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"A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read."- Mark Twain

# From the Principal's Desk

# <u>Welcome Note</u>

Namaskar!

Dear Parents, Students, Teachers and Staff,

Welcome to the dawn of a new academic session in Pathshala! As we embark on this journey together, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the incredible opportunities and growth that lie ahead for each and every one of us.

To our esteemed parents, thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Your support and partnership are invaluable as we work together to nurture and inspire the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and innovators.

To our bright and eager students, welcome back or welcome for the first time! This is your time to shine, to explore, and to discover the boundless possibilities that await you. Remember, each day is a new chapter in your educational journey, and we are here to guide and support you every step of the way.

And to our dedicated teachers and staff, you are the heart and soul of our educational community. Your passion, expertise, and unwavering commitment to excellence are the driving forces behind our collective success. Thank you for your tireless efforts in shaping the minds and hearts of our students.

Together, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities that the new academic session brings. Let us foster a culture of curiosity, collaboration, and kindness, where every individual feels valued, empowered, and inspired to reach their fullest potential.

Here's to a year filled with learning, laughter, and limitless possibilities. Welcome to the adventure ahead!

# Annual Human Resource Development Programme (AHRDP) 2081:

Pathshala hosts intensive AHRDP for teaching and non-teaching staff based on feedback collected from all the stakeholders, and the need analysis. Annual feedback form Action Team Partnership (ATP), parents, coordinators and every member of academic department, students, non-teaching department and well-wishers are crucial to shape this programme in order to prioritize the need of knowledge and skill development.

This year, AHRDP was conducted from the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> of Baishakh. I would like to thank all the resource persons for sharing their expertise with us.

# <u>Fírst Week Activities</u>

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents for ensuring that their children were present on the very first day of the new session. Your support means a great deal to us, as the presence of students on the opening day sets a positive tone for the entire session. Throughout this week, our teachers will be engaged in various activities aimed at laying a strong foundation for the year ahead. These activities include:

- 1. Establishing classroom structure, class and school agreements, and dividing responsibilities
- 2. Fostering better understanding among students about each other and their teachers
- 3. Setting skill-based goals for each subject and socio-emotional goals
- 4. Explaining the long-term learning goals for different subjects
- 5. Introducing students to the reward and consequence system
- 6. Reviewing the ongoing assessment system
- 7. Reflecting on a day at Pathshala and understanding daily responsibilities
- 8. Providing clarity on the school's vision, mission, and motto
- 9. Promoting respect among classmates, juniors, seniors, teachers, and staff by embracing diversity and cultivating mutual respect
- 10. Conducting motivational sessions to inspire students to lead a meaningful student life and strive for higher achievements

I urge parents to encourage their children at home to make the most of these initial learning opportunities. Together, let's empower our students to internalize these experiences and pave the way for a successful academic year ahead.

# <u>Key-points to Remember</u>

Here are some important points to keep in mind as we kickstart this academic year:

**Contact Information:** Please ensure that you have the contact numbers of the concerned individuals. Should there be any changes to your contact details, kindly inform the school at your earliest convenience.

**Curriculum Sharing**: Thank you to all who attended the Curriculum Sharing event and provided valuable feedback. Your input is invaluable in shaping the academic journey of our students.

**Hydration and Weather Preparedness**: I encourage all students to carry a water bottle with them every day to stay hydrated. Additionally, considering the unpredictable weather, it's advisable for students to carry an umbrella or raincoat to school.

**Academic Calendar:** The academic calendar of the first term 2081 has been uploaded to our school website for your reference. This has also been emailed to you. Please stay updated with the schedule of events and important dates.

**Parent Handbook:** Our comprehensive Parent Handbook has been emailed to you. It can also be obtained from the 'Download' section of the school's website. I urge you to study it thoroughly to gain insights into our school system and extend your support accordingly.

**School App:** We are glad to announce the use of our school's mobile application. This app serves as a convenient platform for communication, access to important announcements, academic resources, and updates on your child's progress. Please download the app and stay connected to stay updated on all school-related matters. As the app itself is in its progressive stage, feedback from you remains crucial to update it further. We will be sending Smart Pathshala mobile/web app login credentials with the procedure to login next week in the school's official email.

**Official Email:** You are kindly requested to check the official email of your child by browsing autlook.office.com. The same email will also be used to run the virtual class in MS Teams when needed. Official documents will be sent through this email to parents, and a notification of this is provided in Viber. Hence, once you receive the email, please confirm in the Viber message that you have received email by reacting  $\heartsuit$  in the text. If you have any problems with the official email login, you may contact GT who will be working with IT department to fix the issue.

