



Message from the Managing Director

To the Scholastica family,

What an extraordinary and unprecedented year! Our Scholastica community has been through so much this year – the pandemic forced us to teach online for the whole year with the support of parents and families, and we have managed to take most aspects of our school’s services and programs online as well – events, functions, competitions, afterschool clubs and programs, counseling services, homeroom activities and awareness programs. It has been a year full of immense challenges, stress, grief, adjustments and sacrifice, frustration and joy – but we have gotten through it and we are stronger for all of our experiences and learnings. And we have all learned so much –not only did our students learn through our distance learning program, but the management, faculty and administrative staff of the school learned so much and developed so many new skills. We are still learning as we continue to navigate the uncertainties and difficulties of the ongoing pandemic.

Unfortunately, many members of our community have also met tragedy this year and our thoughts and prayers are always with them. This year has been so difficult for our learners who have had to stay at home and deal with the stresses of the pandemic, not to mention illness too. We have tried our best to engage them and provide opportunities for them to socialize and maintain some semblance of normalcy through it all.

Even through the pandemic, we managed to work on some new developments and keep evolving – a feat I am particularly proud of. Here are the highlights:

- There are developments in numerous areas of our **academic program**—our Class I curriculum and structure was revamped this year and so far we are happy with the outcomes. We have also been working on our English and Bangla curriculum in the junior school and have done a lot of work on fine tuning our literacy curriculum. You can read more about these developments later in this newsletter.
- We are so happy to say that we have provided access to a qualified **nurse** to all of our students in the junior schools to ensure professional and prompt care of children who are sick or injured. They helped with our preparations to reopen campus. The same goes for a professional **student counselor!** We already have a team of four counselors in our senior campuses, we have recruited a qualified student counselor to provide support to the junior campuses as well.
- We are also doing a lot of work with our Guidance Counselors in the **University Placement Services** office to enhance the services we provide to students who are applying for higher education. We are happy to report that students are responding well and we have good news to report in terms of admissions acceptances.
- Our newly restructured **after school programs and clubs** in the senior campuses were implemented virtually over the course of the year and have been well-received. We look forward to another year of rich engagement next year.
- We also spent a lot of time developing our campus infrastructure and protocols to manage **a return to campus** during the pandemic. This work entailed writing a detailed policy and conducting extensive trainings, upgrading our campus infrastructure in a number of ways, and designing health and safety protocols. It also meant designing a phased academic plan to reopen campuses—which meant rethinking schedules, lesson plans and faculty allocations to accommodate this new approach. A huge amount of work went into the preparations and we are ready to reopen campuses whenever the government instructs us to do so.

We also produced excellent exam results last year – with a great deal of hard work and input from our teachers and management, which was unprecedented and quite unexpected. Our graduates were accepted in many reputed institutions of higher learning – which always makes us proud. Congratulations to all!

The pages of this newsletter are full of achievements and milestones for our students and faculty; it is so wonderful that we have so many achievements to be proud of, despite living through the pandemic. Thank you to all the families in our community for their ongoing support and cooperation – our partnership has never been stronger. I hope you all stay safe and healthy this summer.

Warm regards,

Madiha Murshed



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"As a parent of two children, I can say that, the school has been very helpful throughout this pandemic. They have helped the students learn their lessons through distant learning and by giving creative home work on a regular basis in order to keep them involved at home. The home room class was very helpful. The other subjects taught during online classes have also proved to be very helpful for the children." By **Ms. Shamima Choudhury, mother of Mohammad Abrar Zawad Ayaan, KG II/Blue, Junior Dhanmondi**

Participation of Notable Guests in Scholastica Virtual Events



Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, the Honorable State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Division, at the Bangabandhu Cultural and Photography Festival 2021, Senior Mirpur.



Mrs. Sheikh Rehana Siddiq at the celebration of the 100th Birth Anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



Dr. Muhammed Zafar Iqbal, writer and former Professor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST), at the Graduation Ceremony 2020.



Mr. Anisul Hoque, author, screenwriter, and journalist at the Independence Day celebration of Senior Campus Mirpur.



Mr. Imdadul Haq Milon, novelist, at the International Mother Language Day program of Junior Dhanmondi.



Mr. Khairul Basher, Head of Communications, GrameenPhone at Discipline Month Program, Senior Campus Uttara.



Dr. A.S.M Maksud Kamal, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academics) and President of the Teacher's Association of the University of Dhaka, at Scholastica International Mathematics Summit 2020, Senior Campus Mirpur.



Actor and Freedom Fighter **Mr. Tariq Anam**, at Victory Day Program of Junior Gulshan.



Mr. Lutfor Rahman Riton, Writer and Rhymester at the International Mother Language Day program of Junior Gulshan.



Freedom Fighter **Mr. Mohammad Habibul Alam**, Bir Protik at the Independence Day celebration of Senior Campus Uttara.



Ms. Nazia Jabeen, President of Sporsho Foundation and the Founder of Sporsho Braille Prokashona, at Sporsho Foundation Live session with the Community Service Club, Senior Campus Uttara.



Ms. Mahmuda Akhter, a broadcaster of Bangladesh Betar Dhaka, at the World Book Day celebration of Junior Uttara.



Ms. Asma Nisar, Freedom Fighter, at Independence Day Program of Junior Dhanmondi.

An Update on Curriculum Development

We introduced a restructured Class I program this year, with updated curriculum. Even though we conducted it entirely online it was based on the new curriculum. In addition to the revised curriculum and introduction of new subjects - Ethics & Religions and Social Studies – the teaching methodology has been upgraded to include more activities and student-centered learning.

We have also been working on our English and Bangla curriculum to ensure a focus on communication skills. And, over a series of meetings and workshops, we have developed our literacy curriculum further. We will be implementing more phonics in our literacy program to ensure every student becomes a strong reader.

This year we introduced an updated curriculum for Science in Class I and II – with a greater focus on active, student-centered learning to really make the subject come alive. Despite facing some limitations in distance learning process, we managed to infuse engaging activities into the lesson plans. We can't wait to get back to the classroom so we can really get active with science!

