



DISCOVER THE joy OF LEARNING

The Principal's Desk...

Dear Readers,

The festive season comes with its share of learning. Celebrating these in school inculcates values which our little ones carry back home. I wonder whether any adult was as committed as our little ones to their campaign against crackers. Lessons in cleanliness, dignity of labour, collaboration and cooperation will go a long way in building character.

Dear Shreeparents, please send in feedback to the newsletter. Encouragement and criticism will help us improve.

Best Wishes,
Brinda Ghosh
Principal

Editorial...

Dear Readers,

I picked up the calendar and I was overjoyed to see that October was staring at me in my face. I was not sad to see September in retrospect for it is one of the most dreaded months in the almanac. August is a blur of events piled atop each other while October is reserved for the festivities surrounding the upcoming events. In the middle lies the mundane September with practically nothing to offer but sleepless nights spent pondering over textbooks. How can one like it? What we don't realize though, is that after being completely exhausted by the countless events, this one month provides the only time to take a moment to think.

The merit of prosaic objects lies in their ability to highlight the extraordinary, making it far more alluring to the onlooker. Ordinary and extraordinary, like day and night, yin and yang or hatred and love always complement each other. Hence there can be no extraordinary without the ordinary. My purport is to highlight that the monotony of examination enhances the imminent excitement of this festive month.

The number of festivals and the number of days in a year appear to be equal in this land. Festivals truly depicts the composite essence of India therefore making national integration strongly cemented. Every festival carries a deeper message.

Deepavali, for instance, dispels darkness and evil forces. Holi is not just a festival of colors but a celebration of life itself. It is a festival of bonhomie and reconciliation when people embrace each other, forgetting any bitterness and ill feeling that might have been there. Vijayadashami, the day of victory. This brings home the message of how being in reverence and gratitude towards everything that matters in our lives leads to success and victory. Of the many things that we are in touch with, of the many things that contribute in making and creating our lives, the most important devices that we employ in making a success of our lives are our own body and mind. Being in reverence towards the very earth that you walk upon, towards the air that you breathe, the water that you drink, the food that you eat, the people that you come in touch with and everything else that you use, including your body and mind, will lead us to a different possibility as to how we can live. Being in a state of reverence and devotion towards all these aspects is a way of ensuring success in every endeavor that we partake in.

Anticipating the content (the strength of students) Shreeyans would like to read is a mammoth task. The fact that we have all been subjected to an exhaustive term made our task much easier as we decided to bulldoze through all barriers and impediments and let our creativity flow. We hope that the time gone by only makes the much awaited issue extremely refreshing.

Happy Reading!
Riya Agarwal
Editor-in-Chief



Pre – Primary Wing News



Special Assembly on Dussehra

The victory of good over evil is the teaching of the festival of Dussehra. The same values were inculcated in our Shreeyans as a learning outcome of the assembly.

On 11th October the Shreeyans of KG-E hosted a special assembly on Dussehra. The Shreeyans were all dressed in colourful traditional attire and were brimming with joy and excitement. They presented an enchanting Garba dance. The children were enthusiastic and danced delightfully to mark the occasion. Adding on to the Garba performance, our little Shreeyan from KG-C Anwita Jain gave a solo performance to a classical song. Her performance was laudable and was appreciated by all.

Principal Ma'am said a few words on the festival of Dussehra and gave her blessings and good wishes to the Shreeyans. Shreeyans were encouraged to follow the path of truth and goodness.

Nature Walk Activity

The Shreeyans of grade Nursery visited the school gardens for a Nature Walk followed by a pebble sorting activity. It was an exciting hands-on activity for Shreeyans which they enjoyed. They observed different aspects of nature, they touched and felt the softness of flowers and leaves, observed butterflies, dragon flies and bumble bees and collected some pebbles. They sorted the pebbles according to their different shapes and sizes.

The sorting of stones combined fun with early cognitive learning and was a great way for developing fine motor skills too. The idea was to make the Shreeyans experience and understand about different shapes and sizes. The activity was extended to include comparison between the weights of pebbles of different sizes.



