



# Gyan Buzz...

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

Dear Readers,  
As we slip out of the festive season we encounter the vagaries of the weather in the NCR. And what options are we left with – but to brave the weather and fight back. This is an education in itself – lessons in resilience and strength building – these are attributes that become life skills that this generation of children, unfortunately need to cultivate. So, while the odds may not be in our favour, we can find ways to overcome them. And that is what our Shreeyans and Shreegurus are bracing themselves to do. Despite the indement weather – we forge ahead with our Annual Day preparations. Your support in sending your wards to school for all events will surely with help us produce a wonderful programme  
Best Wishes,  
Brinda Ghosh  
Principal



## *Editorial...*

Try and yield, Try in vain  
Everyone knows,  
How futility tastes.  
But only for those,  
Who fight and manoeuvre,  
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 depth is the answer  
You've been looking for all this while,  
Then sink, before you resurface  
Fiery and versatile.

May the odds be in your favour!

Dear Readers,  
Riya Agarwal  
Student Editor



# Pre – Primary Wing News

## Dussehra Special Assembly

On 4th October the Shreeyans of Nursery E and KG E presented a special assembly on Dusshera. The Shreeyans, dressed in colourful traditional Indian attire were brimming with joy and excitement. The Shreeyans of Nursery E presented a dance to the song 'Dusshera hai bhai'. The children danced delightfully. The Shreeyans of KG E performed a wonderful dance to the song 'Vijay hue Shree Ram'. They also depicted scenes from the story of Ramayan as part of the dance. The Principal Ms. Ghosh then said a few words of appreciation for the performances. She also mentioned that the triumph of good over evil is the message given by the festival of Dusshera and we must follow the same values. She then gave her blessings and good wishes to the children. The assembly ended with the National Anthem.



## Diwali Celebration the Gyanshree Way (Activities)

As part of the value of Indian-ness at Gyanshree School, the Pre-Primary Wing Shreeyans learned about Diwali, the festival of lights. There were class discussions about the different traditions and customs that are a part of Diwali celebrations across the country.

The Shreeyans of the Pre-Primary Wing were introduced to Rangoli making activity to get a first-hand experience of this tradition and art form. The teachers made the designs in the corridors and the children painted them in. They were really happy and excited to see the rangoli designs taking shape and looked forward to making rangoli in their homes for Diwali. It was a fun learning activity and lent a happy festive look to the whole school.

The Shreeyans came dressed in colourful traditional Indian attire and made their own decorations for classrooms and corridors – diyas, lanterns etc.



### Diwali Celebration the Gyanshree Way (Special Assembly)

A well-planned assembly on Diwali was conducted by the Shreeyans of Nursery F and KG F. It commenced with a nukkad natak on 'Green Diwali' by Shreeyans of KG F. The message was 'Say No to Crackers' as they cause pollution and harm birds and animals. After the skit, Shreeyans of Nursery F performed a dance to the song 'Jag mag jag mag aayi Diwali'. The Shreeyans of KG F then danced to the song, 'Aaj ki raat karein dur andhera'. Both performances were praiseworthy.

The Principal, Ms. Ghosh addressed the Shreeyans, gave her blessings and good wishes to all and reminded everyone to have a safe Diwali.



# Primary Wing News

## Honouring Mahatma Gandhi

To mark the momentous occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Shreeyans of Grade II A, B & C presented a special assembly on the morning of 1st Oct, 2019. They started the assembly by sharing information about the Father of the Nation's early life and struggles, his exemplary leadership and his fight for ousting the British. The young Shreeyans enacted a skit on the journey of the great leader, right from his early days in South Africa to his contributions towards the Indian freedom struggle, based on the tenets of non-violence and sacrifice. The class also lent their voice to a medley of his favourite Bhajans – 'Vaishnav Jan', 'Raghupati Ravan' and 'Bande Mein Tha Dum'. The programme concluded with our Principal, Ms. Brinda Ghosh urging the foregathered Shreeyans and Shreegurus to remember how the Mahatma dedicated his life to the service of the nation and to honour his teachings through their lives and action.



## A visit to Gandhi Smriti – October 2019

The Shreeyans of Grade III-V went for an educational day trip to 'Gandhi Smriti', in October 2019. Their time was well spent at the museum dedicated to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi, where they got a golden opportunity to explore and imbibe the Gandhian spirit and philosophy. The Shreeyans started their visit by paying their respect to the departed leader at the martyr's column, where Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated on 30 January, 1948. They also visited the place where the great Mahatma spent the last 144 days of his life and got a glimpse of the exemplary leader's commitment to the value of simplicity and honesty. Seeing the footsteps and fingerprints of the 'Father of the Nation' immortalised in cement, was a humbling moment for the visiting team, leading to a realization of the capacity for good, within each one of us.



