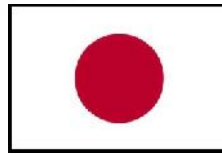
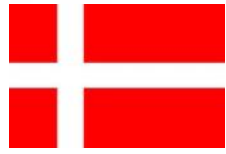


INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP WEEK



30 March 2014

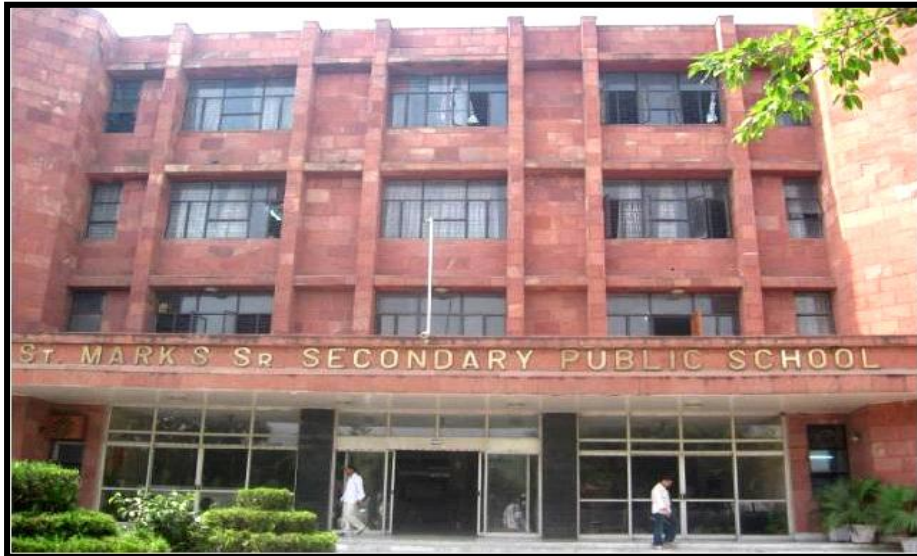
To

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In

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ABOUT SMS



The students of SMS are trained to handle curricular and co-curricular activities simultaneously. Care is taken to instill self discipline in their receptive minds. They are being schooled to become responsible leaders with a commitment to society. Under the canopy of the school motto "Loyalty, Truth and

Honor", the students, the staff and the management of St. Mark's endeavor not only to enable students to compete with others for a place in the professional outlets, but also imbue them with social awareness, pride in their rich cultural heritage and a sense of responsibility towards the nation.

ABOUT GLOBAL PROGRAMME

The SMS Global Program is an initiative by the school to equip our students with a global perspective. The educational experiences offered in this program in the context of real world issues will widen their horizons and enrich their lives which will stand them in good stead. SMS believes in giving learning opportunities beyond geographical boundaries which allow our students to network with their peers overseas and make connections with what they have learnt in the classroom with the real world .

**ANNOTATIONS OF MS. ANJALI
AGGARWAL,
PRINCIPAL, SMS, MEERA BAGH**



At SMS, we prepare every student to connect - and live in harmony - with the world around him. Globalization has changed the size, nature and quality of the world. The challenge for us, therefore, is to reform, create and develop systems that prepare the students to work in a borderless economy and live in a global society. In other words, we produce global citizens. Moreover, St. Mark's School aims to extend students' awareness of the world in which they live by opening them to the diverse heritage of human thought, action, and creativity. International Friendship Week is one such event that teaches my students to live in harmony with all in the world. I am happy that my students attended this year's IFW - in Singapore. I thank Pioneer Secondary School, Singapore for inviting us over.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP WEEK

IFW (International Friendship Week) is a week celebrated by member countries of ASEF ClassNet to enhance and promote global friendship. Member countries invite a few countries and host them with the students of their school. The first IFW was held at Singapore in April 2011. It was an initiative by Pioneer Secondary School under the guidance of Ms. Chai Lin. A group of 6 students accompanied by the Global Coordinator, Mrs. Geeta Rajan, attended the International Friendship Week from 6 April 2011 to 10 April 2011.

The Second International Friendship Week was organized by Nyborg Friskole, Denmark in the year 2012.

After a gap of a year, Pioneer Secondary School, Singapore organized the Third International Friendship Week this year from 31 March 2014 to 6 April 2014.

