



BULLETIN



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The first part of the school year seems to have flown by and we have entered into the middle of a more happening school year. Plethora of school activities have kept the students and staff engaged, who were more than thinkers to bring forth their international mindedness as we celebrated range of festivals this term.

My greetings to each one for Diwali, Halloween and Thanks giving. The special assemblies were so well executed and conducted to mark the importance of these days and also making children aware of the cultures across the globe. Celebrating our national pride of Victory Day was organized as the Inter House Singing and Dance competition and we had very surprise talents among the children.

The term also saw successful conduct of in school annual event Pledge-e-thon our sports day and also interschool annual event in soccer, PHFIT 2017. All this could not have been possible without the indefatigable efforts of our children and staff. Collaborative efforts always produce better results and joy is well distributed and shared by each one of us.

I hope to see our young minds come together and be the courageous one to learn and experience the new and share with the community whatever they can. Being guided by the Almighty in all our efforts it shall be another busy and overwhelming quarter. My best wishes for the upcoming MYP authorization visit.

Ms. Meenakshi Ahlawat
Principal

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PYP CONSULTANT VISIT



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SLC - MYP STUDENT LED CONFERENCES



MYP STUDENT LED CONFERENCES involve the student and their parents. The student is responsible for leading the conference and also takes responsibility for their learning by sharing the process with their parents. The conference involves the student discussing and reflecting upon samples of work that they have previously chosen to share with their parents. These samples have been previously selected with guidance and support from the teacher and could be from the student's portfolio" (taken from the IBO guidelines).

The student-led conference is one of the ways of reporting student progress in the PYP. Pledge Harbor International School conducted this event on December 5, 2017. The classrooms were filled with an air of excitement and pride as the students shared their journeys of inquiry and academic excellence with their parents. It was a formal occasion when the students took their parents for a gallery walk around their classroom. They also explained annotated work pieces from their portfolios

MYP SERVICE AS ACTION

AKTERPARA SCHOOL

MYP students of PHIS are determined to help the students of the Akterpara School by teaching them ICT and also by providing sports kits to the students.

In order to generate fund to provide service to these underprivileged students of the Akterpara School the MYP students have come up with the idea to grow vegetables in the school organic garden.

All the MYP students are actively involved in the gardening during their free time.

Mr. Bimol Kshetrimayum



HALLOWEEN AT PLEDGE HARBOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Halloween used to be a night of terror. It was believed that this is the night when all the spirits returned to earth to meet their beloved families. Along with all those spirits, evil spirits would also appear on this night. To trick the evil spirits, people used to dress up with the scariest costume possible while celebrating the return of their late loved ones.

Now, celebrating Halloween is an occasion for people to dress up as whatever they want and the kids go around from house to house for candies.

This year on Halloween, 31st October, instead of tricking and treating, Pledge Harbor decided to learn and teach. PHIS family took the opportunity to learn more about Halloween. Just because we were not in the spooky outfits that did not mean we were not in the spooky vibes of Halloween. The PYP students used their extreme creativity to decorate their classrooms, as well as PYP area on the first floor.

With all the Halloween vibes, the fruitful day ended with smiles.





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Ms. Sanjida Rahman

THE UPCOMING EVENTS OF JANUARY TO MARCH

JOYS OF WINTER"

How beautiful is the winter!

The snowflakes look like glitter.

Oh! What fun it is to ski,

No one would ever sigh.

The kids become so happy,

They don't get cranky.

Adults like to be cosy,

They don't get too noisy.

The weather is hazy,

Some get lazy.

Oh! What fun it is to make snowman!

Whether it is a woman or a man.

