

Tibetan Homes Foundation

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ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



Tibetan Panel Discussion (May 14) : An interactive session on the Tibetan Panel was organized for our children studying in Rajpur branch school. All students above grade – VIII participated in the discussion with our Tibetan teacher Mr. Sangpo as the coordinator of the Panel.

Painting competition (May 4): A moment of proud when children gathered at the school assembly ground applauded the winners of the inter school Painting Competition organized by Department of Education, CTA, Dharamsala. Ten of our children were announced as winners of the competition with a prizing ceremony at the school ground.

Mid term examination (May 14) : Our branch school Gohri Mafi students have their mid term examination as commenced from today. This will be followed by two months summer holiday for all our children at the branch school.

Social activities (May 21): Our branch school Rajpur students observed the day as cleaning their campus and the elderly people home as a step towards social activities.

Basket Tournament (May 17) : An Inter-school girl's basket tournament was held at "Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie" where our school also participated. The tournament was tough with our school till the semi-final when the host school Wynberg allen won the match by one score up.

Exchange programs (May 22): Our branch school teachers with Principal Mr. Migmar Tsering participated in a brief workshop organized by Central Board of Secondary Education at Jaswant Modern Senior Secondary School, Dehradun. The workshop was on the basis of Value Education and its importance in student's nurturing.

Outdoor Participation (May 27): An exchange program with environment team called "Waste Warriors" located at Dehradun was initiated last year. Few exchange programs with environmental talk and training was also organized by the waste warriors team. As a continuation of the project, our branch school environment club members participated in a campaign called "Clean Himalayan" as initiated by waste warriors of Dehradun which is a drive towards move out of plastic pollution.

Observation of Tibet Week (May 21st – 30th):

Tibet week is observed at our branch school Gohri Mafi in the month of May prior their mid term examination. All the classrooms were decorated accordingly with the topic they were given. A panel of judges visited each classroom on the last day of the week with the announcement of top three classes as the winner June 1st.

Parent – Teacher Meeting (May 31st) :

Biological parents of the children and the teachers had a meeting soon after the completion of the mid term examination. The meeting was called to make teaching and pastoral care at the branch school effective in collaboration with the parents. Children's left for two months summer holiday with their parents after the meeting where progress of each child were discussed with their parents also.



Presentation of Creativity (May 31st) :

Our branch school Gohri Mafi had their mid term examination result declared on May 31st followed by parent teacher meeting on the day. An exhibition of the collection of our children's Saturday activities output was also presented to the parents on the day.

Practice Meditation for children (June 13) :

A practice towards the meditation commenced in our school from the start of the academic session of this year. Children's were imparted with the correct ways while practicing meditation – Anapana by our Physical Education Teacher Mr. Tenzin Ngaten on regular intervals with the children groups based under classwise.



Inter-School Science Exhibition (June 19 – 21) :

A three days inter-school science exhibition was held at our school with the participation from different schools including far off Tibetan schools. The exhibition was organized by Department of Education, Central Tibetan Administration under the grant support from USAID. A total of five Tibetan schools participated in the exhibition with our school children topping in five categories

Dr. Hermann Gmeiner's Birth Anniversary (June 23) :

A day celebrated with a scarf ceremony to the great soul for his huge humanitarian contribution to the world with his vision giving birth the SOS Children Villages. All the staff pays homage to the late Dr. Hermann Gmeiner on his 99th birth anniversary followed by different activities for children at the school ground. All the children homes were provided with special meals to remember the great soul. The day also observed with a motivating gift to three toppers of grade – X by send by "New York Alumni Association, United States". The gift was awarded by chief guest on the occasion Mr. Tenzin Dorjee, Joint Secretary, Department of Education, CTA, Dharamsala.

Readers of Dalai Lama (June 24) :

An interactive session was organized by our branch school Rajpur for our school members of the "Readers of Dalai Lama".



Project developments

May - June, 2018

Children towards First Aid care: To inculcate the knowledge and practice of first aid care to our children and home parents. Day training was imparted to all our home parents by our school residence nurse Mrs. Ngawang Sangmo la. All the contents in the kit were explained to the parents accordingly with; when to use and how to use incase of emergency prior visiting school dispensary. Our sincere thanks to "M.O.S.T. Pro-Tibet, Czech Republic" for the grant support to provide the needed care to our children. The Project "First Aid Kit" covers all three schools of Tibetan Homes Foundation.

