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Rainbow School Nerok Zanskar Annual Progress Report 2024

Introduction:

2024 has proven to be a highly productive year for Rainbow School, driven by support from the Many Donar Association and various individuals skilled in operations and fundraising for charitable activities. Our collective mission to provide better and equal education to the humble population in Ladakh Himalaya has gained significant momentum.

Key Achievements:

Enhanced Collaboration:

- Partnership with Many Donar Association and individual experts has strengthened our fundraising capabilities and operational efficiency.
- Commitment to Educational Equity: Our team remains dedicated to addressing educational disparities within the community, ensuring that every child has access to quality education.
- Upcoming Academic Milestones:
 - Final academic examinations will take place in the coming month, setting the stage for a seamless transition into the next academic year.
 - A new class will be introduced at the start of the new session in late November, further expanding our educational offerings.

Status of Main School Building

1. **Safety Railing:** Completed, ensuring the safety of students and staff.
2. **Paintwork:** Exterior paintwork has been completed, while interior paintwork is 95% finished.
3. **Wooden Flooring and Side Panelling:** Completed in 4 rooms; an additional 4 rooms scheduled for completion in 2025.
4. **Playground Extension:** Successfully completed, providing enhanced recreational facilities for students.

Conclusion:

The progress made in 2024 reflects our unwavering commitment to enhancing education in Ladakh. We look forward to continuing our efforts and achieving even greater milestones in the coming year.

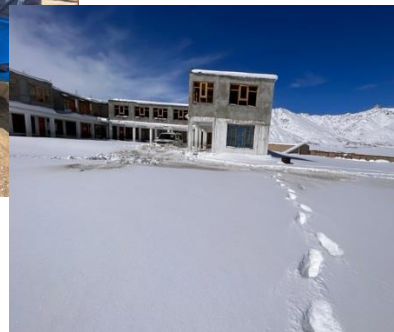


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Academic Activities of Rainbow School March 2024



- **1st March:** School reopened after winter vacation, which lasted from 1st December to 31st March.
- **Delayed Opening:** This year, classes commenced 15 days late due to heavy snowfall in the region.
- **Snow Removal:** The Mechanical Department deployed machines to clear snow and ensure safe access to the school.
- **Class Activities:** Teachers focused on reviewing key concepts missed during the extended break.
- **21st March:** An Open Warm-up Quiz Competition was organized, encouraging student participation and engagement.
- **Student Participation:** The quiz was well-attended, with students showcasing their knowledge across various subjects.
- **Looking Ahead:** Preparations are in progress for upcoming Kindergarten Students and school activities as the academic year resumes.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School April 2024



- **1st April:** Welcomed Kindergarten students to school, marking their first day with enthusiasm.
- **Tibetan Language and Script Day:** Celebrated by higher classes to honour cultural heritage and promote language awareness.
- **Birthday Celebration:** A special event was held to celebrate the birthdays of new students, fostering a sense of belonging.



- **Local Fashion Promotion:** Initiated a weekly tradition where every Wednesday, one boy and one girl from both senior and junior classes are elected to showcase local fashion.
- **Recognition Gifts:** Recipients of the fashion awards receive small gifts to encourage participation and pride in cultural attire.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School May 2024



- **1st May:** Held an Intra-House Quiz Competition to motivate students and enhance teamwork. All four houses competed in various subjects, including Tibetan, English, and Hindi.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School May 2024



- **18th May:** Participation in the inter-School Sports Meet for the first time. Our students excelled, securing:
- 1st Place in English Speech
 - 1st Place in Tibetan Language Speech
 - 2nd Place in Hindi Language Speech
 - 2nd Place in English Spelling Bee
 - 1st Place in Boys' Rally Race

Notably, we competed against students from grades 5 to 8, with our highest grade being 4th, highlighting our students' impressive achievements.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School May 2024



- **25th May:** Successfully conducted elections for Head Boy and Head Girl, with 15 participants. Miss Stanzin Norgun and Mr. Tenzin Lhosal were elected under the supervision of the presiding officer.



