



# Gyan Buzz...

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## DISCOVER THE joy OF LEARNING

*From The Principal's Desk...*

Another month of various activities combined and integrated with academic work. The idea is to develop various skills and make Shreyans aware of their talents. The platform to hone these skills, exists in Gyanshree. It is upto the Shreyyan to chase their dreams and take advantage of the facilities. It takes a certain passion to do so and I hope that our attempt to instill this passion will bear fruits sooner, than later. Please do read and send us your feedback.

Dear Readers,  
Best Wishes,  
Brinda Ghosh

### *Editorial...*

Dear Readers,

Junoon - madness, insanity, obsession, passion - in English

Georg Hegel was right when he said, "Almost nothing great has ever been achieved without passion." Think of Winston Churchill in the darkest days of WWII, Lincoln in the Civil War. Great writers and artists have passion. Performers, too, Edith Piaf being an outstanding example. Our most innovative business leaders, people like Steve Jobs, have it. But what is it? I looked up the word passion in several dictionaries and came across 'The Urban Dictionary' and... there it was!

"Passion is when you put more energy into something than is required to do it. It is more than just enthusiasm or excitement, passion is ambition that is materialized into action to put as much heart, mind, body and soul into something as is possible."

Exactly!

The simple phrase, "people with passion can change the world" by Steve Jobs --holds the secret to entrepreneurial success. Apple's most notable leader was ex-CEO, the late Steve Job, in an interview highlighted his key factor for success: "Do what you love. You need to be passionate to be able to make a difference." It builds resistance against the inevitable naysayers who will question your vision. It's also an essential ingredient in successful communication. If you're not passionate about your ideas, nobody else will be. Follow your passion and make a difference.

Hunter S. Thompson said, "Anything that gets your blood racing is probably worth doing." Purpose is the reason you journey. Passion is the fire that lights the way. When you identify your passion and align it with whatever you're doing, a magical synergy happens that will effortlessly carry you to rarefied heights. Work becomes joyous and pleasurable. Hours fly by, unnoticed. Tiredness and fatigue take the backseat as you power your way to greater achievements. Not only do gold medal winners have one hundred percent focus on the goal, but also they are filled with passion and drive to achieve it. They radiate passion, not boredom. They are full of energy for what they are doing, not lackadaisical in their attitudes. They are not working in a bored, humdrum way for their gold. They wake up each day excited about what they are doing and scrounging for gold with the drive within. They are pumped and full of energy and life, with a passion to perfect their skills.

Passion can unravel the mysteries of the world and can lead you to the fusion of the worldly and the unworldly themes. Of course, success requires a lot more than passion: intelligence, hard work, common sense, leadership, honesty and courage help immensely. Sadly, a lot of passion can be misguided, especially when people think passion is enough. It is if you want to be a voice crying in the wilderness, otherwise, it isn't.

Signing off,  
Riya Agarwal  
Student Editor



# Pre – Primary Wing News

## A-Shopping We Will Go...

This session's first educational visit for our Pre-Primary Shreeyans was planned in the month of July. We visited a Safal Outlet as the Project Theme for the month was 'Food We Eat'. Safal is primarily engaged in retail of fresh fruits & vegetables. Circle Time conversation about 'Healthy & Unhealthy Food' preceded the visit. We wanted our Shreeyans to see (identify & recognize) different kinds of fruits and vegetables; also, to give them an experience of buying things at the market.

The Shreeyans were most excited about the 'bus trip'. For many it was the first experience. On reaching the outlet, the mentors showed the Shreeyans the variety of fruits and vegetables, and told them how important it is to include these in our daily diet. Shreeyans were then given 'play money' to buy any one fruit or vegetable of their choice, which they later took home. They were most excited and 'shopped' enthusiastically. It was a very informative and interesting experience.



## Number Line Activity

"Have fun while you learn." This ideology is behind many an activity planned for Shreeyans, especially in the Pre-Primary Wing. Understanding numeracy is an important part of developing Cognitive Thinking skills. This is the first step to help develop logical thinking and reasoning, skills necessary for everyday life. We need numeracy to make sense of numbers and solve problems.

Keeping this in mind, a classroom activity was planned for KG Shreeyans. Shreeyans were given number lines (1 to 10) and blocks. They had to count and place the correct number of blocks against each number symbol.

This fun activity helped clarify concepts of number recognition, number quantity association as well as number sequence from 1-10. This activity would be further helpful in developing number sense and also enhance eye-hand coordination.



