



The Dhaka Project

To break the cycle of poverty in slums of Dhaka through education and social development

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Welcome

The Dhaka Project is an organization which provides free education, health care and community support for nearly **500 children** from the slums of Dhaka. The project is run entirely on donations. Please visit [our website](#) for more information.

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International Mother's Language Day- 21st February

The day started with a procession commonly known as *Provat Fery* at 8:30 AM. The procession started from the school passed Gawair Bazar Rd, Kazi Bari Rd and ended on the Rooftop of The Dhaka Project School (TDPS). The Students laid down banquet of flowers to the scaffold of the *Shaheed Minar* in respect of the **Martyrs** for Bangla Language during 1952. The Day is recognized by UNESCO and **Mother's Language Day** is now held as **International Mother's Language Day**.

Later Competition on Drawing and Essay writing were held. Students from KG-1 to Std-9 were present.

The students also sang songs in chorus and danced with the popular Bangla songs.

A drama also staged based on the Liberation War-1971.

At the end of the program prizes (Books) were distributed among the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions holders.

The students enjoyed the day with great enthusiasm.



Ferre Van Dyck donates for School Bags

Ferre Van Dyck, an Ex-Volunteer of The Dhaka Project donated 1,000 (One Thousand) Euro for buying School Bags for the children on 14th February, 2011---Valentine's Day---a lovely day for donation. Ferre loves all the children of The Dhaka Project. Though he is not a Volunteer at present, he is staying in Dhaka for a very long time. Ferre and his mother are sponsors of Majeda and Aklima.

The Dhaka Project wishes a Great Thank you to **Ferre Van Dyck**.

New Students Enrolled in Play Group

The Play Group Class started from 3rd February 2011 with 28 new enrolled students. The admission process began in January 2011. It was a hard task to visit all the slums of the applicants to verify by our Family Counselor and Jr. Field Officer. The most poor and needy families were short listed.

All the short listed children were called for oral viva-voce by the School authority; later medical tests were taken by the doctor's of TDP Health Care. Finally 28 kids got the golden opportunity.

The New kids Their families are very happy to be a part of The Dhaka Project. Now they have a regular routine. At 8:30 AM they have breakfast, Milk at 11:00 AM, Lunch at 1:00 PM, a little nap for 2 Hours and Milk at 4.00pm.



Demonstration on Hand Washing by Australian Volunteers

19th February 2011, a demonstration class on Hand Washing was held at The Dhaka Project School at 11:00 AM for Grade 9. Pauline Rolfe & Jim Rolfe, Volunteers from Australia helped Ms Faria (Family Counselor), Dr. Amirul Islam (Dentist) & Dr. Jahid Hossain with the session.

Various instruments like flip charts, Diagrams, Soap, Water, Lotion for germ identification etc were used for demonstration. The students were practically shown how to wash hands which can be germ free.

Hand Washing is a regular program of The Dhaka Project School and all the students from KG-1 to Grade-9 will be participants by turn each week.

The moral of this lesson is not only for the student but also to educate their family members to keep neat & clean. Cleanliness helps to reduce the rate of diseases by 30%.

