CARNIVAL OF CREATIVITY

Eminent artist and sculptor, Sri Sanatan Dinda, the Chief Guest of the Art & Craft Exhibition from December 15-17, 2011 set the tone for this exhibition with his painting, a masterpiece - created at the inauguration. With a few deft strokes of his brush the master artist created a striking likeness of Lord Buddha, in all his glory.

The display of over five thousand art and craft exhibits put up by students from Nursery to Class XII showcased the amazing talent of the school's budding artists. Ranging from paintings to handicrafts, live experiments to power point presentations, collage work to photography, and projects on a variety of mindboggling themes, the exhibits were enthralling. Classes I to V depicted the infinite cultural, historical and geographical diversity of 'Our India' through craftsmanship and artistry.

Intensive research and hard work went into the innovative project work put up by the High School students. Topics ranged from literature to history, computer science, to economics, psychology, the languages, geography to the three sciences.

The English detective fiction video, the Bengali room theme "Bhalo lage na pathshalar o path" and the Hindi room theme "Ghiso" and "Eidgha" deserve special mention here, as do the exhibits by students of Sandipan, the evening school run by the South Point Foundation for less privileged children, and contributions from the newly-adapted KMCP School. Students put up several cultural programmes as well - dances, both classical and modern in keeping with the different styles of expression suited to the music and themes being depicted. The children, given this opportunity to express themselves creatively, were well rewarded for their efforts, if the steady stream of excited visitors – parents, students, friends, ex-students and well-wishers – is any measure of success!
**PROUD TO BE THE BEST**

At a function on January 27, 2012 held by the Jagadasis Base National Science Talent Search of Excellence, South Point High School received a shield and cash amounting to Rs.5000 (for books and scientific equipment) for the ‘Best School Award’ for the year 2011 on the basis of the performance of students in the Senior Talent Search Test, 2011.

**FOUNDATION DAY**

The 59th Foundation Day of South Point was celebrated with great fanfare, on April 1, 2012. The evening began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp before a photograph of the Founder, Late Satikanta Guha, by Sri S.Mitra, Advisor, South Point. The Principals of both schools felicitated Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, who had completed 35 and 25 years of dedicated service respectively. There followed a cultural programme put up by Staff members of both South Point High School and South Point School. The former paid rich tribute to the memory of legends - Bhupen Hazarika, Dev Anand, Shammi Kapoor and Jagjit Singh through music, song, dance and dialogue in a production complete with video presentations.

The Junior School teachers presented a hilarious Bengali play “Banchharamer Boagaari” displaying excellent acting skills.

**ACTIVITIES UNDER M. P. BIRLA SMARAK KOSH (SOUTH POINT)**

**PERCEPTUM**

**DREAMS TRAVEL AND FASHION**

Perceptum - the Inter School Open Essay Competition in Hindi, Bengali and English was organized by South Point High School and South Point School on April 21, 2012, under the aegis of MP Birla Smarak Kosh (South Point).

The subjects ranged from 'Bishwayan O Bongali' (Bengali) to 'Vidhyarthi Aur Fashion' (Hindi) and the 2 English topics 'Dreams' and 'Travels and Travails with my Terrible Aunts and Incorrigible Uncles' for the 2 groups.

Needless to say, the budding essayists from several schools such as Gokhale Memorial, Shri Shikshayatan, Calcutta International School and Lakshmipat Singhania Academy had a great time letting their imaginations run wild, while keeping to the constraints of the subject matters in mind.

**KINGS OF THE BOARD**

'Plan and Play' was the advice Sri Atanu Lahiri, Convenor, West Bengal Chess Ad-hoc Committee gave the chess enthusiasts at the Inter-School Chess competition 'Chessmate' organized by South Point High School and South Point School under the aegis of MP Birla Smarak (South Point) in association with the Alekhine Chess Club on April 21, 2012.

South Point High School and South Point School walked off with the top awards in both the Boys and Girls categories.

The Chief Guest Grand Women Master Smt Nisha Mohato suitably impressed by the quality of playing and Sri Lahiri, gave away the trophies to the winners. In all, about 30 schools participated in the competition - Modern High School, The BSS School, Mahadavi Birla Girls, Don Bosco to name a few.

**SERVE BOUNCE AND WIN!**

At the Patterson Memorial Inter School Table Tennis Championships, in September 19-22, 2011, the Girls team of South Point High School comprising Manikankana Sengupta XC(A), Urmimala Sengupta XC(A) and Diya Mukherjee VII C(W) won the Champions Trophy, bringing the total tally of trophies won at The Patterson Championships by South Point High School in consecutive years to a high of four!
WINNER TAKES ALL!

