# Newsletter

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A child holding his copy of "আমার বন্ধু আমেনা" (My friend Amena )

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publishes "আমার বন্ধু আমেনা" (My Friend Amena)

"আমার বন্ধু আমেনা" (My Friend Amena) is a children's story book written by Light of Hope CEO Waliullah Bhuiyan and illustrated by Sahami Zaman. This book was published in collaboration with UNHCR for the Campaign for Peace & Empathy. It tells the story of the unlikely friendship between Ali, a 6 year old Bangladeshi boy and Amena, a Rohingya refugee who is close to his age. "আমার বন্ধু আমেনা" (My Friend Amena) has been distributed as part of the campaign for Empathy and Peace.



## Developing Creativity and Empathy to Children



## Light of Hope and UNHCR launches "Campaign for Empathy and Peace"

Light of Hope and UNHCR have jointly organized 'Campaign for Empathy and Peace" during December 2022 and January 2023. Both organizations believe in the necessity of understanding empathy in the face of difficulty. It is crucial that this lesson reaches children at an early age. Thus, we have brought interactive and fun storytelling sessions to over 10,000 children in 20 schools across Dhaka and Cox's Bazar.



The children of Crescendo Educational Institution enjoyed their school visit.



Bluetooth was popular everywhere he went

For the Campaign for Empathy and Peace, our storytellers shared the heartwarming story of "আমার বন্ধু আমেনা" (My Friend Amena). Beloved puppet characters from Goofi, like Bluetooth and Tia, also joined the school visits to encourage children to be more empathetic. The Children's enthusiasm during these sessions were incredibly heartwarming. They were responsive and joyous. At the end of each, the attending children took home a copy of "আমার বন্ধু আমেনা" (My Friend Amena.

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#### Goofi joins Dhaka Lit fest 2023









Rafiath Rashid Mithila reading her book

Zunaid Ahmed Palak visits the Goofi stall

Tahmina Rahman reading with Bluetooth

To stress the importance of creativity among young readers, Goofi joined Dhaka Lit Fest 2023 from January 5th to January 8th. We also held two reading sessions for all young attendees on 6th January, 2023. Actress and writer Rafiath Rashid Mithila and Prominent Children's book writer Tahmina Rahman took the stage to read Goofi books to the hundreds of children in attendance during this event.



#### The 19th batch completes the Teacher's Time ECD course.

Teacher's time proudly celebrates the graduation of the 19th batch of our Early Childhood Development course. So far, 370 teachers, parents and education experts have graduated from this course and gone on to shape children during this sensitive period of their lives. Enrollment is now open for the 21st batch.

For more information visit: https://teacherstimebd.com/eccd-course/



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## Kids Time Fair 2023



With great joy and excitement, Kid's Time concludes the third rendition of "Kids Time Fair 2023". This year's Fair was held at the Shishu academy premises on the 20th and 21st of January. After a two year break, the biggest event for children in the country returned with the theme "creativity".

Children unleashing their creativity at the Crafts corner

To this end, this open-for-all fair arranged puppet shows, magic shows, story-telling sessions among many other events. The fully-interactive and open creative zone allowed for kids to draw, paint and craft without any limitations. Alongside developing children's imagination and curiosity, Kids Time also hoped to make parents and caregivers realize the role creativity played in their children's development. Our partner Togumogu provided advice to parents on how to best nurture their kid's creativity.

With participation from over 20 schools and 10,000 children from the ages of 3 to 12, Kids time fair 2023 was a resounding success.



Honorable minister Fazilatun Nesa Indira at Kids time fair 2023



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