, and our students showcased exceptional enthusiasm and talent. They performed with great energy, harmonizing beautifully and spreading the Christmas cheer with their soulful renditions. Their participation was a true reflection of their dedication to the arts and their commitment to representing St. Paul's School with pride.

The second round of the PT competition was held on November 13th, 2024, showcasing the boys' exceptional skills and dedication to physical fitness. The event was graced by the Rector, who attended as the Chief Guest along with the Senior Master. The boys demonstrated their impressive exercises, teamwork, and perseverance, and the competition was intense. Once again, Hunt House emerged as the winner, further solidifying their excellence in physical training. Ayan Singh was recognized as the Best Commander for his outstanding leadership, discipline, and energy. The Rector announced the winners with great enthusiasm, and his presence added a sense of motivation and importance to the event. His encouraging words further fueled the students' passion for fitness and teamwork.

November 14th, 2024, the Primary Wing celebrated Children's Day in a vibrant and heartwarming manner. The event was kicked off by the Head of the Primary Wing and the dedicated staff, who set a joyous tone with a group performance of the song "Words," where the HPW played the rhythm guitar. The celebration was filled with a variety of performances, including dances, a puppet show, and heartfelt songs, all of which captivated the students' attention. The highlight of the event was the HPW's performance of "Hotel California," accompanied by a talented band. The HPW not only showcased his skills as the lead and rhythm guitarist but also added an extra layer of excitement by playing the drums for several songs sung by the teachers. His versatility and energy were contagious, further enhancing the festive atmosphere. The students were thoroughly entertained by the program, their enthusiasm and laughter filling the air as they enjoyed the creativity and dedication shown by their teachers. To wrap up the joyous occasion, chocolates were distributed to all the students, leaving them with sweet memories of a day full of laughter, music, and celebration.

The annual examinations, which took place from November 15th, to November 21st, 2024, marked a pivotal moment in our students' academic

journey. Throughout the preparation period, their studies were meticulously monitored, and they received constant guidance to ensure their readiness. The dedication and effort invested in their revision were evident in the results, which were a true reflection of their hard work. Their remarkable focus and commitment paid off, as they demonstrated a keen understanding of their subjects.

November 15th, 2024, St. Paul's School captured a momentous milestone in its history with the annual photography session, set to immortalize the year in the school chronicle. This gathering, brimming with anticipation, saw students, faculty, and staff come together in a grand display of unity and pride.

November 19th, 2024, a fire safety demonstration was held in the Senior Wing to showcase the handling of a fire hose under high-pressure conditions. The Primary Wing boys observed the event. Senior students and staff demonstrated the skillful management of a high-pressure fire hose. The team controlled the flow of water effectively, showing the precision required during a fire emergency. Emphasis was placed on the importance of safety when using the hose, particularly the challenges of managing the heavy pressure, and the necessity of proper training. The Primary Wing boys witnessed the controlled use of the hose, learning about teamwork, balance, and the technique needed to handle such equipment. The demonstration emphasized how training and preparation are essential for effective fire safety response.

November 20th, 2024, the celebration of NCC Day in the Senior Wing quad was a grand and inspiring event that aimed to honor the values and achievements of the National Cadet Corps (NCC). The Primary Wing boys were invited to witness this special occasion, which showcased discipline, unity, and patriotism.

The evening of November 21st, 2024, was a spectacular celebration as the Primary Wing hosted its highly anticipated Going Home Day. The Primary Wing Quad, beautifully adorned with twinkling stars, dazzling lights, and a grand Christmas tree, was transformed into a magical winter wonderland, radiating the warmth and joy of the season. The atmosphere was filled with festive cheer as students, parents, and staff gathered in the chapel for a truly remarkable Carol Service, masterfully organized by the Dean of the Chapel and his team. As the clock struck 5 PM, the chapel was filled with the soulful sounds of carols sung by the choir and students, creating a deeply moving experience. Through Bible readings and heartwarming hymns, the service beautifully depicted the story of Christ's birth, reminding everyone of the profound meaning of Christmas. The Rector delivered a touching message, emphasizing the significance

of Christmas and its timeless message of hope, love, and unity. The service concluded with heartfelt wishes for 'A Merry Christmas!' and 'A Happy New Year!' leaving the congregation filled with peace and joy. The celebration continued in the Primary Wing Quad, where the atmosphere was filled with pride and excitement. The prize distribution, where trophies and cups were awarded to the winning houses, followed the Head of the Primary Wing's reflection on the year's achievements and events. The parents, staff, prefects, and all contributors were thanked for their invaluable support in making the year a resounding success. Special gratitude was extended to the Rector, Mrs. Rector, and the Senior Master for their unwavering dedication and cooperation. The Rector also addressed the congregation, offering heartfelt thanks for the collective efforts that made the event truly memorable. As the ceremony concluded, the students, parents, teachers, and guests proceeded to the grand dinner, where the spirit of togetherness and celebration continued. The evening was a beautiful reminder of the power of community, the joy of unity, and the limitless possibilities that lie ahead in the coming year.

November 22nd, 2024, a wave of joy and warmth swept through the school as the housemasters and housemistresses gathered their students to celebrate an early Christmas. The air was filled with excitement and a sense of togetherness as the children eagerly received their Christmas gifts, each one a symbol of the care and thoughtfulness that had gone into this special occasion. The parents, equally filled with joy, were asked to sign the exeat, a formal step marking the beginning of the much-awaited winter vacation. The anticipation of the holiday season was palpable, and as each student made their way to the exit, the atmosphere was charged with a sense of fulfillment and merriment.

November 27th, 2024, the Primary Wing Promotion Meeting was held in the Rector's office, where an air of anticipation and accomplishment filled the room. This pivotal meeting was an opportunity to reflect on the hard work and growth of the students throughout the year. With great pride, the faculty gathered to discuss the remarkable progress made by each student and their readiness for the next step in their educational journey. The conversations were imbued with a sense of hope and encouragement, as every student's achievements were carefully reviewed, acknowledging the dedication and effort they put forth. Their progression to the next class was a testament to their perseverance, curiosity, and commitment to learning. The report cards, carefully prepared and signed by the respective teachers, were a culmination of not just academic performance but the personal growth each student had experienced. These documents were not mere summaries of grades but representations of the hard-earned strides students had made, both in the classroom and beyond. The meeting

was an inspiring reflection of the nurturing environment of the school, where every student's potential is recognized and celebrated, fostering a spirit of confidence and motivation as they move forward to new challenges and achievements.

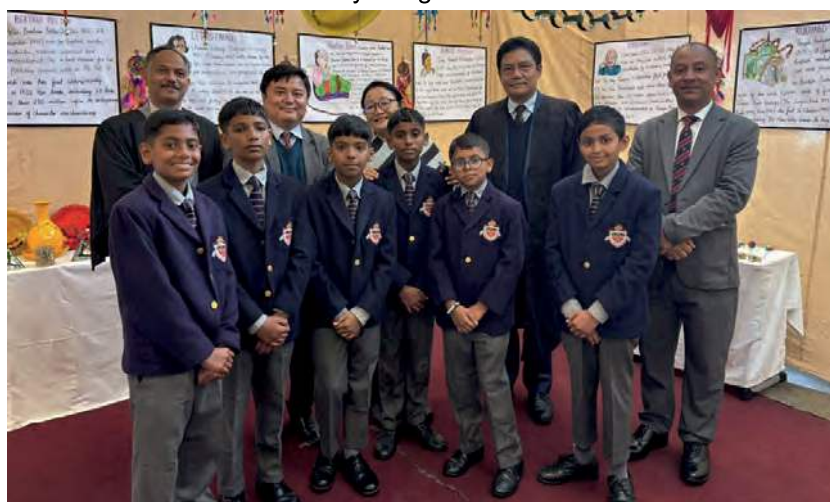
As I draw this report to its conclusion, I take this solemn opportunity to articulate my profound gratitude to the indefatigable staff of the Primary Wing. Their exemplary dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to their responsibilities have been nothing short of extraordinary. I have derived immense benefit from their expertise, wisdom, and collaborative ethos, which have significantly enriched the functioning of our wing. Furthermore, I extend my sincere appreciation to the erudite members of the Junior and Senior Wings, whose proactive engagement and unstinting support have been instrumental in the seamless execution of our multifarious programmes. I owe my gratitude to the Head of the Junior Wing, whose exemplary cooperation has fostered an environment of camaraderie and unity across the institution. With the deepest respect, I acknowledge the unwavering guidance of our Rector, Dr. Peter Lepcha, whose sagacious leadership and unflinching trust in my stewardship of the primary wing have been pivotal. His accessibility, profound counsel, and relentless encouragement have alleviated challenges and augmented the operational efficiency of our endeavors. I am deeply indebted to our Chairman, the Bishop of Kolkata, The Rt. Revd. Paritosh Canning, for his unwavering confidence in the capabilities of the staff at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, and in my capacity as the Steward of the Primary Wing. His benevolent oversight and faith in our collective abilities have served as a beacon of inspiration. I also wish to extend my heartfelt acknowledgment to our esteemed Secretary, Dr. Subir Chowdhury, to Mr. N.R. Pradhan, the distinguished Chairman of the Administrative Committee, and to the venerable members of the Board. Their unwavering support, visionary leadership, and steadfast commitment to the institution have been the cornerstone of its continued preeminence.

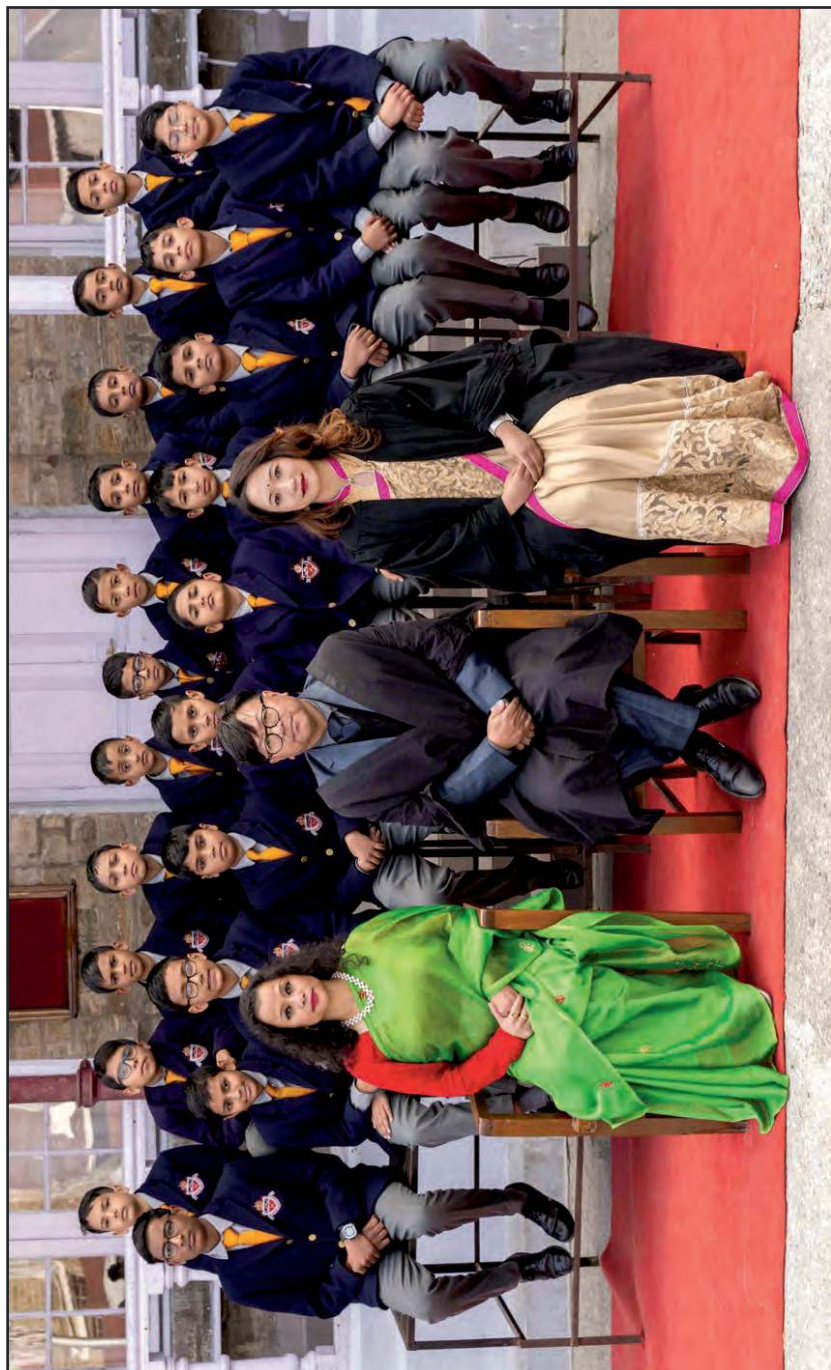
Above all, I offer my most humble and reverent gratitude to the Almighty, whose divine providence has illumined our path and bestowed upon us the strength and wisdom to achieve our goals. It is through His boundless grace that we have successfully culminated yet another momentous and fulfilling year. May the coming years continue to be marked by growth, excellence, and the pursuit of ever-greater heights in service to our noble institution.

