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Pre Nursery children had a fascinating experience with Mrs. Kanoi, who brought her potter's wheel and helped the children make beautiful pots with clay on the wheel. Thereafter they painted their own pots and took them home.



To reinforce the phonic sound 'y' the children of Pre-Nursery had a special activity with yogurt and yellow banana. It went very well with the song that they have learnt - "I like to eat yogurt and banana".



Rayerth Kejriwal introduced his pet bird to his peers. It was a Pineapple Conure, a native of South America. It perched comfortably on his shoulder and ate seeds. He spoke to the children about how he takes care of his pet bird.





The children of Nursery B Played a friendly Football match on 24th Feb 2017, under the able guidance of Mrs. Kedia (Aryaman's mother) who happens to be a professional football player. She was accompanied by her coach and her sister who is also a player. They started with warm up exercises , followed by the match where the class was divided into two teams. Mrs Majumdar and Ms Tewari were there to cheer up the teams as they happily played with full zeal and zest! The match ended with the score 2-0 and cool off exercises. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and wanted more play time.

*The Upper Nursery children had an enriching session with Mr.Chanda [Agastya's daddy] on **AQUAPONICS**. He has a Aquaponics system which uses the three components of fish, water and microbes to grow vegetables and fruits organically. Thus no soil is used to grow plants. Through simple illustrations on the board and a video, the children were made to understand this interesting procedure. It was a very informative session for all of us as we were learning about aquaponics for the first time. Little did we know that plants grew so well without soil!!*



Sandwich Making Day



The little chefs of Upper Nursery A got various ingredients like butter, cheese, jam, tomatoes, cucumber, and peanut butter, salt pepper etc to make their own sandwich and then happily ate it up too!! They all looked very professional in their colourful aprons.

RECITATION COMPETITION IN CLASS UPPER NURSERY - A

All 21 children participated in the first Recitation competition held in the Upper Nursery. They were given the option to learn a poem of their choice. They came well prepared and it was a pleasure to hear them recite poems individually with such confidence and clarity. Each one of them received a certificate of participation for the great effort they had put in.



The winners were:

1st prize- Natarsha Roy

2nd prize- Navya Bagrecha and Tanay Rampuria

3rd prize-Khushagra Mohta, Varish Mohta and Veer Poddar

4th prize-Avyan Sharma

5th prize- Krishaangi Poddar

The judges were Mrs. Nayar and Mrs Majumdar



Children of Upper Nursery B used their imagination to depict the character of the story

'The Runaway Chapati'.

They created this with the help of a chapati, vegetables and fruits. We also focussed on the importance of eating healthy food. This was a follow-up activity to the comprehension done in class.



Upper Nursery B is learning about 'Force'. Children got balls from home which we rolled on different surfaces to determine the speed of the rolling ball. [in the sand, tot-lot, floor, table, on the slide etc]



SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

Upper Nursery B performed during the special assembly before their parents this month. The assembly was based on the Values we try to inculcate in all our children. Values of 'Optimism, Patience and Gratitude' were portrayed through songs and a poem.



On Friday, the 3rd of February, 2017, the students of Class 4-B put up a Musical Show for the Junior School Assembly in the Music Room. Their presentation was dedicated to the legendary and multifaceted artiste Bob Dylan. The students highlighted his journey from the early years as a folk song writer to becoming a popular musician and finally being awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.



A slide show of pictures were displayed, highlighting glimpses from his life and singing a few of his famous songs, 'Blowing in the Wind'. The learning from the assembly was that, it is important to be dedicated to ones work. Someday the world will recognize you. Enjoy what you do and be simple in approach. The students were guided by Mr. T. Mukherjee, the Music teacher and supervised by their Class Teacher, Mrs. A. Banerjee.

On another Friday, the 24th of February, 2017, the students of Class 5 A and B put up an assembly together in the Music Room.

All the students of Class 5 A put forth a play titled 'Ambition', depicting that we often give a lot of importance to our desires forgetting that, what we have with us is also important as long as we understand the value of it. The learning was not to chase wild dreams but to remain happy and make the best of with what we have. They ended the play with a very appropriate song by Coldplay, called Paradise, which gave the perfect message to the children that, paradise is, where we live. Valuable suggestions and inputs were given by Mr. K. Bose, the school Drama Teacher, Mrs. A. Schafranski, their English Teacher and Mr. T. Mukherjee, Music Teacher. Overall they were supervised by their class teacher Mrs. S. Sarkhel.



