

ISA PROGRESS DURING 2006 – 2007

In February 2006 Mrs. Amy Cavilla, Assistant Head Teacher and Mrs. Kathy Kilpatrick, Art Teacher of The Tiffin Girls' School visited our school. Together, we prepared a joint action plan for the year 2006 – 2007.

The Year 7 girls of TGS sent a number of pen pal letters to our Class VII girls, to which they eagerly responded. Some of our students are in regular contact with their newfound friends.

Our Class VIII students took up two projects most enthusiastically. They undertook a comparative study of the development of London and Kolkata in the last 50 years. The schools selected a busy street each - Park Street in Kolkata and Oxford Street in London. Our students went down Park Street clicking photographs of shops and restaurants and also managed to collect some very good pictures of old Park Street. They interviewed proprietors, shop owners and restaurant managers to find out the changes that had taken place down the years. They even interviewed their grand parents and came up with some very interesting information. All photographic and written evidence was compiled neatly and sent to our partner school.

The second one was a Statistics project. The students showed how they spent the 24 hours of each day through colourful bar graphs.

Class IXs are working on Medicinal Plants and their uses. The TGS Year 9 girls visited the Kew Gardens to gather information while our girls visited the Agri-Horticultural Society of India to gain first hand information. Incidentally, the Agri-Horticultural Society has a large variety of species of herbs and shrubs – second only to the Kew Gardens, which has the highest number in the world. The students will be exchanging information on the common daily usage of various herbs – what is informally referred to as 'Grandmother's Recipes'.

The senior Nature Club members undertook an Environment and Conservation Project on the Sunderban Tigers. Some of them had visited the Sunderbans on an excursion. They had seen the typical mangrove trees and learnt a lot about the flora and fauna of Sunderbans. They saw for themselves that the ecological balance had to be maintained in order to conserve the tiger.

Both schools have been working on 'Wetlands'. The Nature Club members – ranging from Classes IX – XII visited a local wetland area along the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass. They saw the effect of urbanization on dwindling wetlands. They also carried out surveys on the pH of the soil and water.

In October 2006, our Principal Mrs. D. Kar visited The Tiffin Girls' School. She carried with her the Geography, Statistics and Environment projects and returned with many ideas for new projects.

In February 2007, two teachers from TGS will be visiting MHS.

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