It's so much fun to play a snow ball fight,

Before the fall of night

NAJEEBA KHANDAKER (Grade 5)

JANUARY

- 14th Inter house Badminton tournament.
- 20th Inter house Spelling Bee competition.
- 22nd Inter house Lawn tennis

FEBRUARY

- 1st Inter house Volley Ball tournament.
- 8th Inter house Dramatics and Praluent (for the students)
- 21st International Mother Language Day.
- 23rd to 24th Exit Weekend

MARCH

- Mock starts from 4th till 14th.
- Mid-term examinations for Grade (6 to 12) students.
- Spring break starts from 15th of March till 27th
- 27th will be PTM (Parents Teachers Meeting)

THE WINTER WRITE-UP

In winter, we burn the fire or set on fire because of cold. Winter in our country lasts for only a couple of months or so. Yet it brings joy to us of all ages. Farming communities gather harvests and celebrate grain festival. Throughout the year, the weather in Bangladesh is warm and wet. Only in winter, it cools down a bit. We get fresh date juice and treacle. We make pithas with fresh treacle and new harvest like rice. Some pithas(cake)are : Dudh Puli,

BhapaPitha, Kolar Pitha, Spicy Patishapta, Notun Gur-er Kheer, Golap Pitha, Patishapta, Dudh Chittoi etc. We enjoy winter vacation very much and like to play Badminton the most. We travel from one place to another. I think winter is the best time for discovering places. In winter, we notice many types of flowers around us. Such as Roses, Shimul, Palsh etc. Early morning blooming flowers look beautiful. The entire winter season brings so much joy to me!

Abdullah Al Khalid (Grade 5)

—VICTORY DAY—

THE COLORS OF DECEMBER

As Bangladeshis, we take pride in our country and owe our freedom to the brave freedom fighters who fought a glorious war and laid their lives to free Bangladesh. We became victorious on 16th December, 1971. Every year, this day is celebrated with joy and pride. This year, Pledge Harbor family has decided to commemorate 16th December, the 46th Victory Day of Bangladesh, on 23rd November, 2017. We believe in the saying that the spirit of celebration is more important.

What could be a better way to celebrate Victory Day other than by singing and dancing? Our school came up with an Inter House Dance and Singing competition to mark the Victory Day with a theme “The Colors of December 16.” This competitive contest consisted of cultural and patriotic songs and dance performances. Students got an amazing opportunity to discover their hidden talents.

The program started with the melodies of solo song performers followed by the group songs. Being first in the order, Arian (grade 10) from Jupiter house sang “Jole Utho Bangali” and ignited feelings of patriotism among all of us. Najeeba (grade 5) from Pluto house mesmerized everyone with her sugarcoated voice singing “Shurjo doye tumi”. To turn the show in a different direction, Safat (grade 10) from Mars house presented the song “Maago Bhabna Keno” with its upbeat rhythm and tune. Last, but not the least, solo song performer Shahid (grade 11) from Neptune house stole the show with his harmonious description of our country by singing “Dhono Dhanne Pushpe Bhora”. The choir members from all four houses sang to loyal and devoted songs such as “Teer hara Ei Dheuer Shagor” “Abaro Bhor, Abaro Opekkha” “Chol Chol Chol” and Surjo Doye Tumi. The rhythms and the beats of the patriotic Solo and Group singing competitions resonated in the auditorium and responses from the audience were overwhelming.

The solo dance performances followed after the conclusion of the song performances. Nazia (grade 11) from Jupiter house shook the atmosphere as she moved gracefully on the beats of “Kanak Chapa Dhaan”. Najeeba from Pluto house performed modern Bangla dance on the song “Purbo Digonte Shurjo Utheche”. To cheer up the mood, Ahnaf (grade 4) from Mars house danced to the song “Char Chokka Hoi Hoi”. Zara (grade 5) from Neptune house, the last solo dance performer left us in amazement with her awe-inspiring skills to the song “Dhono Dhanne Pushpe Bhora”. After the solo dance performances, the group dancers from Jupiter house danced and depicted a short drama on the song “Hridoy Amar Bangladesh”. Pluto house with their eye-satisfactory and colorful dance performance showcased perfect synchronization. Junior Martians performed to the song “Cholo Bangladesh”. Last but definitely not the least, Neptune house displayed their moves to the song “Jole Utho Bangladesh” and the audience swayed with delight and applauded in appreciation.