Motivating gift from Alumni: Congratulating ceremony for the toppers of grade - XII was organized at the school morning assembly. The three toppers Ms. Kachok Wangmo, Ms. Thinlay Dolma and Master Tashi Dhondup were motivated with a money gift send from our alumni living in United states through "New York Alumni Association, US".

Towards disease prevention: Anti Rabies camp was organized at our school with the service provided by "Doon Animal Lovers" and our school volunteer group.



Bless to attend His Holiness Teaching (June 6 - 8) : Our school student leaders with Principal Dr. Passang Dhondup attended bless teaching by His Holiness the Dalai Lama on the Introduction of Buddhism and its teachings. The group was welcomed for a dinner reception by alumnus settled in Dharamsala. Our thanks to Tibetan Children's village for the hospitality.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAININGS

A day refresher course on Professional Development was imparted to our teachers of Mussoorie and Rajpur. Our thanks to Mr. Tenzin Dorjee la, Joint Secretary, Department of Education, CTA for his contribution as a resource person.

A day workshop was imparted to our teachers and foster parents on the practice of "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO Act)".

A week training was imparted to our fundraising section staff mainly with the ways to improve communication and technological skills. Our sincere thanks to Ms. Earline Barthelot, SOS – Regional Donor Services Advisor – Asia for her making out time for this capacity development training.



SUMMER PROJECT

Our branch school Gohri Mafi children had their summer holiday for two months from June to July. The area being hot during these two months, school remains closed for summer holiday. A summer project for our children at the branch school who remains back at the school was implemented every year. This year, children's were taken for picnic, swimming, to a shopping mall, to nearby national zoo and joyful learning classes were organized.

PROJECTS LAST YEAR

Its outcomes this year

Higher Studies Program (HSP): The motivating program for our school once they graduated from school with a scholarship provision to pursue their higher studies from different colleges, universities under different courses. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to **Norzang Foundation** for their grant support towards 75 children for the last six years. The project plays an important role in encouraging our children with their future endeavors. A total of "118 – Children" will be completing their course this year from different courses including doctrine, professional and degree course.

Photography & Video Graphy Club: A pilot project launched last years is pacing positively with more opportunity to younger children this year. The club has been working hard with the provision of more exploration trying to cover maximum children. A monthly news includes 4 to 5 children in different sections of scriptwriting, voicing, recording and studio reader. Our sincere thanks to "Tibet Relief Fund, UK" for the establishment fund, "Objectif Tibet, France" for the additional equipment provision grant and sincere thanks to "Rainbow of magnolia, USA" for approving grant towards the necessary equipments for this year.



PROJECT - OUTCOMES

Elderly care: The installation of cultural entities, resting space and shade facility outside their home to our elderly people were a blessing comes from “Norzang Foundation” last year. The project comes as an evening gift to our elderly people who are enjoying the facility of prayer wheels in their home. A prayer comes from our pola’s and mola’s for the bless gift. Our thanks to “Tibet Relief Fund, UK” for the additional gift to our elderly people with the provision of comfortable stay arrangements with television in the prayer room last year.

Power back – up to children: Frequent power failure is a problem especially when children are having their examinations. We would like to thank “Tibet Relief Fund, UK” for their grant support last year to provide inverter facility to our children homes.

Safe drinking water : Provision of clean and safe drinkable water was a blessing to our children especially during monsoon when the source water is unsafe to drink. Our children’s are having clean water from the installation of four RO – Water Plant last year. We thank “German Aid to Tibetans, Germany” and “PRM-US” for the grant support.

Hygienic Kitchen: We are able to renovate kitchen of 18 – children homes last year with the grant support from Fundación Heres, Spain. Children’s are having a clean modern kitchen providing a hygienic development for our children.

New Utensils for children: A replacement of all the kitchen utensils with the provision of new plates, mugs and other utensils in the kitchen brings smiles with a feeling of care towards our children. We thank our friend Fundación Heres, Spain for their grant towards the project last year.



PROJECTS-IN PROCESS



Projects

- 1) Rice cooker in Children homes
- 2) Dental Chair – School Dental care
- 3) Athletic Ground for children
- 4) Classroom Furniture
- 5) Dispensary Surgical Bed
- 6) Photography and Videography club
- 7) Display Board in classroom
- 8) Quilt / quilt cover
- 9) Table Tennis for children
- 10) Cultural costumes for school
- 11) Autoclave – Dental Care
- 12) Washing machines to children homes
- 13) Parenting Skill Development
- 14) Sanitation improvement (Home 1 & 30)
- 15) Toolkit to children homes

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