Mr. Deon James Smith
Head Primary Wing



Primary Wing Exhibitions





The Everest House

EVEREST HOUSE REPORT, 2024

House Master: Mr. B. Tamang

House Tutors: Ms. J. Lepcha

Ms. P. Chhetri

Following Mrs. S. Sharma's retirement. I was given the responsibility by the Rector to take over as the Housemaster of Everest House. As the saying goes, "With great power comes great responsibility," and I was eager to draw on my previous experience as Housemaster of Hunt House and Tenzing House to lead Everest House to greater heights.

Unfortunately, my father's illness led to a delayed start, as I joined the school in mid-March. This meant missing the initial house activities that foster bonding among the House tutors, the Housemaster, and students. As a result, we struggled to find our footing in the first half of the year.

Regrettably, we finished at the bottom in the Art, Essay and Elocution competition. A special mention needs to be made of Wadi Ahmed, who rose to the occasion and stood first in his category at the Inter house Elocution competition. His outstanding performance was a shining example of the power of public speaking, as aptly put by Cicero, "Eloquence is the power to translate feelings into words." Wadi's achievement was a testament to his hard work and dedication, and we are proud to have him as a part of our Everest House family.

A strong second place finish in the P.T. competition and Cricket Cup provided a beacon of hope for a brighter second half the year. As the saying goes, "Every cloud has a silver lining," and these impressive performances hinted at a promising future for Everest House. With renewed optimism, we looked forward to capitalizing on this momentum and making a strong comeback in the second half of the year.

The second half commenced with diligent preparations for the Drama competition. Our House staged the play "The Mystery of the Missing Watch." Despite initial disruptions due to my mother's illness, which necessitated a one-week postponement, and the last-minute replacement of a main actor due to an unforeseen passport hearing commitment, our House persevered. We ultimately finished fourth in the competition.

The latter half of the year was marked by a series of exciting competitions. Although we finished fourth in the table tennis tournament, our trio of quizzers – Srijon, Ankit and Prankit – delivered a brilliant performance, securing our first cup of the year. Srijon Das went on to win the prestigious title of Best Quizzer of the PW.

Emboldened by this success we took to the football field with enthusi-

asm and began strong, defeating Hillary House. A draw with Hunt House meant we needed a win against Tenzing House in the final match. our star player, Alfred, rose to the occasion, scoring the winning goal and securing the cup for us.

We continued our winning streak, emerging victorious in the Athletics Standard Cup. The Athletics Championship was a closely contested competition, but our quarter of 4x100m runners ensured we took home the championship cup as well. Special mention must be made of Prankit, Basant, Ayan, Alfred and Fawaz for their outstanding contributions to our victories in these two cups.

Our boys also excelled in the Moore Divinity Prize exam, winning the cup and making it five consecutive wins. Having secured the Athletics cup, we approached the Marathon practice with dedication and our runners' impressive performance in the final event earned us the Marathon cup as well.

Although we finished third in the basketball house matches and second in the P.T. competition, our spirits remained high. Unfortunately, we struggled in the Studies department finishing in last place.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our House monitors – Sivansh, Sharthank, Srijon and Dhruvad – who played a vital role in uniting our House.

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Mr. B. Tamang
Housemaster



The Hillary House

HILLARY HOUSE REPORT, 2024

House Mistress: Mrs. Shamrock Dennis

House Tutors: Mrs. N. Pradhan

Mrs. S. Chettri

As another year comes to an end, it is time to look back and commend the boys of Hillary House on a job well done. We did not win many cups as in previous years but the team spirit of all the children of the house needs to be recognized.

In the Art competition we were judged first and this was largely due to the overall participation of the house. Ihaan Priyadarshi of class 5A was adjudged the best artist. We also stood first in the Gal Gregory Prize Exam. Raghav Boral was adjudged the winner.

In Essay, Table Tennis and Moore Divinity Prize Exams we stood second. Akshat Sahu of class 5B was the Essay Prize Winner. Arjay Ghosh of class 5B was the Moore Divinity Prize Winner. Well done to these boys.

We stood third in the Genereal Knowledge Quizz, the Quizz, the Drama, the English Elocution and in the Physical Training Competitions.

On Speech Day, the following boys received the following prizes:

Shauryam Gupta of class 5 A – First Proficiency Prize

Anish Kumar Das of class 2 – Good Conduct,

Poorab Singh of class 3 – Good Conduct Prize

Anay Raj of class 4 – Good Conduct Prize

Dakshit Jaiswal of class 5B – Good Conduct Prize

Many congratulations to the prize winners.

On Sports Day as well a few boys did well on the track and field events and won certificates for themselves.

I would like to wish all the boys who will be moving up to the Junior Wing the very best.

To the monitors of 2024 and the House Tutors for a job well done – Thank You!

Mrs. Shamrock Dennis



The Hunt House

HUNT HOUSE REPORT, 2024

House Master: Mr. R. John

House Tutor: Mrs. L. Prasad

As the quote goes "There is little success where there is little laughter." The year has been a great one for the Hunt House with joy, laughter and hard work. We were proud to be declared the best House in the primary wing and all the credit goes to the boys for their sincere hard work and contribution that each and everyone made for the House. We were able to win most of the cups from sports to academics.

The year began with the House activities the new boys being introduced to the old ones. We were fortunate to have some outstanding boys who performed excellently in and off field in the various events.

Cricket is a much loved sports here in St. Paul's school, Darjeeling. The boys enthusiastically took part through - out the league matches and with their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication managed to win the inter-house cricket.

Basketball is a fast paced and exciting sport. The boys enjoy it here and love the sport. The Hunt house boys gave their best in each and every match. We were placed second position amongst the four houses.

"Elocution is the key to unlock the doors of opportunity, to express oneself with confidence and clarity."

The boys prepared well and with confidence and courage delivered their parts eloquently. The choral and the solo were presented with effective voice modulation, clarity and expression. We were adjudged the winners of the inter-house elocution.

"An essay is a thing of the imagination, a personal and subjective attempt to make sense of the world."-Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The boys in the Hunt House loves to read, therefore they also enjoy writing. The essay competition was an interesting one. The boys took all their imagination and mould them in words to express their feelings and world around them in their essays. The Hunt House with their essays won the Essay Cup in the primary wing.

"The aim is not to represent the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance."

Art competition is a joyful event where the boys enjoy expressing their imagination and emotion through creativity of colors. The Hunt House boys actively took part in it and produced some interesting work. Some of them were winners and many of them highly recommended for their art work.

Football is not only about tactics and technical skills. It's about the relationships, the unity and the trust among the players. The boys played with unity and team work and thoroughly enjoyed the league matches and gave their best shot. However, Everest house managed to clench the cup. Hunt House boys were satisfied with their performance and played with full spirit and enthusiasm.

“Acting is behaving truthfully under imaginary circumstances”

The play enacted by Hunt House was ‘The Pied Piper’. Each boy had a part to play and they performed it with real passion and enthusiasm. The stage was filled with humour, acting skills and display of talent. The performances of the boys grasped the attention of the crowd receiving applauses as a pat on their back for the acting skill they staged. We were adjudged the joint winner of the inter-house Drama competition along with Tenzing House.

Ashwab Sumargi of the Hunt House was declared the best actor by the judges for his role as the “Pied Piper”.

The boys love to play table-tennis in the primary-wing. It is one of the most played indoor sports in the school during the rainy season. Some of the boys have mastered the art of services and smashes during the matches and few of these boys are fortunately in the Hunt-House. Therefore, we were the winners of the inter-house table-tennis cup for the year 2024.

Athletics is one of the important events in the school calendar and the Hunt House boys enthusiastically took part with team spirit and performed with best of their abilities. The boys of the Hunt House performed exceptionally well in the various field and track events. Many of them were winners in their respective divisions. However, the overall winner both in the standards and the champion cup was Everest House.

Moore Divinity examination is an important event in the school. The boys are tested on the biblical stories with moral values that have been given by the Primary Wing head every Saturday chapel service. The boys performed fairly well in the Moore Divinity.

“Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude and mood.”

Every morning the boys are trained by the P.T.I in the drill exercises and at the end of the year it is displayed as a competition. The boys are trained to display their drill with confidence, agility, uniformity and discipline. The Hunt House was adjudged the winners by the judges.

Ayan Sing of the Hunt House was declared the best leader of the inter-house drill competition.

The year came to an end with the most awaited marathon season. The boys thoroughly enjoyed taking part in it. The boys ran well and contributed points for the house. However, the winner of the inter-house marathon for the year was Everest House.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

The Academic cup was awarded to the Hunt House for their performances in their academics throughout the year.

Over all it was a good year for the Hunt House for the year 2024.



The Tenzing House

TENZING HOUSE REPORT, 2024

House Mistress: Mrs. Mitali Mandal

House Tutor: Mr. Prayag Chetri

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with a sense of pride and accomplishment. The boys of Tenzing House have demonstrated exceptional teamwork, dedication and perseverance.

The year began on a high note, with the boys returning refreshed and rejuvenated after the winter vacation. With new additions to the house, the excitement was palpable. Throughout the year, the boys of Tenzing House have excelled in various fields. In sports, we were runners-up in football, showcasing our skills and teamwork. Our cricketers demonstrated impressive footwork and strategy. In art, our boys creativity shone brightly. In athletics, our boys poured their hearts out, but unfortunately, couldn't maintain their nerve on the final day. However, their bravery and determination were commendable.

In table tennis, general knowledge, and English elocution, we secured second place, a testament to our boys exceptional skills and reflexes.

Special mention must be made of Gando Apang, who was awarded the Best Elocutionist of the Primary Wing and has been selected to represent the school in the NM Master competition.

The real drama competition saw Tenzing House emerge victorious, with our boys showcasing their exceptional talent. We also won the basketball cup, a fitting end to the year. Special thanks to Tenzing Urgen Bhutia for his outstanding efforts.

On speech Day, several Tenzing House boys received special prizes, including:

Priyam Sarkar (Class 2) : Progress and Applications

Abhinav Dey (Class 2) : Art Prize

Aviraj Jaiswal (Class 3) : Progress and Applications

MD Mursalin (Class 4) : Art Prize

Marven Basnet (Class 5) : 2nd Proficiency Prize

Gando Apang : Best Elocutionist

I extend my sincerest gratitude to all the prize winners and the entire Tenzing House community. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors I would also like to thank my House Tutor, Mr. Prayag Chetri, and our Matron, Nurkit mam, for their tireless support. My monitors have been instrumental in the house's success and I appreciate their dedication.

Finally, I express my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Smith, Head of the Primary Wing, for his unwavering support throughout the year.

Mrs. Mitali Mondal
House Mistress



The N.M. Master Elocution Team

SENIOR WING ENGLISH ELOCUTION REPORT, 2024

The School Prep Hall came to life once again on Saturday, 20th June, 2024 as the four houses from Senior Wing delegated its participants to the stage for the much awaited English Elocution Contest. With the aim of empowering pupils with good oratory skills and keeping with the tradition, the participants competed in four divisions-

1. Junior Drama Section.
2. Senior Prose
3. Senior Drama.
4. Extempore Division.

The participant were categorised under following four divisions:

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| 1. Junior Drama - | Zidane Asif (Clive House)
Shourit Das (Lawrence House)
Ishan Singh (Havelock House)
Sakib Ali Mondol (Hastings House) |
| 2. Senior Prose - | Yavist S. Jamshedji (Havelock House)
Tesse Z. Zimomi (Clive House)
Aryan Kumar (Lawrence House)
Sabbir Ahmed (Hastings House) |
| 3. Senior Drama - | Atulya Koirala (Clive House)
Blaise D. Bhutia (Havelock House)
Shams-ur-Rahman (Lawrence House)
Aman Kumar (Hastings House) |
| 4. Extempore Division – | Sayantan Das (Lawrence House)
Joe Banerjee (Clive House)
Shubham Chauhan (Hastings House)
Advaitya H. Subba (Havelock House) |

With lot of energy and enthusiasm the participants of each House battled it out on balmy Saturday afternoon. The event was judged by Mr. Deon Smith (HPW), Miss Joyce Lepcha (Primary Wing) and Mr. Niladri Bakshi (Junior Wing) and the tabulation was done by Mr. Punam Lama (HPW). Besides the event was also graced with the presence of our Rector (Mr. Peter Lepcha) and Senior Master (Mr. Agnelo Dennis).

Undoubtedly, it was an ordeal for the Judges, who finally came to a decision.

Clive House bagged the first position followed by Lawrence House securing second position with Havelock and Hastings following respectively.

Atulya Koirala from Clive House was unanimously chosen as the best speaker and rightfully claimed the coveted Sakraney Medal for the Best Speaker for the year 2024.

The school also sent a team of four participants for N.M Master's Memorial Shield Elocution Contest held at Loreto Convent Darjeeling

The participants were as follows:

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| Junior Poetry | – | Gadno Apang (Primary Wing) |
| Intermediate Prose | – | Ayan Pratap Maurya (Junior Wing) |
| Senior Drama | – | Sayantan Das (Senior Wing) |
| Extempore Division | – | Shourit Das (Senior Wing) |
| Mentored by our Teachers | – | Mr. Deon Smith (HPW),
Mr. Bishal Gurung,
Mr. Prashik Chand Gurung and
Mr. David Cecil. |

The participants showcased exceptional oratory skill and presence of mind.

