

*Gulshan Literacy Programme (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: APRIL-JUNE 2015**



Such exercise help students develop presentation and leadership skills.

**Life skills training for students:** A motivational session on ‘What make a good human being’ was organized by Ms. Milia Ali, a US based singer and social worker. She focused on being honest, responsible, truthful and sincere in order to foster individual as well as societal wellbeing. It was a very interactive session with the students of grade eight.

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



**Assembly:** Everyday school assembly is held. However, given the lack of space not all classes can be gathered together. So they gather by turn. Normally students are required to make a presentation on issues related to education, our society and the country e.g. health, pollution, renowned figures from culture and literature.

**Sewing classes:** A total of 15 students from GLP-1 attend sewing classes thrice a week. This quarter students learnt how to make hand

bag with beads and each of them ended up making three types of bags.



**Tiffin for students:** This quarter students received 1 banana per day per and milk thrice a week which was twice previously. 1 litre of milk is shared by 6 students. A register is maintained for this.

**Health education:** Our female teachers discuss health concerns with the adolescent girls once in a month for half an hour. Moreover, on June 11 FWV i.e. Family Welfare Visitor and her assistant visited our school and offered tetanus vaccination. FWV also discussed issues as to primary health care and gave some basic medicines to students and the school. Her next visit would be after three months.



**PSC and JSC examination:** Since the beginning of 2015, GLP-2 Headmaster had been taking extra classes for Grade V and VIII as they are scheduled to appear for the PSC and JSC public examination. GLP-1 students also attend extra classes for PSC and JSC Examinations.

**SSC Examination:** All former students from GLP-2 who appeared in the SSC Exam have passed successfully.

We especially congratulate Rozina Akter who got A+ which means straight A in all subjects.



**Teachers training:** On May 15, GLP-2 Headmaster attended training on child and adolescent issues. The training, organized by an NGO *Surjer Hashi*, was organized for people who work with slum dwellers. The training covered issues related to child rights, positive and negative punishment of children, stopping child marriage, menstrual hygiene etc.

#### Parents-teachers meeting

**GLP-1:** The meeting took place on 6 May 2015 which this time we did slightly differently. The first half was dedicated for the parents of Grade V and VIII and the latter half was allocated for other parents. First term result was shared and parents-teachers discussed as to how to further improve the results. GLP-2 nurse also took the opportunity to aware parents as to basic health and hygiene related matters.

**GLP-2:** The meetings took place on 13 May (GLP-2) where the Principal and the class teachers discussed about the first term results and 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Bengali New Year, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Environment Day.

On the occasion of Bengali New Year *Pohela Boishakh* children in colourful attires performed song, dance and drama. Along with proud parents, GLP Co-Chair, a number of board members and GLP volunteer Karin and her family attended the programme.



The **Mother's Day** was observed on the second Sunday in May where the issue of respecting mothers and grandmothers was discussed who contribute tremendously to the society in various forms. Students prepared gift cards with flower and pictures drawn. They also inserted personalized messages for their mothers.

The critical role of fathers was also discussed on the **Father's Day** and student were urged to respect their fathers and give due honor for their contribution. Everyone was urged to take positive actions in order to protect nature and the earth.



Students also observed the **World Environment Day** as part of generating awareness on environment and climate change.

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