Similarly all the students of Class 5 B put up an interesting assembly using unconventional objects like cardboard boxes, small utensils, plastic containers, broken musical instruments such as the guitar to create a rhythmic combination. They played the music in 4 parts viz. bass, mid and treble ranges along with vocal support.

It was amazing to listen to the children as they played, experimenting on newer musical paths. The whole act was guided by Mr. T. Mukherjee, the Music teacher and supervised by their Class Teacher, Mr. S. Bardhan.



THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN

In a land far far away there stood a school called "CIS" in which there was a small garden. The garden was small but people came from far away lands to visit it because it gave the people a sense of peace and harmony. But as the years went by it lay forgotten and soon became a dirty and barren patch of dry land.

The students of class 3A and 3B came across this barren land and decided to restore the garden. The first step to restore the garden was giving it "LIFE". All the students contributed their precious valuables to bring life back to this lonely patch of land.



As a collective effort we the students planted seeds, flowers and decorative pebbles. We made it a regular practice and a conscious effort to water the garden everyday. It was our responsibility to keep the garden clean and lively.

With the help and guidance of our very own Value Education teacher Ms. Khanna we have been successful in our efforts in reviving the forgotten garden.



By -Alisha Kampani -3A/-Ayesha Kampani-3B

This garden patch was created by The students after hearing a story of the Forgotten Garden. The message of "**Responsibility**" was brought across to them as that was the value of the month .



In Value Education, class 4 is learning one very great value, "**Courage**".

Courage is power; it is having the ability to move beyond fear and having the strength to speak up for yourself. For me a lion, a sword, a shield and a rope walker represent courage.

I have written a poem on courage-



The Cost of Courage

You can't buy courage at a store
Nor can you find it outside your door.
It comes to you when you are weak.
It gives you the strength to stand up and speak.
Courage is in your soul; it never gets lost
No matter how much you try,
you can't buy it at any cost

By - Evangeli Saha





On 17th of February, 2017 an exhibition titled 'Banglar Mukh' was arranged by the Bengali students and teachers of Junior School. Every year the Bengali students of Junior School do projects as part of their syllabus. This year too they presented their projects with the theme 'West Bengal and her capital Kolkata'.

They made charts that covered various facets of Bengal and her culture. The children of Class 1 studied birds, animals, fruits and vegetables. Class 2 brought out the beauty of the exquisite handicrafts.

Class 3 had fun in visiting the old popular restaurants of Kolkata, learning their history, tasting their lip smacking food. The students of Class 4 toured Kolkata's heritage buildings gathering their history to make charts on these interesting places. Class 5 focussed on the folk songs and dances, art, typical village fairs, the beautiful tourist spots of our state, famous Bengali personalities and of course Bengali sweets.

In the atrium, artefacts were displayed: from handicrafts, saris of various weave, and fish to sweets. Along with this, there were performances by Mr. Debraj Goswami and his dance troupe Ankur, showcasing the typical folk dance and songs of West Bengal.



Last but not the least a big thank you to all the students for their enthusiasm and hard work and the parents for their amazing cooperation.

Children's Perspective

Interviewer---- Aryan Poddar - class 4

Interviewee---- Dibyesh Sanyal - class 1

Aryan----Dibyesh, what did you find most interesting in the programme?

Dibyesh---- I found the last dance on Spring- Bashontotshab very interesting because the dancers were dancing very nicely.



Interviewer----Manya Agarwal - class 4

Interviewee----Kaavin Raja - class 2

Manya---Kaavin, there was a lot of music and songs in the programme. Would you like to say which song you liked the best?

Kaavin----I liked the first "baul" song the best because the beat of the song was very good.



Interviewer----Aryan Poddar - class 4

Interviewee----Rohit Dey - class 3

Aryan----Rohit, would you like to comment on the programme held in the school today?

Rohit----I liked the programme. It was enjoyable. I also learnt a lot about Bengal. I found the robbers dance most interesting of all.



Interviewer----Manya Agarwal - class 4

Interviewee----Sreeja Sarkar - class 4

Manya----Sreeja, I noticed that you were watching all the dances carefully. Which dance was the best, according to you?

Sreeja----I liked the Chouu dance very much. A man did the role of Maa Durga. I liked the masks the dancers were wearing, and saw how well they acted too.



Interviewer-----Aryan Poddar - class 4
Interviewee-----Archisa Dasgupta - class 5

Aryan-----Archisha, what did you like most about the proramme today?

