# Newsletter

May 2023





A peep into the activities of the month

## Ashbury College, Canada (RS Zoom Postcard)

On **3rd May 2023**, RS Zoom Postcard from **Ashbury College Canada** was held on the **theme "What are the dangers of Social Media among teens?"**. *RKK's participants were - Hasmita Jain, Saima Singh, Samradhi Charan, Divisha Bhandari, Geet Bhansali, Manvi Gulecha with Student Adult Incharge - Aarohi Bhattacherjee*. It was a very reciprocal event. It started with a presentation from the host school followed by discussions in the breakout rooms. Listening to different people's opinion about the dangers of social media was very enlightening. Delegates were then asked to present the collages made by them. Thereafter everyone was asked to talk about their experiences about social media. Next the host talked to the students about the measures that one should take to protect themselves from cyber bullying etc. Finally, the host gave a vote of thanks and ended the meeting with smile on their faces. It was a very educational and enriching event.





### Special Assembly for Earth Day (Classes - I & II)

Earth Day, as a yearly event, was commemorated on **3rd May** in RKKGPS. Numerous performances were held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. The students of Classes I and II celebrated this day with much ardour and zeal. Each section of Classes I and II prepared something unique to present to the audience, all with the common theme of loving, respecting and protecting the Earth we live in. The Special Assembly witnessed all the children dressed in hues representing the various elements of the earth like wild animals, trees, rainbows and even the Earth itself. The effort and enthusiasm shown by the parents, teachers and dear students was heart-warming. The special celebration was witnessed by Neeta Johari Ma'am, teachers and students of Classes I and II. It was a morning that was exciting, enjoyable and enlightening for everyone present.





#### **English Debate Competition**

English Debate Competition held on **4th May 2023** for grades III to V in New Library was a resounding success. The aim of the competition was to encourage students to improve their public speaking and critical thinking skills while fostering healthy competition. We were honored to have three distinguished judges Mrs Arushikha Gupta, Mrs Shaheen Salat and Mrs Kshipra Biswas Arora on our panel, who brought their expertise and impartiality to the competition. The judges who presided over the competition were a diverse group of professionals. The topics of the competition for grades III, IV and V were

#### Grade 3:

- 1. Books are a gateway to imagination while television restricts it.
- 2. Every child should have a pet.

#### Grade 4:

- 1. Good grades are a key to success.
- 2. "Physical Vs Virtual" which is the better playground sports or videogames.

#### Grade 5:

- 1. There is no future in the past.
- 2. Making the most of each moment today is the key to unlocking a prosperous future.

Four participants each of grades 3,4 and 5 from Sri Ambika House, Sri Bhawani House, Sri Durga House and Sri Shakti House participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The judges evaluated the participants and declared the winners.

GRADE 3 : First Best Speaker - Shanaya Karki & Second Best Speaker - Joanna Rae Aska .

GRADE 4: **First Best Speaker** - Eirene Rana & **Second Best Speaker** - Pratishtha Singh Shekhawat.

GRADE 5: First Best Speaker - Ira Pahwa & Second Best Speaker - Mehal Sharda.

The overall trophy was secured by Sri Durga House. The participants demonstrated exceptional skills and presented compelling arguments making it difficult for the judges to decide the winners.





## Teachers' Workshop (Microsoft Education Global Training Partner)

An expert team from Microsoft conducted a Faculty Development Program on Saturday, May 6th at RKKGPS, focusing on integrating Microsoft tools in education. The session covered immersive reader, Sway, collaboration through Word Online, and other tools. The trainer, Ms Pranjali V. Bramhe showcased the features of immersive reader, such as text-to-speech and language translation, highlighting its benefits for students with learning difficulties. She introduced Sway as a digital storytelling tool for creating engaging presentations and interactive lessons. The collaborative features of Word Online were emphasized, demonstrating real-time collaboration, document sharing and feedback options for student collaboration and group projects. Other tools like OneNote, Forms and Teams were briefly introduced. The workshop involved interactive activities and addressed teachers' queries, leaving them enthusiastic about implementing the tools in their classrooms. The session was well-received, and the teachers gained confidence in utilizing the tools to enhance their teaching practices. The school extends gratitude to the AZ Cloud Technologies Put Ltd (Microsoft Education Global Training Partner) for their valuable contribution and appreciates the support in organizing this training workshop, which has positively contributed to the teachers' professional growth.





