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Aao, trust kar ein!

Circle time

The circle of trust, of sharing, and listening has continued well into the year. Each class has evolved, and so have our circle time sessions. However, the passage of time has not dimmed the excitement for our beloved activity. With each circle time, students have learned more about their classmates, about their teachers, and about themselves!



"Ma'am, I want to tell you something too!"



The flower of sharing, the flower of dialogue



"Abhi mere paas hai flower!"

Critical thought, critical action!

Ignited Minds

Ignited Minds is not just an inter-school event, but a platform where healthy competition facilitates new ideas, and new possibilities of action, where a sustainable future is concerned. Each school used the parameters of environmental studies, mathematics, and computer science to come up with suggestions and ideas for a better tomorrow!



Segregating waste the right way!



Panel discussions and passionate speeches!



Our wonderfully observant judges!



Mindful action includes mindful eating too!

Independent thought, independent action! Life skills

Our life skills activities have been all about learning to fend for ourselves independently. Dependence makes us take things for granted. It also makes us rely on other people at all time. But we're all about taking care of ourselves, so that we can take care of others too! February was a busy learning month, with the students preparing first aid boxes for medical emergencies, learning to clean their own lunch boxes, and preparing for the academic year ahead by learning how to cover their own notebooks!



Putting together the essentials: In goes the Betadine!



"Mera notebook neatly cover hua hai. Aur tera?"

Life skills (PLANERS) 1. A bed sheet 2. Change of clother 3. A night suit 4. A set of undergarments 5. A small towel 6. A water bottle 7. Toiletries Label your things Overnight Camp

Keeping track!



Scrubbing away at the tiffin boxes, the little hands are hard at work!

Geela aur Sookha waste! Same, same, but alag! Segregating wet waste

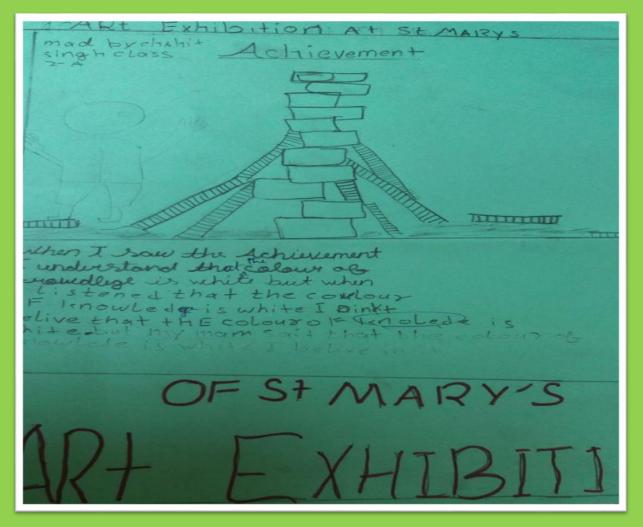
Small steps towards recycling and learning waste management can go a long way, and no time is too soon to learn about these crucial skills. All the classes delved into their dustbins to segregate the wet waste from the dry. As students crinkled their noses with a little bit of disgust, they also learned about how crucial and painstaking the work of manual labourers are. The world of waste management may not be the cleanest one, but we must learn to take responsibility of the waste we throw out!



"Arre, usse idhar daalna hai!"

Art is all around us! Visit to the art exhibition

The Junior Section students were treated to special tours of the art exhibition which was held all over the school. While the different locations added to the experiential touch, the students were quite excited to have special curators at each section of the exhibition, explaining the different forms and concepts used in the installations. Each class traipsed around the school, starry eyed with wonder at the possibilities of thought and execution!



"My favourite was the one with the boxes and ladders!"



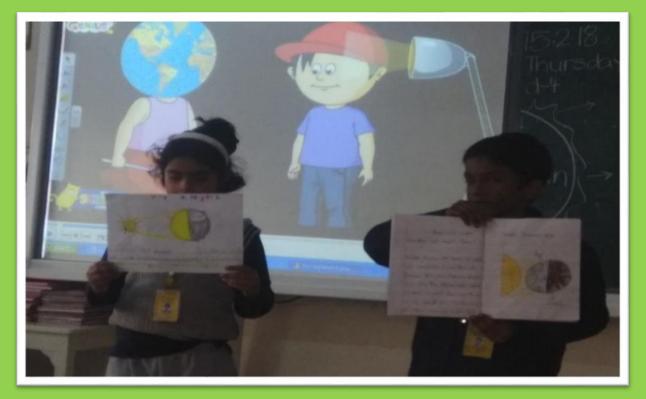
Eyes widened with amazement!



Art has the incredible power to spread happiness and joy without any words!