Mr. Prashik Chand Gurung
MIC



The Senior Wing Elocution Team



The Senior Wing Debating Team

DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT, 2024

Debating is a hallmark of life at St. Paul's, and the Debate Club has had an absolutely fantastic year filled with achievements throughout. The year began with the annual Inter-house Debate Competition for the Senior Which saw some of the best arguments and counters from each team. The participating teams were namely Lawrence, Clive, Havelock and Hastings, each comprising four speakers. The first round saw Havelock take on Hastings, and Lawrence battle Clive, with Havelock and Lawrence each managing to grab the win in their own respective debates. The second round saw the two previous winners go head-to-head, with Lawrence ultimately getting the better of Havelock, which also spoke fantastically. Clive managed to grab their first win against Hastings. The last and final round saw the unbeaten Lawrence take on Hastings, and Havelock take on Clive. Both debates showcased the exceptional vocabulary, diction and presence of mind of all sixteen debaters who took part. Havelock seized the win from Clive and Lawrence continued on their streak against Hastings. Lawrence with three wins were declared the winners of the Inter-house Debate Competition for the year 2024, and Havelock was placed second. The Airforce Medal for the Best Speaker was awarded to Yavisht S. Jamshedji of Havelock; a record third time.

The next challenge posed to the Debate team came at the Debate hosted at the ISC Fest held at St. Joseph's School North Point, where the team comprising of the best debaters of classes 11 and 12 were chosen to represent the school. Yavisht Jamshedji, Atulya Koirala, Sabbir Ahmed and Aryan Kumar of class 11 accompanied by Shubham Chaudhary of Class 12, were selected for the task. The semi-final round was held between Loreto Convent and St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, where Loreto ultimately gained the upper hand. Although the school team was unable to qualify for the final, their speeches and counters echoed throughout the corridors. of the host school.

The last and final competition was the 8th Annual International Clifford Hicks Memorial Debate, hosted by the Calcutta Boys School, Kolkata. Two students from the under-10 section, namely Sayantan Das and Shakib Ali Mondal, and two boys from the plus-two section, namely Yavisht Jamshedji and Atulya Koirala, were selected. The competition saw schools from all over India, Nepal and the UAE, with a total of 80+ schools taking part, to seize the win. In the preliminary rounds, we saw the boys deliver harsh arguments, although with a mixture of sarcasm, which saw the plus-two boys make it to the final. Although the under-10 team was unable to make it to their respective final, they were indeed a force to counter. The final round saw the participation of only 7, of the 80+ schools, which

in itself was an incredible feat. In the final round for the senior team, both debaters gave wonderful and thought-provoking speeches and witfully answered the tough questions thrown their way. Although unable to grab the winner or runner-up trophy, Yavisht S. Jamshedji of class 11 was awarded the Best Speaker for the Finals, having competed against 160 individual participants from far and wide. St. Paul's School, Darjeeling was also awarded the Principals Award for the Best Team, which was a special award given by the principal of Calcutta Boy's School. This team was led by Mr. Sanjive Rai, whose immense hard work and dedication, took the team to new heights and brought eventual praise and appreciation towards the school.

With great pride we hope that the club continues its marvellous work and continue to receive awards and accolades for the same, in the field of debating.



The Hindi Parishad

HINDI PARISHAD REPORT, 2024

Master-in-charge: Mr. Prem Shankar Chaturvedi

Secretary: Vibhas Raj

This year has proven to be exceptionally successful for the Hindi Parishad, with remarkable efforts demonstrated by the students throughout various activities. The year commenced in March with the appointment of Vibhas Raj as Secretary, setting a strong foundation for our annual events. The first major event was the Inter-House Hindi Elocution for the Senior Wing, which took place on July 10th. The students exhibited outstanding performances, resulting in a highly competitive atmosphere. The final House standings were as follows:

1st	–	Clive & Lawrence
3rd	–	Havelock
4th	–	Hastings

The winners in various categories included:

Class 9	–	Poetry: Joe Banerjee (Cl) & Ayush Ranjan (Hv)
Class 10	–	Prose: Sayantan Das (Lw)
Plus 2	–	Drama: Aryan Kumar (Lw)

Following the Senior Wing Elocution, the Junior Wing Hindi Elocution was held on August 3rd. The participants delivered commendable performances, further challenging the judges. The results for the Junior Wing were:

1st	–	Cable
2nd	–	Anderson
3rd	–	Westcott
4th	–	Betten

Subsequently, preparations commenced for the Inter-School Hindi Elocution, hosted by St. Joseph's School, North Point, on August 9th. Our students presented themselves confidently and captivated the audience with their performances.

The Second Language Concert was held on August 14th. Our boys showcased a historical play entitled 'Indira Gandhi Ka Hatya Kand,' directed by Mr. Prem Shankar Chaturvedi, which was followed by a variety of performances, including group songs, solo acts, and group dances. The Primary Wing's Second Language Concert was held on 28th August. Our little ones put up a great show.

As the year drew to a close, the final program was Hindi Diwas, celebrated on September 14th. This year's event honoured the esteemed poet Ram Dhari Singh Dinkar. With only a few days of rehearsal, the students delivered an impressive presentation. They also participated in an essay and drawing competition organized by Rachana Sagar Publication, New Delhi achieving notable success. Three students secured first place in their respective categories — two in essay writing and one in drawing.

Aryan Kumar of class 11 was awarded the 'Rudra Hindi Prize', while Ishaan Singh of class 10 earned the 'Best Actor Medal' for his exemplary role in the Hindi play.

In closing, I extend my sincere gratitude to the teachers of the Hindi Department for their unwavering dedication and hard work throughout the year. Overall, this has been a highly successful year for the Hindi Parishad, and we look forward to their continued achievements in the future.

Vibhas Raj



The Bengali Society

BENGALI SOCIETY REPORT, 2024

Master-in-Charge: Mr. G. Bhattacharya Secretary: Anubhav Biswas

Associate Teachers: Mrs. P. Bhattacharya

Mrs. M. Mondal

Like all the past years, this year has also been a successful year for the Bengali society. The society was fortunate to receive the service of Anubhav Biswas as the secretary and Hasibur Rahaman as The Bengali Editor for the year 2024. Inter-house Bengali elocution took place on 8th May on the occasion of Rabindra-Jayanti and winners were as follows:

Poetry(class IX) – Shourit Das (Lw poetry division)

Prose (class X) – Deeptarka Saha (CI prose division)

Drama – Riwk Bhattacharjee (Lw Drama Division)

The elocution cup was bagged by Lawrence House for consecutive two years. Well done boys! This year once again the boys of Junior Wing performed a Bengali Skit on the Be & An House Concert Day, named “Mulya Prapti” by Rabindranath Tagore. Srinjay, Aditya Vikram, Rehan, Aritra and others acted and brought the message beautifully. 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 Rabindrasangeet called “Amar sonar bangla “They also performed” Lathi Dance on the occasion of the second language concert, Both these items were like 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 2nd language concert under the able guidance of Mrs. Mitali Mandal. The Usha Rani Bengali Prize was awarded to Kaunik Roy of Lawrence House for his exceptional essay and Best Actors Medal (Bengali Play) was awarded to Hasibur Rehaman of class 11 (HV).

Inter School Bengali elocution was held on 11th August. This year Mount Hermon School hosted the program in their school. Our participants were Arpan Pal, Srinjay, Mondal, Deeptarka Saha and Kounik Roy. They have spoken with great eloquence and confidence and they were appreciated by one and all.

This year we organized Second language concert with great zeal and enthusiasm on the occasion of 15th August. The Bengali Department produced a Comedy called “Chokhe Angul Dada” – The play was written by Monoj Mitra & Directed by Goutam Bhattacharya. Hasibur, Animesh

Pal, Tabsir Razin Khan, and Riwk Bhattacharjee acted and brought the comic impact on the audience. Few Bengali Songs were sang by our boys, that was also enjoyed by each one present in the Auditorium. Hasibur 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 for a happy and successful academic year.

This is the very special year for Bengali Department and St. Pauls School. Mr. Goutam Bhattacharya and Mrs. Prama Bhattacharya is retiring at the end of this academic year after serving a long innings of 34 years. “A Big Thank You” and “A standing ovation” to Sir and Maam for their selfless contribution to the school and Bengali Department and also to the Growth and Culture of this school. we wish them a very happy and enjoyable retired life.

Anubhav Biswas
Secretary, 2024



The Nepali Society

NEPALI SOCIETY REPORT, 2024

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Mahendra Mukhia

Secretary: Aarav Malla

The Nepali Society has always been an integral part of the school. This year, 2024, has proven to be a very successful year for us. To begin with, the reins of the leadership of the Nepali Society for the year 2024 was handed over to Aarav Malla (Nepali Secretary) by his ever-trusting mentor, Mr. Mahendra Mukhia. This year, on the occasion of Bhanu Jayanti (13th July), we began the celebration of the event with a recitation of the Ramayana by the Junior Wing children. Followed by Gesar W. Sherpa telling us about Bhanubhakta Acharya's background, which provided the audience with a ground to relate the program to, which was followed by a song performed by the teacher's, titled "Hai Bhanu," and another song, "Gurasa Fulyo," by the senior wing boys. Afterward, the primary wing children presented a wonderful dance. As we all know, the celebration of Bhanu Jayanti would not be complete without poetry, and to cover that, Mr. Saroj Gurung beautifully recited a poem, followed by a solo song "Jahan Chhan Buddha Ko Aankha" by Mr. Kundan Thapa. Following that, Mrs. Revika Suadas performed an impressive traditional Maruni dance. After an enthralling program featuring vibrant performances, a beautiful song, "Yo Karma Bhumi Ko Agama," by Mr. Yogesh Sunam, was presented. Concluding the celebration in the prep hall, our Rector, Dr. Peter Lepcha, delivered a speech that included a poem by Bhanubhakta Acharya. Then the boys, teachers, and guests were treated with mouthwatering, succulent alu dum, seil roti, and more delicacies.

Our inter-house elocution, which was a display of the mastery of oratory skills, was held on the 2nd of August. There were 2 divisions this year: in both divisions, the Koirala brothers dominated the competition; Atulya Koirala stood first, standing above the other participants with his exceptional skills in the open division; and in the junior division, Agastya Koirala outspoke the others with a commanding hold over the language.

The house positions were as follows:

1st Clive, 2nd Havelock, 3rd Lawrence, 4th Hastings.

Our inter-school 2nd Language (Nepali) Elocution, which was attended by the four prestigious schools of Darjeeling, St. Paul's School, Mt. Hermon School, Loretto Convent, and St. Joseph's School. This was held on 9th August at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling. The boys who represented us were: Blaise D. Bhutia (open), Agastya Koirala (senior), Sushobhit Mukhia (intermediate), and Ayan Chhetri (junior division). The program had numerous talents from the different schools coming from all ages and

categories who all in their own way portrayed their prowess over the Nepali language and oratory skills. At the end of the program, there was a Primary Wing Group Dance, choreographed by Mrs. Namrata Pradhan, followed by Palsang Bhutia, who performed a solo song in Nepali, followed by the exquisitely enacted Nepali play named Bhaiya vs. Rai Maila, which was written and directed by Mr. Yogesh Sunam.

The Cast:

Friends: Yarab Ghimmire, Anjan Limbu, and Agastya Koirala.

Bhaiya: Blaise D Bhutia, Anubhav Kumar.

Old man: Advaitya H. Subba.

Police officer and Havildar: Aarav Malla, Arush.P.S.Sha.

This year the best actor award was given to: Advaitya Hang Subba. Another event in which the Nepali Society played a crucial role was the 2nd Language Concert.

Secretary Aarav Malla made a thought-provoking speech that set the concert to its beginning. The Nepali Society contributed with many songs and dances that provoked a sense of cultural unity among the audience. The Second language prize exam was conducted in the school to test the literary writing skills of the students.

Commended: Advaitya H. Subba, Highly Commended: Aarav Malla, and the Winner: Anjan Limbu. With this comes the conclusion of the year of 2024 in which the Nepali Society and its members including the Secretary, Aarav Malla who brought together the boys with the guidance of Mr. M. Mukhia. Finally, I would like to thank my teachers, Mr. M. Mukhia and Mr. Y. Sunam, and all my society members for their support and help in making this year a successful one.

Aarav Malla
Secretary of Nepali Society, 2024



The French Society

FRENCH SOCIETY REPORT, 2024

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Shirsendu Roy

Secretary: Vanshraj Narayan Banerjee.

In the beautiful landscaped of the mountains of India, a heaven on earth lies, St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, offers an experience not found in any other part of the country. Its wide and varied range of activities allow students to grow to their fullest potential as people. With a backdrop of Kanchenjunga, it truly shows the beauty of nature and wildlife.

Within this tapestry of a school, the French society works tirelessly with all their heart and mind. Showing themselves to be a mix of boys from all ethnic backgrounds, this group, led by the French M-I-C, Mr. Shirsendu Roy, gives their best throughout all times of trouble and stress, working efficiently together as one well rounded team.

This year has been wonderful for the French Society. We have been able to see such wonderful talents from the boys. At the start of the year, Vanshraj N. Banerjee gave us a wonderful essay on "Une journée mémorable dans ma vie". Later in the year, on the Second Language Concert, Mharomo Z. Kikon gave us a lovely rendition on the classical poem "Le corbeau et le renard". Right after, Vanshraj gave us a melodic rendition of the famous French song "La vie en rose". Finally, primary wing class 5, Ashwabh Sumargi, gave us a brilliant recital of "Au pays de couleurs".

Moving forward with the school, the French society plans to grow and develop beyond expectations and improve ourselves to the best of our ability. I, as the French society Secretary, hope that all who chose to learn the language of France are able to make it a great learning experience and to extend their hand to all members that will join from the next year going forward.