"The rigorous syllabus and the methods of teaching in Scholastica is one of the best in the country. School doesn't compromise with the quality of the teachers. Personalized attention to each student is the key to the success of the school. I love the teachers, parents, and student relationship here which helps me to see the progress and weaknesses of my child to fill her learning gaps. I didn't even think that my child is doing online classes. When I need any help from any teachers, they assist me a lot. I have the peace of mind that my daughter is in the right school. Thanks to all the Teachers and Scholastica." By **Ms. Rumana Akhter**, Parent of **Tazreen Ahmed Zareen**, Class: **III/Green**, Senior **Mirpur**

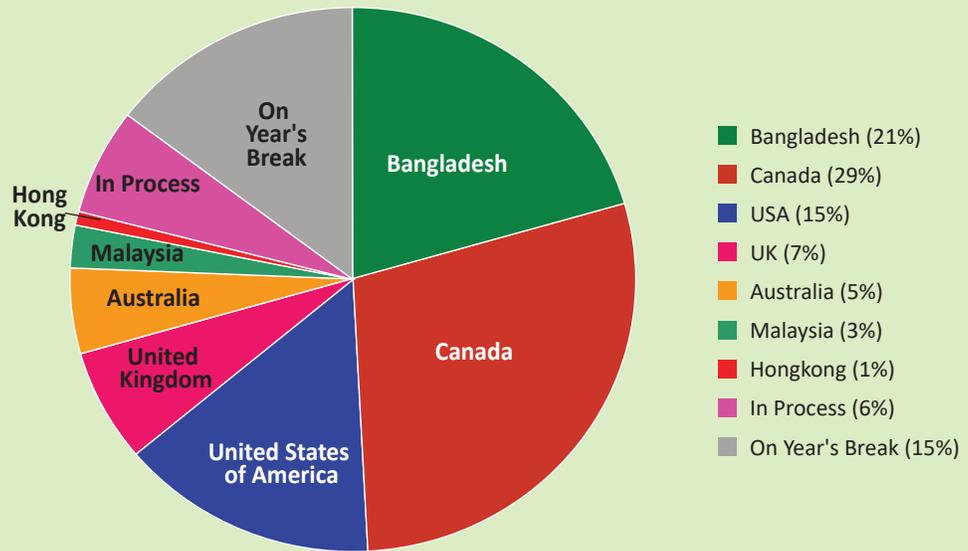


Graduates Report

University Placements, Class of 2020

The chart summarizes the higher education destinations of our graduates of both Uttara and Mirpur campuses. The pie chart includes confirmed admissions and applications that are on process.

Graduates : 238
Already attending : 189
In process : 15
On year's break : 34



UNIVERSITIES

105 universities have accepted 189 Scholastica graduates so far

Canada



McGill University
 University of Toronto
 University of British Columbia
 McMaster University
 University of Alberta
 University of Calgary
 University of Waterloo
 Dalhousie University
 Simon Fraser University
 University of Manitoba
 York University
 Carleton University
 Wilfred Laurier University
 Memorial University of Newfoundland
 Concordia University
 Ryerson University
 Brock University
 Trent University
 Saint Mary University
 Canadian Flying Academy
 Seneca College

United States of America



University of California, Los Angeles
 Washington University
 New York University
 Boston University
 University of California, San Diego
 University of Wisconsin - Madison
 Pennsylvania State University
 University of Massachusetts Amherst
 Baylor University
 Michigan State University
 University of California Riverside
 University of Arizona
 University of South Florida
 George Mason University
 University of Texas at Dallas
 Georgia State University
 Texas Tech University
 University of North Dakota
 The University of Akron
 The University of Texas at Arlington
 Southeast Missouri State University
 Winona State University
 Baruch College
 Hunter College CUNY
 Queen's College, NY
 Culinary Institute of America

Australia



University of Sydney
 Monash University
 University of Queensland
 University of Adelaide
 Macquarie University
 Swinburne University of Technology

United Kingdom



University College London
 The University of Edinburgh
 University of Bristol
 Queen Mary University of London
 University of Sheffield
 University of Southampton
 Cardiff University
 City University, London
 Swansea University
 Bangor University International College
 University of Huddersfield
 University of Portsmouth
 Nottingham Trent University
 University of Glasgow

Bangladesh



North South University
 BRAC University
 Independent University, Bangladesh
 American International University Bangladesh
 Sher E Bangla Medical College
 Bangladesh University of Professional
 London College of Legal Studies (South)
 London College of Legal Studies (North)
 London School of Commerce
 Galaxy Flying Academy

Hong Kong



The Chinese University of
 Hong Kong
 The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Malaysia



Monash University
 Taylor's University
 Universiti Tenaga Nasional

"Scholastica has never failed to reach the expectation a parent has towards school. Even through online they have successfully reached their milestones. The school not only helps students shine through education but also extracurricular activities." By **Mr. Mohammad Khasru Meah, Parent of Juhaina Abthahi, XII, Senior Uttara**



Awareness Programs throughout the Academic Session 2020-2021

This year, we conducted a number of virtual events to raise awareness of various issues on campus. Here is a glimpse into some of them! Click on the links to see short videos!

Discipline Month Program

All the campuses held month-long awareness programs for 'Discipline Month' between September 2020 and March 2021. The importance of having a disciplined lifestyle was emphasized throughout the month through various virtual events.



World Teachers' Day

Scholastica celebrated World Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm on October 5. The students expressed their sincere gratitude to their teachers for their hard work and dedication in making the distance learning program a success.



Cleanliness Drive

The Mirpur campus launched a week long cleanliness drive in August 2020 for the students of KG I –XII where students were briefed about maintaining proper hygiene during the pandemic.

Healthy Food for Healthy Life

The virtual awareness program on "Healthy Food for Healthy Life" was held in Senior Mirpur, Senior Uttara, Junior Gulshan and Junior Dhanmondi campuses during the First Term for selected classes to create awareness and a sense of individual responsibility about the importance of consuming healthy food.



World Mental Health Day 2020

To commemorate World Mental Health Day, the Student Affairs & Events Department of Senior Uttara and Senior Mirpur campuses observed a weeklong online awareness program in October 2020 for the students of Class V to XII with a goal to create awareness of mental health issues and the importance of taking care of mental health considering the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic.

International Day for Older Persons

On October 1, all of the Scholastica campuses organized a virtual celebration of the International Day for Older Persons. The goal of the program was to develop awareness and respect among children for the older members of their family and to acknowledge the contribution of older people in our society.

Global

Handwashing Day

The students of PG to KG II of all the junior campuses celebrated Global Hand Washing Day in October. A short video clip on maintaining hand hygiene was presented to the students and discussion about the importance of cleanliness, healthy habits and how to live a healthy life were held.



World Environment Day

The students of Junior Campus Gulshan observed World Environment Day in November. Germination and various projects were done to create awareness among students.



