



**St. Mary's School,
Safdarjung Enclave
Junior School Report**

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Mass PT

"Exercise makes us healthy, mindful and wise"

The excitement, energy and smile makes everything worthwhile. Junior school children had a great time exercising, moving and jumping everyday. Mass PT made the children feel energetic and they would look forward to their classes soon after!!





The most powerful amalgamation of rules, rights and responsibilities...Constitution is a document that holds a lot of importance for all of us....To reiterate the same, we celebrated the 73rd Republic Day with great pride and love for our nation.





"There is a world beyond the one that we live in....."

Our children are already very curious about the sky, stars, moon and planets!! Their excitement knew no bounds when they got to know that the school is organising an astronomy workshop for them. From answering all the questions asked to volunteering for creating a space rock, the children took part in each activity with great enthusiasm. Rocket launching in the basketball court was however the highlight of the workshop.

The children were really looking forward to register for the workshops and they did not settle till we gave them the registration forms!!

Razzmatazz - Cultural festival

The event that we all were waiting for was finally here. After two months of hard work and strenuous practice, it was the day for the final performance and all we said to the children was, perform with your heart and soul and give it your best shot!!





It was a 2- day extravaganza in which classes 1 and 2 performed on day 1 and classes 3 and 4 performed on day 2!! Children, parents and teachers all enjoyed the show alike. The effortless performances truly made the show an unforgettable one!



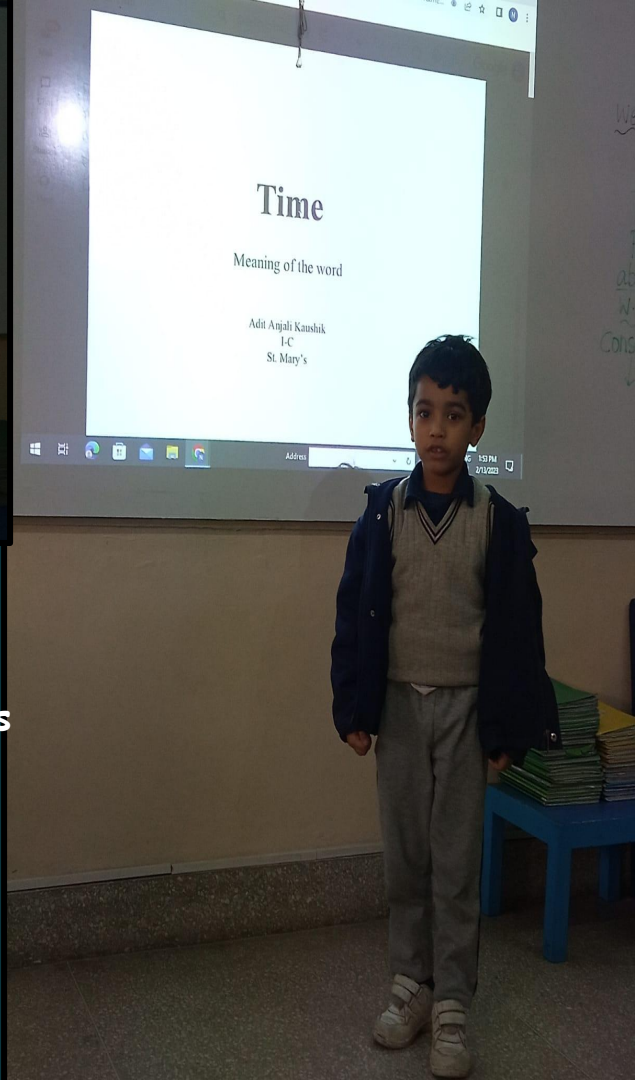
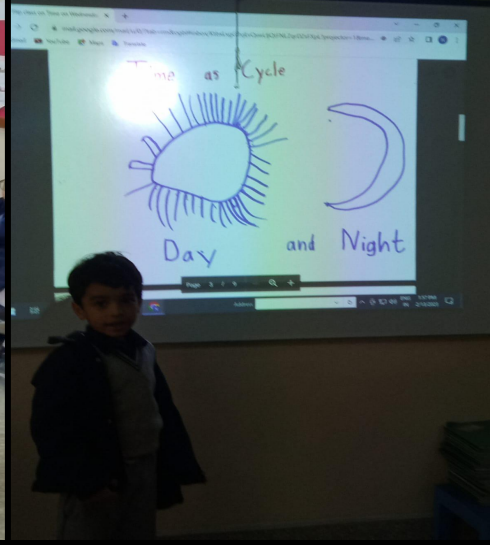
"Your fate lies in your next move.....That's how chess works!!"

Chess tournaments for the children of junior section over the course of these two months. The kids were thoughtful, mindful and played the game with great concentration!!



