PLEDGE HARBOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BULLETIN – VOLUME 4 OF 4, ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

# Vice Principal's Message

The academic year of 2018-2019 is finally coming to a close.

Teachers have set up the questions papers, our DP students are giving the last minute exam preparations and the rest of the student body are packing to go home for the summer holidays.

As we pull down the proverbial curtains on this academic year, let us take a step back and reflect on the wonderful times of this past year, the achievements we made as a school and areas where we could have done better. It is through reflection and insight whereby we will become more prepared for the challenges of the upcoming year.

Every year is a fun laden experience and this year was no exception. We have had some wonderful memories to take with us – The PHIFT, the Pledge A Thon, Marathon Day, all the wonderful cultural programmes, Poilah Bhoishaki, Poila Falgun, Pitha Utshob, Graduation Day Ceremony, MYP Projects and Exhibition and the SLC to name just a few.

Looking forward to the summer, I remind our teachers to keep our students occupied with constructive homework that will keep them rejuvenated and mentally ready for the next coming academic year. I have instructed them to upload all work on Managebac. My request to the students – stay balanced by keeping a few hours of your day studying while spending the rest having fun. Balanced is my favorite IB Learner Profile.

Let me end by wishing all our staff, students and parents, Ramadan Mubarak and a safe and an enjoyable summer holidays!

Looking forward to seeing you all back safe and sound.

Adnan Chowdhury, Vice Principal



# ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 – 19 PLEDGE HARBOR International School

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## MOU between PLEDGE HARBOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND UNITED INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

"Pledge Harbor International School is now a Candidate IBCP School"

Signing the MOU between Pledge Harbor International School (PHIS) and UNITED International University (UIU) to collaborate the IBCP Programme from Sept 2019 for our PHIS students.

Adnan Chowdhury, Vice Principal representing PHIS and from UIU, Vice Chancellor Dr. Chowdhury Mofizur Rahman, along with other top officials Dr. Hasnan Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor (In Charge), Dr. A. S. M. Salauddin, Registrar, and Dr. Khandakar Mahmudur Rahman, Director, BBA Program along with Dr. James Bukul.

A big thanks to our Head of Secondary and IBCP Coordinator, Mr. Qamar's Juned Rabbani for doing all the ground work and forwarding the application. Our Head of School and Chairperson, Ms. Kaniz Zareen for her continued support. PHIS is on well on its way to be the first 4 tier IB PROGRAMME School in Bangladesh.

## **CONGRATULATIONS PANTHERS!**



PYP - STUDENT LED CONFERENCE (SLC)

Student Led Conference (SLC) are a great way to actively engage students in their learning process. It gives students control and provides them with an opportunity to self-reflect. It promotes responsibility, communication and helps build students confidence level.

On 15th May 2019, the PYP section of PHIS conducted the SLC. Parents were excited and eager to be awed by what their children had to show. The students were able to demonstrate what they had learned and what more they want to do. They reflected on their learning over the academic year and what new things they know. Parents were full of praises for their children and for the school. It was a day full of smiles and giggles and excitement to know that another academic year has ended and that students have moved on to another grade level. The ended with the proud parents content with all that their kids had learned.



# GRADE 5 PYP EXHIBITION "SHARING THE PLANET"

"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn."

~Alvin Toffler

While the first week of April has been our official start to "Sharing the Planet," the tuning-in segment has, in actuality, been an ongoing practice during the year. We got to see evidence of students exhibiting the attributes of the IB Learner Profile that have been developed throughout their engagement with the PYP. This exhibition unit was centralized around the big idea" Water" where students looked into the global goals, conservation, preservation and distribution of water and hydropower very closely.

Our Chief Guest, Ms. Tazeen went around the exhibition and interacted with students. Each member at the kiosk spoke about the exhibits, their perspectives and shared their knowledge. Most of the displays were miniature prototype working models. The unique thing about the exhibition was that the students had worked ardently to plan and implement Exhibition Unit of inquiry under the guidance of the facilitator and subject specialists. Students wrote poems in English and Bangla which became the lyrics of the music composition. Bangla skit "Ball of Water" was scripted perfectly by one of the grade -5 students and was staged during the exhibition.

Every student made an effort to 'take action' that really made a difference. Students brought awareness among the village folks. They demonstrated easy ways to filter water and informed them how to conserve it. It was a very successful exhibition with students as event managers.

~ Babita Sidhu.





The students of KG- 3 created their own stories through Visual Art and verbatim. Magic water porridge come and the man standing and the man sitting on chair.



**Fairy Godmother** 

Once upon a time the girl love toy car the bad boy took the toy car. Another day the little girl loves to play swing. The boy play slide and falls in the balls.