75th United Nations Day

On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations, the MUN Clubs of the Senior Campuses prepared videos to showcase the UN's illustrious contributions to world peace and stability. Moreover, the students of Senior Mirpur participated in a quiz program.



"We admitted our son to Scholastica with high hopes and expectations. Due to the pandemic of course the children were barred from having the magical experience of setting their foot for the first time in school. But the school authority has managed the online classes very effectively. Keeping children focused on the screen is no easy task but the class teacher is handling all the children remarkably well. The classes are not only well constructed but made specifically targeting children in mind who happily and willingly participate through all the fun activities, storytelling and games. At the same time they have been learning about the world around them and expressing their skills in their day to day lives. As parents it gives us immense sense of pleasure to see our son performing in his class with great enthusiasm.- By Mr. Md Shafat Imtiaz and Ms. Aniq Khan, Parents of Rayyan Imtiaz, Playgroup-2nd Shift-Blue, Junior Gulshan.

Anti-Bullying Campaign by Karate Club

The Karate club of Senior Campus, Uttara organized a weeklong "Anti-Bullying Campaign" in November for the students of Classes VII to XII. The event included briefing sessions and a writing competition on anti-bullying and self-defense. As the Guest Speaker at the Closing Ceremony, Mr. Khawja Hanzala Musa, a prominent martial artist and the Founder of Defense Hive spoke about the importance of fitness and practicing martial arts for self-defense.

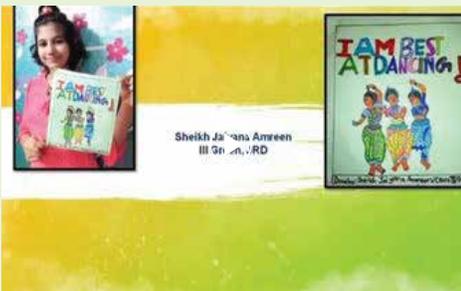
Green World

The Junior Campus Dhanmondi and Senior Campus Mirpur organized a virtual awareness program "Green World" in November and December 2020. The aim of this program was to create awareness on the importance of planting trees and keeping our environment clean.



Bring out the Best in You

The students of Classes I to IV of Dhanmondi and Mirpur and KG II students of Uttara observed the awareness program "Bring out the Best in You" in the months of January and March 2021. The program aimed to develop an awareness of one's passions and strength to foster the best qualities in students.



Mind Your Manners

The awareness program "Mind Your Manners" was held in the Junior Campuses in Uttara, Dhanmondi and Gulshan in January and March 2021 with the aim of making students learn about good manners.



Let's Be Fit and Clean

The awareness program "Let's be Fit and Clean" was held in the Junior Campuses in Uttara and Gulshan in the months of February and March 2021. The students were briefed about different ways to stay clean and fit.



Be the Sunshine on a Rainy Day

The Senior Campus Uttara organized a month-long awareness program "Be the Sunshine on a Rainy Day" in February 2021. The objective of the program was to inspire the students to practice good virtues. The Community Service Club and the Scholastica Voice Club participated in this event to make it a rich learning experience for all.

Digital Citizenship

The Student Affairs Department of the Senior Campus, Uttara, launched the Discipline Month Program on the theme "Digital Citizenship" on September 13. The month-long program included sessions on 'Online Etiquette and Safety', conducted by the Community Service Club.



Managing the Mental/Emotional State of Children during Pandemic

The Junior Campus Gulshan arranged an open discussion session for parents focusing on 'Managing the Mental/Emotional State of Children during Pandemic' in November 2020. The key speaker of the session was Ms. Irfana Samia, Senior Student Counselor, Senior Campus Uttara. The objective of the program was ensuring the mental well-being of children during the pandemic.

Primary Steps for Informal Counseling

Senior Student Counselor, Ms. Irfana Samia, conducted several training sessions on 'Primary Steps for Informal Counseling' with the faculty members and management personnel of Senior Campus Uttara and Junior Campus Gulshan in April and June 2021. The goal of the sessions was making teachers well-equipped in dealing with students' and their family's emotional and behavioral issues.

Video Gallery

During the pandemic, the cultural life of the school continued to flourish. Below is an overview of the cultural events and functions that our students participated in during the academic session 2020-2021:

Celebration of the Birth Anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Scholastica



Birth anniversary celebration of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Senior Uttara



Birth anniversary celebration of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Junior Uttara



Bangabandhu Public Speaking Competition, Junior Dhanmondi



Birth anniversary celebration of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Junior Gulshan



Birth anniversary celebration of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Senior Mirpur



After School Dance Program, Junior Gulshan



75th anniversary celebration of the United Nations Organisation, Senior Uttara



After school Art & Craft program, Junior Dhanmondi



After School Drama Program, Junior Gulshan



After School Health and Physical Fitness, Junior Dhanmondi



After School Music, Dance & Drama program of the Junior Campuses in Uttara



Annual Playgroup Show, Junior Gulshan



Boishakhi Program, Junior Dhanmondi



Boishakhi Program, Junior Gulshan



Boishakhi Program, Junior Uttara



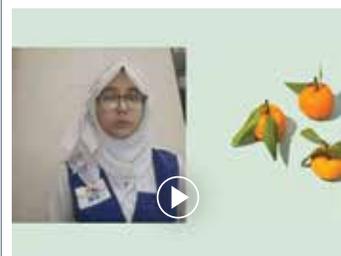
Boishakhi Program, Senior Mirpur



Boishakhi Program, Senior Uttara



Bring out the Best in You, Junior Uttara



Food Art Competition, Senior Uttara



Foundation Day celebration, Junior Dhanmondi



Foundation Day celebration, Junior Gulshan

Video Gallery



Foundation Day celebration, Junior Uttara



Foundation Day celebration, Senior Mirpur



Foundation Day celebration, Senior Uttara



Grandparents Day, Junior Gulshan



Grandparents Day, Junior Uttara



Healthy Food for Healthy Life, Junior Dhanmondi



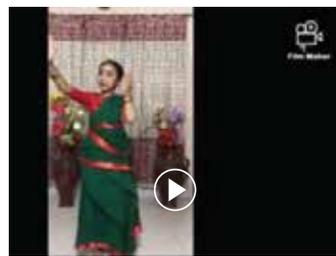
Healthy Food for Healthy Life, Senior Uttara



