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LET THE LIT FEST CONTINUE!

"Everything you can imagine is real."

The lit fest activities spilled over into the month of October, as we geared up for the festivities! From campaigning for a clean, green Diwali, to visiting the neighbourhood bookshop, the month was filled with a variety of activities, including our adventurous outstation trips. The month of October was about festivals with a difference. Each event was tied to making a difference, and imbibing the spirit of the festival within us!

SINGING OUR HEARTS OUT!

COMMUNITY SINGING

Community singing is always fun, and this month was no different! The events for the month of October began with an energizing session of community singing, inspired by 'Sangeet For All'!! The halls echoed with the voices of children singing "Aao, aao sangeet banayein" in unison, as each child joined in eagerly to lend their voices to the community event.



Hand's up, scale's up!



Eagerly waiting to begin!



Singing with our voices, minds, and hands!



"Gaaney mein kitna mazaa aata hai!"



**"YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN
THE WORLD!"**

CELEBRATING GANDHI JAYANTI

Gandhi Jayanti is not just about celebrating the life of a historical figure. It's about taking the opportunity to imbibe all that the father of the nation stood for. The special assembly dedicated to Gandhi Jayanti celebrated the life of Bapu, but it emphasized on what Bapu preached as well as practiced!



Beginning on an auspicious note!



Imbibing Gandhi Ji's life lessons!

LET'S LIGHT UP OUR LIVES, NOT BURN OUT OUR LUNGS!

Our special Diwali assembly was all about reminding ourselves what the festival is really about. Wonderful theatrical depictions showed how much the environment suffered due to firecrackers, while the lighting up of diyas by the teachers helped show the way for a brighter Diwali, with a little less smog to look forward to!



Talking about pollution: this is serious business!



Praying for some clean air to breathe in.



Down, pollution! Down! Down!



"Where have all the flowers gone?"





Diwali' is a festival of lights, not sound and smoke!



Tauha, giving his message for a clean, green Diwali.

GO GREEN! GO CLEAN! WHERE IS OUR FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS?

CAMPAIGN FOR A GREEN DIWALI!

This month, saw a number of festivals, but Diwali was the festival everyone had eagerly been waiting for. While the childish delight to crackers is only too evident, this delight often comes with ignorance of the repercussions! As children learned about how much damage the environment undergoes due to the bursting of firecrackers, they eagerly campaigned for a clean, green Diwali! They went back to their roots, as they reinforced the festival of lights through banners and dialogue, which they conducted every day during their lunch break. Each student decided to lay off the toxic crackers, and pounce on the boxes of *mithai* instead!



Making pretty diyaas is an art too, you know!



The campaign on in full swing: "Ma'am, main iss baar bikul crackers nahin use karoonga!"



When you're so busy spreading the message of love and light, you don't know when you're getting clicked!



Diwali wishes, no dearth of those!



Who says only Holi gets to be colourful? Diwali is filled with colours too!



Happiness! Making homemade diyas!



They're asking for a better future for themselves.