Primary Wing News

Special Assembly on Dusshera

The Gyanshree Primary Wing celebrated the spirit of Dusshera on the 16th of October - 2018, with a special assembly conducted by the Shreeyans of grade II. The program started with grade II students sharing both the history and the message of this auspicious festival. The young Shreeyans then put up a dance-drama depicting the scenes from the life of Lord Rama and a special dance on the theme of Diwali. Children also raised their voices to sing about the life of Lord Rama. The morning ended on a thoughtful note with the Principal - Ms. Brinda Ghosh speaking about the various ways in which this pan-Indian festival is celebrated throughout the length and breadth of our country. She also urged each member of Team Gyanshree present there, to become an ambassador of the spirit of goodness that Dusshera embodies. It was a morning well- spent indeed!



ICT Fest

Computer education plays a pivotal role in career enhancement. Computer with the internet is the most sophisticated technology the children are exposed to nowadays. It is quintessential to all learning. The 3rd and 4th week of October saw Shreeyans enthusiastically participate in an engaging, fun-filled and informative ICT fest.

The activities were wide-ranging and covered all age groups. Shreeyans of Grade I, ingeniously worked on the software 'Typing Master' and familiarized themselves with the QWERTY keyboard and learned the right way of typing.

Students of Grades II & III were enthused to work on the next level of 'Typing Master' which integrated several games and equipped them to use all types of keys.

Grades IV & V undertook the challenge of 'Code Hour' where they were introduced to a whole new mesmerizing world of computer programming through gaming mode. They worked on a website called 'studio.code.org' in which they could visualize the actual situation and drag the blocks of the available set of commands to solve the puzzle.

The activities inspired the young learners. Computers and children make a great team, and we are sure that such events would hook our young Shreeyans to the world of computers for life.



"Mathematics is the music of reason"- James Joseph Sylvester

In the Primary wing, we believe that thinking, generalizing and reasoning are cardinal to all learning. Various concepts of Mathematics are introduced and taught through 'Jodo Gyan material.' Numerous activities are carried out through 'Ganit Mala,' 'Rubber Dice,' 'Akar Parivar,' 'Fraction kit,' 'Tangrams,' 'Jodo Straws.' Topics like numbers, counting, and addition are introduced using various Math resources which make Math fun, interesting and a real- life experience for children. All these activities simplify the complex Mathematical concepts and help children learn and assimilate these in a play way.

-Shreeguru Tanya Sibbal

Secondary Wing News

Cleanliness drive @ Gyanshree

“So long as you do not take the broom and the bucket in your hands, you-cannot make your towns and cities clean.” – Mahatma Gandhi

At Gyanshree School, every Shreeyan is nurtured with the core values of ownership, excellence and collaboration. Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with full fervor and enthusiasm at the school. The day commenced with the Principal's address. Mrs. Ghosh highlighted the significance and the essence of the day and set the tone for the celebration to commence. A Prayer Meeting- Sarva Dharam Prarthana (a compendium of prayers from all religions) was organised at the school library. The entire school resonated with Chants, Bhajans and Hymns and the atmosphere was charged with the positive energy from the collective prayers. A sense of calm and equanimity prevailed. The Prayer Meeting was followed by a Cleanliness Drive in which all members of the Gyanshree family participated enthusiastically. It was indeed overwhelming to see our young Shreeyans take the lead in the cleanliness drive with brooms and buckets in their little hands, cleaning their school with dedication and love. This observance at Gyanshree, truly celebrated the spirit of change – a dream which was envisioned by Bapu.

