"WE" the editorial board members are immensely pleased to launch the first edition of “Life @ The Newtown School”, our school e-newsletter for classes 3 to 5. We feel privileged to be selected as the first editorial board, which was an intriguing journey in itself. We worked on assignments related to our areas of strength, and here we are, a team from different factions. This newsletter is a medium to express how we feel about our school. Here, we try to show you in a nutshell, the way students and teachers are bonded together and work as a family. We intend to speak our hearts out about how we feel about our school.

Home is a place where we feel safe and secure. Every person in the family is connected to each other through a unique bond. This is what we experience here in our school, which is no less than “Our Second Home”. This beautiful feeling has thus, led us to select the above as our theme for the first edition of this e-newsletter. So, let us now take you on an enthralling innovative journey of the most happening school in the city!

From the editorial board
From The Principal’s desk

Dear Parents,

It gives me a sense of immense pride and privilege to pen down my thoughts for this maiden edition of our e-newsletter for our classes III-V. Planned as a quarterly magazine, Life @ The Newtown School is a unique venture by our bunch of budding editors and photographers and graphic designers from Class VIII! The level of creativity, the extent of professionalism and the boundless excitement which the editorial team demonstrated during their course of planning and giving shape to this entire project; re-inforced my faith upon the abilities of our children.

That learning is a two-way process, is best displayed when we bestow responsibilities upon our children and keep the faith firm within us that they would deliver their best. As adults our role remains that of guidance, and of encouragement: at every step we need to keep listening to their endless dreams, keep re-inforcing our faith in their abilities, motivate them to pursue what they desire to achieve and to act as cushions when they fail and at the same time to remain beside them as the strongest pillars of support!

For me, it was an amazing journey to have worked with this team of enthusiastic, young and talented editors. Needless to mention, that your feedback on this newsletter will motivate them to scale further and farther.

I wish this team all the success!

With regards,

The Principal,
The Newtown School,
Satabdi Goswami Bhattacharjee
"A School Of Learners Where Children Gain A Passport To The Modern World"

Home is a place where we get a lot of love from our family. Similarly, in my school I have many classmates who are like my brothers and sisters, and teachers like my parents. Apart from studying, I learn many things in my school such as sculpture, squash, swimming and football. I love to go to school on Saturday because we learn lots of new things like Creative writing, Self-Defence etc. We get lots of interesting books from our library.

Like mothers take care of their children the teachers here also take care of our studies and health. We also celebrate the festivals together, just like our homes. Our school takes care of everything that is important for our growth. Therefore, I can proudly say that my school is my second home and I love my school very much.

-Vihaan V Singh (V-C)

School is my second home,
Without it I feel alone.
Ma'am speaks in mother's tone,
Sir treats like father at home
Playground is like
Our drawing room,
Where we can
Nurture and groom.
In school we play with hands
Always learning new trends
While participating in sports or game,
I feel like dancing in the rain.
Learning is a tool
We can learn in school.
Every knowledge we gain,
We sharp our brain.
School is my second home,
Without it I feel alone.
-Sankalp Sinha (III-A)
The summer break must have been a really good time to relax, meet up with old friends and family and to enjoy yourselves. While everyone was away, our school had a huge makeover! Now, we have a state-of-the-art, modern, upgraded basketball court.
Our Upcoming Events

We should always learn to balance between studies and extra-curricular activities. To inculcate this habit in us, our school conducts various creative and interesting events for us to take part in.

So, here are the upcoming events, that we, at NTS, are going to have!

- World Robotics Olympiad - 19th to 20th August 2017
- Sanskrit Diwas – 31st August 2017

So let’s all get geared up for these exciting events!
On Tuesday, 18th of June, our class went to a very mysterious place. All of us used to think that what is the thing under the basketball court? When we went down, it was a little dark and the most important thing is that it was adventurous. When we reached down, there were many filters and then our teacher finally announced it was a water purification plant under our school! Isn’t it amazing? We could see many filters on our right and some pipes on our left. Our Teacher again called us to her. We could see two big tanks of water, a large number of pipes, a staircase going up and dirty water. It was very very hot, humid and smelly. In the big tank there was clean water coming after a lot of purification. Some children were asked to go up and I was one of them. The level was not made of cement and the most interesting part was the main purification. The first process is separating water and big objects. The second process was more interesting. It was separating mud/sand from the water. The third process was not cool because the water was boiling to kill all the bacteria. After purification, the sewage water finally gets recycled to our school washrooms. There are many more processes we could not see but it was a great experience for me!

