



# Gyan Buzz...

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### *From The Principal's Desk...*

Dear Readers,

Seasons' Greetings to all our readers. It's the time of the year to take stock of our achievements and goals – the time to start planning for the New Year that is around the corner.

The academic term brings with it new aspirations and challenges and the short break will rejuvenate us and give us time to sharpen our tools to use them afresh when we get back.

So here's wishing you all the best for 2020!

Best Wishes,  
Brinda Ghosh  
Principal

### *Editorial...*

#### *A BATTLE AGAINST MYSELF*

Often, I let my mind wander and take me along  
With the anticipation of it breaking into a merry song  
But what actually happens makes me despair  
For the mind does nothing but mock and compare

You can't hold a candle to her gorgeous looks  
You don't have what it takes to get into its good books  
That person's intellect makes you look like you have feet of clay  
You eventually just let yourself go astray.

As my mind keeps bombarding me with accusations  
I ponder whether it's high time for abjuration  
I realize soon that I myself have become my worst foe.  
And I myself am responsible for my plaguing woe.

How different would life be without this complex?  
How delightful would the world be minus the perplex?  
As I put an end to this predicament.

I hope I can get all the optimism for my mind to implement.  
I hope we learn the art of not letting such notions rule us and reflect positivity; within and around by the end of this decade. Wishing the readers strength, courage and happiness, this New Year!

Dear Readers,  
Riya Agarwal  
Student Editor



# Pre – Primary Wing News

## Just Dial Bachpaan

Grandparents are the most special members of any family. They are the keepers of tradition and heritage. Grandparents play an important role in the development of a child and have a very special bond with their grandchildren. To celebrate this bond and to pay tribute to Grandparents we at Gyanshree celebrated Grandparent's Day (Just Dial Bachpan) on 18 th and the 19 th December 2019. This is an annual event of the Pre-Primary Wing. The celebration started with a tilak on arrival to welcome the Shreegrandparents. First there was a performance by the Shreeyans in their respective classrooms. Following this interesting activities had been planned for the grandparents to do along with the Shreeyans. The grandparents were divided into two groups, one group moved out for an art & craft activity and the second group of grandparents along with their grandchildren stayed back in the same classroom for an interesting game (Picture Bingo, Word search etc.). The happiness and enthusiasm had to be seen to be believed. Refreshments were then served to all Shreegrandparents in the cafeteria. Some of the grandparents penned down their thoughts before leaving. They thoroughly enjoyed coming to their grandchildren's school and interacting with them. They were especially appreciative of the warmth and hospitality at Gyanshree. It was a day well spent and well celebrated, creating everlasting memories





### Project Bhumitra

Bhumitra means bhumi ka mitra, friend of the Earth. The School has always taken pride in sensitizing the Shreeyans to be aware of their environment and use natural resources responsibly and sparingly. The school has decided to declare itself a plastic free zone and has initiated efforts to remove one-time-use plastic completely from the campus. Under this project the Shreegurus and Shreeyans decided to get rid of plastic and take certain initiatives for the same.

A poster making group activity was conducted in the classroom. The topic was 'Say No to Plastic'. The Shreeyans used waste material to create posters with catchy messages and slogans under the guidance of their **teachers**. These posters were then displayed on the walls in Atrium I for all to see.



### Safe Campus

The Safe Campus Team has been working with Gyanshree students, teachers and support staff for some time now. Their aim is to train young children in Physical Fitness and Self-Defence. An interactive session was held for the KG children in the month of December. The Safe Campus trainers emphasized the importance of being more aware of their surroundings. They also talked about personal space, good touch and bad touch.

They talked about the danger a stranger can pose. The children were also told that they must not accept anything from strangers. In case they are uncomfortable about anything they should say so and seek help from the nearest adult whom they can trust. If a stranger still tries to get too close to them, they should bite him/ her and run away. They also did some warm-up exercises and role play with the children.

Overall, it was a very interesting and informative session.



### Children's Day Celebrations

Children's Day is celebrated across India on 14th November every year as a tribute to India's First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru who loved children. It also serves to increase awareness about the care, education and rights of children.