The Dzongkha Society

DZONGKHA SOCIETY REPORT, 2024

MIC - Mr. Samuel Wangchuk

Secretary- Hridayesh Chhetri

The students of the Dzongkha Society are -

Hridayesh Chhetri, Hansel Chhetri, and Tenzing Rigyel Wangchuk.

The Dzongkha Society performed a drama and a song item during the Second Language Concert. The Society will work towards increasing our strengths and will put up cultural and traditional performances in the following year, making it enjoyable for everyone and to educate all our friends about the Bhutanese Culture and Tradition.



The Paulite

THE PAULITE REPORT, 2024

Taking over the mantle of the Editor for the Paulite once again on the school's 200th year called for a special work of detailed and extensive collection of all events to be held throughout the year. It was indeed a daunting task to fit in reports of every event on print during every edition. This is where the idea struck me that what if instead of our regular quarterly editions I could compile the entire year into one single super edition; a first of its kind and also marking the Bicentennial year for our school. Thus, the brand all new look Paulite was born and took shape gradually as 'The Paulite 200' through the course of 2023 and has now moved on to 2024. In these prints I have tried to incorporate all major and minor events concerning the school along with special occasions that were organized in and out of the school.

I must admit it has not been an easy task trying to compile and create an edition of this magnitude but I was duly assisted by our Media Dept. team spearheaded by Mr. Arnold Roshan Mukhia who supported me with every information whenever I was in need of assistance. Thank you indeed Mr. Arnold Mukhia. I would also like to thank our aces with the lens, Mr. Niladri Gupta Bakshi and Mr. Marcian Joshi. A special mention once again to Mr. Niladri Bakshi who helped me with the designs of the cover pages of the school magazine. As one single individual cannot steer an entire ship alone, similarly the Paulite could not have come to fruition without its Editorial team comprising of some bright and smart students like Sayantan Das, Shubham Chouhan, Abhigyan Singh and Apoorv Niranjana. Thank you for all your hard work and support my dear boys. Lastly, I would like to thank the Rector Dr. Peter Lepcha for bestowing me with this special responsibility of working on the Paulite. I sincerely hope that the past, present and future editions of the magazine will add on to the wonderful occasion as we celebrate our 200 years and our future beyond.

Moniti Meliora Sequamur

Mr. Bishal Gurung
Editor



The Art and Craft Club

ART REPORT, 2024

“Art is what you can get away with.” Andy Warhol. “Great art picks up where nature ends.” Marc Chagall.

Art makes the human experience richer. It's a wonderful source of inspiration, motivation, and joy. Art is also essential if you want to learn more about history and culture. It brings people together and helps people better understand one another. It's also thought-provoking and encourages you to be open to different or unfamiliar things.

Thanakit Rattanapanang class XII science student took art exhibition to another level this year which was held in school's art lab on 3rd, 4th and 5th of October 2024. Since he became the art secretary he took up all the responsibility on his shoulder. This year as at the end of the session he is pretty busy with all his studies, preparation for ISC and trying to get admission in abroad, I am writing art report for our school's chronicle on behalf.

Boys from all the standards showing their keen interest on art.

Drawing competition was held at St. Paul's School Darjeeling in occasion of Ban Mahotsav on 17th July 2024. Around fifty boys have participated in the competition. Twenty-four boys from class VI, twenty-six boys from class VII and ten boys from class VIII have been actively participated in the event. Out of fifty boys, top five name was listed as a winner. Competition was judged by our school art master Mr. Cheten Tshering Lepcha and forest ranger officer Sri Sumanta Goswami.

Name of the boys who won in the competition are as follows:-

- 1st – Rishan Kumar VII A,
- 2nd – Ehan Mullik VIII A,
- 3rd – Aditya Sinha VII A,
- 4th – Raghuveer Singh VII B,
- 5th – Krishnendu Das VI A.

Our boys have participated in the National level art competition organised by Swatcha Bharat Aviyan. Around 150 students from class V to X had participated in the competition. Also last year around same numbers of boys have participated in the competition and been able to occupy my awards such as trophy , medals and certificates.

Along with the boys school's art master and Rector also received dynamic Rector and dynamic art teacher respectively.

In ISC fest two of our boys namely, Thanakit Rattanapanang and Shams Ur Rahaman very talented and innovative artists also took part in the

drawing competition. Though they didn't been able to won the competition but their artworks during the competition was marvelous and outstanding. Both of them had received very prestigious award in school calender namely best artist medal and Anil Chawdhury art prize exam respectively.

Last but not the least, sixth form along with art master painted the PW walls with lots of cartoon characters on 'Christmas theme' for GHD.



The Choir

MUSIC REPORT, 2024

Director of Music: Mr. Pemba Tamang

Music Secretary: Aksukit Thitijaruspornasuk

The year 2024 stood out as a milestone for the Music Department, marking a period of exceptional achievements. St. Paul continues to set a high benchmark in musical excellence, with a school choir that not only reflects its dedication to the art but also commands admiration and envy from churches and cathedrals throughout India.

Aksukit Thitijaruspornasuk, the Head Chorister, provided exemplary leadership, guiding the choir with skill and dedication. He is a remarkable tenor, backed and facilitated by the Lyric alto, Aditya Pandey, and the Lyric bass, Jesse Zhimomi.

St. Paul's School hosted a truly remarkable event: the inaugural Gospel Melody. It was a gathering filled with soul-stirring performances, as five schools showcased their immense talent and passion for gospel music. Each participating school delivered a performance of exceptional quality, captivating and inspiring the audience with their harmonious voices and heartfelt renditions. St. Paul's School choirs had performed exceptionally well. The three songs which were performed are "The Old Rugged Cross", "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace", and "You Raise Me Up".

At the ISC Fest held at St. Paul's School, boys in classes 11 and 12 took part in the Western music competition. Khaidem Isun performed exceptionally well in the solo category, and in the duet category, Aditya Pandey and Ebenezer Raomai delivered outstanding performances. In the group category, the boys performed "On Top Of The World" by Imagine dragon marvelously.

On 9th November the Inter-School Carol service was held at St. Joseph's School. The event was a powerful display of musical artistry, as four schools presented their profound love and skill for carol music. Each school delivered a stellar performance, mesmerizing the audience with their rich harmonies and deeply moving renditions, evoking a sense of awe and inspiration that resonated long after the final note.

The Primary, Junior, and Senior Carol Services were held on November 21st, 28th, and 29th. The choirs sang "We Three Kings," "Carol of the Bells," and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" in a capella, demonstrating the celestial harmonies seamlessly woven into the hymn's melody.

This year the Best Musician in the Junior Wing was awarded to Hanu Nawal. In the Senior Wing, the Rahoul Music Prize was awarded to Khaidem Isun, and the Adams Music Prize was awarded to Aksukit Thitijaruspornasuk.

CALLIGRAPHY HOBBY REPORT, 2023

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Michael Dutta

The Calligraphy Hobby at St. Paul's School is designed to introduce students to the art and technique of beautiful writing. This year, the program has aimed to provide a balance between classical techniques and creative expression. Students have engaged in both structured lessons on traditional calligraphy styles and exploratory projects where they could adapt calligraphy to modern applications and learn provide viewers with new and innovative ideas.

The boys of the department have always considered it more than just a hobby, as it is more of a passion and love for them. More than just displaying, doing calligraphy gives a lot of satisfaction to the writer and for the value of putting that effort. 2024 saw a lot of new faces joining the hobby and their willingness to learn such an art. The boys were cooperative to each other as they helped each other learn.

New ways of gripping and strokes were taught to the boys by the seniors and experienced of the department. This overall mechanism was fully monitored and guided by our very talented HOD Mr. Michael Dutta providing us with all the needful facilities and inspecting our works whenever needed.

On the final day, a very large number of calligraphy pieces were mounted in front of the Prep Hall which were very catchy in their approach and had seeked everyone's attention there. All the pieces were well appreciated by the viewers.

In short, the department worked to get a commanding success and they indeed got it. It is to acknowledge all the boys that have contributed for the hobby and will be doing in the future.

Last and foremost, Gratitude and Love to Mr. Michael Dutta who has worked tirelessly for the hobby.

COMPUTER SOCIETY REPORT, 2024

This year had many new students who joined with us in the computer hobby one of the most happening hobbies in the school. The total strength of the students who took part in the hobby were 20 and every one of them worked in developing a game or the other for the exhibition. We appointed Aditya Kharga from class XII science as the computer secretary for this year. Given the short time frame and having to learn new language for the project our boys did their best in investing their time for the projects. The computer hobby boys stayed in the lab learning new computer language and coding even after the school class hours. They have dedicated a lot of time in developing their projects. We all worked as a team for about four months in bring our exhibition to life. Out of 20 boys we had 13 of them who completed their projects and made it ready for the exhibition on time. The exhibition was inaugurated on 2nd of October by the rector of the school Mr. Peter Lepcha along with the senior master Mr. A. Dennis. Everyone who visited the exhibition were really impressed by the level of work done by the boys. The head of our school and teachers all appreciated our work and applauded us for the exhibition we had put up. All the 13 boys had developed games using various language like Java, Python, Scratch and so on. This time the level of their game included lots of code and the game itself was complex and intuitive. The boys of senior, junior and even primary wing flooded the exhibition hall. They all were very impressed to know that it was their own who developed those games. The exhibition came to an end on the 4th of October we all had a good experience this year as well with the hobby exhibition. Computer hobby team would like to thank the school for providing us with all the resources and encouragement for helping us carry out our development in the lab. The list of boys along with the name of their games are given below for the record.

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| 1. Car Race | Aditya Karga, Class XII |
| 2. Snake Game | Nath Rattanapanang, Class XI |
| 3. Night Core | Kawin Athatamsuntorn, Class XI |
| 4. The Infinite Ghost Chase | Vansh Raj Banerjee Class X |
| 5. Pacman | Srijan Chatterjee, Class XI |
| 6. Dino Game | Urken Sherpa, Class XI |
| 7. Pirate Runner | Ankit Goswami, Class X |
| 8. Geometry Dash | Shanawaz Mansur Arniv, Class X |
| 9. Doom | Apoorv Niranjana, Class X |

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| 10. Rally Drifting | Abhigyan Singh, Class X |
| 11. Ninja Dash | Pragyum Pratyaksh, Class X |
| 12. Farm Survival | Tikshandhee Sarkar, Class X |
| 13. Zombie Shooter | Shyan Ahmed Khan, Class X |

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 to 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 Computer Club



The Philately Club

PHILATELY HOBBY, 2024

MIC :- Mr. Prem Shankar Chaturvedi

Secretary:- Kshitiz Kumar

Philately, the hobby of collecting stamps, has been a treasured pastime at St. Paul's School, where students from various classes gather to explore the fascinating world of postage stamps. Stamps, as miniature pieces of art and history, offer students an engaging window into different cultures, historical events, and notable personalities. The Philately Club, under the guidance of our teacher, Mr. Prem Shankar Chaturvedi, the club aims to spark students' curiosity, sharpen their research skills, and help them connect with history through this unique and rewarding hobby.

In this academic year, the club saw a significant increase in participation, with students from grades 6 to 12 joining. Our activities began with an introduction to philately, covering the history of postage stamps and the basics of stamp collecting. Members learned about the different types of stamps, such as commemorative, definitive, and special stamps, and gained insight into the value that stamps hold for collectors. Mr. Prem Shankar Chaturvedi also emphasized the importance of caring for stamps, teaching students about proper handling, storage, and preservation to maintain their condition.

A philately exhibition was held at St. Paul's School, showcasing a vibrant collection of stamps from various countries and historical periods. Organized by the school's philately club, the event aimed to promote stamp collecting among students and highlight its educational value. The exhibits included rare stamps, thematic collections, and postal history items, attracting enthusiasts and newcomers alike. Interactive sessions, led by Kshitiz and his team, offered insights into the art and history of philately. The exhibition inspired many to explore this unique and enriching hobby.

Looking ahead, the club plans to participate in regional philately competitions, encouraging students to expand their collections and learn more about international postal history. We also aim to collaborate with other school philately clubs to host events and broaden our exposure to rare stamps.

In conclusion, the Philately Club at St. Paul's School has become an enriching experience for students, fostering curiosity and appreciation for history through stamps. The club continues to grow, offering students a unique blend of education and recreation. We look forward to another exciting year of exploration and learning in the world of philately.



The Media



The Photography Club

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB : THE LENSMASTERS

MIC :- Mr. Marcian Joshi

Secretary :- Kartikay Jalan

Amid the misty mountains and verdant landscapes of Darjeeling, the Photography Club at St. Paul's School serves as a gateway to artistic discovery and self-expression. Far from being just a group of shutter-happy students, the club is a collective of storytellers who weave magic through their lenses, capturing the essence of the world around them.

Founded with a vision to ignite creativity and technical prowess, the club has grown into one of the most dynamic student organizations on campus. Its unique setting—the serene hills, colonial architecture, and ever-changing weather of Darjeeling—provides a living classroom for photography enthusiasts. The club's mantra is simple yet profound: Every photo tells a story.

Members are introduced to the nuances of photography through engaging workshops led by experts, often led by Mr. Marcian Joshi. These sessions cover everything from mastering the basics of camera handling to advanced techniques like HDR imaging and creative post-processing. What sets the club apart is its emphasis on visual storytelling. Students are encouraged to look beyond the obvious and find narratives hidden in the mundane—a fallen leaf, a quiet tea estate, or the lively bazaar streets of Darjeeling.