The World is not Enough! Learning about the Solar System

Excited students and teachers reversed roles as we studied more about the solar system. The students were eager to take charge and explain the wonders of the universe to their fellow classmate. Each group put in a lot of effort into their presentations as they talked animatedly about the wonders outside, and around the world!



Of eclipses and shadows!



"Mera Neptune toh gir gaya!!"



Day and night!

A touch of awareness! Special assembly on safe and unsafe touch

A special assembly conducted by our very own Jinu ma'am, focused on recognizing and addressing safe and unsafe touch. The assembly was informative, without a dull moment in it. Through animated discussions, presentations, and audience participation, we all learned about recognizing safe and unsafe touch, and how to address it!



"Ma'am, ma'am, I also have a story to share!"



When the teachers are busy learning Best teaching strategies

Throughout the year, each and every educator made sure they weren't left out from learning of their own. With the last session of teaching strategies, each presenter put their thinking caps on, to make an interactive, fun-filled session out of the teaching strategies class. We all came out feeling a little more enlightened, and we never let go of the opportunity to be naughty kids for a change!





Camp karna zaroori hai! Camps

February was the month of fun filled camping sessions! Class 1 led the way with an all day camp, which was filled with adventure sports and games. The little ones got one whole day to let loose, as they ran about having the time of their lives! Class 2, 3, and 4 followed with their overnight camps soon after, and what an elaborate affair it was! From visits to historical sites, to munching on yummy food, they did it all. Throw in a whole evening of games, storytelling, and bed time giggles, and you're got yourselves the perfect recipe to have a fantabulous time!



Zip, zap, zoom!



Heritage sites, and wide-eyed wonder!



Recreation time between all the action!

The grand conclusion!

Cultural Fest

Throughout the year, each class spent time learning all about one particular state. This learning took on a grand conclusion on the day of the cultural fest, with each class presenting wonderful songs and dances with special cultural significance to the state they had been studying. Each and every child participated in the fest, and found out all about their hidden talents, as they got up on stage to have a world of fun!



The lovely fusion moves representing the distinct style of Tamil Nadu!



Grooving to the beats of the percussion group!



The melodious songs from Arunachal Pradesh!



Our charming speakers, bringing in the Gujarati efficiency!



Ma rewa!

Fun in numbers, fun by numbers!

Maths hands-on activity

Who says math has to be resigned to the notebook? If we look around, mathematics is all around us, being used in a variety of wonderful ways. Maths hands-on is all about making the subject come to life. Students from different classes visited the juniors and seniors in the junior section, to present on innovative ways in which we can have fun with numbers!



"Look at the different blocks!"



Presenting meticulously to the eager juniors!



Origami madness!



Embracing nature, one tree at a time!

Bonding with the neem tree

The class one teachers headed off to Santa Maria, one fine morning, and ended up marvelling at the creativity and sincerity of the young ones who are soon to join us here! The day was spent bonding with the neem tree by learning all about its different uses! The day was all about learning and enrichment for the teachers, as they figured out different ways to connect to the little tots!



The wonderful overview of the special bonding process!



Who says nature and puppetry are separate things?



Just some of the things the generous neem tree gives us!

Off to new horizons: saying goodbye to the young ones!

Farewell Assembly

Over the course of one year, teachers and students get to know one another very well. Each day, we learn something different about each other, and each off these differences make us special! It's always hard to say goodbye, but there's no reason to be sad! We said our farewell the right way, singing and dancing away the celebration of our connections!



The class 2 teachers were all about the musical extravaganza!



Class 1 hosted our special assembly, and it was filled with amusing riddles!

What's in a name?

Gloria's Workshop

What is the significance of our names? How are we made special through them? These are the questions the workshop began with! Soon, each class had formed its special group, where we were discussing methods through when we could constructively deal with classroom hurdles by changing the nature of the questions we ask ourselves, and others around us!



Sure, this is our name, but how is it special?



Constructive methods require deep thought, you know!

Keeping the bonds of friendship alive!

Kids' Last Day

The last day does not mean the end! That's what the various bonding sessions on the last day were all about. The kids played board games with each other, shared yummy treats with one another, and watched funny movies together. Why, you ask? Its because these communal activities of fun and togetherness are what we will hold dear to us, as we move off to different horizons in the future!



I scream, you scream, we all scream, FOR ICECREAM!





"Arrey, yeh le, word bann gaya!"





Fun and games you say? Games are serious business!

As the academic year winds up, we're excited to begin anew, on a brand new day! With new challenges to overcome, new friends to make, and new things to learn about, we cannot wait to see what the next phase of our journey will be like!

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