**Event** | **Winner** | **Position** | **Category**
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West Bengal State Ranking Darts Championship October 19-21, 2011 | Chirag Agarwal I XF(M) | Second | Men's Double
|| Manish Maheshwari I XF(M) | Second | Men's Double
|| Ankil Kumar Agarwal X B | First | Youth Boys Single
TTIS ELIXIR Inter School Science Quiz November 17, 2011 | SPHS team | First | School Topper
14th National Science Olympiad November 17, 2011 | Archisman Mukherjee III B(M) | First | Antakshari Brainstorm(Quiz)
Boddula Bhattacharyya PVDA(A) | School Topper
Anustup Bhattacharya VC(A) | School Topper
Statesman Voice Festival November 19 & 20 2011 | SPHS team | First | 3 Minutes to Fame
Sankha Shikdar Shome XIE | Second | International Juggling
Great TTIS Challenge 2011 December 09 – 11, 2011 | SPHS team | Third | 3 Minutes to Fame
First | International Juggling
Second | Western Band
Best | Table Tennis
Debater
Melange 2011 Inter School Fest December 12 & 13 2011 | SPHS Classes IX-XII | First | Western Band
Piyush Roy IV(A) | Second | Basketball
First | Table Tennis
Sit & Draw Competition Lions Club International 1st 302B2, December 25, 2011 | Priyanka Das II C(A) | Third | Under 10
All Bengal Open Rapid Chess Tournament January 7 & 8, 2012 | Maloy Deb Roy III B(A) | First | Champions
3rd Invitational Open Rapid Chess Tournament Jan 14 & 15, 2012 | Promit Mukherjee X ID Shreya Dasgupta XIE | First | Neurosciences Quiz
5th Kolkata Regional Brain Bee 2012 January 21, 2012 | SPHS Classes IX, X, XI | Second | SPHS
Jogbony Inter School Quiz January 29, 2012 | Prasanta Sarangi XMF(S) | First | Creative Writing (Prose)
Vividta '12 Inter School Hindi Cultural Fest, February 18, 2012 | Shankha Shikdar Shome XIE | Third | Debate
Deepak Goswami Dastidar X L | First | Snr. Girls (400 mtr run)
Shailan and Prakashas XIF | Second | Snr. Boys (400 mtr run)
Avik Sarkar IX(F) | Third | Boys 14-16 (200 mtr run)
Sayantan Hazra XV(F) | Second | Boys 14-16 (200 mtr run)
Deepak Seal IX CB(M) | Third | Girls 14-16 (200 mtr run)
Amritraj Singha XIF | First | Girls 14-16 (200 mtr run)
SPHS 1st Runner up | 400 mtr Run | March Past
CAB U/16 Inter School Cricket Match, March 30, 2012 | SPHS Team | Runner up |
4th Inter School Roller Skating Championship 2012 April 13, 2012 | SPS & SPHS Team (Classes V-VIII) | Third |
Orange Vista Debate April 28, 2012 | Shankha Shikdar Shome XIE | First |
BITM Annual Science Quiz | Parijat Chakraborty VICC(M) | Third |
All India Camel Colour Contest 2011 Regional Level | Pranab Ali I IV D(A) | Appreciation Award |
I/A/S 2011 | English |
Archisman Mukherjee III | First |
Piyush Roy IV(M) | Second |
Aniket Pradhan IV | Third |
Nayab Ali IV | First |
Upadhyay Nidhi IV | First |
Shreevan Dey IV | First |
Yule tide CHEER’ 2011

Christmas parties were held on December 20 and 21, 2011 for the children of Nursery I to Class I.
As part of the Yuletide spirit, the children of Classes I-V donated three truck loads of their old clothes, toys, books, biscuits, cakes and soaps for distribution among less fortunate children by the Missionaries of Charity.

STAFF PICNIC, TONA FARM HOUSE, BAKULTALA

Mitrabha Guha

Mitrabha Guha VI in 2012 at the 24th State Age Group Chess Championship in the Boys Under II Section he has once again emerged as the Champion!
Rhapsody, Rhyme & Rhythm

The Saturday Activity Club of South Point, which has completed nine years of training children in the fine arts, celebrated its Annual Day on April 7, 2012 at Madhusudan Mancha. About three hundred children in the age group 6–15 years showcased their talents in Western and Eastern vocals, instrumental music, Elocution, Classical and Western Dance, Roller Skating and Bengali Drama.