Shams Ur Rahman, a student at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, excels in media and adventure hobbies. His creative ventures include crafting engaging Instagram reels and posts. Combining innovation with outdoor pursuits, Shams actively participates in adventurous activities, showcasing leadership and enthusiasm, making him a multifaceted and inspiring individual.

Adding to the club's allure are its annual exhibitions, where students showcase their best work. The gallery-style displays often transform the school hall into an artistic haven, drawing admiration from teachers, peers, and visiting parents. A competitive edge is maintained through frequent participation.

This year the following prizes were given to the members of the Photography Club :-

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| 1. Das Studio for Consistent Good Work | – Kartikay Jalan |
| 2. Kamlesh Kanti Medal for Photography | – Aryan Kumar |
| 3. Darjeeling Photo Stories Medal | – Rafael Lalsarenga |

But it's not all technical. The Photography Club at St. Paul's nurtures a deeper connection between its members and the world around them. It teaches patience, perspective, and the art of observation—qualities that transcend photography and enrich life itself.

In a world flooded with images, the Photography Club empowers students to stand out not just as photographers but as visual storytellers. It's a place where passion meets purpose, and every click of the camera captures a moment worth cherishing



The NCC

NCC REPORT, 2024

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Yogesh Sunam

Main Commander: - Aman Kumar

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) unit at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, has continued to play a pivotal role in shaping the discipline, leadership, and patriotic spirit of its cadets. The year 2024 has been a remarkable one for the NCC unit, with the start of regular training, the celebration of national events, and the successful completion of the A Certificate exam. This report highlights the key events and achievements of the NCC unit, including the Independence Day and NCC Day celebrations, as well as the passing of the A Certificate exam by our cadets.

The NCC training for the year 2024 officially commenced in the month of March. The unit welcomed a new batch of enthusiastic cadets, who were eager to learn and participate in the various activities organized by the school's NCC team. The training schedule was rigorous and focused on physical fitness, discipline, drill, map reading, weapon training, and leadership development.

These training sessions were designed to build the cadets' stamina, mental fortitude, and leadership qualities. The senior cadets also took on the responsibility of guiding and mentoring the juniors, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and teamwork within the unit.

The 78th Independence Day celebrations at St. Paul's School on August 15, 2024, were a grand occasion for the NCC cadets to showcase their discipline and patriotism. The cadets played an integral role in the flag-hoisting ceremony, the march-past, and the cultural performances that followed.

The 78th Independence Day celebration was led by Aman Kumar, the Main Commander of the NCC for the event. Aman exhibited exemplary leadership, ensuring that all cadets were well-prepared for the occasion. His organizational skills and attention to detail were evident as the cadets performed a flawless drill and march-past during the ceremony. Aman's calm demeanour and effective communication made him a key figure in the success of the event.

The parade formations were managed by the troop commanders: Kartikay, Aryan, Hasibur, and Tabsir. These commanders displayed remarkable leadership, directing their respective troops with precision and confidence. Their efforts were instrumental in ensuring that the cadets marched in perfect synchrony, showcasing the discipline instilled through months of training.

This year's Chief Guest was Air Commodore Sameer Pradhan, an alumnus from the 1992 batch. He was accompanied by his beautiful wife Mrs Aliya Pradhan. Air Commodore Pradhan, a recipient of the Vayu Sena Medal, was commissioned into the Indian Air Force on December 21, 1996, in the flying branch. Air Commodore Pradhan is a distinguished 'Qualified Flying Instructor' and 'Combat Leader,' with around 6,000 hours of flying experience. His extensive training includes instruction at the Air Force Academy and pioneering work with the Pilatus aircraft, for which he trained in Switzerland. He was the first Flight Commander of this aircraft and has held significant positions such as Flight Commander of 43 Squadron and Commanding Officer of 25 Squadron in 2015 and 2018, respectively. His roles have also included key tenures at Headquarters Western Air Command, where he managed flying operations during the COVID-19 pandemic and the Eastern Ladakh activation post-Galwan. As Chief Operations Officer in Chandigarh, he coordinated the inaugural Air Force Day Flypast over a civilian area. In recognition of his exceptional devotion to duty, he was commended by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief in 2009 and 2012 and awarded the Vayu Sena Medal in 2019. He is currently serving as the Air Officer Commanding at Jorhat.

The flag hoisting was followed by an address from the Air Commodore, the chief guest for the occasion. The Air Commodore's speech was inspirational, focusing on the values of service, discipline, and commitment to the nation. The cadets were deeply motivated by his words, and his presence added a sense of pride and honour to the event.

NCC Day, celebrated annually on November 20th, is a significant event in the calendar of every NCC unit. This year, St. Paul's School marked NCC Day with great enthusiasm. The celebration included a special ceremony in which cadets from both the Army and Air Wings participated.

On this day, the cadets displayed their skills through various activities such as drills, cultural performances, and speeches highlighting the importance of NCC in the development of young leaders. The day was also an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the cadets throughout the year and to appreciate their hard work and dedication. The celebration was marked by a sense of pride and patriotism, as cadets took part in an oath-taking ceremony, pledging to continue their journey of service and discipline.

One of the most significant achievements of the NCC unit this year was the successful completion of the A Certificate exam by 20 cadets from St. Paul's School. The A Certificate exam is an important milestone in the NCC training, testing cadets on various aspects of leadership, discipline, and knowledge of military drills and history. The cadets who passed this demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to their training.

The successful candidates, who have now earned the A Certificate, are a proud reflection of the high standards maintained by the NCC unit at St. Paul's School. Their success is a testament to the quality of training and guidance they received throughout the year. These cadets are now better equipped to take on more advanced responsibilities in the NCC and contribute to the success of the unit in future activities.

The year 2024 has been an eventful and successful one for the NCC unit at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling. The commencement of training in March, the splendid Independence Day celebrations, the vibrant NCC Day event, and the passing of the A Certificate exam by 20 cadets have all been milestones that have shaped the growth and development of the unit.

The leadership shown by cadets like Aman Kumar, Kartikay, Aryan, Hasibur, and Tabsir in various events reflects the strength and dedication of the NCC team. As the year draws to a close, the NCC unit is poised for further success in the coming year, continuing its tradition of nurturing responsible, disciplined, and capable young leaders for the future.



NCC Day





The Senior Wing Quiz Team

QUIZ REPORT, 2024

St. Paul's School has consistently shown excellence in quiz competitions, with students from various classes participating in notable events and leaving their mark on the quiz circuit. From local inter-house events to high-stakes external quizzes, St. Paul's quiz teams have demonstrated intellectual prowess, teamwork, and an unwavering spirit of competition. This year's highlights were the significant achievements of St. Paul's quiz teams in recent events, including their strong performances at the MBKS quiz, Br. Eric Rudum Quiz, ISC Fest, and the Brain of St. Paul's competition.

One of the standout teams this year was the trio of Sayantan Das (Class 10), Pritam Raj (Class 10), and Joe Banerjee (Class 9), who participated in the *MBKS Quiz: Quizeeling – The Second Edition*. Their performance was nothing short of extraordinary. Despite the intense competition, they clinched third place with a last-minute answer that propelled them to the podium. This result followed their impressive victory in the previous year's edition, where they had emerged as winners. Their consistent success in Quizeeling has established them as one of the most formidable quiz teams in the competition, leaving a lasting legacy on the event. The team's ability to stay composed under pressure and provide critical answers at crucial moments is a testament to their growing expertise in quizzing.

Another team that represented St. Paul's with dedication and zeal was the group comprising Shubham Chaudhari (Class 12), Aditya Kharga (Class 12), and Sk. Hasibur Rahman (Class 11), who participated in the prestigious Br. Eric Rudum Quiz at St. Joseph's School. Despite their best efforts, they unfortunately could not qualify for the semi-finals. Nevertheless, their participation in this challenging event was an invaluable learning experience, showcasing the importance of perseverance and the pursuit of excellence in the face of tough competition.

In the ISC Fest at North Point, St. Joseph's School, another team from St. Paul's, consisting of Kartikay Jalan (Class 12), Aditya Kharga (Class 12), Aryan Kumar (Class 11), and Sk. Hasibur Rahman (Class 11), emerged as the third-place finishers. This event was a true test of their knowledge, and despite the stiff competition, they managed to secure a podium finish. In addition, Sk. Hasibur Rahman earned the 'Best Quizzer' title, a recognition of his exceptional quizzing skills. His remarkable performance in the quiz demonstrated his sharp intellect and ability to excel in high-pressure environments.

St. Paul's students also showcased their abilities in the inter-house quiz competition, 'Brain of St. Paul's'. In the first round, Hastings House took a

commanding lead with their brilliance, followed closely by Havelock. However, in the second round, Lawrence House surged ahead to win the round. Despite Lawrence's strong performance, Havelock's consistent excellence in both rounds earned them the victory in the competition. The inter-house quiz was a thrilling display of the intellectual competition within St. Paul's, with each house giving their best.

Finally, two prestigious awards—the 'Karun Majumdar G.K. Prize' and the 'Maj. Bhatnagar Medal for Brain of St. Paul's'—were awarded to Sayantan Das (Class 10). His remarkable performance in various quiz events, particularly in general knowledge, earned him these accolades, cementing his status as one of the brightest quiz talents at St. Paul's.

These achievements not only highlight the intellectual caliber of St. Paul's students but also underscore the spirit of healthy competition and teamwork that defines the school. The quiz teams' successes are a source of pride for the institution and a testament to the hard work and dedication of its students.



The Robotics Team

INTER SCHOOL ROBOTICS COMPETITION

The prestigious Inter-School Robotics Championship (National Level) organised by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) in collaboration with IIT Delhi was held at CISCE, Centre of Excellence - Hyderabad from 11th to 13th November, 2024.

This was a national level round comprising of 24 schools from 4 zones of the country (Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai and Bengaluru), each school having qualified their respective Zonal Rounds earlier. A total of 6 teams from the East Zone qualified in the Zonal Round which was held at La Martiniere for Girls, Kolkata on 22nd October, 2024.

Team SPS members:

Aditya Kharga (Team Leader)

Nath Rattanapanang

Vanshraj N Banerjee

Toufiq Raihan

Mr Sisir Gurung (Mentor)

It was a moment of immense pride that our school made it to the top eight thereby qualifying for the quarter finals. Overall, around 1000 schools from India had participated to start with. Our boys got certificates of national level participation and medals for both mentors and the boys.

This championship was a first of its kind to be held in the country at the school level which comprised of students from Classes 9 to 12. It demonstrated the growing integration of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in present school education, focusing on innovation and teamwork, to design, build and code robots that can do complex tasks.

In this competition, we had to code robots that can help in assembling a home, in which tasks like placing walls, doors, windows and even opening them, had to be done - all in two and half minutes!

Called 'co-botics' it is robots collaborating with humans, a practical application of robotics. It also highlighted the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in our curriculum.

It was overall an incredible and enriching experience for all of us.

Mr Sisir Gurung
Computer MIC



The Athletics Team



The Athletics Team

ATHLETICS REPORT, 2024

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Diwakar Thapa

Athletics Captain: Vibhas Raj

The athletics season commenced shortly after the conclusion of the football house matches. Despite the limited time available to evaluate standards, the students performed exceptionally well this year. Havelock House was awarded the Athletic Standard Cup. The winners of the athletics cup for each wing are as follows:

- Primary Wing: – Everest House
- Junior Wing: – Cable House
- Senior Wing: – Lawrence House

Due to heavy rainfall, the Inter-School Athletics and the Annual Sports Day were rescheduled from the second term to the third term, occurring on October 26th and November 2nd, respectively. The Annual Sports Day was successfully conducted, showcasing outstanding performances from the students. Notably, Parmartha Barman of the Primary Wing broke a long-standing high jump record that had remained unchallenged for twenty-four years, establishing a new school record.

In the Inter-School Athletics event held at Dr. Graham's Homes School in Kalimpong, our athletes excelled, breaking three inter-school records in their respective divisions. The records set are as follows:

1. Shwebik Thapa – 100m race (open division)
2. Pritam Raj – 100m race (under-16)
3. Vibhas Raj, Tabsir Rajin Khan, Thayakon Mungthongchun, and Shwebik Thapa – 4x100m relay (open division)

Overall, the performance of our students this year has been commendable. With continued dedication and effort, we anticipate even greater achievements in the future.





The School Badminton Team

BADMINTON REPORT, 2024

Badminton is a game of speed and stamina . Every year our school team participates in Inter School Badminton Carnival and other tournaments organised by various clubs and associations. This year also we started our practice immediately after the end of the cricket season in June.

Our team went to GRD Hall for a continuous 2 months practice let by the Badminton Secretary Aryan Bharti. He guided the boys very well even during the practice sessions in school.

The practice use to start at 6 am where boys were taken to GRD hall. From half way, they were made to run uphill to GRD Hall. Then with a warm up exercise , we use to start the practice upto 7:15 am.

Then in the evening also the boys use to practice till 4:30 pm guided by senior boys.

All because of this hard practice, we were able to win the U-16 doubles category in the Badminton Carnival held in St. Joseph's School, Darjeeling.