Other than India, schools from Italy, Denmark and Japan also participated in the International Friendship Week.

The main aims of International Friendship Week are:

1. To enhance and promote global friendship.
 2. To make people aware of the vivid and different culture of each country.
 3. To bring together students from all over the world and get them a chance to know about hosts' heritage and country.
 4. To promote brotherhood and equality.
- International Friendship Week





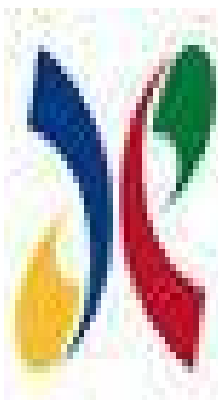
ASIA EUROPE FOUNDATION (ASEF), AND ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM NETWORK

Asia Europe Foundation Classroom Network (ASEF) has a unique structure that was conceived in 1998. It connects secondary or high schools. Through its activities, the network provides opportunities for collaborative learning and intercultural exchanges.

It is a cyber-classroom shared by students and teachers to build stronger bi-regional networks and partnerships in the course of implementing common online projects and participating in face-to-face exchanges.

The Asia-Europe Classroom

Network has evolved to encourage more active interactions between secondary and high schools in Asia and Europe, INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP WEEK being one of them.



ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION



PIONEER SECONDARY SCHOOL
SINGAPORE



Pioneer Secondary School was set up in January 1994 with 12 Secondary 1 classes. While waiting for the school building to be ready, it was temporarily housed at Hong Kah Secondary School under the same principal, Mrs. Yeo Chin Nam, until December 1994, when it moved to its new premises at 21, Jurong West Street 81. Mrs. Tan Sor Poh was appointed principal, followed by

Mr. Tan Chor Pang and then Mr. Satianathan s/o K Nadarajah. Mr. Chan Weng Kit, Mark, is the current principal, having been appointed in December 2011.



KEY PERSONNELS



Mdm Rina d/o Bhasi
Vice Principal



Mr Chan Weng Kit, Mark
Principal



Mr Kyriss Ang
Vice Principal

DAY 1

30 MARCH 2014

On this day we, a four member student delegation with our teacher Ms. Seema Arora started our journey to Singapore by boarding Jet Airways flight. To most of us, this was first overseas journey so we all were very excited. We arrived at Changi Airport, Singapore on the same day. Our hosts were waiting at Pioneer Secondary School to take us to their homes. In the evening we all met together at Mc Donalds and had good time with buddies.



DAY 2

31 MARCH 2014



This was our first day in Pioneer Secondary School. We all wore our school uniform and headed towards the school with our hosts. School started at 7 am in the morning and we attended the school assembly. We met the students of Japan, Italy and Denmark. Later, we were addressed by Mr. Chan, the Principal, who told us about the school campus and its achievements.



Then we all were taken to the hall where we played some exciting games which were called ICE BREAKERS. We enjoyed the school tour organized for us. The school campus was very huge.

We could notice beautiful art work by students, neat and clean classrooms and discipline among students. We also attended the classes with our hosts and learnt about the education system in Singapore which was all together a different experience.



DAY 3

1 APRIL 2014



As per our schedule, we went to the school with excitement to learn new things. The first activity of the day was PAINTING OF FRIENDSHIP TILES on the topic "STORIES WE SHARE". It was a very creative activity wherein all the groups did their best. Each one of us had a lot of fun .The second activity was MAKING OF KEYCHAINS. It was an individual activity and a new one for us. The technology used was fantastic. After these activities, we went to LITTLE INDIA for a heritage tour and then we enjoyed at **MUSTAFA SHOPPING CENTRE.**



DAY 4
2 APRIL 2014



It was a normal day when we attended classes with our hosts . We had to give our presentations on ASEF projects .We then enacted the life of LORD BUDDHA. We all were very nervous but we gave our best and received lots of appreciation from the audience and teachers.

Later, we went for the city tour on the Hip Hop BUS and it was wonderful. The tall buildings, the Merlion, the hotels, The President’s House, Singapore Flyerthey just seemed magnificent.



DAY 5

3 APRIL 2014



Next day, we had to reach school early in the morning .We attended morning assembly followed by classroom lessons.We were , then, taken to National Museum of Singapore where we learned how Malay , Chinese and Indian culture together resulted in the formation of Singaporean culture .

