



DECEMBER 2018 REPORT



It was the last page of the calendar.

December looked out and smiled,

"Here I am", said Miss December,

"With a gift for every child".

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY.....'

December- the month began with the festivities of Christmas. Children battled the cold weather by getting wrapped up with love and warmth. Activities kept their hands full. They made wreaths for Advent, sang carols, dressed up as their favourite characters for the Comic Con, participated in sporting events, assemblies, explored and did a lot more.



Team work often results in a beautiful creation.





The wreath has a significant meaning. Its circular shape represents eternity, for it has no beginning and no end- an unending circle of life, and the green colour symbolises growth and everlasting life.



Ho ho ho, look who's here, of course when Christmas is near, can Santa be far behind.



Joy to the world, the Lord is here.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

"I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand."

-Confucius

Experiences go a long way in consolidating and internalising learning. Junior Marians experimented with water, learnt about Metric Measurements and Money and connected them with real life.



Children of Class 2 learning about water by performing experiments.

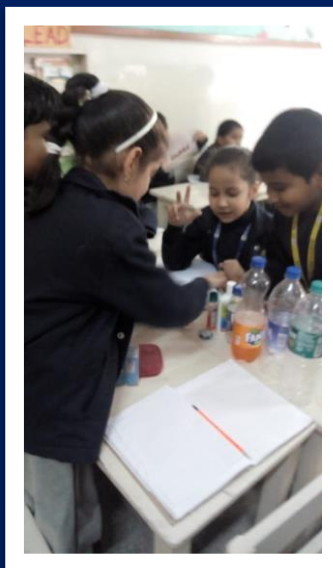




The grandest discoveries of Science have been the rewards of accurate measurements.



How measurements work in real life.



"This bottle contains one litre Fanta....."

From Measurements to Money- Maths teaches us all there is to learn about life.



An experience of the real thing- reading labels, MRPs, Date of Manufacture, Best Before and more.



Playing the shopkeeper and the customer- we do it all in our Math Class.



'Look, what I have- Jam Jam Jamie.'

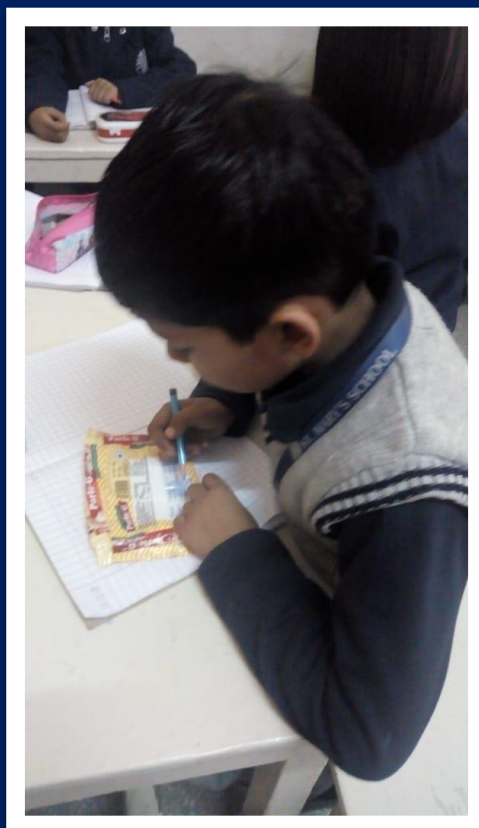


'....wait, let's look at the cost first.'





'I must record what I observe.'



COMMUNITY SINGING

Community singing is an essential part of our routine and singing as a community is also a Christmas tradition. These two practices came together beautifully in December.

Life is a song, sing it.....



.....And because it's Christmas time,



....we will sing Christmas Carols.



Jingle Bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.....



CAROL SINGING

Children, under the musical guidance of Ruben Sir, sang Christmas Carols every morning.



Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa la la la la la la la la....