On Children's Day the Pre-Primary teachers had planned a day filled with fun activities for the Shreeyans. The teachers had also planned some performances for the Shreeyans. The Pre-Nursery & Nursery teachers presented a dramatization of the story, Three Little Pigs. The teachers from KG presented a mesmerising dance to a medley of popular children's songs.

Shreeyans enjoyed seeing their teachers perform. It was a wonderful surprise for the little ones.

The Shreeyans were also given chocolates. It was a fun filled day.



### Gurupurab Celebrations

India is a land of various religions and Sikhism is one of them. The most important and sacred festival of Sikh's is Gurupurab. It is also known as Guru Nanak's Prakash Utsav and Guru Nanak Jayanti. It marks the birth of the first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Gyanshree has always believed in equality of all religions and we work towards imparting the same value to our children. The teachers also told children about Gurupurab, about how and why the festival is celebrated.

To celebrate the festival of Gurupurab the Pre-Primary wing of Gyanshree conducted a Langar activity at school. The children were made to take off their shoes and socks and sit on the floor to eat their meal. They were made to cover their heads with a scarf, as is customary.

Poori aloo and halwa was served for the langar. The teachers played Gurbani (hymns from the Guru Granth Sahib) on the music system. It was a fun filled day with a lot of learning for the little ones.



### Christmas Celebrations

On 24th December Christmas was celebrated with gaiety and fervour in the Pre-Primary Wing. The festive spirit was palpable, with Shreeyans all dressed in red, white and green, brimming with excitement. The classrooms were decorated with Santa Claus, Christmas trees, bells and Christmas stockings made by the Shreeyans themselves. There was a Special Assembly for Christmas conducted by the Primary Wing, which added to the excitement. This was followed by a Christmas class party, where the Shreeyans shared their favorite snacks with their classmates. In the middle of it all, there came Santa ringing his bell. The classrooms were filled with laughter and chirpy voices of the Shreeyans as they received toffees from Santa for being good children and promised to remain so.

The Shreeyans finally wished Merry Christmas to their friends and teachers and left for homes with beaming smiles.



# Primary Wing News

## Observing the Constitution Day at Gyanshree

Gyanshree School celebrated the Constitution Day (National Law Day), also known as Samvidhan Divas, on 26 November in honour of the Constitution of India. The Shreeyans, led by their Principal, Ms. Brinda Ghosh took the National Pledge – an oath of allegiance to the Republic of India, to mark the occasion.



## Project Bhumitra- Little Hands at Work!

Shreeyans of Grade I and II initiated the Project Bhumitra at Gyanshree School by taking up 'Project Bhumitra'. The participating Shreeyans discussed about the importance of saying no to plastic with their grade mentors. They learnt to make paper bags at school and carried home not just their handcrafted bags but also the message that we must replace our use of plastic with more environment friendly materials. They campaign saw the little ones raise their voice in unison on the importance of saying no to plastic in order to save our Earth from increasing pollution.



## Safe Campus Training Sessions- Being aware, staying safe!

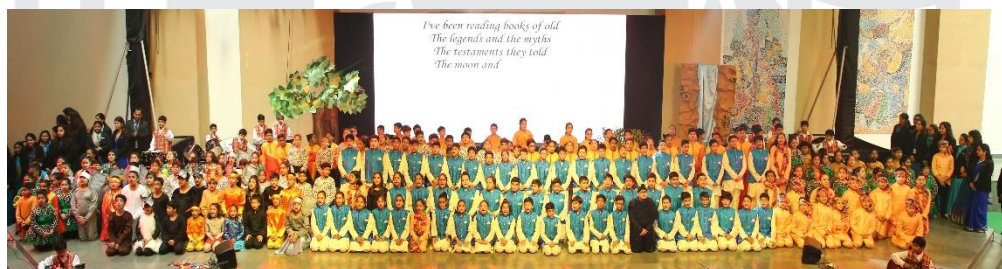
Gyanshree School conducted the next round of the 'Safe Campus Activity' for all the Shreeyans of the Primary Wing. The class began with the visiting faculty showing a child-friendly video on 'stranger awareness' to the participating Shreeyans. This was followed by a discussion which emphasised on the importance of having situational awareness and the different safety measures that one can adopt to stay out of harm's way. Shreeyans then outlined their 'Safety Circle' and also practised various defender moves in small groups under the supervision of their expert trainers. The session concluded on a positive note with the participating students promising to stay alert and be aware, for safety is not negotiable!