## Celebrating the Victory of Good over Evil...

Shreeyans of Grade II-D, E, F & G presented an assembly on the festive occasion of Dussehra on 4th October, 2019. The assembly commenced on an auspicious note with the Shreeyans lending their voice to the Bhajans – ‘Vijay hue Shri Ram’ and ‘Ravan ka dehen manayenge’. The young and confident Shreeyans then lit up the stage with a powerful ‘Durga Dance’, a tribute to the nine forms of the Goddess, worshipped during the ‘Navaratri’. The presenting class also enacted a captivating dance-drama on Ravana and the ten sins that his ten heads symbolised and the ways of overcoming them. A scintillating dance performance to the beats of ‘Dholida Dhol Re Wagad’ in the traditional Dandiya Raas style of Gujarat, left the audience enthralled. The morning ended on an ebullient note with the Principal, Ms. Brinda Ghosh sharing information about this pan-Indian festival and wishing each Shreeyan a festive and meaningful Dussehra. She exhorted them to win over their weaknesses and shortcomings with courage and perseverance.



## Trip to Jaipur & Pushkar - Exploring the world beyond books! (3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 – 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2019)

The trip to Jaipur & Pushkar with the Shreeyans of Grades IV & V, has been nothing short of an adventure, and the team has returned richer with boundless experience. For many of the Shreeyans it was the first time that they stepped out of their house and into the big world, spending the night away from their family. It was also most rewarding to watch the young ones enjoy themselves with their extended family - the Gyanshree Team and gain myriad skills. The young travellers filled each little moment with countless memories... The highlights of their stay in Jaipur included visits to the Amer Fort, City Palace and Jantar Mantar – monuments that bear testimony to the rich heritage of our nation. They had a gala time at Chokhi Dhani, exploring the magic of life set in an Indian village. They also learnt about block printing and their time at the Blue Pottery School was all about 'learning by doing'. At Pushkar, they spent an exhilarating day at the 'Xcapade Adventures'. There, they participated in a wide range of age appropriate activities - from rock climbing to army obstacle course, zip-lining, besides knock-outs and camel safaris too. And how can one miss mentioning the uplifting DJ evening, which saw our little ones rock the stage and dance their hearts out. From the first magical moment, when they set out in the early hours of 3.10.2019, till the very last, it was indeed the journey of a lifetime!



## Visit to EOD Adventure Park – A day of endless fun!

18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 saw the Shreeyans of Grade I & II troop off to the EOD Adventure Park for a fun-filled day. The adventure trip offered the Shreeyans learning opportunities in the outdoor settings, training them in the values of team work, adaptation and collaboration. They partook in a plethora of activities from tattoo making to jungle-house, soft-play and pottery making. They also visited the 'Kid's Fun Zone', where they enjoyed a variety of rides and watched a spellbinding magic show. The young Shreeyans enjoyed dancing with their friends at the DJ station and were also treated to a sumptuous meal. They returned to school with happy smiles and pleasant memories, after collecting their potted plants – eco-friendly takeaways for the little brigade.



## Morning Assemblies at Gyanshree – Learning With a Purpose!

The assembly presented by Shreeyans of Grade IV-D on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was a tribute to the former President of India - Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. The Shreeyans shared interesting anecdotes from the life and works of the 'Missile Man of India', one of the greatest scientists of the modern age. They then paid a tribute to the visionary leader with a melodious rendition of the song: 'Kalam ko Salam'. The assembly encouraged each attending Shreeyan to become a seeker of knowledge and emulate the inspiring example set by the life of the 'People's President' of India.

Shreeyans of grade V organised an assembly on 'Climate Change' on Friday, 18 October 2019. They raised their voice in unison on the importance of reducing our carbon footprint and saving the Earth from adverse climate changes. There was a power-packed dance performance by Shreeyan Saransh that addressed the issue of saving our planet. The major highlight of the assembly was the poetry slam based on the speech by Greta Thunberg. The assembly concluded by motivating and inspiring fellow Shreeyans to be the guardians of nature, a task that each one of us must faithfully take up.



## Rangoli Making – Adding colour to the picture!

Shreeyans of the Primary Wing enthusiastically participated in a Rangoli making activity in the week leading up-to Diwali. It was a source of delight to watch the young artists at work, as they adorned the floors of their school with the colours of rangoli, paint and flowers. And their imaginative artwork using geometric shapes and floral motifs, added much to the aura of festivity in the air!