Independence Day Program, Junior Dhanmondi



Independence Day Program, Junior Gulshan



Independence Day Program, Junior Uttara



Independence Day Program, Senior Uttara



Inter School Science Fair 2020-21, Senior Uttara



International Women's Day Celebration, Junior Uttara



International Women's Day Celebration, Senior Uttara



Intra School Mathematics Championships Tournament, Senior Uttara



Martyred Intellectuals Day, Senior Uttara



Mini Math Olympiad, Junior Gulshan



Rabindra-Nazrul birth anniversary, Junior Uttara

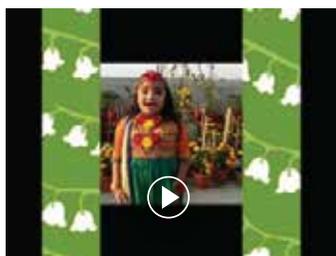


Rabindra-Nazrul birth anniversary, Senior Mirpur



Scholastica Business Summit III, Senior Mirpur

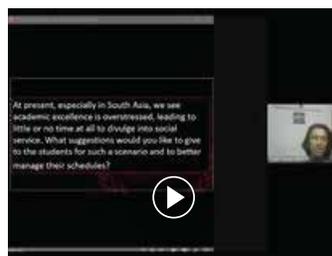
Video Gallery



Spring Butterflies, Senior Mirpur



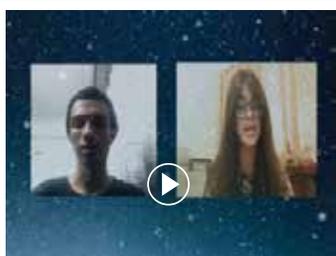
Spring Program, Senior Uttara



Student Leadership and Advocacy Webinar, Senior Uttara



Victory Day celebration, Senior Uttara



Virtual Academic Award Ceremony of session 2019-2020, Senior Mirpur



Virtual Academic Award Ceremony of session 2019-2020, Senior Uttara



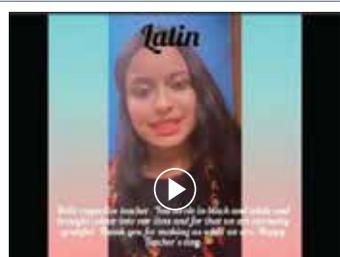
Virtual After School Science Fair, Junior Gulshan



Virtual Annual Production "Amar Bondhu Rashed", Senior Mirpur



Virtual art competition, Senior Mirpur



World Teachers' Day 2020, Senior Uttara



Year Ending Program, Junior Uttara



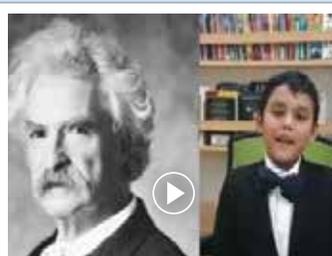
Virtual Art Exhibition, Junior Dhanmondi



Virtual Art Exhibition, Senior Uttara



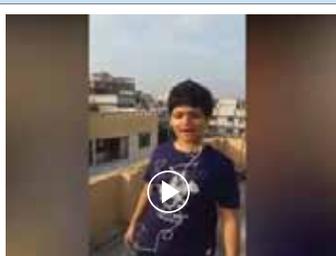
Virtual Science Fair 2021, Senior Mirpur



World Book Day, Junior Gulshan



World Book Day, Junior Uttara



World Environment Day, Senior Mirpur



World Teachers' Day 2020, Senior Uttara



Virtual Graduation ceremony, Senior Mirpur



Virtual Graduation ceremony, Senior Uttara

Arts, Performance and Creativity

During the pandemic, the cultural life of the school continued to flourish. Below is an overview of the cultural events and functions that our students participated in during the academic session 2020-2021:

Name of Event	Participant/s	Result
English Creative Writing Competition	Purnata Barun Dey, Class IX, Senior Uttara	Champion
Scholastica Interschool Dance Competition	Afia Ibnat Halim, Class IX Senior Uttara	1 st Position in Senior Category
4th International Youth Festival 2020	Md. Nahian Shahadat Sushom, Class VI, Rafia Rayhan, Class X, Moumita-Binte-Muslim, Class IX, Senior Mirpur	1 st Position
Nature Photography Competition	Rania Haque Class XI, Senior Uttara	1 st Position in Senior Category
	Labib Mahid Khan Class XII, Senior Uttara	2 nd Position in Senior Category
	Maysa Mijan Sraya, Class IX, Senior Uttara	1 st position in Junior Category
	Swagata Lakshmi Kanungo Class IX, Senior Uttara	2 nd Position in Junior Category
Celesta International 2020	Afia Ibnat Halim, Class IX Senior Uttara	2 nd Position
National Cultural Fest	Tanushree Basu Class X, Senior Uttara	2 nd Position
Independence Day Art Competition	13 students of Senior Mirpur	Merit position
Together We Win	Nusaiba Zoana Khan, Nursery, Junior Gulshan	Jury Special Prize
1st National Cultural Classicists Carnival 2020	Abid Al Zubayer, Class X, Senior Mirpur	People's Choice Award
Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2020	Saied Muhammad Raakin Saleh, Class IV, Senior Uttara	Bronze Award
U.N. International Day of Education	Aarba Waisa Tarfee, Class VI, Senior Mirpur	2 nd position in "Weaving your survival, Quilt your thought" segment
10th Online Bangla Olympiad	Suha Anadil Chowdhury, Class VIII, Senior Uttara	2 nd position
	Afia Ibnat Halim, Class IX, Senior Uttara	2 nd position
	Zawa Khan Athoi, Class V, Senior Mirpur	2 nd position
	Labiba Ibnat Audhora, Class VII, Senior Mirpur	3 rd position
	Sanika Naznine, Class VIII, Senior Uttara	3 rd Position
Senior Uttara Food Art Competition	Safwana Binte Rifat, Class IV, Senior Uttara	Winner
	Arham Sarwar, Class VII, Senior Uttara	Winner
	Innama Shafrin, Class XI, Senior Uttara	Winner
Virtual Annual Production "Amar Bondhu Rashed"	Senior Mirpur Drama Club	Participated
Virtual International Mother Earth Day Celebration	Zuhayr Enam Chowdhury, Class III, Senior Mirpur	2 nd position
	Raidah Ali Arya, Class II, Senior Mirpur	2 nd Consolation prize
Foundation Day Art Competition	Ayush Saha and Mihran Muntasir, Class I, Junior Gulshan	1 st Position
	Sreetama Sen, Mirza Manhatullah Sheja, Class II, Junior Gulshan	
Online Art & Craft Competition: Living a Mother 7 Days Hand and Foot Print Crafts Challenge	Al Shahriar Aryan, Class II, Junior Uttara	Winner
	Al-Yaseer Ayaan, KG-II, Junior Uttara	
Aloha Mental Arithmetic Level	Mirza Fatih Fittin Beg, Class II, Junior Uttara	Aloha Mental Arithmetic Level Three scoring grade A+.

