

NEWSLETTER

MEGHALAYA POLICE PUBLIC SCHOOL

'A journey of a thousand miles always begin with a single small step' says an ancient Chinese proverb and so it is with our journey in the school. Once again, we have completed a very successful year at Meghalaya Police Public School, with several highlights over the year and some significant new developments. It pays to remind ourselves that amidst the joys and sorrows of our everyday lives, amidst the busyness and activity of school life here at St MPPS, God sits at the very centre of it all and if we can individually and collectively continue to learn to trust in Him, then everything else has a way of falling into place and our path ahead becomes clear... As a school, we are called to be a community that serves one another both within our school and without. This idea of sitting at the feet of another and serving, is a powerful challenge to us all but one nonetheless that lies at the heart of what it means to be a real person and an authentic school. It has been such a privilege to work alongside so many people, children, staff and families who have embraced this idea of service in our school ... with little fuss and fanfare but with genuine compassion, care and generosity. At this end of the year it is good to take a moment to look back and to celebrate it all... the successes, the challenges, the learning, the relationships, the questions, the quality conversations, the robust discussions, the decisions, the opportunities for growth and so much more. Teaching and parenting is of course, a privileged, sacred trust and it is very clear that the closer we can work together, the more fruitful the opportunities for each child continue to be in our school. A sincere thank you to all MPPS families for your ongoing support of children, staff and the Leadership team throughout the year. Family life, as we all know, is busy and at times very demanding, however we hope our school will continue to be a place where you can enjoy good support, quality relationships, and multiple opportunities that support your children to thrive and flourish. As a new Principal to MPPS in 2015 the year was spent primarily getting to know all staff, interacting with students and families, and really finding out what makes MPPS school tick! I spent a good part of the year watching how the school was being lived out in classrooms, in the playground, staffroom, carpark, and meetings. Much time was spent listening to what had worked in the past, to what areas needed revisiting and what policies need re-writing. We reflected on what parents were saying about their children's needs and what staff and students were saying about theirs. We listened to various stakeholders and what each thought we as a school were doing well and where the gaps were. I observed the expertise that existed within our community and together with the staff, children, and management members, ventured upon where we might need to head into the future. The curriculum prepared thus aims to nurture each child to his full potential, to discover his talents and to develop in him a passion for life-long learning. Students go through a broad range of experiences to develop the skills and values that they will need for life. A diverse range of pedagogies will continue to be promoted to meet diverse student needs, enhance their learning experiences and engage them in learning. There are certain pedagogies such as inquiry-based and experiential learning that will be more actively promoted to enable students to find deeper meaning in their learning.

Change is an inevitable reality in life and schools are certainly not immune to the change process. By the end of 2016 there were several changes taking place. From change, however, comes opportunity, and each one of the newly recruited staff members quickly settled in and have already made their special mark at MPPS. As a Principal, the quality of my staff and the potential we have for making a profound difference in the lives and the learning of the children in our care, has always been and continues to be of paramount importance to me. A key part of my role as Principal and as a member of our leadership team, is to continue to walk alongside, to lead, to model, to support and challenge each staff member to grow, both as people and as professionals. Our school relies on staff who are not only very good at what they do, but understand that students learn best, when they are working in a safe, respectful, supportive and creative learning environment. I feel very blessed indeed to work with the calibre of staff I do and as each term goes by, we are seeing the incredible fruits of all our planning, hard work and collaboration.

Below are some of the key achievements of this year highlighted, however there are many more!

- Workshops – 'Preparing your classroom for optimal language development' – Dr T.K Bamon, Professor EFL University & 'Active Learning- Methodologies to make teaching more interactive, involving and more meaningful' – Dr B. Buam, Professor CTE (PGT), Shillong