Archisha-----Aryan, I loved the whole programme. I also saw that the displays in the atrium were so beautiful There were so many details and pictures of this state.I loved the display of the food of Bengal.I have lived in England for many years. I think there are more cultural aspects in Bengal than there are in almost the whole of England, I think



Throw Ball Matches

An Inter Class Throw Ball Match was organized between classes 4 and 5 on the 9th of February in our school ground. Girls and boys of both the classes played in combined groups. All the four sections of both the classes played well and they kept their competitiveness very high till the final day of the match.

Class 4 A triumphed as the champion and class 5B was the runners up.

Another Inter House Throw Ball Match was organized on the 15th of February between classes 4 and 5.

Red House won the competition and Yellow House remained as the runners up.

A big congratulation to the winning class and the winning house and praises to all the other teams and houses.





TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

Mrs. T. Yadav and Mrs. S. Ahuja attended a workshop on the 7th of February, 2017 at The Conclave. The workshop was titled, '**Landmines-Workshop on Power Communication**' and was conducted by Mr. Mathew Abraham. The workshop was divided into two sessions. The focus was on how to handle our own conscience and also be sensitive to others.



Mrs. S. Sarkhel, attended a 2 day workshop on the 10th and 11th of February 2017, on '**Solutions in French classes in India**', conducted by the L'Institut Français en Inde, at The Future Foundation School. This workshop was coordinated by Magosha Fréquelin, the Attachée for cooperation in French Language. The workshop consisted of 2 modules. The first module focussed on phonetics, while the other on how to handle a large number of students in class room.

Mrs. Nayar, Mrs. Choudhary and Mrs. Majumdar attended the Regional Summit of School Principals on "**Principalship in the New Millennium - Challenges**" organized by ICTRC on 10th February 2017. The objective of the summit was to provide a roadmap for School Principals, Section Heads and Program Leaders to understand and deal with the rapidly changing educational environment. The main speakers at the summit were Dr. V.S. Ravindran, a renowned Educational Psychologist and Dr. Shailendra Mehta, Chairman of the Board of Management, Auro University and a distinguished Professor of Strategy.

Ms. S. Ganguli, Mrs. R. Dharuka, Ms. D. Bhambani, Mrs. U. Das of the Primary Section along with Mrs. I. Mokha, Ms. A. Dupratt, Ms. K. Marwah, Mrs. G. Mukherjee and Mrs. T. Datta of the Junior Section of our school attended a workshop on '**Classroom Management**' on the 25th of February. The venue for the workshop was The British council and the facilitator was Dr. Sumita Banerjee. The workshop focussed on "Positive Discipline" as the most effective tool of classroom management. She also, pointed out that positive discipline should be collaborative, a kind of benevolent democracy which would focus on finding solutions to problems.



COFFEE MEETS

The Coffee Meet for classes Upper Nursery, Nursery and Pre Nursery was held on 2nd, 14th and 21st February 2017. It was a good interactive session and was a platform to share our ideas and views on the year so far.

The International Curriculum, languages offered and the functioning of the SEN department was discussed in detail in all the meetings by Mrs Nayar.

Ms Chitra Roy the ECA coordinator spoke about the in and off campus activities children are offered and the achievements made by the participating teams. The Edmodo received a round of applause. Jolly Phonics, the language programme adopted by the Primary section was well appreciated.



The Junior School organized 2 Coffee Meets with the parents of Class 4 and Class 2 on the 16th and the 23rd of February 2017, in the Music Room respectively. Both the meetings were attended by the Junior School Principal Mrs. P. Nayar, Section Head Mrs. N. Choudhary, Mrs C. Roy, ECA Coordinator and Mrs. D. Chatterjee, the School Counsellor. The Class Teachers, Ms. K. Marwah and Mrs. A. Banerjee were present for Class 4 meet. Mrs. S. Ray and Ms. A. DuPratt were present for Class 2 meet.

In the Class 4 meeting, queries about the Progression Tests were answered and the teachers stressed on the need for regular submission of homework and revision as well as greater concentration for better progress. The parents appreciated the Edmodo updates.

Similarly, in the Class 2 meeting, parents appreciated the elaborate posts on Edmodo by teachers which helped them to remain updated with the work done in class. They were happy with the extensive reading done by the students and requested for further exposure to various authors. Concerns regarding certain subjects were shared and parents were assured that these would be looked into and resolved.

Parents of both classes appreciated the various Extra Curricular activities that keep students motivated. They requested the ECA coordinator to showcase these events. Furthermore the School Counsellor informed parents about her visits to all classes and the different spheres of a student's life she looks into.

The Coffee Meets are a great step to further strengthen the home - school partnership.

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