## Form Morning - Grade IV & V

The Gyanshree School 'Form Morning - Abhimanch - 2019' for grades IV & V that took place on 7th December 2019, was a mélange of sheer artistry and delight! The morning which started on an auspicious note with the lighting of the lamp, was witness to a soul stirring live performance: 'Charishnu', sung in Raag Jog by the Shreeyans. The Principal felicitated Mr. S. C. Gaur, the Chief Guest for the day and Dr. Vibha Chaturvedi, the Guest of honour. Speaking on the occasion the Director of Education, Ms. Rita Kapur, spoke of the incomparable significance of such cultural events in the life of a student and congratulated the young enthusiasts for putting up such a mesmerizing show. It was motivating to hear the Principal, Ms. Brinda Ghosh speak of the importance of the annual show as a culmination of the teaching-learning process at Gyanshree. Accentuating the intrinsic role such events play in a student's life, she said 100 percent participation would go a long way in tapping the potential and talent of the students at their formative years. The School Report 'Glimpses', as shared by the Shreeyans highlighted the plethora of educational and co-curricular activities undertaken throughout the year. The Shreeyans of primary wing then added radiance to the morning with their performance in their live theatrical presentation: 'The Jungle Book'. Celebrating the values of living in harmony with nature and the power to do good, the scintillating performance left the audience spellbound. The morning drew to a close amidst much good cheer and exuberance, with Team Gyanshree and the audience giving voice to the National Anthem.





## **Math-o-Mania – Honouring Srinivasa Ramanujan**

The Shreeyans of the Primary Wing celebrated the 'Math Week' in the week of December, 22 in honour of Srinivasa Ramanujan - the mathematical genius from India. Shreeyans of Grades I-V partook in a plethora of learning activities, ranging from Math Quizzes to fun hands on mathematical activities. The enthusiastic participants also shared their knowledge about various mathematical facts, tips and tricks with their peers making the week one of both learning and enjoyment.



## **Celebrating Christmas at Gyanshree – Tis the Season to be Jolly!**

Shreeyans of Grade I- E, F G & H presented an assembly on the festive occasion of Christmas on 24th December, 2019. The assembly commenced on a merry note with the tiny tots dancing to some Christmas music filled with the spirit of the festal season. The participating Shreeyans also lent their voice to the sacred hymn – 'Heavens came down'. The little ones were in for a treat with Santa Claus visiting the gathered assemblage and distributing toffees and candies to the gathered Shreeyans. The morning ended on an ebullient note with the Principal, Mrs. Brinda Ghosh wishing each Shreeyan a festive and meaningful Christmas and motivating the Shreeyans to celebrate their holidays in keeping with the spirit of giving and caring for others.





# School News

## Perspectiva Gyanshree

GSN launched 'PERSPECTIVA GYANSHREE', first 'All India Haldiram's Invitational Debate', a two day Interschool Debate Conclave, on 23rd November. This two day event was inaugurated by Mr. Punit Jain Senior Vice President at Bennett, Coleman and Co. Ltd. (Times Group). Participation in the event includes many eminent schools from India - The Scindia School- Gwalior, YPS- Patiala, Mayo College - Ajmer DPS - Noida, Amity International School - Noida, Step By Step, Sanskriti School, Shiv Nadar School - Noida, Modern School - Barakhamba, Genesis Global School, Khaitan Public School, The Gurukul School, Bluebells International School, Nehru World School, Billabong High School, Gyanshree School.

Dr. Dnyaneshwar. Mulay, Member of NHRC was the chief guest on 24th November, 2019. Ten schools were shortlisted for the final round - Amity International School, Delhi Public School, The Gurukul School, Gyanshree School, Mayo College, Modern School, Nehru World School, Step By Step School, The Khatian School and Yadavindra Public School. The topic of the debate was 'Depression – A luxury of the rich'.