### Visit to the Army Cantonment (Class III)

The students of Grade - III went on a field trip to Army Cantonment, Jodhpur on **10th May 2023**.

They were accompanied by the class teachers and one sports teacher. The field trip was organised by 70 Armd Regt under the able guidance of Col M S Rathore.

On arriving at the 70 Armed Regiment, the students were greeted by Lt Col Kulwant Rana. JCO's of the regiment briefed the children about the arsenal of weapons used in warfare and the role of soldiers in protecting the country. They were also given a tour of the unit . They were given a display of the driving simulator for T-90 tanks used in warfare.

The students were taken to a tank for a ride. They were briefed about the safety measures. The tank crew explained to them about the different parts of the tank and their functions. The students were too excited to learn about the tank's heavy armor, powerful engine and formidable main gun and were thrilled to experience the bumpy ride and the loud noise of tank's engine.

During the ride, the tank traversed over rough terrain, crossed obstacles and demonstrated its power. They also got to witness the crew's communication, coordination and teamwork during the ride.

Overall, the visit to the Army Cantonment and the tank ride was an exciting and educational experience for the Grade 3 students. It helped them understand the importance of national defence and security and appreciate the sacrifices made by the soldiers to protect their country. The students returned to their school with unforgettable memories and a deeper respect for the armed forces. This outdoor learning turned out to be very enlightening for them.



## Defence Research and Development Organisation (Inter School Science Model Making Competition)

"You don't have to be great to start but you have to start to be great."

On **11th May 2023** an Inter School Science Model Making Competition was organized by Defence Research and Development Organisation. A total of 20 schools participated in the competition, namely

- Mayoor Chopasni School
- Lords Convent School
- St. Patrick School
- RSM International School
- Army Public School
- Kendriya Vidyalaya, Air Force Area
- Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School and many more.

A team of 2 students, Kavya Choudhary and Deeksha Garg along with Teacher Escort, Dr Varsha Pandey from our school participated in this competition. Our model aimed at Substituting the Non Renewable Energy resources by Renewable Energy Resources which included 1. Solara Illuminating the Cultural Smart City 2. Integrated Mixed Organic Farming 3. Hydroponics Farming and 4. Flood Sensors. Although we could not win but there's always to learn from past experiences.





### CENTA® Teacher Subject Competency Test - 2023 (TSCT)

The Annual Education World India School Rankings (EWISR) is the world's largest and most comprehensive school rankings survey. In the forthcoming **Education World India School Rankings 2023-24**, under the critical parameter of teacher quality and competence of faculty, the CENTA® Teacher Subject Competency Test (TSCT) was taken by representative teachers in schools. This test was designed, administered and scored by CENTA (Centre for Teacher Accreditation), India's pioneer and most respected teacher training and certification company (estb 2014).

On May 13, 2023, from 5.00 pm to 5.30 pm, CENTA® conducted a Teacher Competency Exam that aimed at assessing the skills and knowledge of teachers across various subjects and grade levels. The conduction of Teacher Competency Exam was a significant step toward assessing and enhancing the competencies of teachers across various subjects from middle school. The comprehensive nature of the exam provided valuable insights into the strengths and areas for improvement among the examined teachers. The subjects covered were English, Mathematics and Science. EXAM FORMAT – The exam consisted of Multiple-Choice Questions.

**Following teachers appeared for the test** – ENGLISH - Ms Awanesh Sharma and Mrs Reshma Bhatacherjee. MATHEMATICS – Mr Kuldeep Chand Chouhan and Mr Awdhesh Pathak. SCIENCE – Mrs Kalyani Banerjee and Ms Perminder Meena.





## SAI International School, Bhuuneshwar (RS Collaborative Project)

'The Story Relay' - 'Pass the Baton' project was a wonderful initiative by **SAI International School** from **15th to 31st May 2023.** It was a unique way of sharing ideas and developing the communication, critical thinking and creative skills of the students. It also taught the participants the skill of collaboration. Several Round Square Schools participated.