# Primary Wing News

## Say no to Plastic

Shreyans of Grade III-A presented an assembly on the importance of saying no to plastic. The young crusaders for change raised awareness about the menace of plastic and what we can do to make our world plastic-free. They shared relevant and practical tips about how we can give up using plastic by doing things like buying in bulk and replacing plastic containers with steel bottles and boxes. Their rendition of the song - 'We need to build a better future' was praiseworthy. The assembly concluded with an impromptu quiz on the subject, conducted by Ms. Sharika Sharma, the Primary Wing HM. She also urged all the gathered Shreyans to adopt these eco-friendly practices and help make a better world for each one of us.



## 'Being compassionate towards animals'

On Friday, 26 July Shreyans of Grade III B presented an assembly on 'Being compassionate towards animals'. The class put up a thought provoking skit on how we treat animals and our attitude towards them. The skit which aimed to sensitize the audience towards all animals was widely appreciated. The Shreyans also conducted an interesting quiz based on animal facts. The morning concluded on a solemn note with Ms. Sharmishtha Gupta addressing the young Shreyans and sharing some practical tips on how we can incorporate kindness towards animals in our daily life.



## **Social Studies Week – Broadening our horizons...**

The Primary Wing's 'Social Studies Week' that commenced on Monday July 15, 2019 was an event of great importance. The week was packed with activities that were dedicated to raising our united voices about a range of subject matter. Shreeyans learnt about topics such as the great Indian festival of Rath Yatra and the rich cultural heritage of Odisha, (the State from which it hails), the immeasurable sacrifices of Indian soldiers at Kargil in 2009, contributions of Nobel Peace Prize recipient Nelson Mandela. A myriad of activities involving discussions and group presentations using Audio-Visual aids took place across all the grades. The Shreeyans of Grade IV and V wrote a thank you note to our brave and courageous soldiers, Grade III took part in class quiz on the topics. The Shreeyans were also sensitized to the need to conserve our environment and protect our wildlife sanctuaries. The Upper Primary Shreeyans designed Travel Brochures on wildlife sanctuaries and national parks and the younger ones participated in joyful nature walks and planting of saplings at the Gyanshree School Park. The action packed week also focused on making our Shreeyans aware about the factors affecting population and dangers of overpopulation through class discussions and presentations. It was not only a week of great learning but also a celebration of the inherent goodness of the world's diverse cultures and activities aimed at spreading awareness about the same.



## **Read Aloud Poetry Activity – An exploration of the power of language...**

The Read Aloud Poetry Activity has been incorporated as part of the curriculum of the Primary Wing. It has been designed to enable each Shreeyan develop the art and technique of presenting a poem to an audience. The Shreeyans were given the opportunity to read aloud a range of poems throughout the month. One poem each was selected per grade per week for four weeks. Shreeyans had been introduced to a variety of poems from 'I took my doggy for a walk' to 'My Shadow' by Robert Louis Stevenson. The young learners who participated eagerly in rounds of both individual and choral recitation expanded their vocabulary, honed their memorization skills and developed self-expressions.



## **Reading Fluency Programme**

The Reading Fluency Programme has been designed to help each student develop fluency in reading. The programme which started for all Primary Wing classes in July 2019, has been designed by the R&D Wing of Gyanshree School, keeping both the international standards and the specific goals of our school in mind. These classes are aimed to help our Shreeyans read with accuracy and expression at an appropriate reading rate, so that their fluency may support their comprehension. All teachers who are executing the reading programme have been trained to carry out this task by Ms. Sharmistha Gupta - the head of R&D Wing. Our Shreeyans have enjoyed going through the pre-selected reading sheets and have started on a journey that will take them from "learning to read" to "reading to learn" - a key

# Secondary Wing News

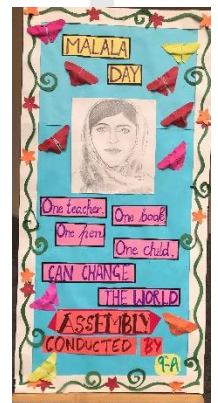
## Learning To Adapt - Honing Necessary Skill Sets

With the prime motive of making the 21st century learners understand the importance of values and to see them being manifested in their attitudes and behaviour, the faculty along with Ms. Abha, the Consultant, Cultural Immersion Programme, designed a comprehensive activity based Value education programme for the Shreeyans of Grades VI –XII. Various activities like bringing notes for the teacher written with their left hand; discussing adaptability with reference to the Pandavas exile and agyaatvaas; watching documentaries on specially abled painters; putting themselves in other student's shoes; discussions on real life situations connected to the skill of adaptability(value for the month) were enthusiastically undertaken by the Shreeyans.