To conclude the program with a refined ending, one of our judges Mr. Faysal sang with his euphonic voice while the other judges Principal Ms. Ahlawat and the Vice Principal, Mr. Adnan Choudhury tallied down the scores. Jupiter house was placed fourth, Pluto house bagged the third position, Neptune house was second and Mars took the first position. Every game has winners and losers but this very competitive contest had only winners and no losers because all the participants gained great experiences and entertained with this riveting celebration of the Victory Day.

~ Mahfuza, Grade 10

NEW TEACHERS INTRODUCTIONS

MS. SUMAIRA HOSSAIN

Designation: *PYP Homeroom Teacher for Grade 3 and House Master*

“What I Like about PHIS: The principles of the school to impart holistic education to children and help them in their all-round development.”

Advice to students: Just try and give your best in every step of your life. Then you will see that there is nothing that will deter you from achieving your dreams.

MS. SIFAT HOSSAIN PIYA

Designation: *PYP Homeroom Teacher for KG2 and PYP Bengali Teacher.*

“What I like about the school: The best thing about the school is that it doesn’t feel just like a place of work. The student body, the faculty members and others on campus, feels like a big family where one is always there to look out for the others.”

Advice to students: Any work will seem easy and simple if you learn to balance your duties and stay true to time.

Roald Dahl Characters

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G E O R G E F V E D C W B X Z
A G B U J F E D C F H Y H F L
F M T M W F L Y N N A D R T G
Q D M R T A I J W T R D H V P
Z V N H R R Q W X K L H B G F
C D R O L I U I Q C I E S X Z
Q D C P R G W T C V E H J U I
K M K P L P Y C T T Y J A O L
M C D Y S X Z H I F B V M H A
J R G V B W I E C R Q J E R D
Q F F H B D T S E P R D S V L
N M J O B R C E H W Z D G U I
K O P L X W Q S T I W T E H T
E R T Y D G Y H B G F T R E A
W I L L Y W O N K A A S E D M
    
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MATILDA	CHARLIE	WILLY WONKA
BFG	DANNY	THE TWITS
GEORGE	JAMES	WITCHES
MR FOX	MR HOPPY	GIRAFFE

Clues may run forwards, backwards, diagonally, up or down. Some may overlap or even be backwards!
~ Source: www.free-for-kids.com

SPORTS & INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS

PLEDGE-E-THON (INTER HOUSE)



Inter-house competitions is our school's way of having some friendly competition between the students and between the teachers as well. There are the regular inter-house tournaments which focus on specific sport and then there's Pledge-e-thon.



Pledge-e-thon is an inter-house event in which students participate in multiple sport activity in order to gain their house points. The events were as follows: The March past, 75m sprint, the 100m sprint with 3 different categories, the 100m race walk, High Jump, Long Jump, 800m 4x4 relay, 1500m 4x4 relay and the Tug-of-war.

Among all of these events, Tug-of-war was known to be the most intense. It was won by Mars house, who fought against Jupiter house. Another really close event was the 1500m 4x4 relay. Near the finish line, Mars almost caught up with Pluto but Pluto house still emerged the victor of this event. In the end, the Best athlete award was given to Ryo of House Pluto. While Mars house did win many events throughout the event, overall, Pluto house was the winner.

PHIS community is eagerly looking towards the next Pledge-e-thon

~ By Aubidur Rahman (Grade 10)

QUIZ (INTER HOUSE)

The inter-house quiz competition practice started weeks before, right when everyone got the email with the syllabus. Everyone was pumped. The best of the best got selected for the main event on stage. All the house members came to support their fellow housemates that were participating. The competition was enthralling. There were fair winners in the end. Everyone came out of the auditorium satisfied and excited. The Champion was Jupiter house and Pluto house emerged as the Runners Up

~ Zenab Aameir (G:9) and Ishaat Abrar (G:10)

BADMINTON (INTER HOUSE)

The inter-house badminton tournament was an event everyone wanted to be in. The few selected players from each house were asked to participate. There were 4 categories: -----

After tallying up how many matches each house won, we came to a conclusion that Mars House was the Champions winning 16 matches.