One day mother say the two little baby hear don't fighting. The girl listening. The boy not listening.

All day the boy not listen and night here. The fairy come and say "What are you doing" the boy crying and "I am sorry "say the boy and fairy gets angry. The boy says I listen to my mother I fight with my little sister my brother too fight and fairy says "All day you do" and sorry says the boy. And fairy says OK . Fairy and boy not fight.

Written by- Jahra Saika Haque, Grade KG3



#### The Little Five Tree

One I tree a boy come. The tree is proud. One day one wood cutter came, he cut a tree. One day little bird make a next. He cut the hive but not cut he will get honey. One day the wood cutter carry honey everyday then the honey finished one day.

Written by- Abdullah Afraheem, Grade KG3



Mother say to three little pig "go another house" they went to a cow shed and a house made of straw. The make a tree cut and make a house. Make another bricks house.

Then the fox come huff and puff broke your house down. The fox go another pig's house. Then run the bricks house.

The for bricks house. The fox go bricks house. Huff and Puff broke your house down.

The fox the go up. Chimney and die. Then the 3 little pig happily dancing.

Written by- Fahad Ahmed, Grade KG3



The boys and girl play the catch. One day boy is going to a very big jungle and he sees the one tree, he going the tree up. Then he see the lion coming, the moon is up and he going the lion go but not see the road "Where is the road" then he see a "nice flower" lion is the coming the boy is running. The boy fell on the road and one fairy come the Lion scare and go in the den.

Written by- Sarwat Islam Sahan, Grade KG3



Once upon a time 3 bears they take a water. One boy see the house and eat the teddy bear porridge. Next eating the porridge the boy "it is so cold". Next the boy sit on the Mommy bear seat, then sit on the baby bear sit and say "ouch" and broke seat. The boy sit on daddy bear bed and say "oh! This is so hard" Mommy bear bed sit "this is so soft. Daddy, Mummy bear say who is eating my porridge. Who sitting my bed.

Written by- Easin Arafat Pronoy, Grade KG3

#### **PYP Assembly Write-Up**

The PYP section of PHIS concluded their 2 weeks' long assembly session on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April with Grade-2 children's marvelous presentation. For the first time in the history of PHIS, such a wonderful opportunity was given to the PYP section where the little ones showcased their work and talents related to Nature and left everyone in awe and amazement. The talented little ones not only displayed their supremely creative projects but also acted as torch bearers where they conveyed important messages to all on to have a cleaner and a greener Earth. It was further mesmerizing to see them being updated with the current news happening around the world and spreading awareness on different kinds of disasters and natural calamities like cyclones and fire management. The entire 2 weeks' assembly kept everyone's attention glued to these young children as there was so much to learn from these powerhouses of talents.





#### Grade 1 Assembly - Fire Drill

Under the TD theme how we organize ourselves with the central idea- systems can help us to stay safe the students of grade 1 learned about different safety systems. Fire safety was one of the most important among them. As we believe it is important to have a basic understanding about how a fire occurs and behaves within a school building.

Our little wonders of Grade-1 lead the morning assembly on 17th of April 2019 with the topic fire safety. Sharing about the Reasons behind Fire, How to Prevent Fire and What to do if there is a fire in the school.

They also performed a song about fire safety.

Grade-1 students charmed everyone with their cuteness while leading and performing in the school assembly.







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#### **Class Assembly**

Recently we had a class assembly which was a part of greenhouse assembly. In this assembly we had presented our 3 most excited units. Each one of us took one unit. The 3 units were: who we are, how we express ourselves and how we organize ourselves. From these 3 units I chose Who We Are. Under this T.D. theme we had studied about human body systems. In the assembly I majorly talked about skeletal system. I had also displayed my model on skeletal system. The model that I displayed showed the different parts of the skeletal system. I think everyone enjoyed our presentation and I feel our assemblies should either be class wise or we should not have a set pattern every single day when we have house assemblies. Students should be given a free hand to choose how they want to present their assemblies, of-course under teachers' supervision. Won't that be I interesting?

~ Tajria Islam Snaho, Grade -5





#### Life Saver

In Visual Art class, I designed a machine named 'Life Saver' to save people from disasters. This machine can take 15 people at a time. It is water and fire proof. The machine can stay on the ground because of its sticky legs. It can also fly up like a helicopter as it has blades. Thank you Mr. Zakaria for helping me create such a beautiful poster.

By- Tanzin Tabassum Suchi, Grade 4

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#### Sticky car

I have made a poster on earthquake. This is a car and it will save us from earthquake. This poster shows the bridge breaking and a car is stuck. This sticky car can also save us from tornados. The car has a special button when we click the button the wheels will turn in, vacuum stands will come and the car will stick. Mr. Zakaria helped me make this poster. Thank you!

