

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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DISTRIBUTING HAPPINESS

After a long and lazy summer vacation, the school reopened its doors on 7th June 2022, for the children of Sundarbans – excited to begin a new academic year. The classes began with what SWS has always done best – Distribution of Happiness! The children of the Swapnopuron Siksha Niketan (SSN) were provided with desk kits, folders and bags for furthering their educational pursuits. We express our deep gratitude to Beekay Group, Lucknow, for providing 75 desk kits for the young learners of Sundarbans. Our warmth and gratitude also go to Ms Rhythm Sachdeva, who recommended our organization for collaboration.

BACK TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Back-to-School activities took a fun turn when the children of SSN participated in a fun activity to build interpersonal relationships within the classroom. On the 22nd of June, the students wrote letters about themselves and their recent vacations to their friends and classmates to get to know each other better. Swapnopuron's belief in building a better future helped develop communication skills; indeed, the future of today does not just need theory, but also communication to be the master of tomorrow!



Classroom News

PRACTISING IMMERSIVE LEARNING

The first quarter of the academic year at SSN 2022-23 started with a lot of enthusiasm. Swapnopuron's vision of 'a dream come true' could be seen as the kids smiled ear-to-ear while they indulged in immersive learning practices within the classroom. The students learnt mathematics through various activities like number rods and threading beads.

The children of the Ganesh Mondal branch also participated in fun activities to learn the alphabet, colours and pronunciation. These activities were aimed to enhance the psychomotor skills of the students and initiate a hands-on learning environment within the classrooms.

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BETTER MINDFULNESS

On 1st May 2022, the students of the Kalitala branch delved into various activities for better mindfulness. They performed meditative and physical exercises, learned how to control anger, anxiety and irritation, and played many games to develop concentration power and interpersonal relationships.

The most beautiful thing about activity-based learning is that nobody can take it away from you!

What's happening with the staff?

TEACHERS' TRAINING

On the 4th and 5th of April, more than 25 senior teachers of SSN participated in the first education-oriented session held at Taki, West Bengal. Various subject-matter experts were invited to share their perspectives and discuss critical topics pertaining to education and teaching.

Ms Arna Seal spoke on the theory of change and stressed on the adaptation of the society's core beliefs by the staff members.

Ms Sreya Sen talked about English communication in the classroom.



Swapnopuron has always focused on the impact of teachers beyond the classroom walls. With this perspective, Swapnopuron Welfare Society (SWS) conducted an intensive *Teachers' Orientation Program*. The program was facilitated by eminent speakers and educationists who delivered lectures on integral topics related to holistic learning, incorporation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, reading readiness, learning outcomes and communication strategies.

Keeping the philosophy of experience-based learning at the heart of the month of May, the facilitators practised several hands-on learning activities in classrooms to involve children further in the learning process. Mr Parminder Singh and Ms Hema Biswas conducted a Teachers' Training Program to equip the teachers of SSN for better classroom engagement.



BUILDING SWS



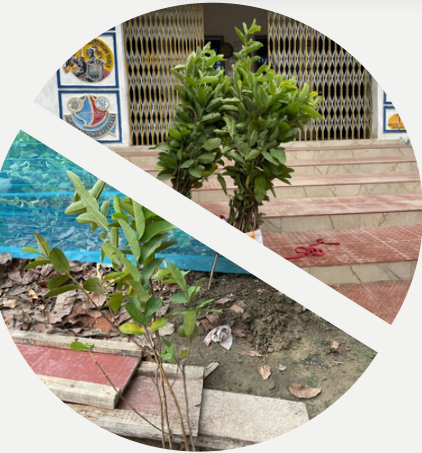
• We are proud to share our efforts at extending quality education to more and more children from the community.

- Swapnopuron Welfare Society launched its newest branch school in Paschim Khejberia on May 7th, 2022. The design of the branch facilitates much more than a traditional school. It has a shelter home, a dispensary for medical support, a library as well as a potable water facility for the community.
- Swapnopuron is now on the fast track to building a new Early Education Center in Kalitola! This branch school is going to be one of its kind eco-friendly Green School. Based on a prototype borrowed from Bali, the entire structure is made from white-sand bags, bamboo and limestone.
- With the help of our construction partner Tega Industries, we intend to create an accessible and approachable learning experience for all the learners of the community. The school building will impact more than 2000 lives, and will be a building of 16,650 sq ft, with state-of-the-art facilities.

Impacting the Community!



