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Holi High!

The Holi festival marks the arrival of spring bloom and the end of winter gloom. The splash of colour represents creativity, joy, love, bliss, dreams...Our gratitude to nature and its ever-changing hues...

School Watch

The VIDYA School, Gurgaon

It is a school where socially challenged children are groomed to dream big and achieve those dreams...

Suprabhaat!

It is a new dawn. Lady V. Suprabha has just taken over the reins of the VIDYA School. She is the new principal. Heartiest Welcome. Recently she was introduced to the staff and students by the Chairperson Rashmi Misra. Suprabha ushers in a new era with her vision, mission and passion for reaching new horizons. Multitalented, Suprabha comes with a rich experience of school management and varied achievements. She will now be nurturing the VIDYA School.



V. Suprabha- New Principal



Yes, We Can

Musically Yours

Under the KPMG Scholarship programme, the students have been presented guitars to help them with their musical leanings. Now they can take home these instruments and practice when they can in their own sweet time.

Up and Down



Chandan Roy inaugurated the Elevator

Thanks to Urmilla Dongre's generosity, the school now has a much needed convenience-an elevator. Ms. Dongre has been a great supporter of VIDYA. For those, who cannot or do not take the steps, this elevator is a boon. Recently it was inaugurated by Chandan Roy- Member Governing Board.

Highlights

- Special thanks to Sukarm Charitable Trust for generously donating colourful furniture for tiny tots
- Three students for each class have received medals and certificates for best performance in the International Science Olympiad. *Komal, Anjali, Shravan and Riya* have qualified for the second level.
- Standard IV students visited Delhi Zoo and were delighted with the bird and animals specially flown in from Australia
- Students from standards V-VIII visited the World Book Fair. The theme of the fair was *Suryodaya: Emerging Voices of North East India*. The students also attended a career counseling session.
- Students of standard VI and VIII were thrilled to attend the 21 gun salute International Vintage Car Rally at Leisure Valley Park. The main objective of the visit to acquaint the students with the rich heritage and culture of cars in India.
- An Art Exhibition was put up by the students of standard V. On display were Etigami Cards and Madhubani Artworks. Parents and visitors appreciated the beautiful and vibrant paintings.
- VIDYA participated in a Puppet Making Workshop at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Art. These puppets were created out of waste.



February has been a month of many exciting events, providing students and staff an exposure of a rich world beyond the school walls.

Bal Vihar, Delhi

Bal Vihar School is the flagship project of VIDYA's education programme, the very first step...

The school is blessed with expansive gardens with year round blooms.

The Little Flowers of VIDYA



Blooming and Grooming

There are so many events and activities each month. The little ones of Bal Vihar had jolly good moments throughout February. Be it a visit to the Asola Wild Life Sanctuary at Tuglakabad, an Adventure Camp organized by Youth Adventure or the monthly special assembly on being kind.

All such activities add up

to building emotionally and physically strong children. They love and respect their elders as was evident in a play put up by standard V students highlighting the message of caring for the parents.



Special Assembly on 'Kindness'



Indu Ji's English Workshop

Indu Mahajan's Workshops for school staff strengthen the foundations of learning English particularly conversation.

Zoom Zumba

To improve the physical fitness and alertness of children, classes on 'Zumba Dance' (is a dance fitness program created by Colombian dancer and choreographer Alberto "Beto" Perez during the 1990s) are on. Thirty one students of Bal Vihar learn this dance. Special thanks to Babli Singh for conducting these classes.



Babli's bubbly Zumba Class

Exams are on and students are headlong into testing times.

Community Empowerment, Delhi

Munirka, Pappankalan, Okhla,
Bridge Course - Okhla and Sainik Farms, IIT Projects

The community empowerment programmes are conducted in various slums of Delhi.

In Munirka, students are well into revisions and preparations for the exams. Staff and parents are going all out to ease the exam phobia and stress. There are meditation moments and some extracurricular activities like listening to music, browsing the internet, taekwondo etc to take off the mental stress... but yes, the focus is very much on the forthcoming exams.



