

Gulshan Literacy Programmme (GLP) Foundation (commonly known as “GLP”) was established by expatriates in 1985. GLP as a charity concern provided education to underprivileged children in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Foundation integrally relies on private donations to ensure funds go where they are the most needed. The mission of the foundation and its schools is to provide education as a life changing opportunity for under-privileged street children living in slum areas.

GLP operates two schools: one in Badda (GLP-1) with 208 students and the other in Gabtoli, Mirpur (GLP-2) which has 202 students. The schools run in double shifts (8:00 to 11:30 and 12.30 to 4:30) and provide education from Kindergarten to Grade 8. GLP follows the Bangladeshi national curriculum with an emphasis on English language. There is one headmaster for each school with 15 full-time teachers altogether; 9 in Badda and 6 in Gabtoli. There also are part-time teachers offering tuition in computer sciences, tailoring and sewing. Most of the permanent full-time teachers have been with GLP for many years, some of them for over ten years.

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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT: JANUARY-MARCH 2015



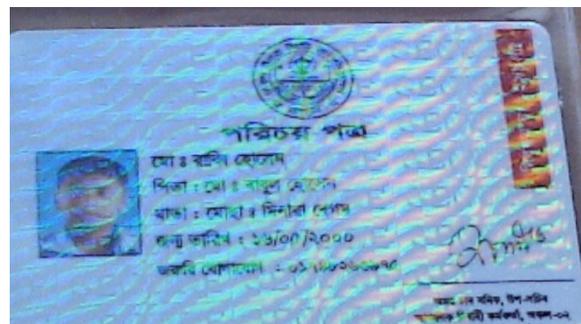
organized. The volunteer teachers¹, also teach students as to how to draw, sing, make greetings cards and other creative things. It may be mentioned that all GLP students have access to their own library.

Tiffin for students: Everyday 1 banana per student is being provide and and milk twice a week. 1 litre of milk is shared by 6 students. A register is maintained for this.

Annual Plan: On January 5, GLP-2 prepared their annual plan including targets to achieve, syllabus, examination date etc.

Book distribution: On January 5, all students received fresh new books provided free by the govt. The students were extremely delighted to have them on time as in many places student often begin their new academic year without books.

Student activity: Apart from regular classes, all students from grade 3 to 8 receive computer training. Moreover, sewing classes are regularly being



ID Card Distribution: On March 2, GLP-2 Principal distributed ID cards among the

¹ Vandana, Hajra, Saudia Afrin, Shujata, Nazifa Khan, Tusher Nabi

students. The cards had been sponsored by the Save the Children.

JSC examination: From GLP1, this year a total of 22 students are preparing for the the JSC² public exams. Already the 8th grade students have formally registered. e From January 11, GLP-2 students of Grade V and VII started attending extra classes as part of preparing for the PSC and JSC public examination.



Teachers training: On 19 February, GLP Board Member Rubina Karim conducted a training for GLP-1 and GLP-2 teachers. With years of experience, especially in the USA, she taught technique of effective teaching.



On 28 February, the teachers also attended a teachers' training course at the International School Dhaka (ISD). From GLP-1 new teachers Jotsna, Shirajul and Kamrunnahar also attended the ISD training. Another training is scheduled in three months time.

Parents' meeting: The meetings took place on 7 January (GLP-2) and 14 January (GLP-1) where the Principal and the class teachers discussed about the importance of discipline, rules and regulation of the school, cleanliness, responsibilities of parents etc. At GLP-2, as requested by parents, the assigned Nurse attended the meeting brief all on basic health and hygiene practices.

Another meeting took place on 25 March where the date of 1st term-end exam was declared. Also it was discussed as to how to do well in the exams.



Day observance: This quarter GLP students celebrated a number of national and international days e.g. the International Mother Language Day, International Women's Day, and Father of the Nation's Birth Anniversary. As part of that, student participated in discussion programmes and also performed in cultural events organized on these occasions.

² Junior School Certificate Examination at grade 8.



Sports competition: During the last week of February, a cricket tournament was arranged in GLP-2. The team from Class V became Champion and Class VIII team clinched the second position.

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Art Competition: GLP-1 students took part in a competition on 27 March at Central Public Library. Out of the 10 student participants, three students won the prizes. The rest had honorable mentions as well.