Marionettes Dance

Thanks to the efforts of the SPICMACAY Club of South Point High School, Dr. Sudip Gupta, a master puppeteer and director of Dolls Theatre was invited to put up a puppet show in the school auditorium on February 10, 2012. Dr. Gupta, with his background in puppet theatre and set design for film and television productions put up a highly entertaining show for the pupils and teachers alike. “Doll’s Theatre has always tried to celebrate the bond between Nature and Man, performing in Iran, Israel, Spain and all over India,” says Dr. Gupta, who has over two decades’ experience in the medium.

The Altar of Learning

Saraswati Puja was celebrated at SPS on January 28, 2012. The day began with the traditional performance of the puja followed by a devotional cultural programme presented by both the schools. The Junior School students portrayed Goddess Saraswati as described in the Vedas and Upanishads and gracefully depicted her divine influence on the lives of some great men through song and dance. They also enacted an extract from Tagore’s Balmiki Pratibha. The High School students performed colourful dances to Tagore’s songs, befitting the occasion. Members of staff as well as students offered ‘pushpanjali’ to the Goddess while the Pandit chanted the sacred mantras. This was followed by the distribution of ‘prasadam’ to everyone present on this auspicious occasion.

Farwell Pointers

The farewell programme for the outgoing Class X and XII students at the Mahanayak Uttam Mancha on December 10, 2011 was both poignant and heart-warming. After the opening speech by Smt R. Sanyal Bhattacharjee, Principal, South Point High School, a minute’s silence was observed in honour of all those who lost their lives at the AMRI Hospital fire the day before.

Ex-Pointers Dipayan Banerjee, Deepabali Dutta and Titus Bhattacharyya led by Krishna Dasipayan Mukherjee, rocked the event with their masterful renditions of Hindi and Bengali songs. All four are well on their way to becoming professional singers and had the audience mesmerized by their performances. Particularly moving was their request to the children to hold aloft their cell phones while they sang “Hum rahi yea na rahi yaad aayenge ye pal”. Naturally, the pupils were allowed to let their hair down, and sing and dance along with the performers.
A workshop on ‘Effective Communication and Effective Classroom Management’ was organised by Oxford University Press. The Resource Person was Smt. Soma Raha. All members of the teaching staff of South Point School attended it.

A workshop on ‘Epilepsy’ was held on March 30, 2012 conducted by an interactive session for selected pupils who have opted to study Science in Class XI (CBSE & WBCSE).

An interactive session on ‘Epilepsy’ was held on March 13th by a team of doctors comprising Dr. Amit Holkar, Dr. Debashish Chakraborty and Dr. Sujata Das from Fortis Hospitals Ltd., for the teachers and staff members of SPS.

A Social Science Workshop was held on April 5, 2012. Smt. Maya Choudhury, Academic Director, Maria”s Public School, Guwahati was the resource person. Social Science teachers of the CBSE wing of South Point High School and Heads of Departments/Teacher Consultants of Social Sciences attended the workshop.

A workshop on ‘Effective Science Teaching and Evaluation’ was held on April 7, 2012. The Resource Person was Dr. RP Sharma, Academic Consultant of CBSE. The Science teachers of the CBSE wing and Teacher Consultants attended it.

Workshops on Methodologies of Teaching English were held for teachers teaching English in Classes II – V. These were conducted by Smt. Anupama Roy Choudhury, Smt. Anjana Sen and Smt. Kupula Mitra along with the Superintending Teachers of Classes II-V.

A “Refresher Training Session” conducted by Educamp was held over 3 days, from April 2-4, 2012. All teachers of South Point who have already been using the Smart Class attended this course. Simultaneously, a workshop on using ‘Smart Class’ as an aid to teaching was held on April 3 & 4, 2012 for all new teachers.

Celebrating Every Occasion

Children’s Day 2011

It was the turn of teachers of SPS to entertain the children! Shedding all inhibitions, the teachers spectacularly sang, danced and enacted various roles, including comic ones, which had the children in splits! The kids were also told stories about Chacha Nehru and his love for children.

Republic Day 2012

The Special Assemblies at SPS put up by all classes displayed an extraordinary spirit of patriotism. Patriotic songs and dances, thunderous speeches delivered by children dressed as Netaji or Nehru and plays enacted with patriotic fervour spoke volumes about the awareness the teachers have instilled in the children regarding India’s glorious past and her great freedom fighters.