-Abhinav Dutta Gupta (V-B)
Interpretations
Our Read programme stories

The Magic Drum
Anushka Gangopadhyay 4B

With love from the Hills
Mukund Sath 5C

The Magic Drum
Diya Roy 4C

Indian Folk Tales
Chetranssh 3A

With love from the Hills
Saanvi Bagri 5B

With love from the Hills
Aaran Singh 5C
On The Run With Fotickchand
In this week, I read an adventurous story by Satyajit Ray, “On The Run with Fotikchand” in Read Program. It was a very thrilling story. In this story, an eleven year old boy, Bablu, gets kidnapped by four goons. As they make their escape in a stolen car, they meet with an accident and two goons die on the spot while the boy loses consciousness. The two surviving kidnappers, presuming the boy to be dead, leaves him stranded.

When Bablu regains consciousness, it is found that he has lost his memory. In his wanderings, he befriends a street juggler, Haran whose gives him shelter and introduces him to a new way of life. Bablu, now called Fotik develops a bond with him that makes them inseparable till one day, the kidnappers spot Fotik and Haran, forcing them to be on the run again.

-Arya Mukherjee (V-A)

Tenali Raman
Tenali Raman is witty. He is also very funny. His mind is as sharp as a knife but words as sweet as honey. He worshipped goddess Kali at night, with laughter he made her face bright.

He was a jester at Devaraya's court, wit and words were his favorite sport.

-Siddhi Agrawal (IV-B)
Have you ever wondered how a car, a computer or even a can of beans are made? Well, it is all done by a computer controlled machine that is programmed to move and are called robots. Robots are used all over the world to help dangerous or even long laboured jobs look simpler. We use pulleys or gears or wheels, etc. to build the Fishing rod. We can use wheels or gears to make a clock. In Fiction, however, robots usually look like people and seem to have a life of their own. I hope in Future every home has a robot.

- Manah Mishra [4-C]
ASTRONOMY
Our insignificance in nature

The world has developed a lot and we now are fortunate to know about celestial bodies surrounding our Earth. Our school gives students an opportunity to bond with the magnificent stars and study them. A group of students, who are just a small speck in the vast universe, connect with the heavenly bodies. They get to learn about the various telescopes, the beautiful constellations in the sky and other things related to astronomy. When asked, the young astronomers of The Newtown School feel they "LIVE WITH THE STARS".

"I was interested in astronomy as I had read many books on it and it interested me a lot."
- Ananya Mazumder

"Astronomy will help me in future as I want to become an astronomer when I grow up."
- Anushka Shrivastava
“The Artist Is Not a Special kind of Person, Rather Each Person Is a Special Kind of Artist”
In our school, everyone is a winner in some way or the other. Here, we are encouraged to take part in various competitions. From 29th June to 2nd July, our school participated and hosted the All Bengal Inter-School Rifle Shooting Competition and ended being the champions! This competition was hosted by the Joydeep Karmakar Shooting Academy in The Newtown School. Adriyan Karmakar of class VII C and Namrata De of class VII A emerged the winners of this exciting tournament, bagging a gold and silver and 2 gold medals respectively. We appreciate the efforts made by our 8 school team members. As a school we always strive to set a benchmark and to achieve success at every sphere of life.

“I felt very proud and happy when I won. I want to continue shooting as I am very fond of it.”
-Namrata De(VII - B)

“I got the inspiration of shooting from my father who is a renowned shooter, olympian. I want to pursue shooting when I grow up.”
-Adriyan Karmakar(VII-C)

“Shooting helps in concentration which is essential for my dream profession to be an IAS officer.”
-Khwaish Sharma (VI – B)
"My heart leaps when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!
The child is the father of man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety."

These alluring lines by William Wordsworth beautifully sum up, in essence, how important and valuable the emotions of childhood are, that continue throughout our life. The experiences we have during childhood have a drastic influence on us when we grow up to become independent individuals.

We, as children, try to pour our feelings out and express what we desire for. Most of the time, parents think that whatever they decide in any situation is correct and they do not try to understand our views. The fights in families cause a severe effect on the child. These arguments then revolve in the mind of the child who is not able to concentrate on studies because of this. Often students are pressurized by parents to perform extremely well in academics which burdens them. They get stressed to obtain good marks and do not actually inculcate what they study. They are bounded because of this to focus only on academics which separates them from extra-curricular activities.

We, as children, feel that younger ones shouldn't be dominated. Sometimes, their point of view emerges better than the elder people. Also, we should always be persuaded to choose our own profession. However, we believe that we cannot achieve anything in life without the support of our elders and their blessings. We always will aim to stay in the right path, dream big and live our dream so as to make our parents extremely proud of us!
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