

'Art helps develop latent talents of children'

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The annual art exhibition and certificate-awarding ceremony of St. Christina Art School was held on Thursday.

As part of the programme, sixty paintings and drawings by 20 young artists were put on display at the school premises at Mohammadpur.

Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, who attended the ceremony as chief guest, distributed the prizes and certificates among participants, while Prof Mostafizul Hoque of the Art Institute, Dhaka University, inaugurated the exhibition in the morning.

Mahfuz Anam in his speech laid emphasis on the value of art and painting in the growth of children's imagination and involvement of their artistic talents. He encouraged the young artists to keep up their good works.

Impressed with the artworks, he praised the institution's performance in training up the budding painters.

At the ceremony, Prof Mostafizul Hoque said the basic purpose of the child art is to develop latent talents of children.

Rev Arturo Speziale, Clement Rozario on behalf of the parents and Tapas Peter Halder, national director of Bangladesh Youth First Concern, among others, spoke on the occasion.

The ceremony rounded off with a vote of thanks by Domion Neuton Penheiro, director of the art school, to the gathering of about 100 people.

St. Christina Art School was established in August 1996 with only eight students and now boasts of 30. The school is run by a group of students of the Institute of Fine Arts.

It has imparted primary knowledge and skills in drawing and painting to 67 students, aged between four and 13, since its inception.

The school offers a three-year course on drawing and painting. In 1998, it held a regional art competition among all tiny students of Dhaka district.



Recipients of awards at the annual art exhibition and certificate-giving ceremony of St. Christina Art School at Mohammadpur in the city pose for photographs on Thursday.



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