## Say No to Crackers... Say Yes to Life!

Shreeyans of Grade I & II organized a special 'Say No to Crackers' campaign in the week of October 21, 2019. The Shreeyans pledged to become the guardians of the environment by celebrating a pollution free Diwali. The participating classes made posters and placards on the topic which they proudly displayed. Their message was loud and clear, as they raised their voice in unison against the bursting of fireworks and filled the air with their anti-cracker slogans, during their march to various classes of the Pre-primary and Primary Wing.



## Diwali Assembly @ Gyanshree – A Sparkling Time!!

Imbued with the colours of the festive season in India, the Shreeyans of Grade I-A, B, C & D put up a wonderful show on the auspicious festival of Diwali on, 25.10.2019. The tiny tots put up an enthralling dance-drama about the events leading up-to Diwali that transported the viewers to the era in which this festival originated. A soulful choir performance filled with the colours of the occasion was presented by the young singers and set the tone for the day. The Shreeyans then stole the hearts of the audience with their lively dance performance on the song – 'Happy Diwali'. Lastly the Shreeyans led the school in a solemn promise, in which they pledged to celebrate a Green Diwali and say no to crackers in order to make the festival a pollution free one. The morning drew to a close with the Principal, Ms. Brinda Ghosh reinforcing the message of the assembly and urging all present Shreeyans to include the less fortunate in their joy and festivities, during this joyful time.



# Secondary Wing News

## 3Rs-Reduce, Recycle and Reduse

In order to encourage the importance of 3Rs – Reduce, Recycle and Reuse; plastic bottles, recycled papers and waste material were put to creative use by the Shreyans of Grades VI – VIII, when they prepared aesthetically appealing lanterns, lamps and diyas in their SUPW activity periods. The Shreyans experienced great sense of joy and pride as they gifted these decorative items to the Nannies on the auspicious occasion of Diwali.



## Cultural Immersion Trip to Amritsar and Dharamshala

Shreyans of Grade VI and VII from Gyanshree School, Noida went on Cultural immersion trip to Amritsar and Dharamshala from 3rd October to 7th October. They visited places of importance like The Golden Temple, Attari-Wagah border and the Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar and the Norbulingka Institute and the Dalai Lama Temple in Dharamshala.

At the Golden Temple, students were briefed about the essence of 'Langar', the old tradition of cooking and serving food which brings people of all walks together by erasing differences. Students enthusiastically involved themselves in cooking and doing the seva at the Langar. This was followed by a visit to Jallianwala Bagh where they realised the national importance of the place. The grandeur of the ceremony and the display of patriotism, at the Attari-Wagah border, by our security forces, filled the students with a new vigour, courage and enthusiasm. It also set the tone for the visit to Dharamshala.

The visit to Norbulingka Institute in Dharamshala was a great learning experience for the students. At the institute, they learnt the Tibetan Art forms and culture, the most famous being the Thangka Paintings. Tibetan artisans at the institute further guided the students in statue making with copper sheets and woodcarvings. They also learnt about wood painting, weaving, embroidery and appliqué on cloth. To get an in-depth knowledge about the intricate art form, students attended an interesting workshop on Thangka paintings where they were told about the iconography, methods, material and techniques involved in the creation of the painting, the tough training period and the need to keep this dying art alive. They also had a hands on session on creating their own Buddha. No visit to Dharamshala is complete without a visit to the Dalai Lama Temple. The serene temple complex is an important pilgrimage spot and the peace and tranquillity of the place was palpable. The trip was culturally enriching for the students and the learning outcome ranged from attainment of cognitive to affective skills.



## In The Service Of Humanity... 'Project Bhumitra' At Gyanshree School

**“The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.”**

The lives of great men, their vision and experience have always impacted the youth in a positive way. Keeping this in mind, Gyanshree school immersed itself in the selfless service of the Earth, by observing the year as the year of the 'Bhumitras'- Friends of the Earth, with effect from October 1, 2019. The details of the project were shared with the Gyanshree family in a meaningful programme commemorating 150 years of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a political ethicist and one of the pioneers of environmental sustainability. The programme commenced with all the Shreeyans, Shreegurus and Shreeparents enthusiastically participating in the all faith prayer meeting. The Amphitheatre bore a sanctimonious ambience, as it resounded with the diverse religious prayers of all Indian major sects, through the mellifluous and pious rendition of Sarv Dharm Prarthana followed by recitation of a poem on Mahatma Gandhi, by one of the Shreeyans.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms Rita Kapur, the Director, Gyanshree School insisted that the real service to our motherland would be to practice pro-social behaviours by manifesting tolerance, good citizenry and appreciation of other cultures, ideas, religions, languages, and opinions, thereby fulfilling the vision of the school. She urged the Shreeyans to follow the precepts of the Father of the nation, by making concerted efforts to have peace within and around us.