**Parental Presence:** I kindly request your active participation in all school events and activities. Your presence not only enriches the experience for our students but also strengthens the bond between home and school, which is crucial for their overall development.

Let us remember that together, we can create an environment that fosters the growth and development of our students. Your continued support and involvement are vital in shaping the future generation.

## <u>Account</u>

I sincerely thank parents and guardians for your timely support regarding account matters throughout the session-2080. We also expect the full cooperation in this academic session, too. Timely information to the accountant is highly expected if any confusion or delays or further queries. Please go through the Parents Hand Book for the details under this topic.

## Communication System in Pathshala

The purpose of communication channels is to foster a sense of belonging within our school community by keeping everyone informed about the learning processes and gathering necessary feedback in real-time. Therefore, we kindly ask you to stay connected and informed through various communication channels provided by our school, including newsletters, Viber messages, emails, our Facebook page, website updates, notices, parent-teacher conferences, Monthly Phone Calls of GTs, the parent handbook, calendar, and diaries. Effective teamwork and mutual respect thrive when individuals are well-informed and prepared for their respective roles.

## Contact people for effective communication system:

- 1. Ms. Maya Gyawali (Front Desk Officer): for appointments and information / message to drop or ask) (5191044 / 5190010)
- 2. Mr. Kalyan Kumar Karki (Transportation In-charge): for transport related matter 9851282909
- 3. Ms. Kamala Bhandari (Account Officer): (via front desk officer) for account related queries
- 4. Ms. Shubhrata Rana (Admission and Admin Officer): (via front desk officer) for new admission related queries
- 5. Respective Grade teachers: for any kind of information /suggestions/ queries sharing about a particular child and class activities. It is our humble request to all parents and guardians to cooperate by calling the teachers only during 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM (grade 1-8) and 1:45-2:30 PM (grade 9-10). You may also meet the teachers in person between 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM (grade 1-8), and between 1:45-2:30 PM (grade 9-10). Please drop a message if our teachers could not receive your calls.
  - i. We have grade wise **Viber groups** created for group sharing of information, queries, notices, etc. I humbly request everyone to take it as very essential requirement of Pathshala communication system and check Viber everyday to remain updated.
  - ii. If it is urgent during the school hour, you are expected to drop a message at the front office for further procedure. Teachers do not entertain phone calls or messages during the school hour.
- 6. Mr. Bishnu Lamsal (ECA Coordinator: Grade 1-10): for ECA related matters that includes cocurricular and extra-curricular supports - 9851279394 / bishnu@pathshala.edu.np

- 7. Mr. Roshan Acharya (Academic Coordinator: Pre-Uni Grade 9-10): for academic areas like curriculum, teaching departments, teaching learning process along with relevant assessment system of grade 9-10 9851055164/ roshan@pathshala.edu.np
- 8. Ms. Nitasha Giri (Level Coordinator: Grade 1-3): for academic support in grade 1-3 in coordination with Academic Coordinator of grade 1-8 9862687925 / nitasha@pathshala.edu.np
- 9. Ms. Vibha Thapa (Academic Coordinator: Grade 1-8): for academic areas like curriculum, teaching departments, teaching learning process along with relevant assessment system of grade 1-8 9851130653 / vibha@pathshala.edu.np
- 10. Contact **respective subject teachers** for subject related queries or information (contact numbers have been provided via student's diary).
- 11. We have parents-representatives (Action Team for Partnership ATP) from each section. Contact details of representatives will be sent to everyone after a couple of weeks.
- Pathshala Pre-Uni Programme Head (Grade 9-12 at Baneshwor): Mr. Dipendra Dhakal: 9813801774 / dipendra@pathshala.edu.np Mr. Pundary Phuyal: 9841257793 / pundary@pathshala.edu.np
- 13. You may also communicate with School Child Counselor every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday within school hour (via front desk officer).