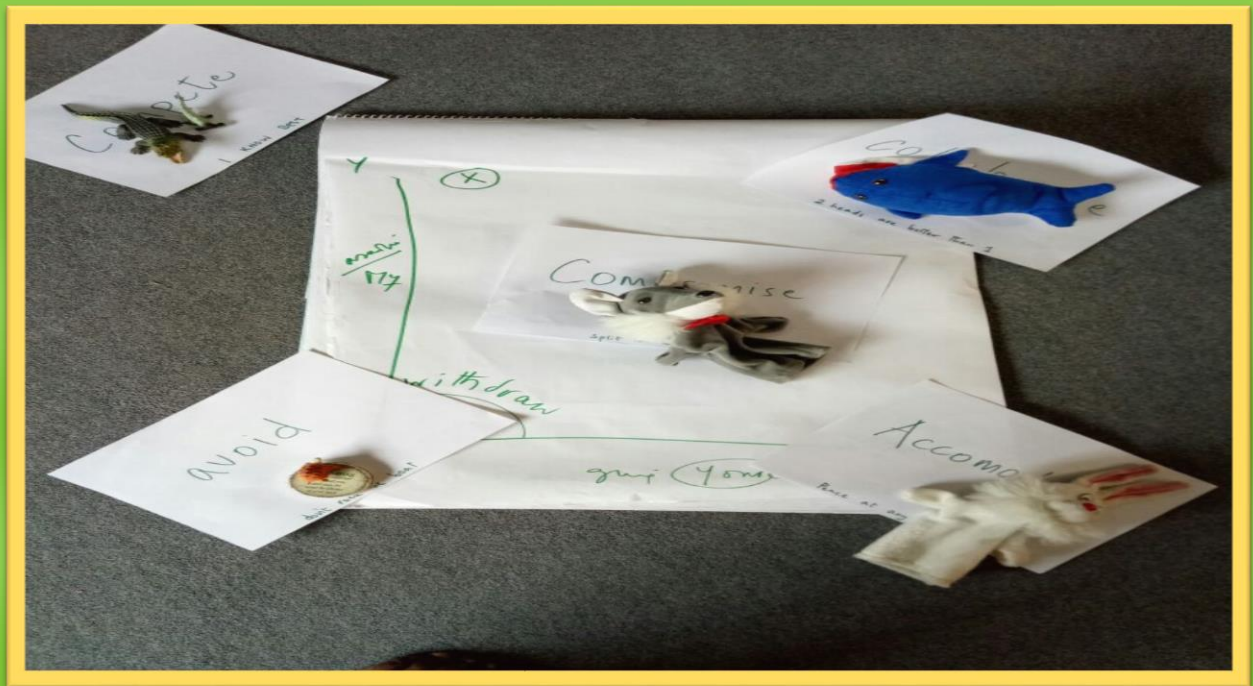
GROWING AND KNOWING!

GLORIA'S WORKSHOP

The only way to be a good, dynamic teacher is to constantly grow and learn from those around us. But it's equally important learn about ourselves, from ourselves. Gloria's workshop emphasized on how we deal with problems in our lives. As we talked about how each one of us scored in our self-evaluated test, we learned about the importance of standing up for ourselves, not just as well-rounded human beings, but also as educators who teach through their own experiences.



Gloria explaining the bunny, the fox, and the shark!



Are we the ruthless shark, or are we the immobile turtle?



Getting rid of all that baggage: why is it important to be the fox sometimes!

GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES: WHERE SHARING IS LEARNING

CIRCLE TIME

Circle time is all about trust and dialogue. Every student is given a voice, and is also given the opportunity to talk about themselves without fear of judgment. This month, the circle time was dedicated to introspection about those aspects of our selves which may not be so pleasant. What do we do when we get angry? Do we close ourselves off from people around us, or do we lash out at those closest to us? These were some of the points which were brought up during our first circle time, dedicated to manifestation of anger.

We dedicated one special circle time to the discussion on Diwali. With Delhi's pollution levels being alarmingly high in general, last year witnessed dangerous levels of pollution right after the festival of Diwali. The circle time was based on what Diwali actually means, and how we can celebrate it while being true to its spirit. No crackers does not always translate into the lack of fun! Each student came up with innovative ways in which they could manage to have a lot of fun in Diwali without polluting the environment.

Getting back to the topic of introspection, one circle time was devoted to talking about changes we need in ourselves. What do we do when we find other people unpleasant? As the answers came pouring in, we tried to figure out what we need to change in ourselves to adjust with those around us. As we talked about how we cannot control those around us, we also realized that we should change what we can, which is, ourselves! This is what we call, jugaad for the soul!



Listening is as important as sharing!



The teacher, leading the discussion by example.



Deep in thought: the young ones, reflecting on their friends' experiences.



The sacred circle of sharing, listening, caring and learning!

STORIES COME ALIVE! IT'S KATHA TIME!

KATHA VISIT

The world of books is not meant to remain on the shelves. The spines are not meant to be kept immaculate. The more frayed the pages, the more bent the spit, the more love the books feel! Class 2 visited Katha book shop in order to immerse themselves in a new atmosphere; one filled with pages of magic! The students explored the world of books in the best place possible - a sprawling bookshop! Amidst storytelling and playful enactments, the students fell in love with the world of stories, as they hopped and skipped from one wonderful world of imagination, to another!