After that we had our lunch at famous restaurant KPOITIAM. Then we were back to our school

where our friends were waiting for the Cooking Session. It was a very memorable experience to help in cooking different cuisines with our friends. In fact we learned to cook many dishes for example Butter chicken , Lasagne etc .Our school ended very late and we were very tired so we went to our home and relaxed .



DAY 6

4 APRIL 2014



This day was our last day in Pioneer Secondary School.

We attended the morning assembly, had our breakfast and then visited the JURONG BIRD PARK which was fantastic. We had never seen such variety of birds ever. We all were astonished to see how well the Bird Park was maintained. After this, we all were back to the school.



It was our last day in school so we had a session on the collaborative projects via padlet & feedback forms.

As it was our last day, the school organized a Farewell Dinner for all of us. We all got ready in our

traditional dress and had yummy dinner!!!

We made good bye to the teachers and MR. CHAN, the Principal and all our other friends from ITALY, DENMARK AND JAPAN and proceeded towards our home with our host buddies.



DAY 7

5 APRIL 2014



On Saturday, inspite of the fact that it was raining, on the request of the delegates from all the countries, the school teacher, Miss Jessica, took all the delegates to Sentosa Island. The greenery added to the beauty of the beach. The time spent with our buddies from all the countries was magnificent. We clicked many pictures .

In the evening, the Danish delegates left for home while we all (Indian delegates) went to Buggies, a local market. There, we tried different street food and bought many Souvenirs for our family and friends.

At night, we, along with the Japanese teacher, Miss Masaya and the Italian teacher, Mr. Giuseppe went for dinner to an Indian restaurant and enjoyed every minute there.



DAY 8

6 APRIL 2014



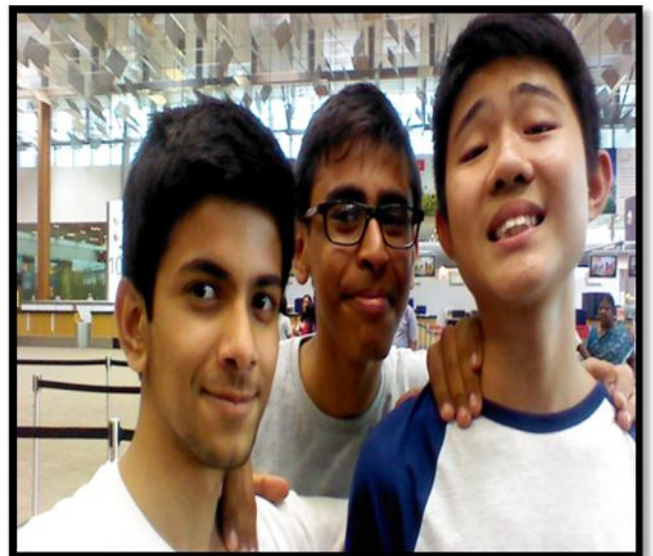
This day was one of the best days because we all spent quality time with our host families. We visited the National Science Museum , attended a Malay marriage and,finally, went to the local market.

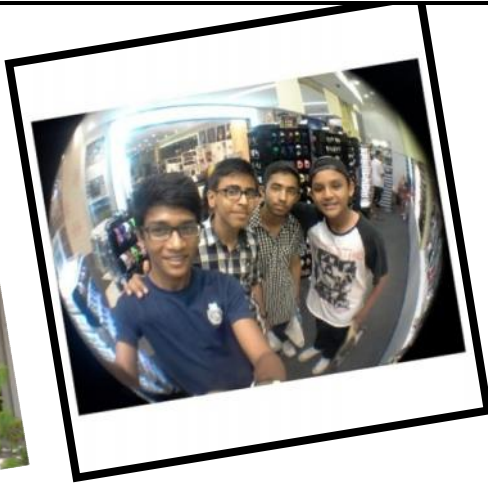
This marked the end of our wonderful trip.

It was time to say goodbye to our lovely host families

Most of us had tears in our eyes when we hugged our buddies and the family members.

We exchanged small gifts and left Singapore with amazing memories that will be with us forever.





