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Dear All,

As year 2024 gently unfolds and winter's embrace settles upon us, we extend our warmest greetings to all our well-wishers. With the memories of the holiday season still lingering, we step into a new month brimming with anticipation and promise. Despite the frosty chill of December fading away, the quiet whispers of hope and renewal continue to echo through Samaritan Children Home.

At Samaritan Children Home, our unwavering commitment to providing a nurturing haven for these young souls remains resolute, even amidst the winter's embrace. We are deeply dedicated to fostering their growth and instilling in them a sense of responsibility towards society.

In this season of reflection and new beginnings, we invite you to join us in witnessing the remarkable resilience and determination of our children. As we navigate through the winter months of January and February, we are inspired by their unwavering spirits and boundless potential. Your support and generosity enable us to continue this vital mission, and for that, we are truly grateful.

## **Resume of School and Newcomers at the Children Home:**

Our school resumed classes in the third week of January. Teachers have received the designated textbooks provided by the Government and procured the remaining books, distributing them among the students. The academic results from the previous year across all grades were satisfactory. The Education Board has revised the educational curriculum for 2023, organizing teacher training programs to facilitate the adoption of new teaching methodologies and changes. All our teachers have actively participated in these training sessions on a rotational basis.

For the year 2024, we received an overwhelming 300 applications for new admissions. However, due to our accommodation limitations, we were only able to select 65 children. Currently, we have a total of 401 children residing at our children's home, and 48 college-going students at our Joy Hostel.

Despite concerns of potential political unrest surrounding the National Election of Bangladesh held on 7th January, I am pleased to report that law enforcement agencies executed a commendable job in maintaining control over the situation and no severe incident was reported.

## **Grade 10 Farewell Public Examination (SSC 2024):**

This year a total of 43 students (21 boys and 22 girls) are sitting for the Grade 10 public examination. The exam started on 15<sup>th</sup> February and will end on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Alongside there are 6 students who are also sitting for their SSC improvement exam. On the last day of their Grade 10, our school teachers organized a farewell event to make the day even more memorable.



## Annual Sports 2024:

Our school successfully organized the 2024 annual sports day on 20th February, a day filled with joyous celebrations and memorable moments. We were honored by the presence of the esteemed President of The Central Association of Christian Co-operative, Mr. Pankaj Gilbert Costa, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Accompanying him were the Chairman and all the Board members of HELP Bangladesh.

The day unfolded with beautiful cultural performances and a lively "dress as you like" competition followed by the main sports events catering to all the students of Samaritans Children Home. The day ended with prize distribution ceremony, where the honorable Chief Guest and Board Members presented awards to the deserving winners.

Mr. Costa's visit to our children's home marked a special occasion as it was his first visit, and we were delighted to receive his positive feedback regarding the services, facilities, and care provided to all our students and home children. In a gesture of appreciation, Mr. Costa presented pens to all the students of our school. During his speech, he emphasized the profound impact of a pen, highlighting its ability to subtly influence the thinking and actions of entire communities, nations, or peoples.



## Observing International Mother Language Day:

On February 21st, 2024, Samaritan Children Home School joined the nation in commemorating Amar Ekushey and International Mother Language Day, paying homage to the valiant martyrs of the Language Movement. The day commenced with the solemn gesture of flying the national flag at half-mast, a symbol of reverence for those who made the ultimate sacrifice advocating for Bangla as a state language.



All the students laid their respect with flowers at the school's rendition of the Shaheed Minar, the iconic monument dedicated to the mother tongue martyrs. The day was filled with cultural performances and acts, each one a heartfelt remembrance of the sacrifices made by those brave souls.



In His Name,  
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