Towards the end of May comes a very important event in the history of women empowerment – the celebration of World Menstrual Hygiene Day on the 28th of May. The members of SWS, along with many adolescent girls, celebrated this day at Kanchrapara under the Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) and Kanyashree Programme (KP). More than 50 adolescent girls attended the sessions on yoga for fitness during menstruating days, taking care of oneself during this time, sessions on mental health and many more. At the end of the session, sanitary napkins were distributed to all the participants. As a part of this program, Swapnopuron would be expanding its reach to 4700 adolescent girls!



On 5th June, the passionate women of the council, accompanied by the SWS team, planted over 50 fruit trees on the premises of the school on World Environment Day. The Swapnopuron Team also planted over 50 more saplings across the village with the help of Twine Tales' donations.

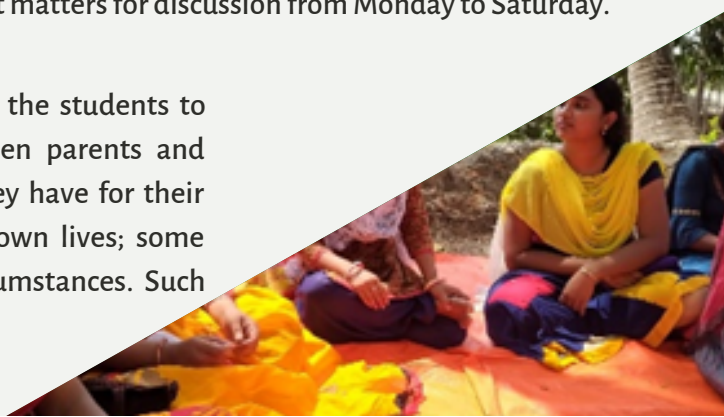


Celebrating Earth Day



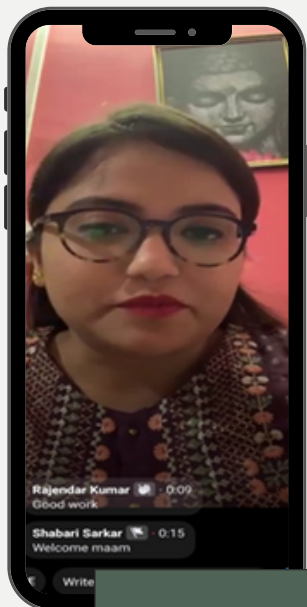
On 6th June 2022, SWS initiated a new project - 'Swapnopuron Pathabhaban,' under which periodic after-school classes are conducted to provide additional academic support to the children of Shamsheernagar (located on the Bangladesh border, on the edge of mangrove forests of the Sunderbans). More than 50 children from the nearest government schools, studying in grades 5 to 9, attend these afternoon sessions with gusto and enthusiasm. The facilitator of these classes is Mr Niranjana Mondal, who takes up different subject matters for discussion from Monday to Saturday.

SWS hosts periodic meetings and sessions with the guardians of the students to nurture positive interpersonal attitude and relationships between parents and children. Parents share the hopes and dreams and aspirations they have for their children, while exploring the hardships and challenges of their own lives; some parents even break down while talking about their difficult circumstances. Such cathartic group sessions help the local community immensely.



Live Sessions

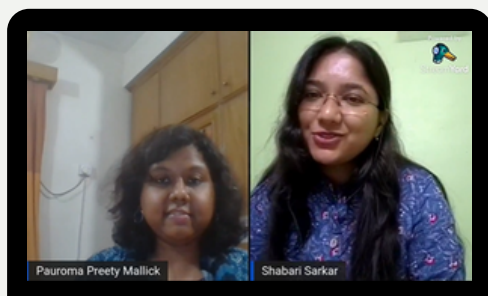
SWS makes every weekend productive by conducting Sunday Live Sessions on its Facebook page. This quarter, the sessions featured specialists in various spheres – Psychologists, Educationists, Counsellors, Mathematicians and Language experts.



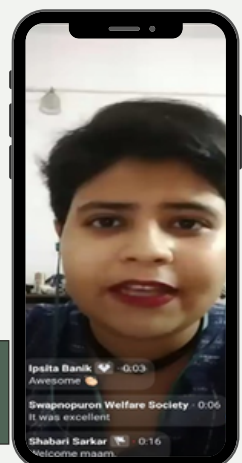
Management of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Children



Sunderbans and its Ecosystem (on World Environment Day)



Dealing with Disruptive Behaviour



Defining Essential Life Skills

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