# Important Days to Remember in Jestha

#### Jestha (May-June):

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> : Club formation (grade 9-10)
- 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> : International Days of Family (grade 1)
- 3. 6<sup>th</sup> : First Sunday (school off for grade 1-8; MDW)
- 4. 8<sup>th</sup>: World Day of Cultural Diversity (grade 5)
- 5. 9<sup>th</sup>: Buddha Jayanti celebration (grade 2)
- 6. 10<sup>th</sup>: Buddha Jayanti (school off for all)
- 7. 15<sup>th</sup> : Republic Day (school off for all)
- 8. 17<sup>th</sup>: Handwriting Competition (grade 1-8)
- 9. 21<sup>st</sup> : Third Sunday (school off for grade 1-10; MDW)
- 10. 23<sup>rd</sup>: World Environment Day (STEAM Club, grade 1-10)
- 11. 29<sup>th</sup>-32<sup>nd</sup> : Mid Term Test (grade 1-8)

(Some events might be held on different dates than originally scheduled, depending on the circumstances.)

#### Notes:

- It is highly essential for parents and guardians to remain updated strictly through Newsletters, School Calendar and Parents Hand Book (in your inbox or school's website) for the further details.
- School has a system of 1st and 3rd Sundays off for Teachers' Department Workshop for grade I-VIII, and 3rd Sundays for grade 9-10.
- 5th Sundays are school off days for teachers' personal affairs.
- Students are expected to come to school in proper uniform and hygiene with strict observation and guidance of parents, too.

Thank you very much for reading the newsletter and being mentally prepared accordingly!

Best regards, Mr. Bishwonath Kandel bishwo@pathshala.edu.np 9851140907

# From the Desk of Academic Coordinators

Warm Greeting Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great honor we extend a warm welcome to you to the first newsletter of the academic session 2081. As we walk through the current academic session of 2081, we take a moment to reflect on the journey thus far and extend our gratitude to you for entrusting us with your children's education.

Since the beginning of the school year, your untiring support and commitment have been instrumental in nurturing an encouraging learning environment for our students. Your promptness in sending your children to school from the very first day speaks volumes about your dedication towards their education, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

The induction session, conducted during the initial week of the session, concluded on the 25th of Baishakh with the **first week activities** exhibition. This event not only showcased the creativity and talent of our students but also emphasized the importance of sharing and learning from each other as a supportive mechanism within our school community.

Furthermore, we were delighted to have many of you join us for the **curriculum sharing** event held on the 22nd of Baishakh. Curriculum sharing serves as a crucial platform for parents to gain insights into the educational journey of your children, understand the learning objectives, and actively participate in their academic progress. Your presence and engagement in such events greatly contribute to the holistic development of our students.

In accordance with School Made Curriculum our steadfast dedication to honoring the matrimonial bonds and recognizing the irreplaceable contributions of mothers, the Grade 8 students arranged a profoundly touching **Mother's Day celebration**. This meticulously planned event served as an emotional tribute to the boundless love and selfless sacrifices given by mothers each passing day. It provided an invaluable platform for our students to convey their heartfelt gratitude, expressing profound appreciation for the unwavering support and nurturing care bestowed upon them.

Similarly, Grade 1 observed the **International Day of Family**, while Grade 2 embarked on a memorable visit to the **Swayambhunath Stupa**, enriching their learning experiences outside the classroom. We eagerly anticipate their upcoming events where they will share their learnings with you, dear parents.

Looking ahead, Grade 5 is gearing up to mark the **World Day for Cultural Diversity** on the 8th of Jestha, underscoring the importance of embracing and celebrating the richness of diverse cultures within our school community.

In addition to student-centric activities, we have been actively conducting professional development sessions with our teachers, on alternate Sundays, to ensure continuous growth and enhancement of teaching practices.

At the end of this month, we would like to inform you that the first terminal **mid-term tests** will be conducted. We encourage your continued support and encouragement for your children as they prepare for these assessments.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for your unwavering support and collaboration in nurturing the academic and personal growth of our students. Together, we strive towards excellence in education and holistic development.

Ms. Vibha Thapa Academic Coordinator Basic Level (Grade 1-8) vibha@pathshala.edu.np / 9851130653 Dear Parents and Guardians, Warm greetings!

We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support you have been extending to us as we embark on this new session. Our journey began with an insightful Induction Session, where we introduced our learners to the fundamentals of the Pathshala Pre-Uni System. This session not only provided an overview but also laid the groundwork for fostering strong bonds among our esteemed faculty and learners.

Adding to our enriching start, we organized a brief yet memorable **hiking to the Kalu Pandey Samadhi Sthal**. This excursion helped us create a bond between learners and facilitators and also offered a profound understanding of the site's historical significance and its relevance today.