- **23rd May:** Our cultural troupe participated in the Buddha Purnima celebration alongside various schools from Zanskar, showcasing our traditions and values.
- **Community Pride:** We take pride in our students and dedicated teachers who continue to foster a supportive and enriching environment.

Academic Activities of Rainbow School June 2024



- **Kindergarten Activities:** Kindergarten teachers demonstrated how to sow different types of flowers, engaging young learners in hands-on environmental education.

- **1st June:** Celebrated World Environment Day, involving both teachers and students in various activities to raise awareness about our fragile ecosystem.
- **Plantation Drive:** A successful plantation drive was held at the school, encouraging students and staff to contribute to greening the campus.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School June 2024



- **Community Sensitization:** Students performed skits emphasizing the importance of minimizing single-use plastics and the need for increased tree planting dry region Like Ladakh.
- **Outreach Program:** Conducted a community outreach event at the Main Market of Padum, attended by department heads and local residents, fostering community involvement in environmental initiatives.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School June 2024



- **Building Upgrades:** A team of 12 laborers from Nepal commenced plastering the remaining portions of the main school building.
- **Safety Improvements:** Installation of iron safety railings along stairways and classroom sides began, along with painting work for the entire building.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School July 2024

- **1st July:** Marked the beginning of a promising month for Rainbow School with the visit of the APECIH Committee's core members, including President Pierre Odier and Secretary Patrice Deladoey.



- **First-time Visit:** The team, which also included Jacques Pahud, Albert Giroud, and Pascal Zahner, assessed the school's needs and aimed to strategize educational services for the community.
- **Fundraising Efforts:** Following their visit, the core members committed to raising funds for new construction, improving staff salaries, and enhancing school supplies.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School July 2024

- **3rd July:-** Hosted the Annual School Picnic, where staff, students, and APECIH committee members enjoyed a day filled with songs, dances, and games, fostering better understanding.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School July 2024

- **6th July:** Our cultural team participated in the celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's birth anniversary, presenting a beautiful cultural dance that captivated the audience.
- **Community Engagement:** These events have strengthened our connections within the community and highlighted the importance of cultural celebration and teamwork.
- **Looking Ahead:** We anticipate further collaborations and initiatives to enhance our educational offerings and community involvement in the coming months.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School August 2024

- **15th August Indian Independence Day Celebration:** Our students participated in the celebrations at Padum Stadium, honouring the spirit of independence with various performances. The event included cultural displays that encouraged pride in our heritage and unity among students.



- **Received Books from KC Kirti Ji:** We were delighted to receive a collection of books from renowned Bear Expert & author KC Kirti Ji, known for the Tenmo Series, Short Trails from Zanskar, The characters in these stories, inspired by Himalayan villages, resonate deeply with our students. Their enthusiasm for reading has significantly increased, fostering a strong connection between the literature and their own lives. The Short Trails of Zanskar is available on Amazon.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School August 2024

- **19th August Inter-House Rhyme Competition:** An inter-house rhyme competition was held, where students showcased their creativity and passion for poetry. The spirited competition aimed to win points for their respective houses, fostering teamwork and a sense of belonging.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School August 2024

- **22nd August Health Screening by Local Community Doctors:** A team of doctors from the local community health center visited the school to conduct health screenings for our students. They focused on critical health issues, including iron deficiency, eyesight, and skin-related diseases, ensuring the well-being of our students.



- **29th August Exposure Tour to Earth and Sun Workshop:** Students participated in an exposure tour to the Earth and Sun Workshop. They learned about passive solar houses, earthquake-resistant structures, and sustainable building materials. This hands-on experience aimed to sensitize students to environmentally friendly construction practices using locally available resources.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School August 2024

