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Children participating in the Annual Sports

Admission of new children

With the beginning of the school year, new children were admitted at Moanoghar. The admission was carried out in early January. At present, the detailed breakdown of the children in Moanoghar is;

Class	Residential		Total	Non-residential		Total	Grand Total
	Boy	Girl		Boy	Girl		
II	04	04	08	07	04	11	19
III	21	10	31	17	04	21	52
IV	26	12	38	07	10	17	55
V	28	16	44	98	62	160	204
VI	52	42	94	59	37	96	190
VII	46	33	79	37	48	85	164
VIII	28	28	56	45	29	74	130
IX	35	29	64	26	33	59	123
X	30	21	51	28	24	52	103
SSC	25	11	36	30	23	53	89
HSC	08	--	08	--	--	--	8
Grand Total	303	206	509	354	274	629	1,137

Annual Sports of Moanoghar Residential School Held:

Annual Sports of Moanoghar Residential School was held on 8-9 February. The Annual Sports Program was 2010. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Khokan Bikash Barua, Head Teacher with Ven. Shraddhalankar Mahathero as chief guest. All school staffs students, Moanoghar management staff and community leaders from the nearby villages were present in the ceremony.

The prize giving ceremony was separately held on 13 March with the Honourable Rangamati Hill District Council chairman Mr. Nikhil Kumar Chakma attending as Chief Guest. Ven. Shraddha Lankar Mahathero presided over the ceremony. After the discussion the Chief Guest distributed the prizes to the winners.



Award giving ceremony of Moanoghar School

International Women Day Observed

The International Woman Day was celebrated at Moanoghar on 8 March 2010. The program was jointly organised by Moanoghar and Chesta, a partner NGO of Moanoghar.

A discussion was held on the occasion. Renowned gender activist from CHT Ms. Tuku Talukder was present as the chief guest with Ven. Sraddhalanker Mahathero as Chair.

Mrs. Latika Talukder, former Head Teacher of Moanoghar School, Ms. Dishari Chakma, Mr. Udvasan Chakma, Mr. Ananda Mitra Chakma, and Ven. Buddha Datta Bhikkhu spoke in the meeting.

Training events

Orientation on Office and Financial Management was held on 23 January 2010. It was facilitated by Mr. Prabir Kanti Dey, Chief Accountant of Green Hill. Mr. Prabir Kanti Dey voluntarily worked for last six months for Moanoghar to improve and enhance the office and financial management capacity and skills among the staff of Moanoghar. *Moanoghar management herewith expresses its gratefulness to Green Hill particularly to its Executive Director, Mr. Moug Thowai Ching and Mr. Prabir Kanti Dey for their generous support.*

A Training Workshop on programme design, project writing and logframe from 26 January to 1st February 2010 was held at Moanoghar. Senior level staff of Moanoghar Management participated in the workshop. The whole program was facilitated by Ms. Estelle Visagie and Mr. Anthony Hopkins. It was a very useful and practical exercise for the staff in raising their capacity.

A Training workshop on Bee Keeping and Honey Production was held from 28 January-1 February 2010 at Moanoghar Resource Center. 25 students of class X participated in the training. The training was arranged with funding of MJF.

Upcoming events

- Bizu festival leave 8-16 April
- 1st Terminal Exam of school 21 April-7 May
- Guardian Forum Meeting - May/June
- Sponsors' Network Meeting - May
- Bee Keeping Training - May
- Fish Cultivation Training - May
- Meeting with Civil Society (7 May)
- Eye Camp (13-15 May)

Miscellaneous News of Moanoghar

- Moanoghar gratefully recognizes a donation of 165,000 taka by **Hanneke Oltheten** from the Netherlands. We are also grateful to **Dr. Graham Arthurs** and **Rotary International** for donation of various items which include 64 electrical fans, plastic buckets and bowls, electrical tool box, 1 projector and 1 laptop.
- Moanoghar welcomes **Anthony Hopkins** as new Volunteer. We also wish our best for **Estelle Visagie**, who leaves us after one year stay.
- Moanoghar expresses its gratefulness to **Philippe Crabtree** for his voluntary service to teach Math and English to the children in February-March.
- Moanoghar welcomes again **Dr. Graham Arthurs** and his colleagues **Gareth Davies** and **Mark Robert Leather** in March-April. Mr. Leather's visit is as part of linking Moanoghar School with Ruabon High School in the Wales, UK. We very much believe the initiative will give great exposure to Moanoghar School and help the teachers in acquiring new skills.
- Moanoghar Residential School won the **1st place both in Parade and Display** held at Rangamati Stadium on Independence Day.
- Moanoghar Residential School team won the **runners-up trophy** in the Inter-school Cricket Tournament held on 27 Feb -5 Mar at Rangamati Stadium
- Moanoghar is proud to receive during this reporting period **Mr. Tom Eskildson**, Vice President of Jummanet, Japan and **Ven. Shwaymar Rimpoche**, founder of the Infinite Compassion Foundation in the USA.