The Rev Fr. Leo Forestell, SJ Memorial Inter School ICSE/ISC Badminton Carnival was held in St. Joseph's School, North Point, Darjeeling on 31st of August'24./ There were various schools participating in the tournament namely St. Joseph's School, Darjeeling, St. Augustine's School, Kalimpong, Goethal's Memorial School, Kurseong, Victoria Boys School, Kurseong, Mount Hermont School, Darjeeling, Dr. Graham's Homes , Kalimpong and St. Paul's School, Darjeeling. Our school team had participated in the following categories:

U-12 singles: Patchanon Tantidontanate

U-14 single: Aritro Saha

U-16 singles: Khalid Ferdous

U-17 singles: Aman Majumder

U-19 singles: i) Rafael Lalrinsanga ii) Aryan Bharti

U-12 doubles: Tushar kariwala and Uziel Datta

U-14 doubles: Agnideep Roy and Waratboon Amorndeethawin

U-16 doubles: Mohtasim Billah Udoy and Aditya Dev

U-17 doubles: Tanav Biswas and Neev Sachdev

U-19 doubles: Hariom Kumar and Ajmain Tazwar

Out of all our participants, five teams were able to reach the semi-finals . The U-19 singles semi-final match between Aryan Bharti and Mount Hermont School was a tough one where Aryan Bharti got injured and had to give up the match due to his injury. Other teams also gave their best but lost to their opponents in the semis.

In the U-16 doubles category , Udoy and Aditya Dev had a tough fight against Victoria Boys School where our boys became victorious in the third and deciding set to secure their position in the finals. The finals of U-16 doubles were played between St. Augustine's School, Kalimpong and St. Paul's School where our boys had a marvelous victory with a score of 21-15 and 21-9.

Certificates to the winners of U-16 doubles were awarded to Mht. Billah Udoy and Aditya Dev.

It was a moment of pride to St. Paul's School as after many years we were able to secure 4th position by winning the U-16 doubles category. I, personally would like to thank the Rector and Mr. Diwakar Thapa (PTI) and Aryan Bharti (Badminton Secretary) for their immense support and help.

CISCE Regional Badminton Tournament 2024

Our school badminton team had participated in the under 14/17 and 19 CISCE Regional Badminton Tournament organized by Gyanoday Niketan School, Darjeeling on 12th, 13th and 14th of July 2024.

The venue of the tournament was Gymkhana Hall, Darjeeling. It was a state level tournament where participants from different schools of West Bengal had come. The participants from our school were:

Aritro Saha, Agnideep Roy and Waratboon Amorndeethawin had participated in the U-14 category.

Mohtasim Billah Udoy, Aditya dev, and Khalid Ferdous had participated in the U-17 category .

Suleman Kazi, Aryan Bharti and Rafael Lalrinsanga had participated in the U-19 category.

Our school team gave a tough fight against their opponents where Aditya Dev and Mohtasim Billah Udoy were capable of winning their match against Rockvale Academy , Kalimpong in U-17 doubles category.

It was a very good exposure to our school team as boys got a very good opportunity to gain experience by playing against some good players of West Bengal.

Saroj Gurung
MIC, Badminton



The ISC Basketball Team



The Under 10 Basketball Team



The Junior Wing Basketball Team



The Under 8 Basketball Team

BASKETBALL REPORT, 2024

MIC – Sanjeev Rai

Captain – Devadeep

*“The regret of missing shots is better than the regret of not attempting”-
Devadeep*

The cold winter and the beginning of March marks the beginning of the basketball season. The boys played through the cold winter morning dew, with the help of our new coach the practices conducted have increased the level of the game.

Our boys after their hardwork and dedication on the new court graciously donated by the batch of 83 left for Kalimpong in the early days of April for the annual basketball carnival held at St. Augustines School. Our team under the able guidance of our PTI and the basketball coach were in high spirits ready to play the game.

Our I.C.S.E. Team played credibly well and lost by a close margin in the group stage and were unable to progress into the knockout stages. However, there was lots to learn from this loss.

Our I.S.C. Team played their hearts out and were the victors against D.G.H. and made their way into the Semi's. In the Semi's our boys fought the good fight but were unlucky and were eventually beaten by the tournament victors.

This year has seen a rise in popularity of the game which will surely lead to victories in the future.



The School Chess Team

CHESS REPORT, 2024

“Chess is a game by its form, an art by its content and a science by the difficulty of gaining mastery in it.” — Tigran Petrosian

Chess is an abstract strategy game that involves no hidden information and no elements of chance. Keeping in tune with the evolving trend of organising Chess tournament at the school level, the Inter-School Chess Tournament for Anglo-Indian Schools was held in Victoria Boys' School, Kurseong on 23rd March. The format of the tournament was five -round games for each participant. The following boys represented the school team:

Ayan Chhetri	Class VI	Pehlaj Kaushik	Class VI
Dhruv Pujari	Class VI	Rajit Dutta	Class VII
Yaarav Ghimire	Class IX	Tikshnadhee Sarkar	Class X
Pragyum Pratyaksh	Class X	Advaita Haang Subba	Class X
Anmol Lakra	Class XII	Bamang Apa	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 effort put forth by the boys was commendable and the overall result of the school team was highly appreciative.

CISCE CHESS TOURNAMENT 2024

Venue: Vivekananda Mission School, Joka Kolkata

On the 12th of July, the SPS team embarked on their journey to Kolkata for the CISCE Chess Tournament hosted by Vivekananda Mission School, Joka , Kolkata.

The tournament was scheduled for two days- 13th and 14th July. Although the weather was not in our favour, the overcast sky could not wash away our ardent spirits. The rumbling of the thunder had just resonated with the warrior hearts of our charismatic Paulites.

The chess team comprised the following Paulites - Shubham , Vedatro, Blaise, Pritam, Advaita Haang, Pragyum, Tikshnadee and Yumlang.

While Shubham, Vedatro and Blaise competed in the Under -19 category, rest of the boys competed in the Under -17 category. Many intriguing battles were won and many lost; but defeat could never douse the fire in the hearts of our brave knights. Many checkmates delivered on the chess

boards and many gracefully surrendered but every Paulite played their games in the true spirit and won the heart of their fellow competitors.

The MIC Mr. Birendra Rai left no stones unturned in overseeing the logistics and individual needs of the boys during the trip down to Kolkata.

The competition had prepared the boys for future hardships as they returned with sharpened ivory minds. The experience gained and the camaraderie exhibited will remain etched in our memory for a long long time.



The Plus 2 Cricket Team



The Under 14 Cricket Team



The Under 10 Cricket Team



The Under 8 Cricket Team



The Primary Wing Cricket Team

CRICKET REPORT, 2024

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

“But eventually it is a game of cricket.”

The cricket season at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, was a remarkable journey filled with intense competition, growth, and memorable moments. Under the guidance of coach N. Bose, the team made significant progress, showcasing discipline, teamwork, and skill on the field. This year's fixtures included notable matches such as the OPA Kolkata game, the Baghajatin Club match, and the prestigious Edinburgh Shield Tournament.

The first match of the season, as is customary at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, was a friendly yet competitive game between the teachers and the students. The students displayed impressive form, securing a well-deserved victory while the teachers put up a spirited fight. The match set a positive tone for the season, offering both fun and a valuable early test for the team.

Selections for the various levels of the cricket teams were conducted through a rigorous process of trials and observation. Regular practice sessions commenced under the guidance of coach Mr. N. Bose, focusing on refining techniques, building team cohesion, and enhancing match-readiness in preparation for the season's fixtures. The practice sessions laid the groundwork for a competitive season.

The first inter-school fixture of the season was held on 16th March 2024, between St. Paul's School and St. Joseph's School. It was a highly anticipated matchup, with teams from various age groups competing. While the Plus Two team put up a valiant effort, they ultimately lost in a closely contested match. However, the Under-10 and Under-8 teams brought home victories, showcasing exceptional teamwork and skill. Their wins set a positive tone for the season.

The Under-14 Cricket Tournament, held from 2nd to 5th April 2024, was an exciting event showcasing young talent from various schools. St. Paul's School performed exceptionally well throughout the tournament, advancing to the finals against St. Augustine's School, Kalimpong. The final match was thrilling, with both teams displaying great skill and determination. St. Paul's emerged victorious, securing the championship with a strong all-round performance. The win was a proud moment for the Under-14 team and highlighted the promising future of cricket at St. Paul's School.

In preparation for the prestigious Edinburgh Shield Tournament, St. Paul's School played two key practice matches—against OPA Kolkata and

Baghajatin Club. Both fixtures were valuable in fine-tuning the team's skills and strategy ahead of the tournament, though they ended in defeats.

The match against Baghajatin Club was a competitive encounter. Despite a strong effort from the St. Paul's players, they struggled to chase down the target. Similarly, the match against OPA Kolkata was a challenging test, with students putting up a commendable fight but ultimately losing in a close contest. These defeats, while disappointing, provided the team with critical lessons and areas of improvement, which proved invaluable as they geared up for the Edinburgh Shield Tournament.

The Edinburgh Shield Tournament was a major highlight of the cricket season for St. Paul's School, Darjeeling. In the first qualifier, we faced Mount Hermon School, Darjeeling, and secured a dominant victory, winning by a large margin and setting the tone for the tournament. The second qualifier saw us up against our traditional rivals, St. Joseph's School, Darjeeling. With disciplined bowling and strong batting, we claimed another convincing win, advancing to the semifinals.

In the semifinal, St. Paul's took on Goethals Memorial School, Kurseong. It was a standout performance, with our team posting an astonishing total of 420 runs, winning by a massive margin. This propelled us into the finals, where we faced St. Joseph's School, North Point. The final was set to be an intense showdown between the two top schools in the region.

The final of the Edinburgh Shield Tournament between St. Paul's School and St. Joseph's School, North Point, was a nail-biting contest. St. Paul's set a competitive target of 180 runs. As the match progressed, our bowlers put up a relentless fight, taking crucial wickets at regular intervals and pushing the game to the very last wicket. However, despite our best efforts and an outstanding display of teamwork, we were unable to defend the total. St. Joseph's clinched the victory in a tense finish, but the close match showcased the resilience and spirit of our team. Mr. Dharmendra Sharma participated as a teacher, contributing to the spirited and friendly competition.

The inter-house matches were also played in the cricket season across all three wings—primary, junior, and senior. The competition between houses was fierce, with each team showcasing their talent and sportsmanship. These matches were not only a platform for students to display their cricketing skills but also fostered house spirit and camaraderie. The tournament was well-organized and successfully concluded, leaving students motivated and proud of their achievements, and adding to the vibrant cricket culture at the school.

Aryan Bharti, Shreyas Yadav, and Tanav Biswas were honored with the prestigious "Minor Colours" award for their outstanding contributions and efforts. This recognition celebrates their dedication, skill, and significant impact on the team's performances over the years.

Heartfelt thanks to the PTIs, Mr. D. Thapa and Mr. P. Rai, Their support was instrumental and required for a successful cricket term. Special thanks also go to our coach, Mr. N. Bose, whose expertise and leadership shaped the team's growth, and to the Master-in-Charge, Mr. B. Rai, for his excellent management and encouragement. Their collective efforts made this cricket season a memorable and rewarding one for St. Paul's School.

Kartikay Jalan
Cricket Captain



Eton Fives

ETON FIVES REPORT, 2024

M.I.C.- Mr. David Cecil

Captain – Anmol Lakra

The Eton Fives season at St. Paul's began in July, with students from the Senior Wing eagerly signing up to learn and play this historic game. This was made possible by the generosity of Mr. Amitabh Bannerjee, Old Paulite who donated the kit of gloves and handballs from Australia, and the refurbishment of the courts by Mr. Jaiswal, Old Paulite. Eton Fives , a handball variant, originated at Eton College in England in the early 19th century and was brought to St. Paul's by the Rector Michael Cross. The game is played in an enclosed court and players aim to strike the ball against the walls in such a way that it is difficult for the opponent to return it. The rules and strategy are similar to squash, but with the added challenge of using your hands instead of racquets. Eton Fives requires quick reflexes, strong coordination, and a strategic approach.

After a decade or more hiatus, the sport returned to School and the students quickly embraced it with enthusiasm. House matches were held in November, showcasing the spirited competition. Remarkably, the house matches ended in a tie between Clive, Lawrence, and Havelock, reflecting the close skill levels and the dedication of the players. The enthusiasm and the teamwork displayed by the players will undoubtedly inspire generations to continue playing and excelling in Fives. Next year we hope to extend this to the Junior and Primary wings as well.

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our Master-in Charge Mr. DC for reintroducing this exciting sport in School after a decade long absence. His dedication and efforts in reviving Eton Fives has given us a wonderful season of fun, learning, competition and teamwork. Thank you Mr. DC for making this a season truly unforgettable experience!

Anmol Lakra
Captain,
Eton Fives 2024



The ISC Football Team



The Junior Wing Football Team

FOOTBALL REPORT, 2024

"It's not just a game, its religion"

They say when one window closes, another one opens. With the end of the cricket season, we Paulites geared up for the beginning of another much loved season to one and all at St. Paul's. Marked with heavy down-pour and wet boots, the football season commenced.

This year has shown a significant increase in the popularity of Football. The football teams began their practices as soon as they returned from their much needed summer holidays. Practices were marked with hard work and dedication with leads of enthusiasm shown by one and all.

This year our school football team departed to Kolkata on the 11th of July for the annual CISCE football regionals held at St. Thomas Boys School. Unfortunately, our school was knocked out by an unlucky 'Coin Toss' which marked the end of our football in Calcutta.

Practices commenced as soon as we got back from Calcutta and after hours and hours which turned into days, our school team geared up for the annual fixtures against St. Joseph's School North Point. In the first fixture our I.C.S.E team fought hard but were unable to stand their ground in a narrowly fought 1-1 draw. On the other hand our I.C.S.E. team emerged victorious in a rampant display defeating the hosts 4-0. However there was still lots to learn from this victory.