Name of Event	Participant/s	Result
KPR International Art Exhibition – 2021	Ali Anas Ahmed, Class III, Shayal Adnan Mahmood, Class II, Junior Dhanmondi	Best Artist
Poem Recitation Competition organized by "Kontho Madhuri "	Hafsa Bynte Noor Ariba, Class II, Junior Dhanmondi	3 rd position from Ka Group
English Poem Competition "Paperback Brainchild" organized by Strategic Development Council	Ashwini Bhattacharya, Class IV, Junior Dhanmondi	2 nd Runner up
“পতাকা উৎসব” organized by সিসিমপুর	Tashin Rahman Mahim, Class III, Senior Mirpur	Winner
Bangabandhu Quiz Competition	Hafsa Bynte Noor Ariba, Class II, Junior Dhanmondi	1 st Position
	Rubaiyat Ferdous Rehan, Class II, Junior Dhanmondi	2 nd Position
	Rashidul Haque Wafee, Class, II, Junior Dhanmondi	2 nd Position
	Zayan Karim Chowdhury, KG II, Junior Dhanmondi	3 rd Position
Bangabandhu Public Speaking competition	Mahveen Manha Ahmed, Class III, Junior Dhanmondi	1 st Position
	Debangona Kundu, Class IV, Junior Dhanmondi	1 st Position
	Ashwini Bhattacharya, Class IV, Junior Dhanmondi	2 nd Position
	Enaya Sareen, Class IV, Junior Dhanmondi	2 nd Position
	Tanisha Razia Binte Amin, Class IV, Junior Dhanmondi	3 rd Position
	Snehali Das Gupta, Class IV, Junior Dhanmondi	3 rd Position

Community Service This Academic Year

In October 2020, Senior Campus Uttara hosted a live session with Ms. Nazia Jabeen, President of Sporsho Foundation and the Founder of Sporsho Braille Prokashona. Sporsho is the first organization in Bangladesh to publish braille books for visually impaired children. Ms. Jabeen spoke about her initiative to empower visually impaired children by giving them the scope to read books and be financially independent by pursuing higher education. Later students shared their thoughts about doing something meaningful for the community.



In September 2020, the Senior Campus Mirpur organized a month long Dance Competition in collaboration with Scholastica Dance Club (SIDC) to raise funds to help COVID-19 victims during the pandemic. The club partnered with renowned NGO Ahsania Mission to help families affected the most by the pandemic.

In October 2020, the Senior Campus Mirpur presented a video titled #NoLessHuman. The video focused on mental health issues aggravated by the global pandemic. In a separate program Ms. Ishrat Shermin Rahman, Clinical Psychologist of National Trauma Counselling Center, was invited as a Guest Speaker to shed light on an array of mental health issues for students.

Success Stories



Tahseen Alam Priyo, a student of Class XII of Senior Campus, Uttara became the first Bangladeshi to sign for a Spanish football academy. He has been registered to train and play for the FC Malaga City Academy in Malaga for the 2020-21 session. Tahseen has been representing Scholastica since Class VI and has won numerous trophies for the school team.



Zaheen A-Rahman, a student of Class X of Senior Campus Uttara published a book named "From Good to Better to the World's Best: Aircraft" which discusses the technological leap of aeronautical engineering. The book was first made available through Amazon in 2018.



Scholastica alumni **Abrar Mahir** (Batch 2020) has been selected by The Society of Scholars (SOS), one of the most prestigious programs in the University of British Columbia, and was awarded with a generous academic scholarship for his achievements both in academics and in co-curricular activities.



Shayaan Labeeb Hasan, of Class VI of Senior Campus Uttara, published a book titled **রংধনু গল্প (Rainbow Stories)** in February, 2021 at Ekushey Boi Mela by Toi Toi Prokasona Foundation. The book is a collection of six short stories. The stories express the instances of scary and funny moments of life, and some are about life lessons.

Notable Achievements by Faculty & Management

Our faculty and management continued to challenge themselves this year. Here is a summary of some key achievements:

Program Name	Name of the Participant/s	Campus
Webinar on Exploring Digital Tools for Online Learning, arranged by Global Aid for Sustainable Development	Ms. Mithila Parveen	Junior Dhanmondi
Online workshop on Video Editing and	Ms. Mithila Parveen	Junior Dhanmondi
	Ms. Ayesha Parveen	Junior Uttara
	Ms. Iffat Ara Sharmin	
	Tasnuva Kawsar Farmee	
Creating	Ms. Shirin Afsana Keya	Senior Mirpur
Python Programming and Data Exploration in Python organized by NIIT Delhi, India	Tahmina Begum	Senior Mirpur
Role of Motivation in Improving Student Management organized by S.P.E.E.D.	Ms. Sabrina Sharmeen	Junior Gulshan
Integrating Differentiation in the Classroom organized by S.P.E.E.D.	Ms. Ayesha Parveen	Junior Uttara
	Ms. Iffat Ara Sharmin	
	Ms. Sabiha Sharmin	
	Tasnuva Kawsar Farmee	
	Ms. Fariha Chowdhury	Senior Mirpur
	Ms. Momota Nahar Tasnim	
	Ms. Sharmin Akter	
Ms. Amina Arefin		
Virtual seminar on Special Learning Needs organized by Alokito Hridoy	Ms. Sabrina Sharmeen	Junior Gulshan
Teaching Strategies for Child Protection organized by Alokito Hridoy	Ms. Shehrin Nazrul	Junior Gulshan
	Ms. Rehnuma Wasim	
	Ms. Nahida Nasrin Upama	Junior Uttara
	Ms. Lutfunnessa Shawon	
	Ms. Hasina Akter Shekha	Junior Dhanmondi
	Ms. Ishrat Jahan Munmun	
	Ms. Isha Muntaha	
Ms. Nuzhat Tabassum		
National HR e-Convention 2020 organized by FBHRO and United University	Ms. Nur Bahar	Junior Gulshan
13 th Annual Conference and General Meeting of Bangladesh Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (BACCAMH)	Ms. Fahmida Waliullah	Junior Gulshan
Completed B. Ed. from National University with a First Class	Ms. Kakoli Cicilia Corraya	Junior Gulshan
Completed Master's in Master of Arts in English Language Teaching from East West University	Ms. Orkeya Adhicatori	Junior Gulshan
The Role of Motivation in Improving Student Engagement by S.P.E.E.D	Ms. Sabiha Sharmin	Junior Uttara
	Tasnuva Kawsar Farmee	
	Ms. Shirin Afsana Keya	Senior Mirpur
	Ms. Momota Nahar Tasnim	
	Ms. Ismatara Hridoy Hossain	
Ms. Amina Arefin		
Behavior Management of Children, facilitated by Dr. Nazmul Huq Prof of IER, under the institution "Light of Hope".	Ms. Nahida Nasrin Upama	Junior Uttara
Introduction to School Psychology by Geetika Kapoor, School and Educational Psychologist, Under Fortis Healthcare.	Ms. Nahida Nasrin Upama	Junior Uttara
Master class on Cinema: Text and Context conducted by Professor Sanjoy Mukhopadhyay, Sattyajit Ray Film Institute, India	Ms. Eva Afrose	Junior Gulshan
Film Producing Master Class with Amitava Das, Asst. Professor, Sattyajit Ray Film Institute, India	Ms. Eva Afrose	Junior Gulshan
Script Development and Pitching Masterclass with David Pope, UK	Ms. Eva Afrose	Junior Gulshan