By- Rubaya, Grade 4



VOLTECTER

My poster is on how to save an area from being harmed during a volcanic eruption. It's a machine which stays underground all around the area and there is an office in the area. When the volcano erupts then the office manager has to click on a green button. The glass machine will then come out and cover the entire area and protect it during a volcanic eruption. There is a red button which has to be clicked after the volcanic eruption so that the strong glass uncovers the area and can be used again later.

By- Sauda Shamim Shayeri, Grade 4



#### **Protective House**

Under the TD Theme- 'How We Organize Ourselves' I have made a poster on how to be safe from flood. My model is 'Protective House'. The house has a control room with buttons for different functions. When there is a flood you have to press the button in the control room then house will move up due to its hydraulic legs. There is also another room with a boat, if the hydraulic legs do not work then the boat is going to come out through an inclined plane and save people from the flood.

Tornado Eater

In this unit, under our big idea 'Disaster Management' I have made a machine named 'Tornado Eater' to protect people from tornados. Our art teacher Mr. Zakaria helped me to make this. The specialty of this machine is that it can destroy a tornado by creating air pressure and sucking it up, but the machine is not automatic somebody has to operate it. If any company is able to make it then we can use it in Tornado Ally where we have the most tornados in the world.

By Tamim Tuffa Hossain Prokity, Grade 4

# POEMS

### TIP TAP RAIN

Tip tap rain is saying hi !!! Water is falling from the sky. But the boy is sitting inside, in the chair, Looking everywhere. Rain drops are falling here and there, The boy is not happy but doesn't want to share, The rain is dropping more and more, The boy can't even open the door. However, the day is over, The rain was enjoyed by my dog named Rover. The rain water is good for those, Who work in the garden? Let's save water from today, So that we don't spend our future in dismay. Come out and play my dear fellow! Thousands of times the rain said, "Hello!" The rain is a nightmare to the boy. At last the rain has stopped, The weather is very cool, The outside is more beautiful, And the plants are all lush green and cheerful!!

~ By Ilham Islam Raaihn, Grade -5

#### **EVERY DROP MATTERS**

A single drop is all it takes, A single act will make all the difference. A single step is all that stands in the way, So come, please come with us, Let's take a step towards water conservation, Let's take a step towards water pollution. Water is great source of energy, Water is the source of all civilization, Without water there will be no you, Water, Life, Energy make great synergy. So let's take a Vow, And not say how? Do think of a plan, And make mother earth, Wow! The paradise you are living in, is ours, To keep it green may take hours, But all it needs is care and affection. It's our responsibility towards its protection,

~ By-Ahnaf Wasith Dihan Grade-5

#### CONSERVE AND PRESERVE WATER

Water is needed, Water can be reused, Water could be clean, But we human don't do that Water will end one day. So preserve it, So conserve it. Water will end one day, Without water we will not be there, So start conserving it, So start preserving it, Start saving water.

~ By Snaho Grade-5



## পানি বাঁচাও

পানি হলো জীবন মোদের পানি ছাড়া বাঁচবো কেমনে, পানি বাঁচাও, পানি বাঁচাও! পানি হলো জীবন মোদের পানি খেয়ে তৃষ্ণা মেটাও পানি দিয়ে জীবন বাঁচাও হলে দূষিত পানি! মরে শত শত প্রাণী; জীবন হয়ে যায় বড় কষ্টকর না করলে সংগ্রহ পানি বার বার। গড়ে তুলি নতুন জীবন, রক্ষা করি পানির ভুবন।

~ স্নেহ গ্রেড ৫

"A father gives his child nothing better than a good education". By Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

GRADUATION DAY PH

Graduation day brings with it a gamut of emotions for all the stakeholders involved, the graduates, their families and their mentors. It's a time of nostalgia and celebration. It is a time for reflection on past trials and successes, and at the same time to look forward to a future full of hope and achievements.

We did our part of shaping their minds and filling their hearts. Now, it's time to take a step back and let them shine, while we bask in their glory.

Representatives from the graduating class (Grade 5 & 10) shared their experience and their hopes for the future. At last our grade 12 students took the floor and they rendered a heart touching speech.

Head of School Ms. Kaniz Zareen & Ms. Adeeba along with other guests were present to bless the auspicious occasion. Vice Principal Mr. Adnan Chowdhury addressed the august gathering and declared the class of 2019 as Grandaunts.

Throughout an academic year, the growth of the students is observed by the faculty members. PHIS recognizes the positive growth of the students at the end of the academic year through awards, under different categories, as The Butterfly Award, PHIS Ambassador Award and the PHIS Cultural Leadership Award. Nazia Grade 12, received the most prestigious ambassador award for the year 2019.