Class 1





Prepare, explain and share!!

The flipped classroom was a highly stimulating exercise. The students were asked to take on the role of the teacher, prepare a lesson and teach their peers for a day. Children explained different topics in the class with great clarity and confidence. The students found the class to be very enjoyable, and the flipped class gave them the chance to explore various methods for teaching time, as well as fostering meaningful interaction between teacher and students.



LET'S MAKE PAAN MUKHWAS!!

The children had a great time participating in the 'PAAN MUKHWAS' activity wherein they made a paan, which is a kind of mouth freshener made from betel leaves. They were shown the betel plant and were amazed to discover the benefits of paan, such as aiding in digestion. They were also fascinated to learn how a raw leaf can be transformed into a mouth freshener with the addition of certain ingredients. The children were especially fond of using gulkand, or rose jam, in the paan, and they were delighted to make paans for their teachers and share them with their peers and they even arranged a small performance in order to demonstrate their presentation of the paan. They acted as paan vendors and sang songs as they were presenting it.





Our young learners undertook a nature walk of mulberry trees, exploring the tree's scientific name, uses, and fruit. They carried crayons and paper, and later on completed a follow-up activity by drawing mulberry trees and making notes of their observations.

The nature walk encouraged a sense of wonder within the children who were delighted to observe the colourful bugs on the tree and the chirping of the birds around it. They compared the fruit of the tree to a caterpillar and were intrigued to discover the age of the tree. The children carried crayons and paper on which they recorded their observations of the Mulberry Tree. It was an excellent exercise for sensitizing children to Nature. The children displayed a very keen observation during the nature walks; for example, one student from Class 1 noted that from a distance, the flowers of the Semal tree resembled flames of a fire. The children compared the plants, vermi-compost and various types of trees present in the district park and Sundar nursery with those found in their school, and were able to recognize similar plants, such as chrysanthemum, scarlet sage, champa, aloe vera and money plant.



Class 2



Multiplication - Grouping Activity

The excitement of the Maths class reached its penultimate when the teacher introduced multiplication to the children. They excitedly grouped chana seeds to understanding that multiplication is repeated addition. They helped each other out so that everyone could have fun with multiplication!!





"To walk in the nature is to witness a thousand miracles"



Keeping this in mind class 2 went for a lot of nature walks!!
From Deer Park to Sanjay Van and Sanjay jheel, children were thrilled to observe unique trees and plants at these places.



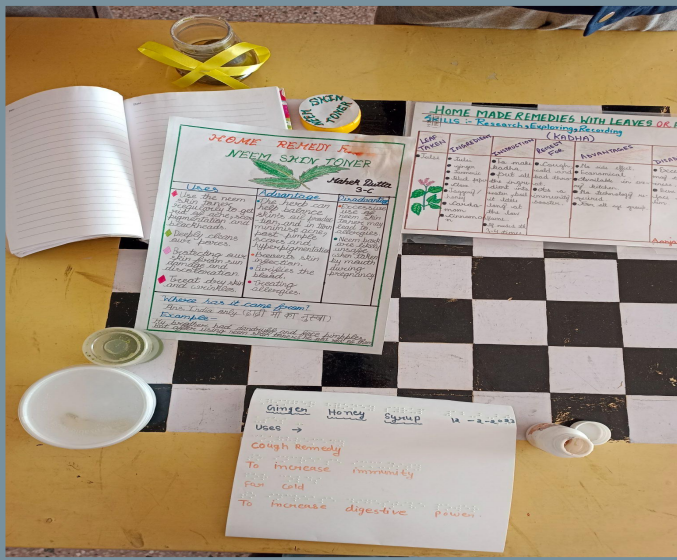
During the walks, the children observed nature closely and tried to use their 5 senses to understand the world of plants and animals!!. A silent time was observed by the children at each of these places. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying and collecting leaves, twigs and pebbles from the nature walk.