Program Name	Name of the Participant/s	Campus
Screenwriting Fundamental workshop with Joe Patricca, Former Dean of American Film Institute, Hollywood, USA	Ms. Eva Afrose	Junior Gulshan
Workshop on Smart Phone Film-making, conducted by Anirban Datta and Sangjukta Sharma, Faculty of Film and Television Institute, India	Ms. Eva Afrose	Junior Gulshan
The Fundamentals of Digital Marketing	Sonia Raja Labon	Senior Uttara
MOOC- Using Educational Technology in the English Language Classroom (K-12/HE)	Ms. Shirin Afsana Keya	Senior Mirpur
	Ms. Momota Nahar Tasnim	
	Ms. Sukriti Medha	
	Ms. Ismatara Hridoy Hossain	
	Ms. Amina Arefin	
Pro at Pronunciation	Ms. Shirin Afsana Keya	Senior Mirpur
	Ms. Alfa Nupur	
Communication	Ms. Shirin Afsana Keya	Senior Mirpur
Skill Hub - Excel and Data Analytics	Ms. Momota Nahar Tasnim	Senior Mirpur
Integrating Critical Thinking Skills into the Exploration of Culture in an EFL Setting and TESOL	Ms. Moonmoon Ahmed	Senior Mirpur
Graduated with distinction- Cum Laude Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from North South University.	Ms. Tanzina Iqbal Tithi	Junior Dhanmondi
Supporting Children's Mental Health	Ms. Sabrina Sharmeen	Junior Dhanmondi
	Ms. Sharmin Musharraf	Junior Gulshan
	Kaniz Fatema	Senior Uttara
Online Courses: Teamwork Skills Organizational Analysis Write Professional Emails	Ms. Nur Bahar	Junior Gulshan
Learning to Teach Online Teaching Techniques: Creating Multimedia Learning Time Management: Working from Home Coaching Employees through Difficult Situations	Marzia Ahmed Chowdhury	Junior Uttara
Completed MBA (HRM) from Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP)	Uttam Kumar Ghosh	Senior Mirpur
Completed MBA (Finance) from University of Dhaka	Mahreen Binte Islam	Senior Mirpur
13th Annual Conference and General Meeting of Bangladesh Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (BACAMH)	Kohinure Begum	Senior Mirpur
Completed Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) from National University, Bangladesh	Nasima Shafique	Senior Mirpur
Completed BPED (Bachelor of Physical Education) degree and MPED (Master of Physical Education) degree from Uttara University	Jesmin Khan	Senior Mirpur
	Afroza Sultana	
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Providers in Covid Pandemic Context	Kaniz Fatema	Senior Uttara
Systemic Family and Couple Therapy Supervision by Alison Butterfield & Shila Rashid Immediate Stabilization Procedure (ISP) for Victims of Natural and Manmade Disaster by Gary Quin, EMDR Therapist, Jerusalem Webinar on Social Media and Mental Health of Young People by One Circle	Irfana Samia	Senior Uttara

The school also conducted extensive training programs to help our teachers transition to online learning – the internal workshops and courses conducted this year included:

Program Name	Name of Recipient
Google Classroom and Google Meet	All teachers and some management and admin personnel
How to design effective HW that students can do independently	Academic Supervisors, and all faculty
How to conduct effective live lessons	Academic Supervisors, and all faculty
Classroom and behavior management in online classes	Academic Supervisors, and all faculty
How to conduct homeroom periods and pastoral care for children/counseling	Academic Supervisors, and all faculty
Training module on Google slides, Google doc and Google sheets	All faculty and selected management

Program Name	Name of Recipient
Training on COVID preparedness	All faculty and management
Written Communication Course	A T M Zia Hasan, Abul Kalam Azad, Arif Ahmed Khan, Hasanat Fatema, Kaniz Fatema, Maria Zaien Haque Md. Anowar Kabir, Md. Sohel Rana Md. Tariq Mahmud, Md. Saydur Rahman Meherun Nesa, Naufida Afroj, Quazi Salma Siddiqua, Rabeya Akhter, Udita Helal
SPEED Diploma for Teaching and Learning	Suparna Biswas, Umme Sadia Sobhan Lina Sultana, Sunjida Siddiqua, Nahida Nasrin Upama, Methela Rahman

Notable Alumni Profile



Scholastica alumnus Lutfey Siddiqi has been appointed the Managing Director, Regions and Society Relations of the CFA Institute, a global association of investment management professionals.

He holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and a First-Class

BSc (Hons) in Econometrics from the University of York UK.

Lutfey Siddiqi is a member of the World Economic Forum Future Council on Fiscal & Monetary Policy, having previously served on the councils for the future of financing and long-term investing. His industry experience includes stints at UBS, Barclays Capital, and Deutsche Bank. At UBS Investment Bank, his last role was as global head of emerging markets for FX, rates and credit, and founding head of UBS Knowledge Network. In addition, he is a designated 'opinion leader' with an extensive presence in international media— he appears regularly on CNBC, Fox Business, Channel News Asia and others!

Lutfey is passionate about Bangladesh – whether in terms of marketing the national brand, lending his expertise towards the development of its investment context or in the sustainable delivery of funds for social enterprises.

With a short break of two years in between, Lutfey Siddiqi was in Scholastica from 1986 till 1992 after which he went to UWC Atlantic College as a Prince of Wales Scholar and obtained his International Baccalaureate diploma.