During the early parts of August our school football team left for the annual Sela Que football tournament. Our team fared exceptionally well but due to unfavourable match condition our team fell short in the semis. However we did not come back empty handed, we were awarded the fair play award.

Soon after, our school team departed for Kurseong for the annual inter school football Carnival. Our I.C.S.E and I.S.C teams fought the good fight however we fell short in the group stage.

However, for their valiant efforts the following were awarded minor colours:-

Tenzin Urgen

Anmol Lama

Vibhas Raj

Banang Appa

Thayakon Munthongchon

Rishit Jana

Jesse Zhimomi

With the surge of interest shown by the boys, it is evident this interest will lead our school and great places in the field of football.



Marathon

MARATHON REPORT 2024

This year too we had a very eventful marathon runs with lots of our boys taking interest in the runs. This year is the second year of changing the run to the new route instead of making a turn at Jorebunglow and reaching back to school. This year Marathon finals was held on 31st November. We had 61 Primary division runners, 46 Junior Division runners, 137 Intermediate runners and 91 Open Division runners. The run started at about 9:00 AM in the morning and it ended at 11:00AM. This year the old record of the Open Division was broken by the school captain Vibash Raj at 28:47:59. In dept details of the achievement of the runners in each division are as given below.

Primary Division

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Rudrapradip Singh (Ca) | Time: 8:11:35 |
| 2. Rehan Mondal (Ca) | |
| 3. Raghuveer Singh (Ca) | |
| 4. Juniad Issawi (We) | |
| 5. Pritam Kumar (Ht) | |
| 6. Prankit Kumar (Ev) | |
| 7. Alfred Eric (Ev) | |
| 8. Md. Ayan Zeya (Ev) | |
| 9. Md. Akmal Zeya (Ht) | |
| 10. Ishaan Kumar (We) | |

Junior Division

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Karma Topden Bhutia (Ca) | Time: 10:05:03 |
| 2. Varannya Basnet (Ca) | |
| 3. Gumku Mangkun (Ca) | |
| 4. Milind Singh (We) | |
| 5. Md. Arbab (An) | |
| 6. Aakash Singh (An) | |
| 7. Eshaan Banerjee (An) | |
| 8. Methasit J (Be) | |
| 9. Aditya Sinha (Ca) | |
| 10. Aaryan Yadav (We) | |

Intermediary Division

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Pritam Raj (Hv) | Time: 21:14:66 |
| 2. Anuvbhab Kumar (Cl) | |
| 3. Ahtasim B. Onoy (HV) | |
| 4. Anjan Limbu (Hv) | |

5. Mharmo (Hs)
6. Sai Shreyas (Hs)
7. Aditya Dev (Hs)
8. Ayush Raj (Hv)
9. Shivansh Singh (Hv)
10. Shreyansh Ayush Singh (Be)

Open Division

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Vibhas Raj (CI) | Time: 28:47:59 |
| 2. Nath Ratanapang (Hs) | |
| 3. Gesar Wangchuck (Hs) | |
| 4. Kartikay Jalan (Lw) | |
| 5. Tenzing Urken (Hs) | |
| 6. Prankit Kumar (Ev) | |
| 7. Aryan Dhar (CI) | |
| 8. Abhyudaya Choudury (CI) | |
| 9. Firoj Hosen (CI) | |
| 10. Mihir Singh (Hv) | |

All the top ten runners from each division were awarded with 50 rupees note as the school tradition and souvenir. I would like to thank all the staff and PTIs along with the heads of all the three wings for all the support and cooperation I received as the Marathon MIC for the successfully completing this event.

Mr. Sisir Gurung
Marathon MIC



The Lawn Tennis Team

LAWN TENNIS REPORT, 2024

MIC – Mr. Ranjan Chhetri

Lawn tennis captain - Bhumiraa Temkar

In 2024, we resumed Lawn Tennis again after 4 years (2020-2023). The season began with a friendly match against St. Joseph's School on April 3rd, where both teams displayed exceptional skills and sportsmanship. Our players secured victories in the singles matches, with remarkable performances by Kazi Aadil Ahnaf of Class 6, who dominated his opponent from Class 10 with a 6-1 win, and Hridayesh Chhetri of Class 10, who defeated a Class 12 opponent with a solid 6-3 score. Although we lost against St. Joseph's School in the doubles matches, the event showcased the determination and skill of our players. We express our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated school coach and Mr. R. Chhetri (MIC) for their meticulous planning and training, and to alumnus Mr. Jit Pradhan, whose generous contribution of painting the tennis court and providing new nets significantly enhanced our playing facilities.

On April 23rd, 2024, we had the privilege of hosting a special session with Vishwajeet Sangle, a renowned professional tennis player and a rising star in Indian sports. During his visit to St. Paul's School, he shared valuable insights and advice with our lawn tennis team, emphasizing the importance of discipline, consistency, and mental resilience in achieving success. He also encouraged us to remain committed to our training and to set clear goals, no matter the challenges. His inspiring words and practical tips left a lasting impact on our team, motivating us to strive for greater heights.

On May 6th, we have participated in the North Bengal Tennis Tournament hosted by Gymkhana club Darjeeling. Once again our young athletes excelled across all categories, some of the highlights included Agastya Koirala securing the Under 12 Singles title and Hridayesh Chhetri earning the title of 'Most Promising Player' after becoming the Runner-up in the Under 16 Singles category. Our doubles teams also displayed great teamwork and tenacity, finishing as Runner-up in both the Under 14 and Under 16 categories. These achievements are a testament to the relentless effort and commitment of our players, coaches, and master in charge.

The lawn tennis season concluded in November during the third term of the academic year, with the Inter-House Lawn Tennis Matches, a highly anticipated event that brought out the competitive spirit among the senior wing houses. The house matches featured both singles and doubles, with Clive House emerging victorious in singles and Hastings House in doubles. The matches were a fitting end to a season that celebrated

talent, hard work, and the vibrant sportsmanship of our school community.

As captain of the Lawn Tennis Team, I am immensely proud of what we have achieved this year. I extend my sincere gratitude to the school management, Mr. R. Chettri (MIC), Mr. D. Thapa (Senior PTI), our school coach for his guidance, and to my fellow players for their dedication and hard work. This year has set a high standard for the future of lawn tennis at St. Paul's School, and I am confident that our boys will continue to shine in the years to come.

Bhumiraaj Temkar
Lawn Tennis Captain 2024



The Table Tennis Team

TABLE-TENNIS REPORT, 2024

MIC – Mr. Premendra Tamang

Table Tennis Secretary - Atulya Koirala

St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, participated in the prestigious Inter-School Table Tennis Tournament hosted by St. Augustine's School, Kalimpong on 26th July 2024. The event witnessed exceptional performances from our students across various categories, demonstrating their skill and sportsmanship.

Under 12 Category

- Singles: Tushar Kariwala showcased outstanding talent, earning the Minor Colours.
- Doubles: Shresth Gupta and Rudra Singh represented the school with remarkable coordination.

Under 14 Category

- Singles: Aritro Saha displayed exceptional determination in his matches.
- Doubles: Shaurya Kashyap and Mohit Kumar Soni impressed with their teamwork.

Under 16 Category

- Singles: Shashwat Jha performed brilliantly in this competitive category.
- Doubles: Aman Majumdar and Joe Banerjee demonstrated excellent synergy.

Under 17 Category

- Singles: Ishaan Singh competed with great enthusiasm and skill.
- Doubles: Pragyum Prakash and Ashneel Chakraborty played with precision and teamwork.

Under 19 Category

- Singles: Atulya Koirala and Ajmain Tazwar delivered commendable performances.
- Doubles: Nath Rattanapanang and Sabbir Ahmed earned Minor Colours with their outstanding display of talent.

The tournament was a valuable experience for the students, fostering both camaraderie and competitive spirit. St. Paul's congratulates all participants for their commendable efforts and achievements.

The Inter House Table Tennis competition took place comparatively late this year as it occurred in the 3rd term but the players were definitely in form as there was a tough competition among the four houses of each wing. The results were as follows

Senior Wing:

- 1st - Hastings
- 2nd - Lawrence
- 3rd - Havelock
- 4th - Clive

Junior Wing:

- 1st - Cable
- 2nd - Westcott
- 3rd - Betten
- 4th - Anderson

Congratulations to all the boys that participated.

Last but not the least, I would like to express my gratitude to our Master-in-charge, Mr. P Tamang for his consistent support and guidance throughout the year.

Atulya Koirala
Table Tennis Secretary



The ISC Volleyball Team



The ICSE Volleyball Team



The Under 8 Volleyball Team

VOLLEYBALL REPORT, 2024

MIC - Diwakar Thapa

The volleyball tournament held at St. Paul's School was an exciting event that highlighted the talents of various teams. The St. Paul's team competing in both the Plus Two and Under Ten categories, St. Paul's showcased their dedication and skill on the court.

In the Plus Two category, St. Paul's team fought hard but ultimately faced tough competition from St. Augustian, which reached in the semis against St Josep. Despite the loss, the St. Paul's players displayed excellent teamwork, strong communication, and impressive technical skills, making their supporters proud. Their determination and sportsmanship were evident throughout the matches.

In the Under Ten category, St. Paul's also had a strong presence, with their young athletes showing great promise and enthusiasm. Although St. Augustan's team won the title, the St. Paul's players demonstrated impressive agility and coordination, learning valuable lessons from their matches. Overall, the tournament was a great opportunity for St. Paul's team to showcase their abilities and foster a love for volleyball among their players.

Honouring Our Legacy: The Old Paulites Annual Report

***Old Paulite Public Relation Officer
Mr. Arnold Roshan Mukhia***

The Old Paulites Association (OPA) has had another remarkable year, marked by the continued commitment of alumni towards supporting the school's development, strengthening ties within the Old Paulites community, and contributing meaningfully to various initiatives aimed at enhancing the school's infrastructure and student experience. As we reflect on the events and milestones of the year, we are reminded of the deep bond that connects us as Old Paulites, a bond that transcends time and location. This report outlines the highlights of the year, including key events, alumni contributions, and the numerous achievements of our fellow Old Paulites.

Key Events and Reunions:

1. BOPA Annual Reunion - Patna (10th-11th February):

On February 10th and 11th, the BOPA Annual Reunion was held in Patna, a significant event that brought together many alumni from across the country. The event was a testament to the strength of the Old Paulites community, with alumni coming from various walks of life to reconnect with old friends and share updates on their personal and professional lives. Rector Mr. Peter Lepcha was in attendance to offer his warm greetings and provide updates on the school's ongoing development. His presence underscored the continued relationship between the school and its alumni, and his participation added a special touch to the reunion.

2. Thailand Chapter Reunion - Bangkok (4th February):

On February 4th, Rector Mr. Peter Lepcha, along with Arnold Roshan Mukhia, represented the school at the Thailand Chapter reunion in Bangkok. This gathering was a vibrant display of how the Old Paulites community has spread far and wide, with alumni residing in Thailand coming together to celebrate their shared experiences. The reunion offered an opportunity for those in the region to reconnect, reminisce, and discuss how they can continue contributing to the school and the broader Old Paulites network.

3. 2nd Edition of the OPA Football Tournament:

The second edition of the OPA Football Tournament was held this year, and it proved to be a great success. Six teams participated in the tournament, and approximately 150 Old Paulites came together to compete,

cheer, and socialize. The tournament, which has become an eagerly anticipated annual event, was filled with competitive spirit, but most importantly, it was an opportunity for the alumni to reconnect and celebrate their shared passion for sports. The final match saw Sikkim Team B emerge victorious, defeating the Masters in a thrilling contest, making the event even more memorable for all involved.

4. Batch of 1974 – 50th Anniversary Celebration (6th April):

A very special celebration took place on April 6th, 2024, as the Batch of 1974 marked their 50th Anniversary since graduating from the school. This milestone was a joyous occasion not only for the alumni but also for the school, as the Batch of 1974 made a significant contribution towards the school's improvement. They generously upgraded the Lefroy Infirmary by providing modern hospital beds and essential medical equipment. The newly refurbished infirmary now offers state-of-the-art healthcare facilities, and it is an incredible gift to the school. The school community extends its heartfelt thanks to the Batch of 1974 for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

5. Batch of 1998 – Goddard Pavilion Renovation:

The Batch of 1998, as part of their reunion celebrations, generously contributed to the renovation of the Goddard Pavilion. Their efforts transformed the space into a modern, comfortable lounge area for parents, Old Paulites, and guests, making it a versatile and welcoming space for future gatherings and events. This contribution is deeply appreciated, as it enhances the overall experience of everyone who visits the school.

6. BOPA Renovation of the Glasshouse:

This year also saw BOPA taking on the renovation of the Glasshouse, a much-needed facelift to one of the school's important structures. The renovation improved the aesthetic appeal of the Glasshouse while preserving its historical significance. The refreshed space will serve as a vibrant hub for students, staff, and visitors, and we are grateful to all those who played a role in bringing this project to life.

7. Graduation Ceremony for Batch of 2024 (6th April):

On April 6th, the Batch of 2024 graduated in a memorable ceremony held at the school. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr. Devendra Pradhan, an esteemed Old Paulite, who offered wise and thoughtful advice to the graduating students. His speech focused on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, encouraging the students to remain resilient and embrace the journey ahead with confidence. Dr. Pradhan's words resonated with the graduates, inspiring them to pursue their dreams and make meaningful contributions to society.