- Orientation – Classroom Management with special emphasis on 'Positive Discipline' – Mrs I. Warjri, Principal
- Inclusion of educational toys and games for kindergarten and junior school for deeper, meaningful learning.
- Book Fair & Book Clubs – Scholastic India.
- ICSE Results – 100 % - School topper - Oracle Shylla – 91%, Passing out ceremony for ICSE graduates – Chief Guest – Shri H. Nongpluh, IPS, Member, Board of Directors. Oracle Shylla is also the recipient of the H.Elias Award for ICSE category and Highest Marks in Khasi in the ICSE category awarded by the Khasi Authors Society.
- Club Activities – One Hourly every Friday for all students, junior, middle & senior school. Clubs consist of the debate, quiz, science, maths, writer's, music, environment, art, role play clubs etc.
- School sports cum Investiture ceremony – Chief Guest - Shri L. Syiem, MPS, Principal PTS
- Farewell for outgoing President - POWAC, Mrs Mehta & Handing over of gifts from POWAC – Wooden chairs – 300; wooden tables – 60; laboratory items for science lab; HP Laptop for school use etc. Our sincere gratitude to POWAC! We are humbled!
- Observation of World Environment Day, Observation of Hindi Day, Observation of Independence Day,
- Parent Teacher Meetings & Potluck for Kindergarten
- Creative Expression Week – Inter-house competitions, Inter-house marching competition, painting/poster competitions and so on.
- Exhibition 2016 – Junior and Senior section separately. Chief Guest – Shri F.D Marak, IPS. Judges – Mrs Rana, POWAC & member MC; Dr B. Shanpru, Parent Representative MC; Dr D. Shullai, Principal Shullai Progressive School.
- Teachers Day and Children's Day was elaborately celebrated by both students and teachers.
- Farewell - Class X
- Field Trips – Lady Hydari Park, Sacred Grove- Mawphlang, New Power Station – Byrnihat, Centre for Space and Application Center – Umiam, Don Bosco museum – Mawlai.
- Achievements – Best School Award, Critics Choice – Mettalica Sargam art competition; Independence day Inter-school Marching competition, Govt of Meghalaya – 2nd place both boys and girls team; Highest Marks in Khasi (ICSE), Khasi Authors Society - Oracle Shylla, Academic Excellence - H.Elias Award – Oracle Shylla (ICSE)
- Teaching-learning & Assessment - Appropriate teaching strategies are designed for successful classroom delivery of the syllabi, using effective teaching and learning materials. To evaluate if students have learned what has been taught, students are tested through formative and summative assessments. Teachers focus on teaching for enduring understanding and skills. Assessment must be contextualized and made more authentic to equip students with skills and attitudes to face new problems and issues that will come their way.
- Newsletter – The first newsletter takes us on our journey through 2016. Humble beginnings, I believe are stepping stones to bigger and greater things that we shall strive and look forward to.

I would like to thank God, for his constant guidance, grace and wisdom; the Board of Directors and the Managing Committee members for all their hard work and tireless championing of our school. To the school leadership team – Vice Principal Mrs M.Wahlang, Co-ordinators - Ms M.Lanong, Junior School; & Mrs J. Syiemlieh – Middle School; and all their team efforts to ensure pupils have an outstanding school environment. I would also like to thank all the staff – both teaching and non-teaching for your willingness to go along with the vision and be an agent of service and commitment in striving for 'truth' and 'excellence'.

Happy holidays students, teachers and parents. A joyous Christmas to all and a blessed new year too.

God bless MPPS!