Rabindra Jayanti 2012

Children from all the classes of SPS put up colourful performances — there were songs, dances and recitations from the treasure house of Tagore’s works. The children paid homage to their Kavi Guru through enjoyable performances.
November 2011

11 students received certificates in Asset for outstanding performances in Arithmetic. Anirudh Bose (IVB), Prithwish S Chashi (IVA), Arushi Mandal (IVA), Ankush Singh (IVB), Sayak Biswas (IVB), Rishabh Dey (IVB), Sudeeshan Mallik (IVB), Arun Soumya Basu (IVC), Samridhi Mukhopadhyay (IVC), Farhan A Shaik (IVC) and Rishav Mandal (IVG).

On the 23rd, Mr. Ken Spillman, an Australian writer of books for junior readers addressed the children of Class IV in order to incubate the reading habit in them.

On the 22nd, pupils of Class XI participated in an Inter School debate at Ballygunge Shiksha Sadan organised by the Forest Department on ‘Wildlife and its Importance’.

On the 29th, Schoolastic India Pvt. Ltd. organised a ‘One Nation Reading Programme’ for the students of Transition to Class V. The children took a reading pledge and spent time enjoying the pleasures of reading.

SPS and SPHS were declared the winners for donating the largest number of books to the AVIVA Great Wall of Education.

December 2011

South Point High School participated in the 3rd Inter School Women’s Football Tournament organised by Bengal Women’s Football Association on the 3rd.

Pupils of Class XI & XII participated in “Amara Shabai” Inter School Meet organised by CONNECT, the Community Service Club of Modern High School on the 10th.

On the 10th, 2 students of Class XI took part in the Inter School Speech Contest on “Corruption, India’s enemy within, challenges and the way forward” at St Xavier’s College.

105 pupils of Class IX escorted by Smt Romi Dasgupta and Smt Sarmistha visited the Art Mela the Diamond Jubilee Exhibition of Modern High School on the 12th.

January 2012

Between the 2nd & 3rd, students from Classes II-V went for a picnic to Ibiza, accompanied by teachers and support staff.

The Staff Picnic was held on the 7th at Bellis Park in Howrah for around 150 teaching and non-teaching staff members.

Over the 7th and 14th, 507 pupils of Class XI visited the Agri-Horticultural Society of India, Alipore on an educational trip.

The Death Anniversary of our founder, Late Srikanta Guha, was observed on the 8th. His photograph was placed at the School Reception with befitting decorations. As the day was a Sunday, students and Staff paid floral tributes the following day.

On the 12th, seven cubs participated in a ‘Prabhat Pheri’ from College Square to Shimla Street, on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda’s 150th Birthday, accompanied by Smt Sreema Mukherjee, and parents.

On the 13th, four members of the Teaching Staff of SPS, Smt Bhashwati Dey, Smt Alka Das, Smt Paramita Bose and Smt Sujata Khaestigar visited the KMCP School at Hazra Road, adopted by South Point. The student - teacher interaction was a success, and will be repeated weekly by the teachers, who will take turns to visit the school.

On the 14th, a Bird Watching excursion to the Santacruz Jheel was organised for the members of the Interact and Nature Clubs.

Debadrita Bhattacharya (IXA) (Creative Art) and Swarupjyoti Bhattacharjee (IXM) (Creative Writing) represented Jyothi Sinha Bhawan, Kolkata in the Zonal Level Balshree Selection Camp in Patna between the 15th-18th.

Six children of the South Point School Choir, accompanied by their Music Teacher, Smt Sanjukta Chatterjee, were taken to the KMCP School on the 18th.

On the 20th, pupils of Classes VIII-XII took part in the Inter School Quiz Competition organized by Star Mark at Gyan Manch.

On the 21st, 50 Bulbul and Cubs were taken to the Zoological Gardens accompanied by 5 teachers and a member of the service staff.

On the 30th, pupils of SPHS participated in CONFERO 2012, the Inter School Debate Competition at Heritage School Kolkata.

On the 31st, an Evacuation Drill was practiced in SPS, led by the Principal.

February 2012

A lecture on astrophysics on the topic ‘Birth and Death of Massive Stars’ given by Sri Sohan Chakraborty, an ex-student of South Point High School who is currently pursuing his PhD from the Tata Institute of Fundamental research, Mumbai was attended by 85 selected pupils from Classes IX and XI.

Mock Evacuation Drills were held at SPHS on the 10th to create an awareness amongst the pupils and staff members on handling emergencies.