Ms. Zareen was the key note speaker and concluded the ceremony with the announcement of the Cock House Trophy. This is the trophy that drives the spirit of competition among the students and the teachers. The trophy that lies at the heart of the competitions held round the year. NEPTUNE HOUSE was declared winner, scoring maximum points various in extracurricular activities.

> ~ Juned Rabbani Head of Secondary MYP Coordinator









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you a short story about a boy who has changed to a young adult after coming to Pledge Harbor International School. The first day in school, he thought he'd never be able to survive here without his family living with him. He began his journey when a single room was given to him that seemed very unfamiliar to him compared to the room which he had at home. There was this anxiety inside him and when he spoke to most of the people of Pledge Harbor, they said it was HOMESICKNESS.



That was the first time he heard the word homesickness. . He understood no doctor on Earth could cure homesickness. Finally today he's graduating with a bag full of memories and experiences. He has finally learnt how to live independently, take decisions on his own. This boy needs no introduction. I speak on behalf of Tanzim Grade 10 .Lastly, I'd specially like to thank our Vice Principal Sir and our all-time favorite Mr Juned, Head of Secondary who have been my father like on campus. I'd also like to thank all my teachers, friends and dorm masters for their constant support and for making my journey through Pledge Harbor exhilarating and memorable. Thank you. Signing out...





## **MYP PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION:**

PHIS students of Y5 have recently celebrated the final year of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP), by partaking in a Personal Project Exhibition.

The Personal Project Exhibition is the culmination of a yearlong process of independent I research, planning, production, and presentation. The projects run the gamut of creativity and are intended to be of personal interest and to be personally challenging for each student. This exhibition is the capstone event of the students' journeys through the Middle Years I Programme. It is an excellent preparation for the rigours and workload of the Diploma Programme (DP). For example, students learned that time management was a crucial factor in the Personal Project. There was no room for procrastination, and time was always of the essence if they were to meet their deadlines.

Students used a variety of approaches to explore their topics and to present their findings, such as traditional research, in-person interviews, video production, website creation, paintings, acquiring new skills and designing a gaming computer.

After the Personal Project has been completed, PHIS students were required to participate in a Personal Project Exhibition. Each student set up their booth to explain and show their project and progress to an audience made up of grade 9 students, parents, guests and teachers. It went successfully, and the grade 10 students were able to finally say 'bye' to personal project! A BIG Thank you to the advisors who were guides to our students.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 for all your hard work!

~ Juned Rabbani Head of Secondary MYP Coordinator





#### CELEBRATIONS AT PHIS

We at PHIS had celebrated the most colorful festival of Bangladesh "Pohela Boishakh" (Happy New Year in Bengali) on 14th April 2019 at PHIS campus. It's the occasion to welcome the Bangla New Year with a new hope of peace, prosperity, and friendliness.

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We had fun fair, (আনন্দ মেলা) traditional sports (ঐতিহ্যবাহী দেশীয় খেলা) program along with cultural show to celebrate the day. We celebrated the day by dressing up in traditional Bengali attire: boys & men will wear dhuti/fotua/ pajama-panjabi and the girls/women wore white sharees with red borders and adorn themselves with tip (bindis), churi (bangles) and phul (flowers). The dress code for the day was Red & White. Students and parents have shown their special involvement and their keen interest and enthusiasm to participate.

~ Cultural Committee Chair



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#### **Inter House Tournaments**

In the month of April 2 inter house tournaments were held and they Chess | and Swimming. The Chess tournament was very exciting one. Total 16 participants from 4 houses played the tournament. Total 21 matches were played. Sheikh Azmyne Wasif from Pluto became the champion beating 1 Sami Haq Anan of Neptune in the final match. Mohammad Redwanul Rohan of Pluto got the third position and Mohammad Md Shoumik Nur L. Sadaf of the same house won the fourth position.

In the swimming tournament Neptune became champion. The second, third and fourth place went to respectively Jupiter, Mars & Pluto house. Our Middle School team (students from grade 6-8) for the first time 1 participated in the ISD MS Basketball tournament on the 4th May 2019. Among 8 teams our team stood fifth. Mr Sharwin was the head coach of the team assisted by Mr Amjad. The students participated in the tournament follows:

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# Ariyan Hossain L 2. Samiul Haque 3. Kazi Shafin Zaman 4. Wakamatsu Koki 5. Tanzil Hassan Mahir 6. Ariz Zaman Chowdhury 7. Mahin Rahman Safwan 8. Md Shoumik Nur Sadaf 9. Ryan Ashek 10. Mushfigur Rahman



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