Yadavindra Public School, Patiala won the Best School Trophy. Jai Gaurav of The Gurukul School, Ghaziabad was awarded the Best Debater, Harshit Chaudhary of Nehru World School, Ghaziabad was awarded the Best Interjector and Shivam Pareek of Amity International School, Noida was awarded Most Promising Debater Award.





## ABHIMANCH VI

With the aim of sensitising Shreeyans to the needs of the community besides inculcating values like spirituality, integrity, commitment, equanimity etc., the school organised ABHIMANCH VI- Annual function on 6th & 7th December, 2019, titled 'Prabuddha- The Enlightened One'. The Chief Guest for the occasion on the first day was Mrs. Durga Sakthi Nagpal, Deputy Secretary, Commerce Ministry, Government of India. Mr. Abhishek Singh, Deputy Commissioner HQs was the Guest of Honour. On the second day Mr. Sanjay Kothari, Secretary to the Hon'ble President of India was the Chief Guest.

The soulful rendition of the 'Akaisutra', derived from the Rig Veda, by 'Shreedhun', the senior choir comprising of 105 Shreeyans was a transcendental symphony, reverberating the message of staying united in all situations, set the tone for the evening. The dance drama presented by Shreeyans displaying the life and teachings of Buddha resonated deep with the audience as the budding actors became one with the characters that they portrayed. The spiritual propensity, synchrony and finesse mesmerised the audience. The Annual report of the school was read by students of Grade 10, giving the audience a glimpse of school's achievements in the scholastic and co scholastic domain.

Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Durga Sakthi Nagpal emphasised on the need to provide such an education that fosters confidence, clarity of thought and values amongst the youth. Appreciating the efforts of the school in putting up the show, she urged the students to strive assiduously towards realizing their goals and never to flinch from the path, in spite of hurdles and obstacles in their way. Highlighting the intrinsic role that the school plays in a students' lives, she asked them to cherish the learning imparted here, as it would not only go a long way in shaping their personality, but also help them in realizing their aims and aspirations.

Lauding the efforts of the school in fostering Indianness as a value and immortalizing mythology through such theatrical presentations, thereby providing inimitable opportunity to its students of imbibing values from them, Shri Sanjay Kothari exhorted the students to pursue their passion and interest by setting attainable goal for themselves. He advised the students to value the learning imparted in the school by enthusiastically participating in sports and other creative activities. He also urged the Shreeparents to support their children in pursuing their interest. Emphasizing upon the emergent need of giving back to the society, he advised the students to work for the good of their community, country and the environment.

Highlighting the relevance of the Buddhist tenets, Mrs. Rita Kapur, Director Academics, urged the students to be aware of the inherent dynamic energy that propels the Good within us. She exhorted the students to imbibe the qualities that Buddha embodies and exemplifies, by being compassionate and working assiduously towards developing their own virtues ('Att Deepo Bhava').

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks being proposed by one of the Shreeyans.

The exhilarating show was an unforgettable experience and left a lasting impression on the minds of everyone present, as they gathered insightful messages, as their takeaways.







# Laurels



## Delhi Kidsathon

- Taanish Nanda, II - B came 1st in 1200m race in 6-8yrs age group with timing of 5min 11sec at Delhi Kidsathon organised by Piku Sports held at CWG Village Sports Complex, New Delhi on 22nd Dec 2019.



## NCR School Open Tennis Championship 2019

- Anay Pandey, II-C won the under 10 title and secured Runner up position in under 12 boys category at NCR School Open Tennis Championship 2019 organised by District Tennis Association from 26th to 29th December held at Pathways school Noida.



## Racket tournament

- Sarea Kohli, IV-B, participated in Club 15A Racket tournament held at club 15A from 16th December till 21st December 2019. She bagged first position in Lawn Tennis in under 12 category.



## The Bandana Sen Library Awards

- Our school library was awarded recognition certificate by Bandana Sen Library Awards 2019 for nurturing and promoting reading in its library programme.



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