All the Best for Exams

In Bridge Courses Sainik Farms and Okhla, beyond regular classes,

there is another world made available to the students. Jaishree sponsored a fun trip to Eco Adventure Camp at Najafgarh. The Sainik Farms group on the other hand visited Pratapgarh and went riding camels and bullocks and generally enjoyed the rural life. As the name suggests, these adventure trips open gates of a unique world. Ever heard of flying fox, zipwire, zorbing ball, mogli walk? Well, the students experienced all this fun and much more.

PWC mentoring classes are a great hit as usual. This time, the students were given a presentation on personal hygiene and impressive conversation.



Adobe Youth Voices held the annual award event on February 5 and each child was awarded a certificate for documentary making.

The exams have started.

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) centre with its multiple activities has a strong support system. It is run efficiently by IIT faculty wives, NSS and Inner Wheel Club volunteers besides the regular staff.

In Okhla, the focus has been on electing student and teacher leaders. Nominations, campaigns, slogans, the fireworks, it was all there. Student and teacher election fever had caught up much in alignment with Delhi elections. Finally, they voted. Yasmeeen was the best teacher. Boys and girls also elected their respective leaders. Through this process, the students had a glimpse of how the elections are conducted in a spirit of democracy.



Wow! We have Voted



Computer Competence

From Australia, landed the volunteer (Sinead) and injected a new spirit in the community. The students and staff were engrossed in creating artistic folders to store their important papers and project details. The juniors were led into the computer world. Be it watching relevant YouTube videos or learning to use Microsoft programmes like 'Paint' through basic and advanced courses. Basic skills are being honed along the fun root.

In Pappankalan, the community has had some wonderful moments with important visitors besides preparing for the final exams.

Gagan Mehta from Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) visited the project and interacted with the community members.

CAF organized a two day workshop supported by Accenture at Delhi and attended by many stakeholders including Malavika Goyal from VIDYA. It was an enriching experience focusing on “Building enabling environment and capacities for 'Skills to Succeed' Programme”. The computer students appeared for the exams conducted by Anupam from NIIT.



Gagan Mehta from CAF

VIDYA Mumbai

Bhavishya Yaan

Smart Moves. It was literally dancing in the rains and enjoying harmony with nature. 147 students from standard IX along with 27 staff members went to the Smart Eco Park at Panvel. There were many centres for information, education, discovery, activity etc and the students were guided all along this route. Every drop of rain was enjoyed by the dancing students.



Nature Trail



In Our Own Universe

Unique Universe. From plants to planets, VIDYA students have seen it all. The Byculla centre attended a session on Planets and Universe conducted by Hina Khan. There were penetrative presentations on different planets and galaxies followed by an interactive session leading to students creating their own little universe based on their imaginations.

the cricket mania. Rotary Club of Bombay v/s Bhavishya Yaan students was a great hit with Sudarshan Pardi becoming the Man of the Match.

Crackling Cricket. The World Cup is on...so is



Sudarshan Pardi

Personality Enhancement

The students from Rotract Club of HR College conducted Personality Development classes at Colaba Centre. The activities were fun and fine leading to a great learning experience.



Grooming Personalities

Vision Values. National Service Scheme students of HR College and Vision Foundation of India conducted an eye camp in the Colaba School. Thanks to Manisha Ahuja and friends for providing spectacles to all the students.



Visionaries in the Making

Street Smart. Abodh from Welfare of Stray Dogs organisation conducted a session on the plight of stray dogs, rabies and related issues at the NMJ Centre. Be compassionate but careful was the message.



Caring for Strays

Round and Round. Pallavi Yedekar from Junior Achievement India organised an interactive session at NMJ Centre regarding work readiness and understand the world arround. The aim was to explain procurement and manufacturing procedure behind simple day to day items like a balloon or pencil etc.



Yedekar's Wisdom

Rathod, VIDYA's Ronaldo

The Oscar Foundation has selected Bhavishya Yaan student Sunil Mohan Rathod of standard IX for London Football Club. He will be travelling to London and training for 21 days at the Club in April. A big Ronaldo fan, Sunil hopes to meet his idol !



Beyond School

Celebrating Oscar. The students enrolled for football with Oscar Foundation celebrated the Annual Day with great enthusiasm, participated in different events and had fun time.

The SSC students has finished their end term assessments in the first week of February. This is a preparatory step for the Boards.