Lost in stories, lands unexplored.





Illustrations based on the book shop visit



EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS!

CLUB ACTIVITIES

The club activities are continuing in full swing, as students continue to hone their talents, or explore unknown activities with enthusiasm!



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Creating animated stories!



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Getting crafty!



EXPLORING THE WORLD, ONE PLACE AT A TIME!

OUTSTATION TRIP FOR CLASSES 3 AND 4

The outstation trips were not just refreshing break from regular activities, but a wonderful opportunity to explore environment the students are not used to. While class 3 went off to explore Bharatpur, class 4 decided to explore the beautiful jungles of Sariska. Each trip was filled with a healthy mix of nature, art, and history!



"Ma'am, mujhe toh abhi se mazaa aa raha hai!"



Building blocks: Knowing more about the local cultural practices!





When the trip is indeed all fun and games!



The invincible energy of the young explorers!



On the way to the beautiful museum at Alwar!



Super-duper troopers!



When history came alive at the fort in Alwar!





Getting to know about local culture was never more entertaining!



Yummy in my tummy!



Healthy appetites for learning, healthy appetites for food!



Saying goodbye to an amazing trip!

HEALTHY BODIES, HAPPY TUMMIES

FOOD AUDIT

Go green! That was the motto for the first week of this month, when each student put their grey cells to optimal use, trying to figure out how to best make the green stuff appetizing! But the results were amazing! Most of the children learned that green coloured food is not as boring as they thought it was! They even made friends with their worst leafy vegetables!

SAY MOO!

Dairy products are a very important part of our diets, and it is often something we ignore when we think of school lunchboxes. So one day was dedicated to savouring all that dairy products have to offer! From creamy paneer and ghee soaked deliciousness, to some yummy, flavoured milk, there is no end to the culinary imagination when it comes to dairy goodness.





"Tere tiffin mein kya hai? Main mammi ko suggestions diya thha!"





Healthy AND yummy!





LEARNING OUR WAY TO DELICIOUS SELF-RELIANCE!

LIFE SKILLS

Life skills activities are an integral part of learning for the children. They are slowly taught how to take responsibility of chores which might otherwise be taken for granted. This month, for class 4 students, it was all about learning to make a yummy snack for themselves. Sandwiches will never lose their appeal. They will also not lose the power to satiate hungry tummies. Keeping this in mind, the students brought a list of ingredients they might need to assemble the perfect sandwich, and they eagerly got to work during the life skills class. The best part was, they actually got to munch on the fruit of their labour! And while the students of class 4 were busy making some yummy sandwiches, class 3 students were wrapping up a storm! The life skills activity for them was, gift-wrapping! As they gave themselves up to shiny strings, and colourful paper, they were also taught the value of using materials judiciously!



Let's not forget about hygiene!



Pretty and yummy!



The deliciousness of a chocolatey spread!



Wrapping up the lesson neatly!





WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE!

NATURE WALK

The students of class 2 went on a wonderful nature walk, around their very own school campus. Often, we are unable to see what's right under our noses! So in order to look carefully at all that is around us, the students explored all the natural beauty they are surrounded by. Along with appreciating the sights, smells, and textures, the students also learned facts about plants!



Looking at our surroundings with fresh sight and insight!



Barking up the right tree!

PUTTING ON OUR THINKING CAPS!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

The science Olympiad was held in the month of August, much to the excitement of all those who could not wait to crack a few scientific mysteries. A large number of students signed up enthusiastically for the Olympiad, and prepared very diligently for the exam!



Deep in thought! The Olympiad is serious business!



BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS!

MATHS HANDS ON ACTIVITY

Class 2 was very sure-footed about the units of measurement. The maths hands on activity focussed on strides and paces, and the students learned how to measure it by experiencing the difference first-hand!



Wait, was that a stride, or a pace?



Learning units of measurement, one step at a time!

"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

The month of October was filled with a variety of different kinds of activities, including the wonderful outstation adventures! The festival of lights was also accompanied by the continuation of the literary festival! The busier, the merrier!

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