I ❤️ Singapore



FEEDBACK IMPRESSIONS

Pragya's Host

This year, I hosted an Indian guest. The guest told me that she had really a memorable and enjoyable trip to Singapore and that her first time to Singapore was a good one. She said that Singapore's rules/laws are too strict.

Example: school, traffic and society etc.

Hosting her, I learned that most Indians usually eat food with gravy and spices.

I also took her to some shopping mall like

Jurong Point, Westgate etc. She thinks that

the malls in Singapore close very early and in India, some malls open 24 hours.

It is a very interesting experience to host as it is my first time. This one week really passed by very fast. It is really amazing to know them and be close friends with them now and chat with them almost everyday. Well having you was great, with this opportunity I think I knew my country better and we know the difference between the culture of India and Singapore better. We got to know your language and the history of your country. I can still remember



your "**hanji**".

Ritvick's Host

International Friendship Week is a special occasion as it celebrates friendships and nothing can be sweeter than this bond which brings people of different race, language and culture together. This International Friendship Week has given me the opportunity to make more friends from different countries like India, Japan, Italy and Denmark.

Through this International Friendship Week, I have learned a lot of things like eating habits and lifestyle of my guest.

Example: Some of the guests don't eat

breakfast too early, some only bath once a day, some don't get used to the weather here etc.



Pragya's Parents

We, as parents, first want to thank Pioneer School, her Host Family,our

School Principal,Ms.Aggarwal and Mrs. Geeta Rajan for giving our daughter this golden

opportunity to travel abroad and interact with people of different culture and customs. It was a great experience for our child as she learned how to carry herself without our guidance, become independent, confident, managed things on her own and adjusted with people overseas. She stayed in Singapore for 8 days and not only learned the cultures of Italy, Denmark, Japan and Singapore but also made many wonderful friends there. We are very proud that our child represented India.This is an unforgettable educational trip

for her.

Arsh Arora

First of all I would like to thank my school & teachers who gave me this golden opportunity . I was very lucky to be a part of INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP WEEK .It gave me opportunity to open up myself to new people and make new friends . I learned many things like adjustment with a new family , cooperation and coordination with them . I was very happy to stay with Shakir's family .They were very kind to me . For me, it was the most memorable and enjoyable part of my life !!!LUV U SINGAPORE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It was a great learning experience for all of us being a part of this unforgettable event held in Singapore. During our stay in Singapore, we learnt how to manage things and that too without our parents' supervision... that is a really big achievement for teens like us!

At Pioneer, we got to know about the rich natural and historic heritage and culture of Singapore. We interacted with students of different countries, got to know about their day to day problems and with ease.

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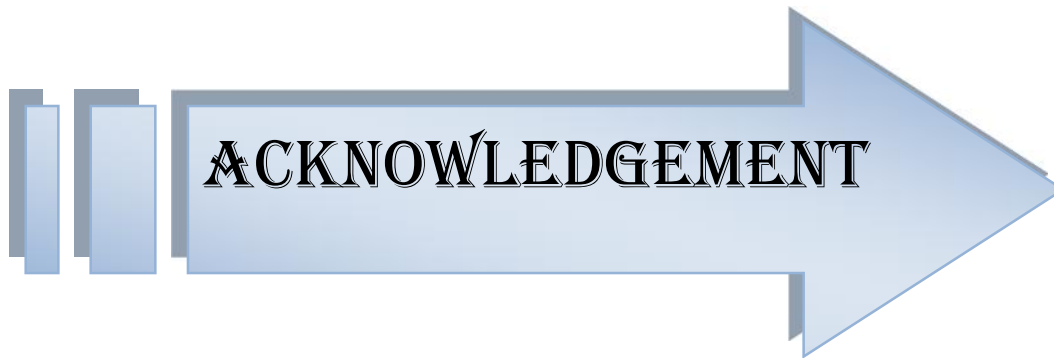
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A very important lesson that we learnt was to be the perfect ambassadors of our country, our school and, of course, our homes.

Most of all, stepping into a new world of opportunities and good prospects was what we learnt, and we are proud of it.



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**Group Photo With
Pioneers!**



Students:

Pragya Sehgal

Ritvick Pant

Sahib Jaggi

Arsh Arora

Teacher

Mrs. Seema Arora

Thank You!
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