8. Independence Day Celebrations (15th August):

On Independence Day, Air Commodore Sameer Pradhan, from the Batch of 1992, graced the school as the Chief Guest. His inspiring speech was a powerful reminder of the potential that Paulites possess and the heights that can be reached through hard work, perseverance, and dedication. His own journey, which exemplifies the values instilled in him during his time at the school, served as a source of motivation for current students. His words will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the school community.

9. Sports Day and Speech Day – Mr. Ashish Kaul as Chief Guest:

For this year's Sports Day and Speech Day, we were honored to have Mr. Ashish Kaul, a renowned motivational speaker, Ironman participant, and entrepreneur, as the Chief Guest. His life story, filled with challenges and triumphs, was an inspiring testament to what can be achieved when one dares to dream and takes action. Mr. Kaul's speech was a challenge to all Paulites, encouraging them to push their limits, aim high, and never fear failure in their pursuit of excellence.

Old Paulites Achievements:

The achievements of our fellow Old Paulites continue to shine brightly across a wide range of fields. Their success stories serve as an inspiration to current students and alumni alike, demonstrating that the values and education received at the school continue to influence and shape lives long after graduation. Some notable achievements include:

1. Mr. Jit Pradhan (Batch of 1987): Represented India in the ITF World Individual and Team Championship in Mexico, showcasing exceptional skill and dedication in the sport.

2. Mr. Rahul Shrivastav (Batch of 1995): Appointed as the 67th Chairperson of the National Association of College and University Food Services in Indiana University, a prestigious leadership role in his field.

3. Mr. Sharad Kumar: Won a silver medal in the Paralympics in France in High Jump, bringing honor to India and the Old Paulites community with his remarkable achievement.

4. Mr. Basav Ray (Batch of 1987): Appointed as the CEO of Wisdom Circle Europe, exemplifying leadership and business acumen on the global stage.

5. Dr. Abhishek Gautam (Batch of 2007): Topped his university in Super Specialization in Nephrology in Delhi, cementing his position as a leader in the field of medicine.

6. Mr. Syed Haider: Appointed Senior VP of Strategic Business Devel-

opment at Impressico Business Solutions, highlighting his strategic thinking and leadership in the business world.

Personal Contributions by Old Paulites:

In addition to the collective achievements, many Old Paulites have also made personal contributions to the school and community. These generous donations not only enhance the school environment but also demonstrate the enduring spirit of giving that is characteristic of Old Paulites. Some of the notable contributions include:

- 1. Vidyut Jain (Batch of 2001):** Donated 10 units of wall heaters to PW, improving the comfort and well-being of the school community.
- 2. Ankur Murarka (Batch of 2005):** Donated a DJI Osmo Mobile 6 gimbal to the media hobby group, enhancing the capabilities of the students' creative projects.
- 3. Abhishek Jayaswal (Batch of 1997):** Renovated the JW Quad with rubberized flooring, ensuring a safer and more comfortable environment for students.
- 4. Deepankar Tuladhar (Batch of 2012):** Donated a heavy-duty vacuum cleaner to PW, contributing to the maintenance of a clean and hygienic environment.

Conclusion:

As we reflect on the past year, it is clear that the Old Paulites Association continues to flourish, with the contributions, reunions, and achievements of alumni making a significant impact on both the school and the wider community. The generosity, dedication, and passion demonstrated by our alumni inspire us to continue working together towards the betterment of the school and its students. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support from all Old Paulites and encourage everyone to stay engaged, involved, and committed to the future of our alma mater. The bond we share as Paulites is unbreakable, and together, we will continue to create lasting legacies for generations to come.



Old Paulites





Boy completing 12 years

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Aditya Kharga, VIth Form 2024

It is said that a person always remembers his first and last day at school. In my case, the first day because I came here in Class I, somewhat weeping coming to a new environment, on 1st March 2013 when I was barely 4 years 10 months old. And the last day because I bid adieu to my beloved school and friends on 30th November 2024 after having spent 12 golden years of my life, weeping again. The joys of school life are surely countless for me.

I vividly remember my first day in Class I and can still feel how warmly I was welcomed at the school by some of the most incredible teachers in the Primary Wing, which truly defined my school experience in the best possible way. It was a time filled with both carefree joy and valuable lessons learnt which are forever etched in my mind.

I would like to remember with heartfelt gratitude all my Class Teachers from Classes I to V in the Primary Wing - Mrs. C Lawrence (Class I), a mother figure to me, Mrs. M Keeni (Class II), Mrs. S Allay (Classes III and V) and Mrs. S Sharma (Class IV) – all of whom taught me invaluable lessons both inside and outside the classroom in my formative years. I also wish to sincerely thank Mrs. S Dennis (I never had the opportunity to be in her Class or House but she was ever so graceful and kind with always a warm smile), Mrs. M Mandal (who used to call me 'Raju' (from the cartoon 'Chota Bheem'!)), my PT Master Mr. D Thapa (he used to call us 'batchmates' as we joined in the same year, 2013) and my music teacher Mr. G Lepcha (an epitome of humility and kindness) and later Mr. S G Pande (fortunate to be a part of his famed Choir and 'Minstrel Evening') for their constant encouragement to whatever I did in the Primary Wing.

I have to mention, with gratitude, my first House Mistress, Mrs. M Sharma, who cared for me, taught me etiquettes and table manners and also taught the nuances of elocution, going up to the stage, performing in front of the audience and the icing on the cake was in Class II – when I came First in the English Elocution! From that time onwards I never looked back and I am forever indebted to her.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the dajus and didis of the Primary Wing for what they have done for me right throughout my Primary days. I would not be where I am today without your help. Your hard work and kindness made a significant difference for me to learn and grow. My heartfelt gratitude!

I would also like to specially thank the Head of the Primary Wing, Mrs. C Lawrence and later Mr. A C N Alva for their unwavering support and giving



me confidence that I needed to always do my best.

As I came to Class VI in the Junior Wing, I again had the privilege of being under the guidance of another set of outstanding teachers who were not only excellent in their respective subjects but also were very encouraging and taught us the value of hard work and discipline.

My House Master, Mr. A Dennis (Cable House) shaped me up and constantly encouraged me to take part in various activities. His caring guidance meant the world to me, I am touched and forever grateful to

him for that. I would also like to acknowledge the constant support and guidance given to me by the Head of the Junior Wing, Mr. P Lama with his firm yet compassionate approach. Unfortunately, my stint in the Junior Wing was cut short abruptly when I had just joined Class VIII, due to the lockdown during the Covid pandemic.

After about two years of online classes, I finally heaved a sigh of relief when the school announced that we will be having normal classes from March 2022, by that time I was in Class X.

In the Senior Wing (Classes IX and X), I was affiliated to Hastings House and my House Master was Mr. Michael Dutta. I enjoyed being in his House under his guidance and got the opportunity to participate in various Inter-House activities, be it Quiz, English Elocution, House Concert or Athletics and also won a few prizes along the way. Mr. Dutta has shaped countless minds over the years, including mine. A big thank you for taking the best care of all of us, every day. Mere words can never express my gratitude to Mr. Dutta for truly caring and being there for me.

In Classes XI and XII, I had the privilege of being associated with Lawrence House under the able guidance of Mr. N Mandal who always stressed on hard work and commitment to excellence.

My teachers in the Senior Wing motivated me with utmost love and care and pushed me to follow my passion and achieve my best, which became a big part of what I am today. The supportive environment at the school helped me grow both academically and personally. Some of my most memorable experiences include participating in the CISCE Inter-

School Robotics Championship as the Team Leader where our school qualified for the National Finals, held at Hyderabad in November 2024. It's only because of your trust and faith in me that I could do it.

I would sincerely like to thank our Rector, Dr. P Lepcha, and express my deepest gratitude for his unwavering support. Your belief in me has been a driving force in my success. You've been a true inspiration and I am forever grateful for the opportunities you have provided me in school, Sir.

I am also very grateful to our Senior Master, Mr. A Dennis for his constant support, mentorship and guidance throughout my stay in school that has shaped my future. Thank you, Sir for always being there to lend me a helping hand.

My school has truly been a platform for great opportunities which has helped generations of boys to pursue and achieve their dreams along with an all-rounded holistic education and I feel a sense of pride on being called a true 'Paulite'.

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!

SPS 4 Life



SALVETTE - 2024

Class - 2

Abhinav Dey
Aishik Dev
Anish Kumar Das
Arush Sinha
Avyansh Kumar
Basant Prabhu Bhagar
Bhavya Mishra (S)
Mikhail Dorjee Bhutia
Priyom Sarkar
Reyansh Poudel
Siddharth Seal
Soumya Kumar Mandal
Shreehan Samanta

Class - 3

Aarav Patodia
Abhiraj Jayaswal
Asmit Mondal
Avyan Singh
Gumin Apang
Ishaan Chandra Nandi
Kiyen Rai
Md. Avan Zeya
Pratik Kumar
Rudram Chakravarty
Saptarnab Das
Swar Sriyansh
Yug Varma

Class - 4

Alfred Erie Phawa
Anay Raj
Arav Singh
Armaan Anand
Darsh Gautam
Kanish Gupta
Md. Akmal Zeya
Naman Karmakar
Pritam Kumar
Rudra Ghosh
S.M Yatee Nehal
Shreyansh Routh
Sourya Hansda

Class - 5A

Amlesh Kumar
Ariya Ghosh
Atharv Singh
Dhrupad Sen
Gaadno Apang
Ihaan Privadarshi
Parth Krishna Shekhar
Prankit Kumar
Raaghav Boral
Shauryam Gupta
Shreyash Kumar Singh
Srijon Das
Ugyen Tenzij Yozer

Class - 5B

Aayan Basak
Akshat Sahu
Aman Anand
Aryan Sinha Roy
Ashwabh Raj Sumargi
Ayushmaan Gupta
Daiwik Garg
Marven Basnet (S)
Saurya Gupta
Shams Parwez Siddiqui
Shresth Gupta
Spandan SagarKalje
Taseen Tanveer Khan

Class - 6A

Arpit Arya
Janamjay Singh Panwar
Nattajag Choowong- In
Rishav Thakur
Saheim Shehzad
Spandan Das
Yohan Singh
Zayan Tajwar Ahmed

Class - 6B

Arjun Kumar
Armaan Mathotra
Chandra Shekhar

Dhairya Sharma
Divyant Dattalala
Karma Wangchu Megeji
Md. Ishak Miah
Mohammad Motasim
Nyite Taring
Pehlaj Kaushik
Prayag Agarwal
Rishi Tiwari
Rudra Pratap Singh
Sidharth Datta Roy
Yash Raj

Class - 6C

Anand Singh
Biswajit Mushahary
Dhruv Pujari
Mangaal Thingbaijam
Naman Kumar
Patchanon Tantidontanate
Rajdeep Mukherjee
Rayeed Hasan Aayan
Sachivya Jha
Sawang Nuwan Rai
Srijan Halder

Class - 7A

Adarsh Ranjan
Anjan Bhaumik
Hemant Kumar Maharaj
Hriday Poddar
Lokam Siang
Lourembam Milind Singh
Shah Nazeef Faisal
Shreyash Gurung
Tanim Kamraan

Class - 7B

Abid Hasan Rakin
Ashish Thakur
Gumku Mangkum
Nitin Sharma
Rishan Kumar
Saptarshi Sovan Das
Shelumiel Rai
Shlok Kumar

Class - 7C

Aaryan Yadav
Anubhav Kalwar
Atharav Ranjan
Danial Hossain
Karma Topden Bhutia
Mayukh Sen
Rajdeep Chatterjee
Sonam Norbu Bhutia
Waratboon Amorndetthawin

Class - 8A

Antriksh Garg
Harshit Jain
Nikhil Raman Sarkar
Raj Vardhan Singh
Rajanyo Mukhopadhyay
Rishav Raj

Class - 8B

Aarush Dutta
Aditya Mukherjee
Ishaan Sen
Kushal Agarwal
Md. Anisul Islam
Natchanon Tantidontanate
Priyanshu Dutta
Sayak Batabyal
Setthawut Apiviriyapornchai
Shreeyan Ambashta
Tawsif Abrar Nilav
Vansh Agarwal

Class - 9A

Abir Roy Turja
Ahtasim Billah Onoy
Alfred Rolianpuia
Ayush Kumar Ranjan
Krishna Kunal
Nishant Verma
Sanskar Swaroop
Yumlam Lampu

Class - 9B

Achintya Sengupta
Harsh Kumar
Md. Sarees Alam

Parthib Paul
Siddhant Roy
Toufiq Raihan
Kenny Ayang Basar

Class - 9C

Abrar Shahriar Ahmed
Jaskaran Singh
Joy Barai
Md. Lamayet Ullah Lamim
Mohtasim Billah Uday
Sounak Dan
Tarafdar Mehedi Hasan
Pratyush Halder
Rohit Raj

Class - 11 H

Antik Barman
Aorimen Imsong
Joel Hakung
Kshitiz Singh
Md. Nawab Uddin
Thejota T. Vadeo

Class - 11 C

Aditya Pandey
Rounak Khan
Shivam Jaiswal
Kabbo Kuri

Class - 11 S

Armaan Dhar
Devanshu Pandey
Ebenezer Raomai
Gesar Wangchuk Sherpa
Leishangthem Shreenivash
Md. Atifur Rahman
Om Raj Anand
Rafael Lalrinsanga
Rwik Bhattacharjee
Shivam Shankar
Vedatro Dev
Urken Tshring Sherpa
Aryaan Khalid
Saikat Paul