Budding Ronaldos

National School of Open Schooling

Changing Perspectives. The third session of D Festum – Conflict Resolution was conducted by Pradeep Deshpande. This session was a continuation on the previous sessions on acceptance, tolerance and respect for each other. The objective of this session was to talk about why conflicts arise – at the global, societal and family level and how to resolve them.

"We need dialogue to resolve problems." – Ruby



Trusting the Hamsafars

AIDS Awareness. The fourth session of the D Festum enrichment camp was a talk on AIDS Awareness. The guest speaker Murugesan is associated with Humsafar Trust (HST) that works for spreading awareness on AIDS among the LGBT community. He also talked about the LGBT community and the need for everyone to accept them. As a continuation of previous sessions on diversity and conflict resolution, this session also emphasized the need for tolerance and acceptance.

D-Festum Closing. The D Festum enrichment camp ended on a high. The closing ceremony was a culmination of all the sessions of the camp. The activities centered on having fun and giving an opportunity to the students to let their hair down. There was quiz, dance, skits, karaoke and of course, five students of the year who were felicitated for being all-rounders.



Sarika-one of the Students of the Year

Common Events

- Pinewood Retreat was a great exercise to bond as a team. The staff enjoyed the retreat at Pinewood Resort in *Karjat* offering avenues of learning through training cum picnic.



Kudos Youth Forum

Association for the Blind were the guests of honour. The creative energies were flowing. From Akbar, Birbal to Chacha Chaudhary, every story was presented in a different delightful way. Given the opportunity, students can really reach the sky!



Lit Fest

- Teach India is the new partner for advanced course in spoken English. It is the CSR initiative of The Times of India and the curriculum is designed by British Council. Fourteen students have enrolled in the first batch.

For spoken English and Computer Training, VIDYA has also partnered with Hamsafar Trust

VIDYA Bangalore

Bhavishya Yaan

Gottigere Primary and High School

Academics. Revision and practice tests are the top priority at the end of the academic year. NIIT students are gearing up to finish their computer course. Motivational talks and stress management are helping the students to gear up for the exams.

Events. The VIDYA team reached out to the society with community visit programme. Homes were visited and parents made aware about the activities and benefits.



VIDYA Ambassadors



With Love from Sauder

Sauder School of Business students from Canada visited to optimize programme delivery. After a traditional welcome, Afreen and Shubha-standard VIII students delivered a welcome speech in fluent English. Thereafter, a thought provoking panel discussion highlighted VIDYA's association with Synergy Property Management spearheaded by Aarthi. Father Saldanha of Loyola College enlightened the audience on the role of a teacher. The students of Beyond School shared their experiences. Rashmi Misra – Chairperson VIDYA, walked the journey so far followed by a panel discussion.

Thanks to Rotary Midtown Banguluru and Synergy Property Management for their tremendous support.

Mali Foundation

In association with Mali Foundation, VIDYA works towards educating, empowering and transforming women from the weaker sections of the society since 2010.

Highlights

- Innovative employment through organic and herbal gardens with scientific methods under the guidance of professionals
- Praneetha and Malin's English Conversational classes are in full swing. Malin is also keen on building the garden project
- First batch of hardware and networking has graduated and the new batch has moved in
- Smitha's life skills are touching various burning issues and are a great success
- Total Yoga Group is conducting regular classes
- Ria Bafna's western music and guitar classes are a great hit with the youngsters.
- Plans are on to ally with Fit Kids to provide jobs to VIDYA students



Smitha's Life Skills



Yogis in Peace

VIDYA cherishes the love and companionship with Sauder School of Business.



Welcome

New Members of team VIDYA

Amit Rastogi- CEO, VIDYA

Meenakshi Roy- Director, Resource Mobilisation- VIDYA Delhi

Sarita Shahi- Director Public and Corporate Relations- VIDYA Delhi

Rekha Muthukrishnan- Director Resource Development- VIDYA Bangalore

Ashok Kaushik- Senior Manager-Accounts- VIDYA Delhi

Varun Sudarshan-Web Master-VIDYA

True Knowledge?

To know that we know what we know,
and to know that we do not know what we do not know...

That is true knowledge.

Copernicus



*Think, Believe, Dream, Dare...
and Go for It!*

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