The host school, Sai International began, writing the first chapter and passed the baton to Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' School on the **15th May 2023**, *Aaditri Bhatarcharjee of Class VII* wrote the second chapter with a beautiful illustration and the baton was passed to Daly College on the 16th May 2023 . In this manner from one school to the other, the baton was passed . The competition concluded on 2nd June 2023 . The concluding chapter was written by Sunbeam School Lahartara, Varanasi and passed on to the host school. Each school had to create a chapter in sync with the ideas embedded into the already created chapters. The final e-book will be created by the host school and shared with all the Round Square Schools.

Kudos to all the participants and the host school for such a brilliant concept.





## The Millennium School, Dubai (RS Zoom Postcard)

An interactive RS Zoom Postcard call took place on **17th May 2023**, hosted by The Millennium School, Dubai (UAE). The theme centred around '**Forging New Paths for Peace**'. This call witnessed an enthusiastic participation of around 120 participants from across the world.

Participants from RKK were Nivedita Vashistha, Himadri Champawat, Lavanya Sharma, Lakshya Gehlot, Bani, Ashwani Dewal and student adult delegate Ms. Shruti Rathi. After joining, students were briefed about the schedule of the meeting by Mrs. Muntaha Khan. Thereafter, they were segregated into different breakout rooms for the barazza session on the themes: Tolerance and diversity, overcoming discrimination, youth empowerment etc. All present in the call began with their introduction, followed by an intense discussion and an interactive session about various questions like: 'where do you see diversity in daily life, what does one lack to tolerate something etc. At the end, each member from different schools learnt something new from it. Through this session they gained a lot of confidence and developed good communication skills.





### Kinross Wolaroi School, Australia (RS Zoom Postcard)

The RS Zoom Postcard from Kinross Wolaroi School in Australia on **24th May** was indeed an informative experience. The theme for the Postcard was "Building Community Connections". The six students - Manvi Kataria, Vidushi Digga, Anshika Agarwal, Gunraj Singh Chouhan, Priyamwada Singh Rathore and Rishika Parakh from Class - XI participated earnestly and eagerly with the help of their Student Adult Incharge Shruti Rathi. After joining the students were given a brief synopsis of what was in store for them and then were divided into different breakout rooms in which they discussed about what their schools were doing for building community connections.

The students of RKK talked about the 'Prayaas', Project, its free distribution to rural girls and women along the lines of 'Donation Drives for Helpage India', 'Visiting old age home', etc. Delegates also discussed the setbacks they had in building community connections and how they overcome them. Further more all the participants discussed new ways and ideas in which they can build a stronger connection in their community. Through this RS Zoom Postcard, RKKians gained new experiences, knowledge and new perceptions to help the communities around and be a more altruistic part of the society.







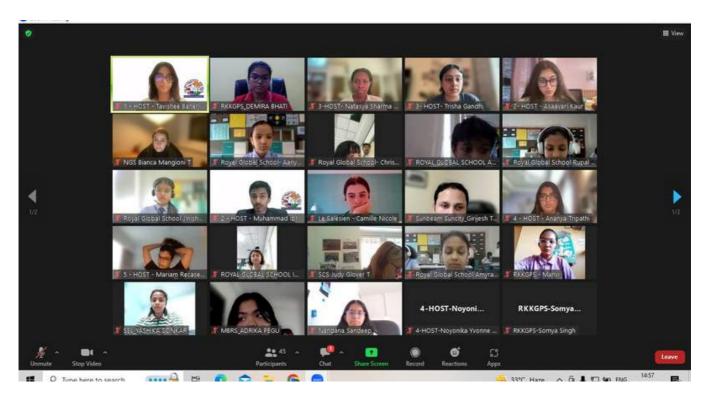


## The British School, New Delhi (RS WorldWise Conversation )

"We live in the world where food security and access to nourishment are fundamental rights. So let us break bread together, not only to satisfy our hunger but to nourish our souls and foster a world where every breath is sustained by the warmth and sustenance of bread."