Lutfey says, “Scholastica is an incredible success-story. I remember the days when we were in a residential building in Dhanmondi and my “Easy Bangla” class was held in the garage! It’s equally a story of inspirational leadership – embodied by Mrs. Yasmeen Murshed. She’s had a lasting imprint on my formative years, for which I’m grateful and it’s great to see Madiha carry that mantle forward.”

Scholastica is also about enduring friendship. “There is an inexplicable ease with which we pick up the conversation every time I get together with old friends from Scholastica. Notably, we know how to disagree with each other without denting our friendship”.

In Lutfey’s opinion, the substance of their education in Scholastica must have been solid, judging by the opportunities successfully taken by several alumni over the years. In his own words, “Not only from a pedagogic point of view, our involvement in debates, music, acting, cricket – all of that must’ve contributed to a rounded education”.

"I really value my education at Scholastica for many reasons. Scholastica is full of determined teachers who are always there to help. This is my first school and I had such an amazing experience that I never want to change my school. My favorite place in school is the playground although the classes are very exciting. I have gained so much inspiration from my teachers that I want to be like them when I grow up." By **Salman Zubayer, Class: III/Green, Senior Mirpur**



Scholastica in the Press

The Daily Star

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Scholastica organises International Mathematics Summit 2020

Scholastica International Mathematics Summit 2020 was organised online by the Scholastica Mathematics Club, a student concern of the

Scholastica Mirpur Campus, from August 5-8, 2020.

More than 800 students from Bangladesh and 200 international participants took part in the summit. This is the first-ever international high school level math event organised by a Bangladeshi institution and was attended by the prestigious City Montessori School in India, the largest school in the world.

The chief guest of the summit was Professor Dr. A.S.M Maksud Kamal, the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academics) and the President of the teacher's association of University of Dhaka who, in his video message for the opening ceremony, said, "During the onset of the fourth industrial revolution where the emergence of artificial intelligence and convergence of information will be chief instruments to govern the world, such an event will definitely inspire our future generation and prepare them for the future challenges."

Apart from having the traditional mathematics competitions, the main attraction of the summit was the School versus School Showdown where school math teams comprising of the brightest students from each institution battled it out against each other for the Champion's title. In both the Higher Secondary and the Secondary category, Math Teams from Dhaka Residential Model College became champions, beating City Montessori School and Mastermind respectively in the grand finale. In the Junior category, the home team of Scholastica Mirpur was victorious defeating City Montessori School, India.

Mohammad Sami Nur Islam, founder President of the Scholastica Mathematics Club and the head organiser of the summit said in his closing remarks, "SIMS 2020 will definitely alter how math events are perceived to be in Bangladesh. With the introduction of events such as the School VS School Showdown where the honour and pride of each institution are at stake, I hope we have proved that math events can be much more fun than just the traditional Olympiad. In the next edition of the Summit, the club will try its absolute best to have even more participants, both national and international."

Shouvik Sameer Dey, founder Vice President of the Scholastica Mathematics Club, said, "I hope we have proved that online math events can be as exciting as the physical ones if not more. I am also hopeful that with the introduction of school team vs school team competition, more clubs across Bangladesh will be inspired to organise such events."

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Tribune Report

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Young booter's Spanish mission proves inadequacy in country's game

Tahseen Alam Priyo, who turned 19 earlier this month, took an audacious step to fulfill his dream as the young man applied to admit for a renowned Spanish academy of football and to his pleasant surprise, got selected



Bangladesh may not enjoy a respectable position in the footballing globe and the sports-crazy youth of this country might not get very little opportunities to prove their talents but in the era of globalization, some are desperate to find avenues.

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"I knew, I had only one way to establish myself as a professional player and that is to apply through online. During lockdown, I made a video using some of my footages of playing football. While browsing internet, I got the name Malaga City FC and applied in June. To my utter surprise I was selected by them," said Tahseen to local media.

Malaga City FC are situated at the historic city of Andalusia and their main goal is to produce young players.

To do that, they start from U-19 and they also have an U-23 squad, while their main team - CD Almunecar City - play in the fifth division of Spanish football.

One of the main targets of the club is to produce players and sell them to the clubs of Tercera División, the third division of Spanish football.

Every Tercera Division team require certain number of U-23 players as per regulations.

Malaga City FC supply these young players for those clubs.

Tahseen, a 12-grade student of Scholastica School of Dhaka, has left for the academy for 10 months and is expected to get highest quality coaching and guidance, but his initial stumbling block is language and currently he is mastering his Spanish.

Tahseen however, had to do a tougher job of convincing his parents to explore the uncharted territory for an uncertain future.

But the indomitable boy promised that he will continue his academic studies through online, attend examinations upon returning to keep his progress in studies and thus manage both his football and academic life.

However, he also knows this is just a tiny little step and admitted that he has yet to go a long way.

Unfortunately for Tahseen and his fellow mates who are eager to shine in football do not have any opportunity to thrive in the country as neither the clubs nor the federation are keen to run youth academies.

In the era of globalization and modern technology, the young people receive training from very tender age not only in developed countries in Europe but also in many underdeveloped Asian and African countries.

Despite having immense passion of a huge youth population, the football of Bangladesh is getting only backward every moment comparing with others.

The story of Tahseen is thus more of a disappointment than a ray of light.

Young men like him are supposed to get enough opportunities to hone their skills in their home land in familiar atmosphere, rather than just one in million getting rarest of opportunities and fighting against all the odds in an unknown foreign land.



"Scholastica is synonymous with Peter Pan's 'Neverland'. I say this, not because students don't age here (if that was the case, my brother would not have been graduating this year), but because we can truly be ourselves within the school premises. We have no hesitations whatsoever in expressing ourselves through the wide range of platforms provided by Scholastica. The way our teachers teach us both the academics that prepare us for a life after school and the values that make us more humane is very unique. I have loved every moment I've spent as a Scholastic and will continue to do so, long after I graduate!" By **Arshia Anahita, Class VII/Green, Senior Uttara**

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কমনওয়েলথ রচনা প্রতিযোগিতায় ক্ষুদে বাংলাদেশির ব্রোঞ্জ জয়

নিউজ ডেস্ক | বাংলাদেশিউজটোয়েন্টিফোর.কম
আপডেট: ২১২১ ঘণ্টা, নভেম্বর ৭, ২০২০

দ্য কুইনস কমনওয়েলথ রচনা প্রতিযোগিতায় বাংলাদেশের প্রতিযোগী রাকীন ব্রোঞ্জ অ্যাওয়ার্ড জিতেছে। পুরস্কারজয়ী সাইয়েদ মুহাম্মদ রাকীন সালেহ রাজধানীর স্কলাস্টিকা স্কুলের চতুর্থ শ্রেণির শিক্ষার্থী।