Speaking on the occasion the Principal, Ms. Brinda Ghosh said that the greatest tribute one could pay to great leaders and philanthropists like Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri is to practise non-violence and serve the nation by empathizing with every human being, irrespective of caste and creed. She further added that in our strife torn world, it becomes imperative to read about Gandhi's life and get inspired by his ideologies, in pursuance of tolerance and respect for humanity.

Lauding the efforts of the Shreeyans for ardently volunteering in the 'Swacchta Abhiyan', she also made the audience abreast of diverse initiatives being undertaken by the school under the project 'Bhumitra', for saving the Earth- like Growing with my tree, Refusing Plastic, distributing handmade cloth bags made in SUPW classes to patients in hospitals, feeding the hungry, AVANT-GARDE - Reducing wastage of power, water, petrol etc.. She exhorted the students to make a drastic change in their lifestyle by refusing plastic.

Concluding her speech with the famous quote by Mahatma Gandhi "The Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed", the Principal urged the students and parents to provide their whole hearted support in saving the Earth. The programme culminated with the Shreeyans participating in the tree plantation drive and pledging to make trees their friends for life.





# Laurels



## ✚ Yo-Gems Victor Open Badminton Championship

- Aaryan Sethi, V-C bagged a gold medal in the Yo-Gems Victor Open Badminton Championship



## ✚ CBSE Zonal Competition

- Riya Tiwari VIII, Soumya Hasija VIII, Bhavya Hasija V and Preksha Mehta V, have won 1st position in the Under 14 Girls Category in the CBSE Zonal Competition. The team has also been selected for CBSE Chess National to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.



## ✚ CBSE North Zone - 1 Cluster - Swimming.

- Our Relay team of Aditya Pratap, Ravi Mokesh, Arush Rastogi and Yatharth Dev Panda stood 3<sup>rd</sup> in 4x50mtr freestyle relay bagging the bronze.
- Aarush Rastogi, IV- F qualified for the finals of the 50 meters butterfly in under 11 category and stood 6<sup>th</sup> overall. He also came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the heats of 50mtr back stroke and qualified for the final and was overall fourth. He was overall 6<sup>th</sup> in 100 meters freestyle.
- Kushagra Gupta, VIII- B finished overall 5<sup>th</sup> in 200 meters freestyle. He also finished overall fourth in 400mtr freestyle. He also stood 4<sup>th</sup> place in 800mtr freestyle and 4<sup>th</sup> position in 200mtr backstroke. He also came 3<sup>rd</sup> in his heat in 100mtr back stroke and stood 5<sup>th</sup> overall.
- Yatharth Dev Panda, V - C finished overall 4<sup>th</sup> in 200 meters medley. He also finished 4<sup>th</sup> in 50mtr breast stroke Final. He came 1<sup>st</sup> in his heat in 50mtr freestyle. He reached the 50mtr freestyle final and came in the 5<sup>th</sup> place in the final.
- Siraj Mukherjee, VI-B stood 2<sup>nd</sup> in the heats of 200 meters freestyle. He also stood 1<sup>st</sup> in the heats of 50 breast stroke and overall 7<sup>th</sup>. He also came 7<sup>th</sup> overall in 100 meters freestyle and 5<sup>th</sup> overall in 100 meters breast stroke
- Araina Negi, V-C finished 5<sup>th</sup> in 50mtr breast stroke.
- Anubhuti Tiwari, V came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the heats of 50mtr back stroke.



### ✚ UP State Chess Championship 2019

- The School got third position and the Trophy in UP State chess championship 2019 which was organised by Chess Sports Association Ghaziabad. Our Shreeyans Somiya Hasija; Bhavya Hasija; Riya Tiwari and Goral Bajaj showed their best performance and made the school proud.



### ✚ School children Skating

- Parth Sapra, II-B has won bronze medal in the Inline Skating Competition under 6-8 category organised by DDA Sports wing, School children Skating, held at Tahirpur Dilshad Garden.



### ✚ My Tennis Team - Tennis Championship

- Naisha Taneja, II-C won the first position trophy in the Under 7 category and Anay Pandey, III - C won the runners up trophy in the Under 10 category at the My Tennis Team - Tennis Championship organised on 5th October 2019 held at Modern School Barakhamba Road Delhi.



### ✚ JunioRun New Delhi @ JLN stadium

- Taanish Nanda, II-B came 1st in 3km race in 6-8yrs age group with timing of 15:07 min at JunioRun New Delhi @ JLN stadium on 6th Oct.



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