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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

"Only a man who knows what it is like to be defeated can reach down to the bottom of his soul and come up with the extra ounce of power it takes to win when the match is even," legendary boxer Muhammad Ali had once declared.

Yet the greatest barrier to success and one of the biggest fears in life that people have is - fear of failure. It is also the major reason that holds back people from realizing their full potential and achieving their goals. Failure is a matter of perspective. Many think failure as the opposite of success. But failures are in fact the stepping stones to success. Nothing worthwhile in life has ever been achieved without a series of failures. Failure is, as James Allen has rightly pointed out, one of the 'pathways to attainment.' Michael Jordan was cut from the school basketball team; Warren Buffet was rejected by Harvard University, Richard Branson is a high school dropout, Abraham Lincoln lost eight elections and Thomas Edison, failed more than 1,000 times when trying to create the light bulb. Remember how we learnt walking and cycling? Falling several times while learning how to walk and peddle was common. But the sad part is from our childhood days we are made to

believe that winners get the rewards and losers are jeered. Our scriptures and mythological tales also suggest that messengers of God had to fail before the ploys of the demons until truth came to light. Failure should not be treated as the end of the road. Rather, it should be seen as a message, which will help us embark on a new journey and give us the courage to explore new routes to achieve our goals. It gives us strength to take in our stride the baggage that comes with failure - crisis, pressure and frustrations. It is a great teacher. It shows us how to tread the right path. Failures make a person bold, active and vigilant. Failures and defeats make a cowardly person to lose heart but these inject vigour and enthusiasm in a brave man.

## DANCES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

To express their desires, the students of classes I to III of our school presented a fusion of various dances from around the world. It was an ISA Activity held under the aegis of the British Council. The function was witnessed by the parents as well. A warm welcome was given to the Honourable Chairperson Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, our Principal Ms Sheena Kalenga, Vice Principal



**Ms Alessandra Bertini, Director, Italian Embassy, Cultural Centre, being felicitated by the Chairperson Ms Anjali Aggarwal and the Principal Ms Sheena Kalenga.**

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Ms Sabina Shergill and the esteemed guest Ms Alessandra Bertini, the Director of the Italian Embassy, Cultural Centre. The students made an attempt to fuse Indian dances with the dances of Italy, Korea, Russia, and Africa. The amalgamation of these elegant dances mesmerized the audience. The vivacious dancers kept the viewers spellbound. For a moment, one was really transported to these exotic parts of the world. The exquisite weaving of the warp and weft of dance forms from across the oceans was indeed a feast for the eyes.



**Our zealous dancers mesmerizing the audience with their scintillating performance.**



**Captivating dance performances by our budding stars which were indeed a feast for the eyes.**



**Our little cherubims teaching the audience about various cultures across the world through exquisite dance forms.**



**An exquisite weaving of the warp and weft of dance forms from across the world.**



**'East meets West' through dances that excite one's heart.**



**Our students exhibiting a conglomeration of different dance forms.**

ISA ACTIVITY



**Our students tapping their feet to the reverberating music of different cultures.**

## **PPT ON DANCES FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

Almost all the countries of the world have their own folk dances which have long been a mode for cultural expression. To help students know about different cultures, our school gave an opportunity to the students of class V to prepare and present Power-point presentations on different dances from countries around the world. Each class was given a specific country and students prepared the presentations with collective effort. Classes VA, VB, VC and VD were assigned Russian Dance, Italian Dance, Korean Dance and African Dance respectively. Students presented their presentations in front of all the sections of V standard. They talked about the history and origin of the dances. They also threw light upon the various dance forms, the type of music involved and costumes worn in each dance form. All the students had a gala time seeing the presentations and learning about the culture of different countries.



**Students educating their peers through a colourful PPT, and garnering information about different dance forms.**



**Our dance lovers showcasing their collages made on dance forms from across the oceans.**



## Celebrating Festivals Celebrating Life

### DUSSHERA CELEBRATIONS

"For me, religious festivals and celebrations have become an important way to teach my children about how we can transform living with diversity from the superstition "I eat ethnic food", to something dignified, mutually respectful and worthwhile" – Randa abdel-fatlah. These beautiful lines clearly indicate the value of celebrating festivals and bringing our saturated lives to a turning point. Keeping this in mind, the primary section of our school decided to celebrate Dussehra - the festival that marks the victory of good over evil, with a difference on 26 September 2014. The students of class V presented colourful powerpoint presentations in front of classes I – IV. The students enjoyed these presentations as they learnt about their culture. All the students of classes I-V made beautiful Dussehra cards and exchanged them with their friends. The students understood the importance of festivals.



Little hands at their creative best.



Our little ones exchanging greeting cards on Dussehra.

### HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

None can escape the whims and vagaries of time, so it's futile trying to be evasive about the idea of eternal rest. October 31st i.e. Halloween is one day when the devouring potential of death is confronted by people with humour. It aims at remembering all the departed souls and faithful believers. Kids enjoy Halloween that has a whiff of horror amalgamated with jocularly. The 'All Saints Eve' was also celebrated in our school. Various corners of the school building were decorated on the occasion of Halloween depicting unique themes, showcasing scary symbols like bats, spiders, black cats, etc. Pumpkins carved with jack-o-lanterns and costume parties marked the celebration. The students of the primary classes spread the fervour and zest of Halloween among the tiny tots of Seedling where they were either: 'TRICKED OR TREATED !'



Getting into the festive mood to celebrate Halloween.



Our shining stars dressed as witches and monsters for Halloween.



## THANKS GIVING CELEBRATIONS

Our school celebrated the Thanks Giving Day on 26 November 2014. The students of Class V prepared and presented a PPT on Thanks Giving, showing the history of this day and how it is celebrated. The PPT was followed by a Card Making Activity for classes I to V, in which the students were enthusiastically involved. The celebration concluded with the students happily exchanging the beautiful cards amongst themselves.



**Our students making cards as tokens of love.**

## HARI RAYA HAJI

**"Wherever you turn there is face of Allah"**

Hari Raya Haji ("The Great day of Haj in Malay") or Eid al- Adha is also known as the 'Festival of Sacrifice'. The festival is celebrated by Muslims all over the world on the 5th of October. It commemorates Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his only son in obedience of a command from God. On this day, the world remembers his unwavering faith and trust in God. The festival is celebrated for four days. The festival also marks the end of the 'Hajj', which is the Muslims' pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca. The students of Classes I to V of our school celebrated the festival on 9 October 2014 by making and exchanging greeting cards on this occasion. A few representatives from class V also presented a Power Point presentation on the same. The students were briefed about the origin, significance and rituals related to the festival.



**Celebrating Hari Raya Haji in their own ways are the students of our school.**

## NO JUNK FOOD DAY

Junk food is the most unhealthy form of food leading to severe health problems. The young generation today is very fond of these unhealthy foods like burgers, pizzas, pastas etc. without realizing how harmful they would be to them in the future. Junk food is the major reason for obesity. It can lead to increased cholesterol and sugar levels which lead to heart related problems. An activity regarding the same was organized on 24 November 2014 to educate the students about the ill effects of this addiction.



**Our concerned samaritans sensitizing their peers about the ill-effects of junk food.**



## DURGA PUJA

'Feasts and festivals symbolise the important democratic ideals of unity in diversity.' Secularism shouldn't just be confined to books. The entire faculty at our school believes in practising what it preaches. In another such endeavour, a special assembly was held on 29 September 2014 to commemorate the Durga Puja. The celebration began with a prayer followed by the school song. Furthermore, the recital of a notable Bengali melody- 'Durge Durge Durgoti Dashini' added hues of tradition and authenticity to the program. A student of class V delved deeper into the origin and history of the festival to glorify its celebration. An elegant and subtle aura was created by the enthusiasts of class 5 who captivated the audience with their mesmerising performance on Dhunuchi Dance. Our Vice-Principal, Ms Sabina Shergill acknowledged the efforts of all as everyone collectively chanted, 'SHUBHO DURGE !!'



**Paying homage to Maa Durga by celebrating Durga Pooja.**

## CHILDREN'S DAY

Every year, on 14th November, we celebrate our First Prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru's birthday and Children's Day. He was a great lover of children, who called him Chacha out of love and affection. Children's Day was celebrated in our school with great pomp and show. The Seedling and Sapling teachers organised a special assembly and disguised themselves as children, presenting programmes like dance, songs and rhymes, celebrating childhood for their beloved students. A Pot luck party was organised for our tiny tots. Our I and II Class teachers had also disguised themselves as children and presented programmes like dance, skit, poetry recitation and songs for their children. Children of classes III, IV and V had gone for an excursion to 'Aeroplanet' on this special day.



**Our teachers making Children's Day special for their pupils.**



**A newspaper carrier in the class.**

## NEWSPAPER CARRIER DAY

Newspaper Carrier Day was celebrated on 4 September 2014 by the children of class Seedling. This day honours everyone who is now or was once a newspaper carrier. The list subsumes thousands of people. The toddlers showed their gratitude towards the newspaper carrier, a character enacted by a school peon to give them a glimpse of the newspaper carrier and the significance of his occupation which benefits everyone. Hence, it was quite an enriching experience for the tiny tots.



## GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

**“Wash your hands everyday to keep diseases at bay.”**

The greatest gift one can give one's family and the world is a healthy self. The world has acknowledged the significance of sanitation and hygiene, and thus observes 'Global Handwashing Day'. Global Handwashing Day, held annually on October 15, is a worldwide celebration of handwashing with soap with a motive to raise awareness about being hygienic and living a disease free life. Our school also celebrated this day for the well being of the children. The students of class V presented an educational short skit and a beautiful dance to educate the young girls of the benefits of handwashing, leading to good health. They were told why they should keep their hands clean and when should they wash their hands with soap to avoid germs. Our Vice Principal Ms. Sabina Shergill joined the drive and encouraged the children to inculcate this good habit. The children also acknowledged this fact and pledged to take care of their hands by keeping them clean all the time. It turned out to be a successful event as the children got to learn a basic activity to keep themselves safe from diseases.