আবু রায়হান মুহাম্মদ সালেহ, ডিসি (সদর) বিএমপি এবং ইঞ্জিনিয়ার নিশাত নাজ সিদ্দিকের ছেলে রাকীন। তার বাড়ি টাঙ্গাইল জেলার মামুদপুর গ্রামে। ১৪ বছরের কম বয়সী জুনিয়র বিভাগে এই ক্ষুদে প্রতিযোগীর বিষয় ছিল 'মাই প্যান্টে, মাই পেস'।

এবারের প্রতিযোগিতাটি নিউজিল্যান্ডের ক্রাইস্টচার্চে রাজকীয় দা ড্যাচেস অফ কর্নওয়াল কর্তৃক আয়োজিত হয়। এবারের থিম ছিল 'জলবায়ু পরিবর্তন ও কমনওয়েলথ'। এ বছর প্রায় সকল কমনওয়েলথ দেশ থেকেই শিক্ষার্থীরা অংশ নিয়েছিল। মোট প্রতিযোগীর সংখ্যা ছিল প্রায় ১৩ হাজার।

পুরো আয়োজনে কমনওয়েলথ-এর ১৩০ জন বিচারক সুনিপুণ বিচার প্রক্রিয়ার মধ্য দিয়ে বিজয়ীদের বাছাই করেন। চূড়ান্ত বিচারক প্যানেলে ছিলেন এমপি-সাংবাদিক ম্যাথু প্যারিস, লেখক-কবি সুলু ব্রেকসম, লেখক জাকিয়া রেড বেল্টা ও রয়েল কমনওয়েলথ সোসাইটির সভাপতি ডা. পল এডমন্ডসন।

সাতদিনের শিক্ষা সফরসহ পুরস্কার প্রদান অনুষ্ঠানটি যুক্তরাজ্যে অনুষ্ঠিত হওয়ার কথা ছিল। তবে করোনা মহামারির কারণে প্রথমবারের মত ভার্সুয়ালি পুরস্কার প্রদান অনুষ্ঠান আয়োজন হবে। এটি ২০ নভেম্বর বেলা ১২টায় অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

সমকাল

প্রকাশ ১৮ জুন, ২০২১

স্কলাস্টিকার ভার্সুয়াল শিক্ষা সমাপনী সম্পন্ন

ইংরেজি মাধ্যমের স্কুল স্কলাস্টিকার তিন দিনব্যাপী শিক্ষা সমাপনী অনুষ্ঠান গতকাল বৃহস্পতিবার শেষ হয়েছে। করোনার কারণে এবার ভার্সুয়াল মাধ্যমে এ অনুষ্ঠানের আয়োজন করা হয়। অনুষ্ঠানে স্কলাস্টিকা উত্তরা ও মিরপুর সিনিয়র সেকশনের মোট ৬২৬ শিক্ষার্থীকে সনদপত্র প্রদান করা হয়েছে। তাদের মধ্যে 'ও' লেভেলের ৩৬৮ এবং 'এ' লেভেলের ২৪১ জন।

অনুষ্ঠানে মূল বক্তব্য দেন স্কলাস্টিকার ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক সৈয়দা মাদিহা মুরশেদ। তিনি বক্তব্যে শিক্ষার্থীদের কঠোর পরিশ্রমের মাধ্যমে জীবনের মহৎ গুণাবলি অর্জন এবং দৃঢ়, আত্মবিশ্বাসী, গ্রহণযোগ্য ও সমৃদ্ধ ব্যক্তিত্বে পরিণত হওয়ার আহ্বান জানান। ভার্সুয়াল এ আয়োজনে উপস্থিত ছিলেন স্কলাস্টিকার উত্তরা সিনিয়র সেকশনের প্রিন্সিপাল ফারাহ সোফিয়া আহমেদ, মিরপুর সিনিয়র সেকশনের প্রধান নুরুন নাহার মজুমদার, হেড অব একাডেমিক সাবিনা মোস্তফা এবং ফুটস্টেপের সহ প্রতিষ্ঠাতা ও প্রেসিডেন্ট শাহ রাফায়েত চৌধুরী।

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Saif wins bragging rights of The Daily Star GENIUS

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam joined the quizmaster and contestants at the finale.



A three-month journey to find the first ever Daily Star GENIUS powered by Walton Smart Fridge came to an end last Monday, when Saif Al Imam Shota, from Scholastica, Uttara, found himself at the top of the leaderboard at the finishing line of the final.

Students from 27 schools from across the country participated in a game of knowledge and trivia, and after 12 gruelling weeks, only three participants remained. The final was worth the wait, however, as Shota of Scholastica; Sumaiya Mahmud of International Hope School Bangladesh, Chattogram, and Sameer Zia Chowdhury of BAF Shaheen English Medium School put on a stellar show, answering difficult questions encompassing many fields to prove themselves as true geniuses.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, inaugurated the final with words of advice and encouragement directed at all participants, as well as the young audience. He focused on the need to love one's country, and using one's genius to serve public interests.

The quizzing kicked off with a bizarre turn of events as none of the contestants were able to correctly answer any of the first two questions. But usual service soon resumed, as record holding favourite from the previous rounds, Sumaiya, took an early lead. Sameer fell behind as his nerves took over. In the middle, however, was Shota with his rock-solid determination as he stayed within touching distance of the top spot at every interval. The difference in points between leader and chaser fluctuated between 100 and 200 points, meaning the game could change at any time given two incorrect answers at the top.

After 40 questions, in the Rapid Fire round, it looked as though Sumaiya would hold on to her impressive lead. But Sumaiya had a bad ending to her journey, while Shota cashed in, and it came as a great surprise when the final leaderboard showed Saif Al Imam Shota at the top with 2866 points. The game was extremely close, as evidenced by Sumaiya's haul of 2818 points. Sameer pulled back from his nervous start as well to end up with a respectable 1996 points.

The winner was revealed in the presence of Firoz Alam, Executive Director, Marketing & Communication, Walton Group, who once again expressed praise for the level of knowledge among the young ones fighting it out.

This brought an end to the first series of The Daily Star GENIUS, powered by Walton Smart Fridge, the country's first-ever and biggest online inter-school quiz competition. It was an initiative of SHOUT, the youth supplement of The Daily Star.