- Riya Agarwal



Science Fest

The Science Fest is an integral part of the science curriculum at the school, and challenges students to expand their knowledge and present projects to the judges. With an endeavor to promote scientific attitude among budding young students, this exhibition on 14th October, was one of its kind. "We are impressed by the quality of work and ingenuity our students display. We are so proud of all our participants ranging from sixth to eleventh grade," Science Department teachers said. The students came up with original amusing ideas and projects. Students used basic principles such as that of hydraulic lift and electromagnetic induction and executed their ideas. From proving what set the basis of Quantum Physics to making Laser Alarms and robots which promoted energy conservation, the Science Fest proved to be a great success. With the guidance and direction of our science teachers, our school comes together as a community to celebrate this great learning experience and students grow in confidence and their understanding of science

The following amusing projects outshined the rest

Grade VI – (Piya & Aanjaneja) and Anvesha

Grade VII – (Jessica & Manvi) and (Ayushi)

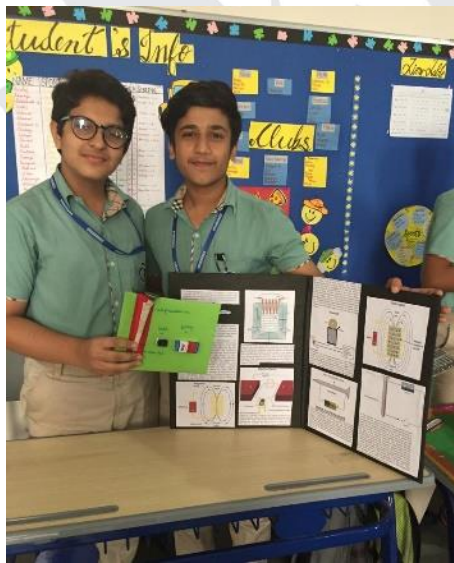
Grade VIII- (Ujjwal & Ayush) and (Aman, Vibhor & Bhoom)

Grade IX – (Aminya & Anusha) and Vedant

Grade X - (Siddhant, Swarali & Manvee) and Aviral

Grade XI – (Dhruv & Riya), (Kuldeep & Nitin) and (Shreyansh, Sushant & Sanjana)

The success of the event rests on the firm shoulders of our Science teachers who meticulously planned and supported this learning experience.



From the Editorial Board...

Diversity in Our Similarity

India is known for her multicultural and multilingual flavour. From having several nationally recognised independent languages to a vibrant and diverse cultural heritage; Indians celebrate their diversity with vigour and enthusiasm. The culture of a country is defined by its festivals and in a multicultural country like ours; a festival is celebrated almost every day in some part of the country. Festivals in India are not bound by religion and reinforce the values of unity and brotherhood.

It is interesting to note that even if two Indian families celebrate the same festival they will definitely not do it in the same way. From putting a pinch of colour on someone's face a formality to having a complete strategic alliance complete with water guns, water balloons, and bags of colour, we all celebrate Holi in different ways, and this is just one example of the numerous festivals we celebrate. The beauty of our country is that we all may have similar identities but their-in lies our diversity. The diversity in our similarity is what sets our ethos apart from the rest of the world.

October and November are the most festive months of the year when the entire country gears up to make preparations in their own novel ways. Navratri and Durga Puja, Dussehra, Diwali to name a few, and these are just the popular ones. Some others include Baisakhi, Eid, Christmas, Buddha Purnima, Govardhan Puja, Chhath Puja and many more.

So, even if you don't celebrate the festivals yourself, take some time out of your busy lives to experience these festivities around you. The quintessential Indian experience lies in being part of the festivals which essentially blur the linguistic and social boundaries and give us a glimpse of the incredible country we live in.

- Samarth Kumar X-B

OUR RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE

“A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people”

India is a country blessed with a harmonious blend of rich cultures that are distinct in language, dressing, traditions and beliefs. Customs and Traditions do define our Cultural Heritage as a nation. Religion has always played a crucial role in influencing development of cultural heritage in India. Religions like Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism and Hinduism have started their journey and evolved from the Indian Soil.

Diversity in our culture does not solely exist because of religion but also because of existence of different linguistic communities in our country. Even though there are 23 languages officially recognised by the Indian constitution, India is home to more than 19,000 languages and dialects, which is more than any nation in the world. Language unites individuals creating social groups identical to a particular culture.