Pupils of SPHS participated in the Elcution Contest organised by Advaita Ashrama to mark Youth Day on the 12th.

A Safety Audit was conducted on the 17th & 18th, in SPHS, and 23rd & 24th at SPS, by M/s SGS India Ltd. towards implementation of Occupational Health and Safety Management.

On the 19th, 27 children participated in the Sit and Draw Competition for the age group 5-12, at the Birla Academy of Art & Culture.

The Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre and the Children’s Film Society of India, organised a film festival of Tagore’s Films on the 27th. Ten pupils of SPHS attended the programme.

March 2012

South Point played an Invitation Cricket Match with Gems Academy International School in their grounds on the 19th and won by 26 runs. Debabrata Das (VI B) was declared the Man of the Match.

April 2012

To celebrate ‘Poiita Baisakh’ on the 15th, 50 SPHS pupils participated in a Torch rally and 10 girls took part in a Folk Dance at Joro Shankh Thakur Bari.

Pupils of Class XI put up a Food Counter on the 23rd to collect money in support of charities. It was a resounding success!
INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

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HELPING HANDS

To commemorate the death anniversary of the Founder Rector, Late Satkanta Guha, two social service projects were undertaken by two groups of children accompanied by teachers, from South Point High School. One group handed over medicines, drawing books, crayons, pencils and other writing equipment, as well as biscuits, cakes and soft drinks to inmates of Anandghar, a home for HIV positive orphans in Sonarpur. The other children visited Navanir, a home for the aged where after serving lunch to around a hundred inmates, they spent an enjoyable afternoon interacting with them, giving these elderly, often lonely people an opportunity to come out of their shells.

DRAWING PROWESS

Neha Ray, a diminutive 13 year old from South Point High School, took on 18,738 contestants from 74 countries, at the International Environmental Children's Contest and emerged the winner of the first prize! To add to her accolades, one of her pictures was included among the best from more than 4000 entries in Czech Radio International Children's Art Contest 2010, and her drawing was on display at an exhibition at the national museum in Prague from June to September 2010.

Additionally, the organisers of the 17th International Contest of Children's Artwork conducted by the Gallery of Young People's Artworks, Slovenia, invited Neha Ray to collect her award in person, in Hong Kong on April 22, 2012. Her drawing prowess has won her several awards both locally and at zonal contests and she has featured in articles in almost all national newspapers.

KARATE KID

"Despite being nervous before my performance, I was able to give my best. I was proud of my country when my name was declared as having stood first," says Anubhav Bhadoria VI CC (M) after winning a Gold Medal at the World Cup of Martial Arts, held at Whiteman Leisure Centre, in Sydney in Oct 2011.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

In keeping with the school's desire to help those in need, over January 17-18, 2012, 25 bags of cereals and old clothes, and 6 bags of personal care items were handed over by the school to the Missionaries of Charity and Little Sisters of the Poor respectively.

The Cub Investiture Ceremony
Fire Safety: Taking No Chances

A demonstration on handling the new models of fire extinguishers took place on December 13, 2011 in the school backyard. Leaving nothing to chance, a mock evacuation drill was practised in school on January 31, 2012 in both sessions. The Principal addressed the students, explaining why this was necessary. (This was done in both SPS & SPHS)

An awareness programme on Fire Prevention and Protection conducted by officials of the Fire Department who are experts on the subject, was held on April 16, 2012 in the school auditorium. Teachers and others attended the programme. It was informative and useful.

The two Schools have also got a Fire & Safety Audit conducted by M/s SGS India and necessary rectification and modification work is under way at both Schools to ensure a safe environment.

NETIZENS INTERCHANGE

Taking advantage of the ease of communication through the Internet, South Point School took part in a unique cultural exchange programme in early 2012.

Set up by ALA (Association for Language Awareness), UK, headed by Prof Dr. Claudia Finkbeiner an ABC (Autobiography, Biography, Culture) Project took place between South Point School representing India and the Konningen Emma School representing the Netherlands. It was the first exchange of its kind between Asia and Europe.

Forty students, twenty from each country, participated in this programme. First the Project Coordinators Smt Sulagna Mukhopadhyay (India) and Ms Ann-Kristin Goebel (Netherlands), helped the children write autobiographies. Then, the children of both countries were divided into five groups, and each group prepared a power point presentation. Finally on February 21, 2012 these presentations were shared between the groups, through video-conferences on Skype. The children of South Point School and The Konningen Emma School delighted in this spirited interaction, sharing thoughts on the similarities and differences in their respective culture and heritage.