~ Zenab Aameir (G:9) and Ishaat Abrar (G:10)

DEBATE (INTER HOUSE)

The topics for the inter-house debate competition were sent to each house and everyone started preparing. The competition itself was very interesting. Looking at each person's perspectives and watching them debate over it was so eye grabbing. Each and every participant gave their hundred percent and tried their best to prove that they were correct. The Champion was Neptune House while the best Speaker was Humayed Ashfaque from Jupiter House

SONG & DANCE (INTER HOUSE)

The song and dance competition was surely one of the most exciting inter-house events. People were rehearsing for hours every day and each house was ready to win it. There were four categories: Group song, solo song, group dance, and solo dance. The theme was 16th December as it was also our victory day celebration. Each house showed their best and surprised not only the audience, but also our judges, Mrs. Ahlawat, Mr. Adnan, and our very own, Mr. Faisal. Many hidden talents got discovered that day. In the end, there were tough choices to make by the judges.

Group Song Champions: Mars House
Solo Song Champions: Najeeba (Pluto House)

Group Dance Champions: Pluto House
Solo Dance Champions: Ahnaf (Mars House)
~ Zenab Aameir (G:9) and Ishaat Abrar (G:10)

PHIFT'18



November 2017 was a month full of events and happenings at PHIS. The most talked about event for the month was Pledge-e-thon followed by PHIFT or the Pledge

Harbor Interschool Football Tournament 2017.

Pledge Harbor was host to 10 different schools from Dhaka and Chittagong. The tournament was divided in two groups Under 14 and Under 19.

It was a two days of excitement for the students and teacher, both the guests and the hosts. Pledge Harbor had its regular CAS stall selling food and drinks to keep up everyone's spirit and maintain the energy levels.

After high energy qualifying matches on Day 1, Day 2 was witnessed eventful semifinals. The junior panthers kept up the spirits till the semi-finals, but the finals was a battle between Sunshine Grammar School, Chittagong and International Turkish Hope School, Dhaka. The sunshine till the late hours of the evening, with the school from the port city, Chittagong taking away the winning trophy.

The under 19 finals was a high energy match having the spectators on their toe every minute. The battle was between the Panthers and Sunshine Grammar School. Each minute of the match was full of spirit, anxiety and excitement. The supporters of PHIS found it difficult to keep their excitement in check as the Panthers played neck to neck against SGS.

As the sun was setting on the horizon, the roar that engulfed the fields of our green campus could probably be heard all the way from Dhaka. The Panthers got the whole school on the field as the whistle blew to announce the end of the match and declared the Panthers the ultimate champions. Pledge Harbor Panthers won against Sunshine Grammar School by 2 - 1. Our top goal scorer was none other than Muhit while Rifaf gave the opponents a

tough time with his skillful goalkeeping.

It was a night of celebration inside the campus of our beloved Pledge Harbor.



LAWN TENNIS (INTER HOUSE)



The first inter house tournament of the new term was Lawn Tennis Tournament with Mars House as the champions and Jupiter House as the Runners - up.

~ Zenab Aameir (G:9) and Ishaat Abrar (G:10)

AGA KHAN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



On 13th and 14th of January PHIS Junior Football team went to Aga Khan Football Tournament.

The Junior Panthers won against Aga Khan by 2 - 0 and again against the Scholastica Team by 2 - 0. The Junior Panthers headed towards the semifinals as the group champions.

Unfortunately the team returned with a defeat in the semifinals.

~ Ishaat Abrar (Grade: 10)

CRICKET (INTER HOUSE)

There was a cricket tournament recently with all four houses competing. Everyone started practice and was determined to win with team spirit. House members all gathered together to watch and cheer their house players on. It was a close call. The champions were house mars, Jupiter taking second, Pluto third, and Neptune fourth. It was great watching all the talent on the field.

~ Zenab Aameir (G:9) and Ishaat Abrar (G:10)

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