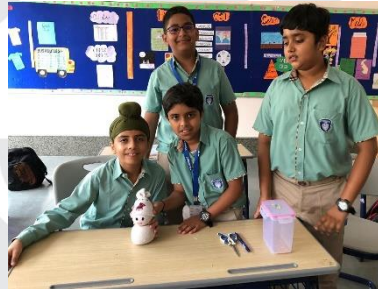
## Class Assembly – IX A

On 10 July, class IX A conducted an assembly to mark the birthday of Malala Yousafzai also known as Malala, is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Prize laureate. A theatrical representation on the life of Malala Yousafzai was performed by the Shreeyans.



## Best Out Of Waste!

Discarded plastic bottles, clothes, bags and waste material were put to creative use by the Shreeyans of Grades VI –VIII in their SUPW activity periods. The main aim behind the activity was to encourage the importance of 3Rs –Reduce, Recycle and Reuse. Shreeyans, had fun creating pencil holders, Snowman, aprons, organisers, and other decorative items.



## Literary Fest

A literary fest was organized on May 9 & 10. It featured a variety of presentations and readings as well as other activities delivered over a period of two days. The primary objective being, fostering love of literature and writing.

Grade VI to VIII were involved in a choral recitation of Tagore's and Sarojini Naidu's poems and presenting book reviews, while Grade IX were a part of an exhilarating story telling activity through dexterously maneuvered puppet show. Students of Grade X enjoyed 'Spin the Yarn.'

The activity which was given to Grade XI students was Just A Minute. In this activity students were required to speak for a minute on the preferred topic. The objective of this activity was to build confidence and overcome stage fright.

Students of Grade XII learnt to critically appreciate literature by presenting their analysis and interpretations on Tagore's selected poems in 'Think like a Poet...' They also had a group discussion on 'Social Responsibility and some of the Shreeyans over shone their peers as they provided inventive insight on the topic with panache and confidence.



## In Quest Of Creating Excellence... Workshop For The NTSE Aspirants

At Gyanshree our endeavour has always been to provide excellence in education by providing the best of teaching learning resources and expert guidance to the Shreeyans. In order that the young Shreeyans attain academic primacy at the National level, a workshop giving detailed knowledge, importance and syllabus for appearing for the prestigious competitive scholarship programme – NTSE, was organized for the Shreeyans of Grades IX & X. Methodology for preparation and knowledge of important topics and concepts were also shared. The workshop gave the necessary drive and focus to appear for the exam.



## School News

### Excellence Valued And Leadership Created- Investiture And Achievers' Day At Gyanshree

Gyanshree School organized its Investiture ceremony and Achievers' Day on July 8, 2019. The Chief Guest for the occasion was DIOS, Dr. Neeraj Kumar Pandey. Ms. Rita Kapur, Director, Gyanshree School also graced the occasion with her eclectic presence.

The programme commenced with the auspicious lighting of the lamp followed by invocation to Lord Ganesh through a scintillating dance performance by the students of the secondary wing. An inspirational song sung by the school choir aided in setting the tone for the event. The Chief Guest felicitated the Academic achievers with the Certificate of Merit and invested the newly elected Student Council with power and responsibility. Each member of the board manifested deep pride and respect for the school as they proudly marched on to the stage to receive their badges and sashes from the esteemed guests. Having taken the oath of office and pledged their loyalty and obedience to the school rules, the newly constituted student council members marched proudly with their flags fluttering high, symbolizing their hopes and aspirations and their keen desire to be committed to the wellbeing of their Alma Mater. Ms Brinda Ghosh, Principal, in her welcome address said that leadership comes from integrity. She urged the students to set personal goals vis- a- vis their strengths and aspirations and not to flinch from the path of righteousness in achieving them.

Ms Rita Kapur exhorted the chosen ones to dispense their duties to the best of their abilities and commit themselves to maintain the honour of the school. Citing the example of the way our body, mind and soul work in perfect synchrony and their association with the five elements of nature, she urged the student members of Jal, Agni, Prithvi, Akash and Vayu House to work in unison with utmost responsibility, veracity and genuinity. She asked the students not to lose sight of their goal and to remember that small steps lead to bigger success in life.



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