Class 3



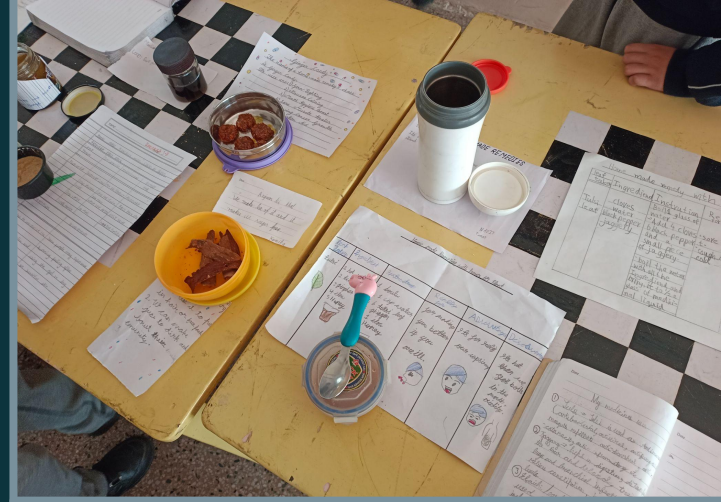


Students were taken to the Tulip gardens at Shanti Path to observe the colorful tulips and study the environment conditions (habitat) essential for the plant to grow in, and why is it so? The Teen Murti Hifa Chowk and Gyarah Murti on the way and what it represents enabled students to appreciate the history of our country; and think about what they can do to become good citizens.



Herbal Clinic

We observe and we learn. Students used their creativity and the knowledge accumulated through nature walks (School Herb Garden) and classes to make their own 'Home made medicines' and set up a Herbal Clinic. The medicines came along with their uses and formulations!



DEBATE

An important aspect of language learning, Debate enables one to express their opinions as well as actively listen to other people's views; and engage in a healthy and logical argument. Grade- 3 students took part in debates on situations emerging from their daily life experience; ranging from 'Pocket Money' (Children should be given pocket money every month), to the Rights and Duties given to all Indian citizens : "Freedom of Speech enables us to speak our mind anytime".





Magical Monday Sale

In order to make the children responsible with the use of money, a shopping activity was conducted by class 3 students as the "Monday Magic Sale". Play money was used by the students as currency. Children had set up different stalls (like books, toys, etc.) in the junior school hall, and had also made banners related to their stalls. Each student did the buying and selling, creating their own budget and bills, deduction of taxes, etc. And through this fun activity, they also learnt how to save and use money efficiently.

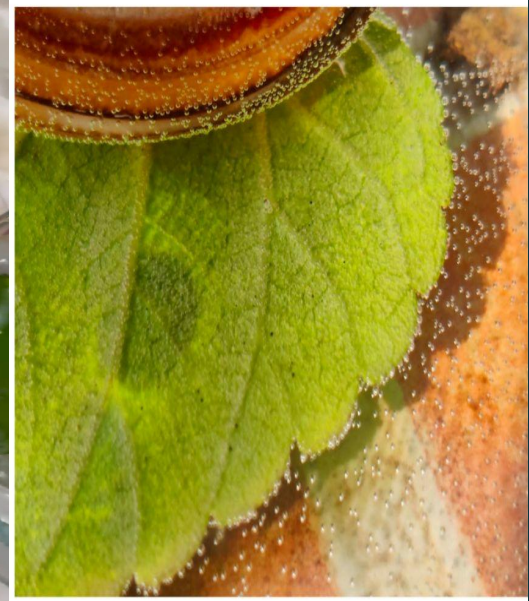
Visit to National Gallery of Modern Art

The National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) was a visual and aesthetic exposure for the students. It was a chance for them to learn more about the Indian Artists and the exquisite work done by them. Students got a chance to observe different art forms like sculptures, murals, oil paintings, etc. and multiple other techniques working together to create tasteful Art works. This further inspired them to create their own artworks.....Our Artists at work!



Experiment on Leaves

We learn by doing! Our Scientists got to experimenting and exploring on topics like 'Do leaves breathe?', 'How water travels through leaves', etc. and coming to their inferences! The results were informative and they had a fun learning experience!



Nature walk - Herb Garden

To enhance students' observation and exploration skills, and to strengthen their connection with nature, students of grade- 3 were taken to a Nature Walk in the school Butterfly and Herb gardens. Students involved all their senses (the distinct smell of lemongrass, the smooth texture of the banana leaves, the bitter taste of ajwain, etc.) to learn more about the plants around them. Mali bhaiya also taught them about the Hydroponic Planting System and the recipe of a natural 'insecticide'.



Tangrams

Students of Grade 3 created their own colourful tangrams. We then used the tangrams to create different shapes like - a cat, a peacock, a dancing human, etc. and used our own imagination. This enabled students to develop their observation skills and angle sense.