**Spreading awareness through a song are the students of class V.**

## GRANDPARENT'S DAY

A grandparent is a very important person, meant to be treasured and valued. Taking the time to remember a grandparent requires so very little effort, and yet means so much. Taking this thought further, our school celebrated the Grandparents Day. The grandparents of the participating children came in full attendance looking their best. Through their various performances, the children showed their love towards their grandparents. The programme started off with a documentary followed up by an English and Hindi poetry recitation. Children also presented folk fusion dances from Rajasthan, Kashmir, Italy and Korea. An interactive session was also organized for the grandparents wherein they played interesting games and also won prizes. A beautiful choir group performed for them which became a mesmerizing time for all. Bringing down the curtain on the event, our Educational Supervisor Ms Sumbul Siddiqui addressed the gathering with encouraging words for the children and thanked the grandparents for their co-operation. All the grandparents enjoyed the programme and returned with a smile on their face. The little saplings of our school made very attractive cards to show their gratitude towards their grandparents for their unconditional love and care.



**Our little honeybuns showing their love and respect through a plethora of dances on Grand Parents Day.**





## GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS



**Our students depicting the various turning points in the life of the Mahatma.**

"My religion is based on truth and non-violence. Truth is my God and non-violence is the means of realising him." The principles of loyalty, truth and honour which form the motto of our school, were sought to be inculcated in our tiny tots through a function which was organised on 29 September 2014 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. A melodious choir of class Seedling sang in reverence to Bapu. Their refreshing voices greeted the audience and marked the start of the event. Prose was made the tool of expression by the little ones of class Sapling. Kids of class I commendably depicted various turning points in the life of Mahatma Gandhi through an inspiring skit, concluding the program. The students put up a spectacular show which lucified the guiding values and inspiration in the life of the Father of their nation.

## INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY

The International Tiger Day, also known as the Global Tiger Day, is an annual celebration to raise consciousness for tiger conservation. Students of classes I and II of our school were asked to make a tiger mask on account of this event. This activity took place with the help of our Animal Welfare Club 'AASHREY'. The students showcased their originality and took part in the event with great gusto. This activity enhanced the students' creativity as well as nurtured their love towards our co-species on Earth. Students of classes VI to X were shown a documentary to mark the International Tiger Day. All the students watched the documentary with rapt attention and sympathized with the disrespectful and objectionable treatment of our national animal. Students understood how we humans are depleting our own wealth for self-seeking requirements and they vowed to take measures to impede this erroneous act.



**Concerned citizens creating awareness about the National Animal through beautiful masks.**



**Time to celebrate a clean and green Diwali !**

## DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

The little Sapling sparklers of our school celebrated the festival of light in their own little way by doing various craft activities like making and decorating their own lanterns, colouring in rangoli patterns, etc. The children were also sensitized about the menace of pollution whereby they took the pledge of " Say No to Crackers ". Students of class V prepared interesting power point presentations depicting the life of Lord Rama. They explained the significance of the festival to the students of class III who thoroughly enjoyed the presentation . The students of class III made beautiful greeting cards and wished each other 'Happy Diwali'.



# ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS

## FANCY DRESS COMPETITION



**Dressed up as Community Helpers, our students learning about the dignity of labour.**

Both academic as well as non-academic activities have an equivalent role to play in developing the overall personality of a child. Keeping this in view, our school conducted a Fancy Dress Competition for the budding actors of Sapling. The purpose of organizing the competition was not only to blend learning with fun, but also to instill a sense of confidence in the students by providing them with a platform to showcase their talent and develop their public-speaking skills. Children dressed up as 'Community Helpers' enacted various roles including those of engineers, captains, policemen, teachers, waiters, maids, painters, etc. They laid emphasis upon their need and importance in our lives. The effort and hard work of the children was highly commendable and was appreciated by all.

## CAMLIN ART CONTEST



**Our budding Picassos exhibiting their masterpieces.**

"Art is the lie that enables us to realize the truth." This quote by Picasso helps us to value art in life. To inculcate an undying love for art in our students, our school organized the Camlin Art Contest for all the students from classes I to X. The children i.e., the budding Picasso's of tomorrow participated in the contest with a lot of ardour and zest, creating a vivacious environment all around. They dipped their brushes into their souls and came up with mesmerizing and colourful artworks, and at the same time depicted their emotions through this priceless form of expression.

## HINDI RHYME RECITATION



**Taking time to delve into the world of verses.**

"A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom..." -Robert Frost  
A Hindi Rhyme Recitation Activity was organized for class Seedling on 12 September 2014. The participants had geared up well for the event and were eager to recite their commendable poems. The tiny tots put forth their rhymes in a stimulating manner. Their creative props complemented their recitation beautifully. Overall, it was a mesmerizing event.