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Annual Sports Prize Giving Ceremony and Reception of the New Children Held

The prize giving ceremony of annual sports of Moanoghar School was held on last 3 May together with the reception of new students admitted at Moanoghar. The Chief Guest of the event was Ms. Afroza Yasmin, Principal, University Women's Federation College, Dhaka. The other guest included; Mr. Ahmed Farooque, Rotary Club Dhaka Kawran Bazar. The event was presided over by Ven. Shradhalankar Mahathero, Vice President, Moanoghar Executive Committee.

On this occasion, we gratefully acknowledge the benevolent support extended by the University Women's Federation College to Moanoghar students. They offer a number of free tuition and scholarships to Moanoghar girl students in the college.



Ms. Afroza Yasmin, Principal, University Women's Federation College, Dhaka in the Moanoghar Annual Prize giving ceremony as Chief Guest.

Results of SSC 2014 of Moanoghar Residential School

The results of the SSC examination 2014 of all education boards had been out on last 17 May 2014. This year a total of 149 students – regular (114) and irregular (35) - from Moanoghar Residential School (MRS) appeared in the SSC examination. Of them were 83 boys and 66 girls. Out of the total number of students, 113 students passed, accounting for 75.84% pass rate of the total number, which was slightly better than last year (73.13%). The details of the year-wise results is given below;

Groups	Percentages of SSC results (year wise)		
	2014	2013	2012
Science	74.07%	82.05%	62.50%
Humanities	51.61%	61.90%	73.75%
Business	84.82%	71.62%	79.17%
Overall	75.84%	73.13%	71.53%

This year, out of the total students, 14 and 19 students respectively obtained 'A' and 'A-', but none could get GPA-5 (A+). Across the groups, the students of Business Studies did better (84.62%) than the other groups: Science and Humanities. The subjects that students find most difficult also remain the same; Math, English and Physics. A vast majority of the students who failed in the examinations are because of (one of) these 3 subjects.

Denis Wright Memorials Scholarships 2014 Awarded

The Denis Wright Scholarships were awarded on 8 April 2014 through a small ceremony at Moanoghar central dining hall. The following three girl students received the award this year;

- Eli Chakma, Class IX (Academic Excellence),
- Mili Prue Marma, Class IX, (Academic Improvement)
- Sumi Tanchangya, Class VIII, (Academic Inspiration).

The program was presided over by Ven. Shraddha Lankar Mahatero, Vice President, Moanoghar Executive Committee. Ms. Banchita Khisa, Principal, Rangamati College, gave the awards to the three students.

The scholarships are support by BODHI, Australia, in memory of Mr. Dennis Wright.



Sumi Tanchangya, Mili Prue Marma and Eli Chakma

Profiles of Sumi Tanchangya, Mili Prue Marma and Eli Chakma

Sumi Tanchangya comes from a remote village called 'Ghagra Debtachari' in Kawkhali sub-district, Rangamati district. Her parents are *jum* (shifting cultivation) farmers. They are four sisters and one brother. Her parents sent her to Moanoghar because there is no school in her village. She aims to be a nurse in future.

Milipru Marma comes from Bandarban. She got admitted into Moanoghar in 2011 in class six. Her father is a primary school teacher and mother is housewife. She wants to be a women rights activist in future.

Eli Chakma comes from Khagrachari district. When she was 2 years old, her father died. Her mother is a housewife and ekes out a living by toiling on a small plot of land she inherited from her father.

Eli would like to be a teacher in future.

Short Video Film Making Course Held at Moanoghar

Moanoghar children participated in a short video making workshop in April. The programme was organized by 'Amar Bhuban' a Dhaka based organization, led by documentary film maker Mr. Abid Rashid Mamun and anthropologist Ms. Moushumi Shabnam Joyee.

Miscellaneous News

- Moanoghar started from May 2014 a one year Japanese language course for second consecutive year. Ms. Shiho THANAKA, a volunteer from Shizouka University, Japan conducts the classes.
- Mr. David MARSHALL from USA visited to Moanoghar from 8 June to 13 June 2014. He was accompanied by Mr. Krishna Ram Chakma, a former student of Moanoghar who have recently completed his post-graduation from the City University of New York.
- A Buddhist group from Thailand visited Moanoghar on last 27 June 2014. They came to Rangamati to pay homage to the Raj Bana Vihara.
- The Moanoghar Residential School was awarded a runner-up prize on the 43th National Summer Athletics Competition in Dhaka. Mr. Jimit Jimit Chakma, Head Teacher of Moanoghar Residential School received the award on 13 May 2014 in Dhaka. The award giving event was attended by the Honourable Education Minister, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, as Chief Guest.

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