The essence of Indian Culture also lies in the various art forms, namely music, dance, poetry, literature and painting. Art also holds a great historical importance and has evolved over the years alongside culture. Cultural diversity in India is accompanied by festivals that evince enthusiasm, rituals, colors, traditions and togetherness. Irrespective of social differences in ethnic or religious groups, all festivals are celebrated with ardour and wholeheartedness, creating a sense of happiness and unity all over the nation.

Cultural diversity makes India a unique and exceptional country and also enriches our historical heritage. We, Indians must take pride in our amazing culture which is extraordinary with respect to other cultures around the World. Embracing our culture would instil a sense of nationalism in our hearts and help us imbibe moral values integral for personal growth.

- Jasmine Bajaj X-B



Laurels



Try in vain.
 Everyone knows
 How futility tastes
 But only for those
 Who fight and maneuver,
 Do the pages of history
 And victory await.

For if to ashes we may fall,
 Then from ashes we will rise.
 To repel all failure,
 Is but a flimsy man's guise.
 No success comes for free,
 Nor does loss come sans gain.
 Everything we've learnt ourselves,
 We've learnt as windfall from pain.

For not in the frost of grief
 Nor the fall of might
 Nor the summer of desire,
 Nor in the spring of will.
 Time is no escape,
 Perhaps an impassable waterfall.
 To get through one,
 You ought to get through them all

So let the waves of fear barge in.
 And let yourself be washed ashore,
 Let the force unleash upon,
 And let the darkness give its roar
 If the depth is the answer
 You've been looking for all this while,
 Then sink, before you resurface,
 Fiery and versatile.

- Riya XI-B



CBSE North Zone Chess Championship

- Boys U -11 Team won Bronze
- Girls U – 14 Team won Gold
- Vedant Mittal won Board Prize
- Riya Tiwari won Board Prize



CBSE North Zone Skating Championship

Bhavya Pawar of XI – A, won gold in U -19 Boys and has qualified for the National Championship to be held in last week of November



Junior Run

Junior Run was held on 14th October, 2018 at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium, New Delhi, Taanish Nanda of Grade 1B (6yrs) participated and bagged second position with a timing of 15min 42sec(3km) in the JunioRun 3km kids race in 6+ to 8yrs category.



Dhaani Jain of Grade KG- A ran for 3km in 30 minutes in 4 years+ category and she was bestowed with a medal acknowledging her achievement



Junior Marathon

Daksh Tanwar Rajput, Grade III B, completed junior marathon, New Delhi. He ran the 3kms run in 17 minutes and stood 6th in 8-10 category.



Milo Quiz

Ojas Kapil, Grade III - A, bagged Gold and Aayan Chaturvedi, Grade IV-C bagged bronze in Milo Quiz held at Gyanshree.



Open Tennis Tournament

Taanish Nanda of Grade- I-B participated in Deuce Academy Open Tennis Tournament held at Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Stadium, Greater Noida on 21st October and was Winner in Under 8 Tennis Aptitude and 1st Runner's up in Under 8 Rally match



School News

CBSE Capacity Building Workshop at Gyanshree

Gyanshree School hosted a two – day Capacity Building Workshop on Business Studies on October 30-31, 2018. The interactive workshop was facilitated by Ms. Arti and Mr. Pramendra. The event brought more than 50 teachers from the CBSE schools in Delhi, NCR to participate in this insightful workshop.

The workshop focused on the pedagogical tools which could be used to enhance the present teaching strategies. A number of case studies were discussed and the common problems of learners were brought to light. The resource persons shared useful tips were on addressing frequently asked questions. The revisions made in the syllabus for grades XI – XII were also discussed.

The workshop proved to be informative and useful for the faculty members as it provided a common platform for teachers teaching students from diverse backgrounds, aided deliberation on the present challenges and the way forward.



Welcoming New Member

Gyanshree School welcomes our new faculty members, Congratulations and welcome to Gvanshree family!

Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Grade Mentor III-C

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