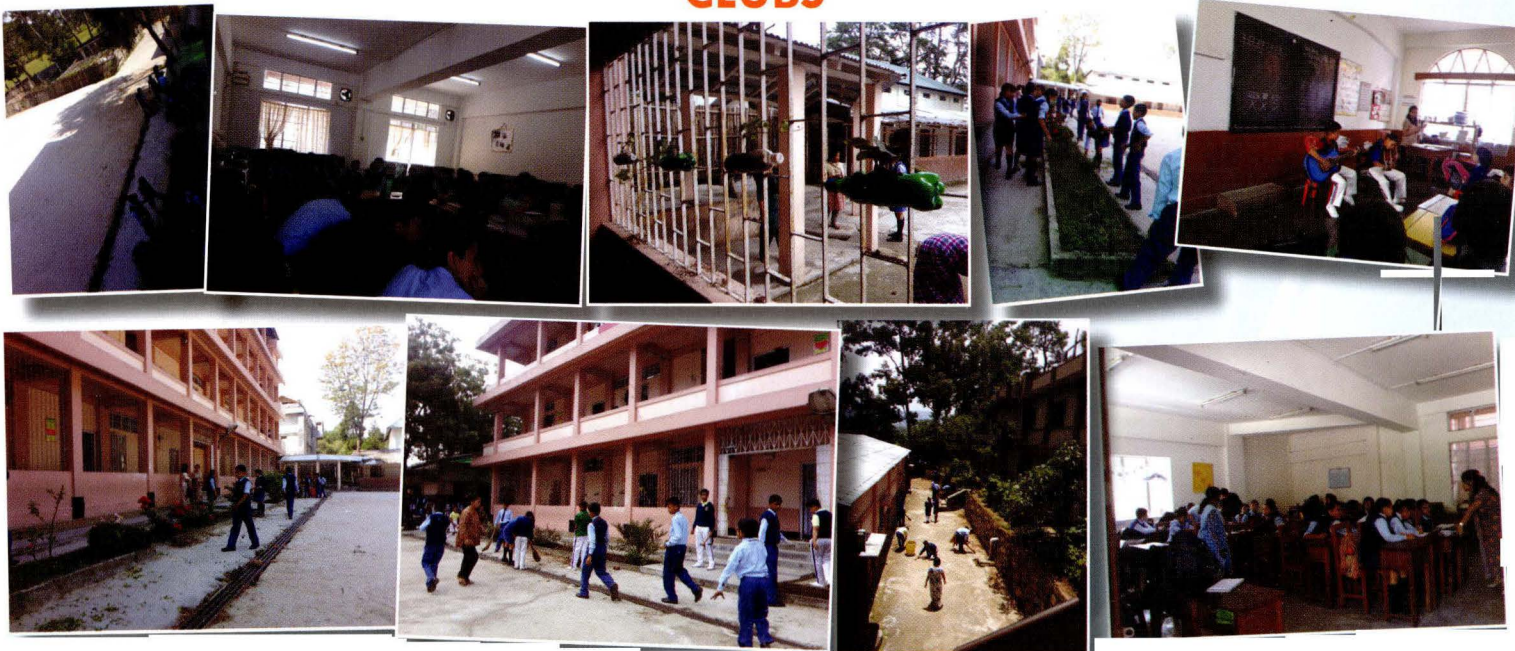
In His Service,

Mrs I.Warjri
Principal

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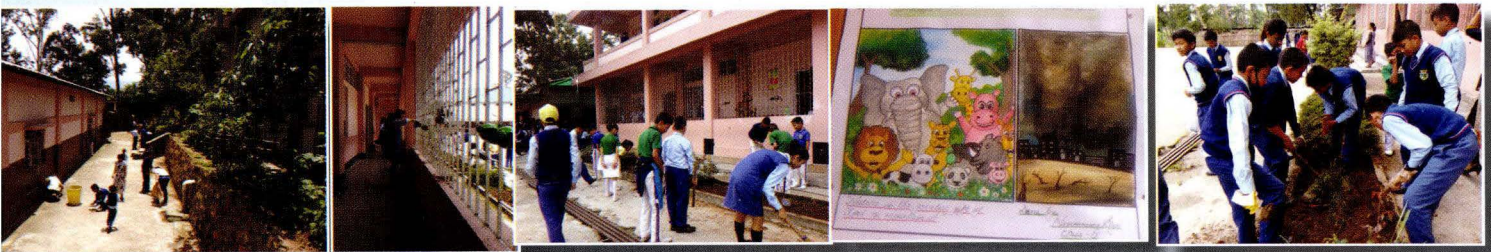
CHILDRENS DAY



CREATIVE EXPRESSION WEEK



ENVIRONMENT DAY



EXHIBITION



FIELD TRIPS



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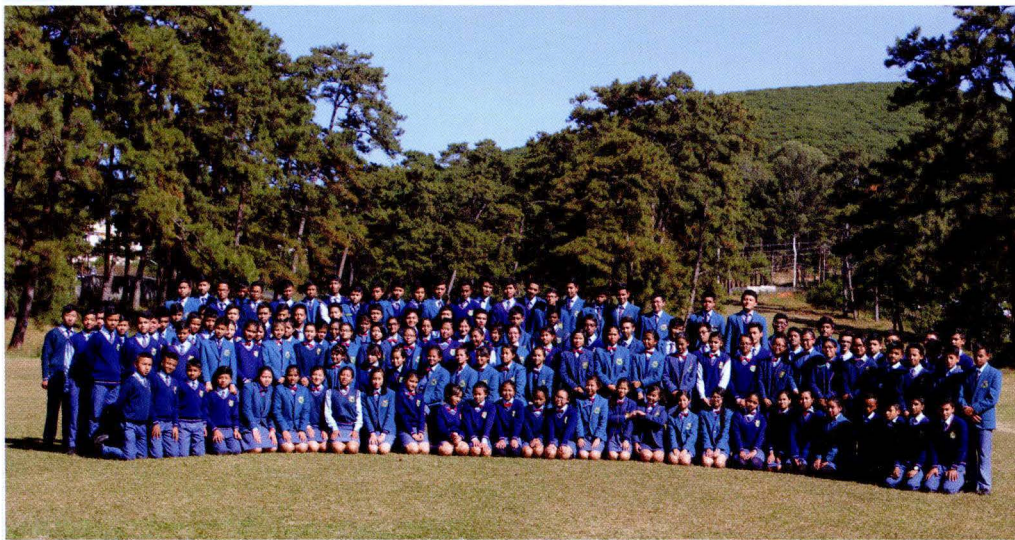
INDEPENDENCE DAY