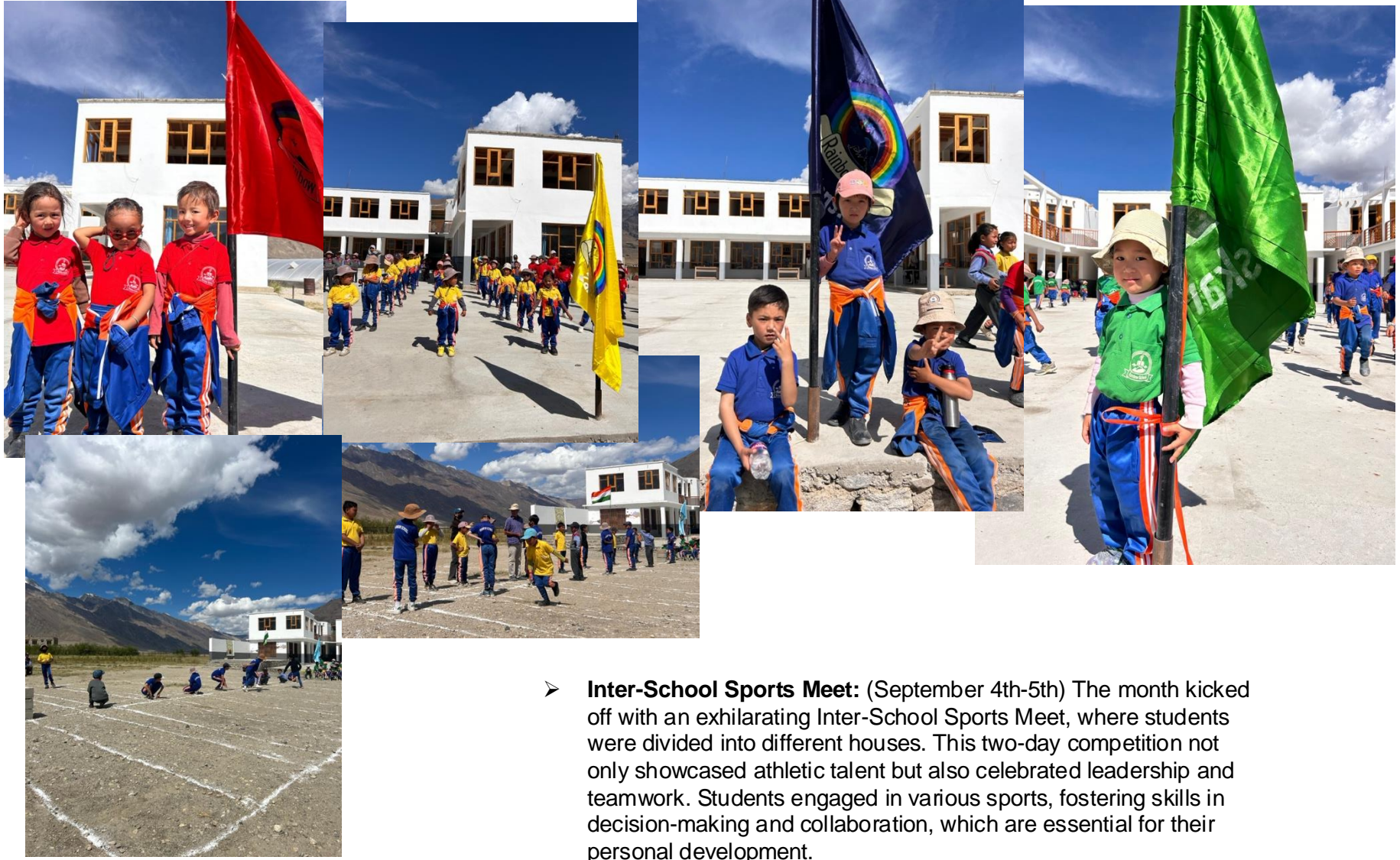
- **28th August Visit from Jullay Partarge Association:** Mr. Benjamin and Mrs. Laurie Mabri, along with their daughters, visited to assess the progress of our Computer Library. The Jullay Partarge Association from France is set to donate computers and furniture for this initiative. During their visit, Mrs. Laurie Mabri also contributed by painting a school direction board and creating a wall drawing, which beautifies our campus.