Round Square Postcard Call on the theme, "Bread for every breath" was organized by The British School, New Delhi on 26th May 2023 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. The event started with the brief introduction of the host school along with the warm welcome to all attendees, emphasizing on the significance of the theme. This was followed by a mesmerizing presentation by the host which provided a visual representation of the significance of bread in addressing global food security, food distribution and food waste management etc. The host also enlightened the participants about the nutritional value of bread, that is, it should contain valuable source of carbohydrates, fiber, proteins, vitamins, and minerals. Thereafter, participants were sent to the Barraza groups in which many questions were discussed. The participants discussed about world hunger, employment in agriculture industry, the successful examples of bread-related initiatives or programs that have addressed food security challenges, and how one should learn from these experiences and many more topics were discussed. Apart from discussion, the host cross questioned with the participants to get a better perspective.

After the Barraza groups, a representative delegate from each Barraza group gave an insight into the subtopics that were discussed in their rooms. The event ended with the presentation (prework) of every school that participated along with the vote of thanks by the host school. The participants engaged in productive discussions, sharing insights and ideas relevant to the topic "Bread for every breath". Somya Singh, Charvi Abba, Bhavya Singh Rawat, Demira Bhati, Neha Ladha, Manvi Rathi along with their student adult incharge Deeksha Garg grabbed the opportunity to participate in this fantabulous event.





## Global Public School, India (RS Zoom Postcard)

#### "You have to taste a culture to understand it"

A RS Zoom Postcard call was hosted on **31st May 2023** by Global Public School, India. Participants from RKK were: Surbhi Udawat, Sushila Bishnoi, Jayani Singh Tomar, Trisha Talesara, Hansika Rathore, Mahimaba Sarvaiya with their Student Adult Incharge - Avantika Mishra.

The 90 minutes call began at 5 pm IST. The theme of the Postcard was 'Culinary Tourism'. In the opening, the guest Stibin Raphel introduced the participants with the theme and shared his experiences which marked the beginning of the conference on a very enthusiastic note. Next up was a presentation by the host school where they displayed the different postcards made by each participating school. Then the students were divided into their respective breakout rooms. In the baraza session they were asked questions about how culinary culture can boost tourism, how local cuisine enhances the overall travel experience for tourists and many more. The Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' were actively engaged in the conversation and each one of them had something to learn and take back from the call. It was an interactive and fun-filled virtual conference.









## Chittagong Grammar School, Chittagong, Bangladesh (CGS Annual Art Competition – 2023-24)

#### "Life beats down and crushes the soul and the art reminds you that you have one." -Stella Adler

The quote rightly says that art not only enables us to liberate our creative freedom, but also to find new ways of discovering ourselves. Art competitions are designed to encourage this creative expression. They are the best avenues to show our masterpieces, through which one can finally break the ice and gain the exposure. To bring out the creative expression, artistic skills of the students and also to gauge their awareness quotient, A team of 7 participants of RKKGPS represented by- Avani Goyal – XII, Avantika Mishra – XI, Disha Balar - XII, Garvita Tater – IX, Moulee Patawari - XII, Natasha Misra – X and Kulshree Gehlot - XII under the able guidance of Mr Yatheesh Kasaragod, participated in the CGS Annual Art Competition organised by Chittagong Grammar School, Chittagong, Bangladesh, on the theme-'One Planet, One Future' and sent their Art Entries on 31st May 2023. Competitions of this sort increase the observational skills, response to thoughts, awareness and concern of the students towards global issues. The result for the event is awaited hoping for the best.





















### Mrs Neera Singh (Principal of The Year - 2023)

It is no secret that education has the potential to write and rewrite the destiny of generations. This responsibility is shouldered by no one in particular and simultaneously by all working in the field of education. Amidst the thousands of educators, a few shine brighter and become a beacon of inspiration, a benchmark that other educators strive to equal. One such beacon of inspiring and guiding light is our **Principal**, **Mrs Neera Singh who has been awarded by Universal Mentors Association (Brainwonders)** with India's Most Prestigious Recognition for School Principals - the '**Principal of The Year 2023'**. RKK salutes the spirited & phenomenal leader of our school in the forefront of modern education. Congratulations RKK... Congratulations Neera Ma'am.



The Times of India Jodhpur Plus recognised Mrs Neera Singh as 'A Model Educationist'.