Shortly after the induction, we shared the grade-wise curriculum outlining both the curricular objectives and terminal plans for every unit. During this session, our students were encouraged to **set both academic and socio-behavioral goals**, empowering them to develop strategies to meet each of them. Moreover, we're delighted to witness our students taking proactive steps by creating personalized home routines aimed at enhancing the efficiency of their daily activities.

Our recent **curriculum sharing** program with the parents, held on the 15th of Baisakh, was a testament to our collective commitment to your child's educational journey. We extend heartfelt gratitude to all parents who could join us on this occasion. Your feedback on the curriculum sharing session is invaluable to us, and we eagerly anticipate your insights and reflections even in the days to come.

In alignment with our ethos of student empowerment, we are thrilled to announce the successful conclusion of the **Pre-Uni Election-2081**. This student-led initiative aimed at electing School Captains, House Captains, and Class Representatives showcased the leadership potential inherent in our learners. We commend the dedication and enthusiasm displayed by all candidates and extend our gratitude to both faculty and learners for their contributions to this endeavor.

We're excited to announce our focus on reading and reflection sessions with students, aiming to foster a robust reading culture both at home and in school. Encouraging learners to explore extra books is pivotal in expanding their horizons of knowledge. Through these sessions, we aim to instill a love for reading and provide opportunities for reflection, enhancing intellectual growth and curiosity. Your support in motivating active participation and exploration of diverse literature genres is invaluable.

As we delve into the curriculum of each subject, we are witnessing our learners immerse themselves in the learning process through various engaging activities. We urge you to continue motivating, guiding, and supporting your children in adhering to deadlines for major tasks. Additionally, we kindly request dedicating at least half an hour daily to interact with your child, fostering open communication and gaining insights into their activities and learning experiences.

We kindly request your presence for a faculty communication session from 1:45 to 2:30 PM should you share updates and progress. Additionally, a Faculties-Parents conference can also be arranged during the same time, with prior notification upon your request.

At school, we prioritize the opinions of each stakeholder and strive to provide a conducive environment for your child's holistic development. Together, let's continue nurturing a community where every child thrives. We reiterate our gratitude towards you and look forward to communicating in the days to come.

Warm regards, Mr. Roshan Acharya Academic Coordinator Pathshala Pre-Uni Program (Grade 9-10) roshan@pathshala.edu.np / 9851055164 Dear parents and guardians,

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support and enthusiasm as we embarked on a successful start to the new academic session. Your involvement has been instrumental in creating a positive and vibrant environment for our students.

## Exciting Updates in Extra Curricular Activities

### Swimming Classes

We are delighted to announce that swimming classes have commenced from the 23rd of Baishakh for grades I to VII. This initiative aims to enhance our students' water safety skills and overall well-being through activities in water.

#### **Club** Distributions

Club selections for Grades VI to X have been finalized, allowing students to pursue their interests and hone new talents. We believe these extracurricular activities are crucial for holistic development.

#### Taekwondo Belt Test

Grade VIII students from the Taekwondo Club are preparing for their belt test in the last week of Jestha. We wish them the best in showcasing their skills and discipline.

#### **Basketball Tournament Success**

Our U-14 and U-15 Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams recently participated in the KISC 3on3 Basketball Tournament. Two of our teams excelled, advancing to the quarterfinals and showcasing exceptional sportsmanship.

#### Futsal Tournament

Looking ahead, our U-12 Boys' Futsal Team is gearing up for the upcoming Futsal Tournament organized by KISC school. Let's cheer them on as they strive for success!

#### Arts Competition

Five students from Grades VI to X have been selected to represent our school in the Arts Competition hosted by the 2568 Buddha Jayanti Samaroh Samiti, Lalitpur, on Saturday, 5th Jestha. Our best wishes to all the participants!

#### Football Scouting

Our students of U-16, U-14, and U-12 Football Teams have joined in scouting sessions on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Jestha to participate in the prestigious DANA Cup in Denmark. Further details will be shared with the selected students and parents in the coming days.

Once again, we extend our gratitude to you, our parents and guardians, for your continued support and partnership. Together, let's continue nurturing the talents and potential of our students. Should you have any guestions or require further information, please feel free to reach out.

Warm regards, ECA Coordinator (Grade 1-10) bishnu@pathshala.edu.np 9851279394

# **Enjoy Some Glimpses**

# AHRDP-2081









Curriculum Sharing 2081







Mother's Day (Grade 8)





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Vísít to Swoyambhunath (Grade 2)





Swimming Sessions



Hiking to Kalu Pandey Samadhi Sthal (Grade 9-10)





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