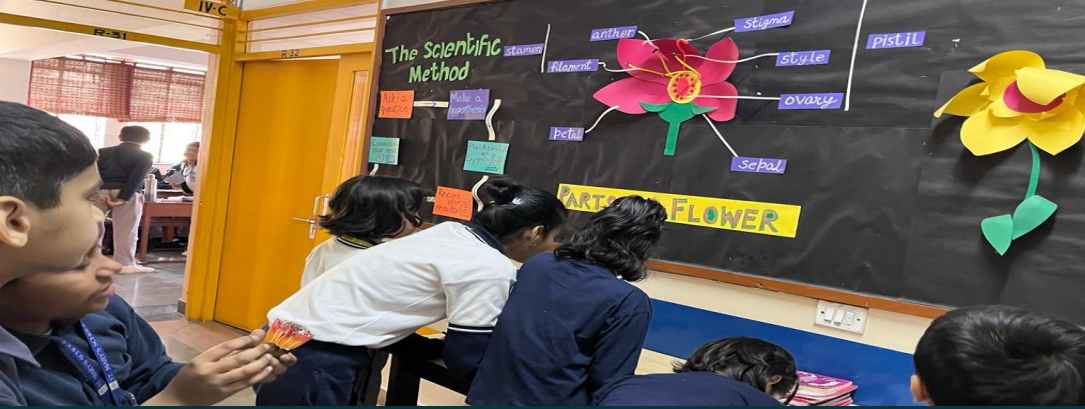


Birds (Group Presentations)

As a concluding activity on the theme 'Birds', and to inculcate the spirit of teamwork among the children, students of class 3 did a group presentation on "Birds" . Children were divided into groups and each group had a choice to select any 1 bird. Students then further divided the subtopics (like habitat, lifecycle, sound , beak and claws etc.) among themselves, and presented it to the class with creativity through skits, powerpoint presentations, drawings etc. Each child's effort and creative inputs were observed in the presentation.

Class 4





Children of class 4 observed the Red Silk Cotton Tree during their Nature Walk. They drew and labelled different parts of the flower in their EVS notebook as a follow up activity. They dissected the flower to observe its parts too!!



Fabrica Colour Activity

"Art is like therapy for the soul!!"

An art competition was conducted in school for class 4 students where in they coloured a piece of art using paints. The children were focused enough to make their artwork colourful and beautiful. The children felt really happy and relaxed after the activity.



Class 4 Farewell

"And just like that, it was time to say goodbye....."

It just seems like yesterday when the class 4 children came to the junior section in class 1 and within the blink of an eye, they have all grown up to become independent and curious individuals who are all set to take the next step as they move to class 5!!

Children of classes 1, 2 and 3 and all the teachers of the junior section organised a farewell for the children of class 4. Class 4 children too gave their last performance as a part of junior school. With each performance and the journey video, everyone got emotional but in the end we all wished best of luck to our young torchbearers of hope!!

Here's to new beginnings and all the upcoming adventures!!





HOLI CELEBRATIONS



Integrating the spirit of Holi with the Nature walk to the tulip gardens, the students of Grade 3 prepared organic Holi GULAL using flower petals. The velvety soft flowers when dried and crushed resulted in a multitude of bright and non- toxic colours, representing the diverse Indian cultures. They were then used by the students to apply on each other and celebrate learning by doing.



On the occasion of Holi,
children got inspired from their
book Charlie and Chocolate
Factory to make chocolate
using choco chips and thandai.
They distributed the yummy
delicacies to all the teachers in
school with a smile on their
face!!



To celebrate the festival of Holi, class 2 prepared the famous street food Chaat papdi. Prepared with papdi, boiled potatoes, chickpeas, sweet and green chutneys and dahi, it was a perfect combination of crunch and mouth watering flavours. After making the Chaat papdi, the children enjoyed eating it too.





BEST FOR THE LAST... THE YEAR END
PICNIC!!



Visit to the Railway Museum

The school organised a full day picnic for the children of Class 1 as a final memory of their time in the class. They visited the Railway Museum and Heru Park, where they were delighted to observe various models of trains, ranging from the earliest to the most recent, such as the bullet train. They were amazed to learn about the speed of the bullet train. They also watched how a railway controller or railway master works in a railway station and how the railway tracks are changed. The children were delighted to be able to see a Nukkad Natak at the railway museum which was about (cleanliness) Swachh Bharat, a topic which had been discussed on multiple occasions in their school. They were pleased to attend the activity, which involved them in making a collage with the help of recycled paper from newspapers and magazines.



Visit to Qutub Minar

It was that time of the year when the children were eagerly waiting for a class picnic. This year class 2 visited the famous Qutub Minar where they were surprised to see the tallest brick minaret. They not only observed the patterns on it but a few of them also noticed that something was written on it. Usman and Malik Ayaan aksed, "Ma'am, is Urdu language?" The iron pillar situated in the complex was also an added attraction of the visit.

The children were really fascinated to know that the pillar has been there since 2000 years now!! The kids were excited to see the complex, so until next time....





Children across Junior section were taken to the Nehru Park for one last fun-filled time to play and engage with their classmates. Under the warm sunlight and fresh grass, all students played many games and even climbed the trees. They then sat together among the vibrant flowers and shared their food; also sharing their love for each other.