- **August Commencement of Platform and Stage Extension Works:** We began the extension works for the platform and stages in preparation for our morning assemblies. This development will enhance our assembly experience and provide a better space for performances.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School September 2024



- **Inter-School Sports Meet:** (September 4th-5th) The month kicked off with an exhilarating Inter-School Sports Meet, where students were divided into different houses. This two-day competition not only showcased athletic talent but also celebrated leadership and teamwork. Students engaged in various sports, fostering skills in decision-making and collaboration, which are essential for their personal development.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School September 2024

- **3rd Annual School Foundation Day:** On September 7th, Rainbow School celebrated its 3rd Annual Foundation Day. The event featured a vibrant cultural series of dances, captivating the audience. The Chief Guest, was Mr. Pierre Odier, President of APECIH, along with distinguished heads of departments and head monks from various monasteries, graced the occasion. Their presence added prestige to the celebrations, emphasizing the school's commitment to cultural education.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School September 2024



➤ **Teachers' Day Celebration:** The school community came together on September 14th to honour our dedicated teachers. Students from Class 4 performed a lively modern Bollywood dance, showcasing their talent and appreciation for their educators. Throughout the day, teachers received heartfelt cards, pens, diaries, and cups, accompanied by admirable quotes recognizing their hard work and influence.

➤ **Glazing Installation for First Floor Windows:** In a significant improvement to our school facilities, the installation of glazing for the first-floor windows began this month. This initiative was generously sponsored by Jaques and his sister, and we express our heartfelt gratitude for their noble contribution. The glazing will enhance both the aesthetic appeal and energy efficiency of our school..



Academic Activities of Rainbow School September 2024



- **Subject Enrichment Test:** On September 23rd, a Subject Enrichment Test was conducted, allowing students to demonstrate their understanding of various topics through charts and models. This assessment aimed to evaluate their knowledge and creativity, encouraging deeper engagement with the curriculum.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School September 2024



Ms. Annick Galland-Malissard, President
Jullay Partarge Association



Mr. Tsewang Dorjay

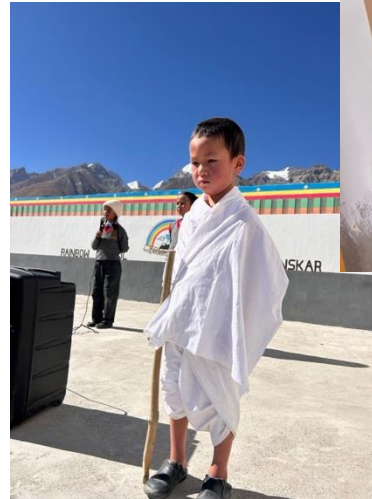


- **Introduction of Computer Library:** The month concluded with a significant technological advancement. On September 30th, Annick Galland-Malissard from the Jullay Partage Association, along with Mr. Tsewang Dorjay Who introduced Rainbow School to the Jullay Partage Association. He played a vital role in successfully facilitating communication between the school and the donor association, then transport the hardware needed for the setup and, introduced Rainbow School to modern computing resources. The Rainbow Team is very Thankful to both of them as They spent three days setting up and inaugurating the new computer library, much to the excitement of our students. Previously, they had limited access to technology, primarily learning through pictures. This new facility will greatly enhance their practical learning experiences.



Academic Activities of Rainbow School October 2024

- **Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti:** On October 2nd, Rainbow School celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with great enthusiasm. Students delivered speeches highlighting the principles of Mahatma Gandhi, emphasizing his teachings on simplicity and love for nature. Slogans such as "Live simply so we may just simply live" resonated throughout the school, inspiring both students and staff. Teachers elaborated on Gandhi's principles of life, fostering a deeper understanding of his values among the students.
- **Library Development Initiative:** We are pleased to announce that we have received funds from the Trans-Himalayan Aid Society (TRAS) Canada to set up library shelves, furniture, and to purchase new books. This generous support was made possible through a reference from Karma Tensum, Executive Director of the Tibetan Children's Education Foundation. We extend our heartfelt thanks to TRAS Canada and Karma Tensum for their invaluable assistance in enhancing our school's library resources.



October has been a month of meaningful activities at Rainbow School, from celebrating our national heroes to securing vital resources for our library. We look forward to sharing more updates in our next report, covering activities from November to January. Thank you all for your continued support!