PASSING OUT CEREMONY



SNAPSHOT



PRIZES



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



TEACHERS DAY



It has been a pleasure and privilege to be the captain of Helen Keller for the year 2016. I had the amazing opportunity to explore the world from a completely different angle that is, as a 'Leader'. Being a leader is being able to lead by example and being able to interpret every thought into action and change something worse into something good. How I wish I could continue this incredible journey as a "Captain of the Blues", but my time is up and I can only cherish the wonderful memories in my mind and heart always. And as for you my dear teammates, enjoy the time that you have left and make full use of it and always try to succeed in whatever you do and most importantly", Always feel proud that you belong to the Helen Keller Team. - **Daphi, Captain Helen Keller**



Being made a captain is an honour. It is a big responsibility handed over me to be a leader and a representative of the Mother Teresa team. Firstly I want to thank the Principal and the teachers for choosing me and having faith in me to lead the Mother Teresa team. During these past few months. I really enjoyed being a captain although it was a heavy load on me; I was ready to carry it. I really had fun with my team mates they cooperated beautifully with me and i would not ask for any better team mates. I would also like to thank my Vice-Captain, Gabriella who without her i would not able to fulfil the duties and responsibilities she was ready for any task given to her and she was always there to help me. So Gabriella, thank you for being there for me I feel proud and happy to be a Captain of such a great team. - **Eureka Captain Mother Teresa**



When I first knew that I was going to be made head boy, a leader of the school I was scared and thought I would not be able to lead the school but as days passed and by the grace of God. I was able to overcome my fear and lead the school with confidence. It has been a challenging experience, especially during March Pass practice which at first was going fine but as it moved towards the marching day I felt the pressure. It was worth it since we secured second place. I thank the teachers and the Principal especially for giving me unconditional support and guidance. I have done my best to set up a good example and I hope that my juniors will look up to the example I have set. Thank you school mates for cooperating with me the head girl and the captains. Keep moving forward and make the school proud!.

- **Kenny, Head Boy**



My year as a Captain was amazing. My team mates were quite co-operative. There were a lot of ups and downs in our team and some of the students were not quite involved in our decisions of the team but, we came up through those problems, we solved all our misunderstandings and our team went smooth in all our activities.

I always gave my hard work and anticipation to my team. I always talked to them, we always tried to give our best whether we lose or win, we never gave away our team spirit. Of course, during the mid-years we were frustrated at our lose and we were so out of our mind we all lost our team spirit and that's why in few activities we lost.

But that's when my dad and teachers motivated me and then we talked to each other in the team and after this we kept winning on each activities and I felt very proud of my team. Each and every member of the team were very dominating. Our team had members who were equally divided in every aspects whether it may be knowledge, singing and many activities. It was very nice because whether it maybe my team members or other students from the juniors to the senior classes respected me and that made me feel proud of myself and my school. I had given all my heart and soul for betterment of my school and i hope our school will always succeed in every aspects of activities in comparison with other schools. And I'm quite thankful to my vice-captain too and teachers who supported me very well.

- **Sahil Bhattacharya, Captain Henry Dunant**



My experiences as the captain of Rabindranath Tagore team was full of challenges since the very beginning. Many think that the position of a captain is very hectic, I do not completely disagree with it but I could not hide the fact that it helps us to know ourselves better and unveil our potential. Our motto of life is not simply passing examinations and getting a good job to unveil our potential and keep on acting so that tomorrow will be better than each today. Such an achievement can only be achieved through life's experiences.

In today's world, many desire to be a leader but not a follower. To them I would like to inform that leadership does not revolve around themes such as "respect", "fame", "social status" etc but seeks "sacrifice", "dedication" and "service" from a leader. Let us forget that only a person who knows how to obey knows how to command. So let us learn obedience first. All the best Rabindranath Tagore team. You have the potential. Never let down your spirits. You can fight till the end.

Divyasree Captain, Rabindranath Tagore