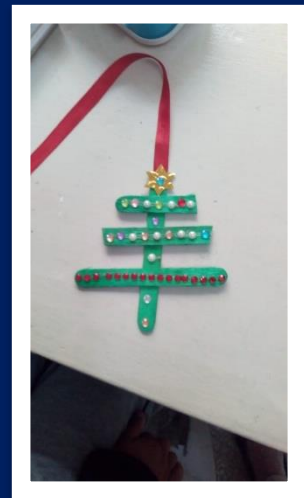


Felis Navidad

GETTING CHRISTMAS READY



Children decorated their classrooms and corridors with Christmasy things..... stockings, reindeers and Christmas trees.



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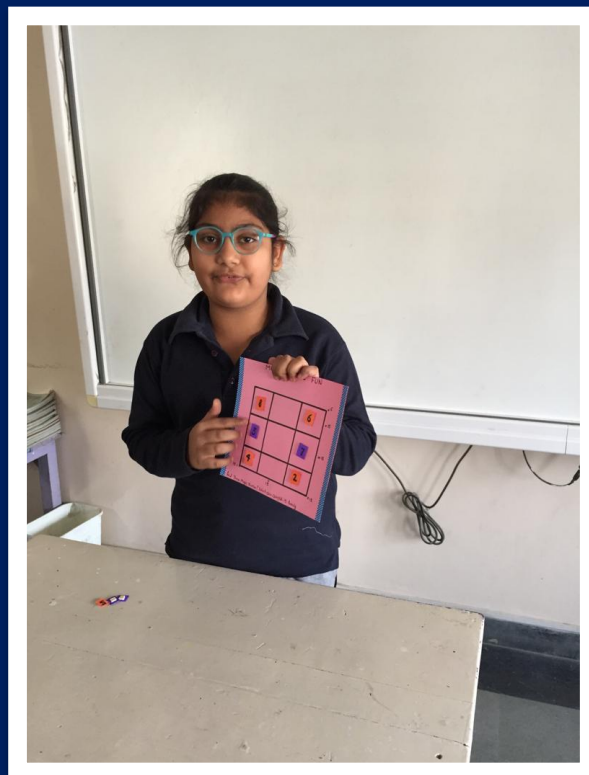
MATHS GAMES PRESENTATION

CLASS 4 presented their projects on Games and Maths in their Class. They had created their own games and of course, each game had its own set of rules.



In the run up to the Maths week, children presented their projects in class. A few students were then selected to represent their class during the Open House.





There is no game without Maths!

ADVENT ASSEMBLY

'Advent' means coming- a time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continues up to Christmas Eve.



In this assembly, children learnt about Advent and the significance of the four candles of hope, peace, love and joy.





"Let me tell you about the four candles of advent."





News and thought.



Awards for the achievers.

CIRCLE TIME

A regular feature of the School curriculum, Circle Time happens every Monday, providing an opportunity to express freely and listen to others in a non-judgmental way. This month the focus of circle time was on the sharing spirit of Christmas, extending a warm helping hand to the not- so- privileged people around us.



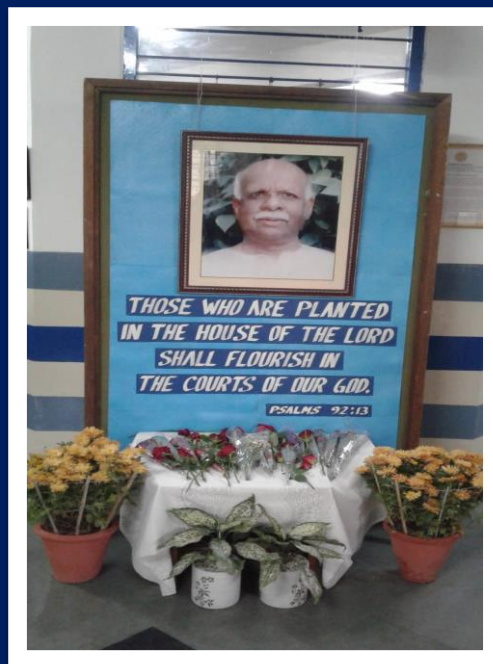
The sacred circle of hope, joy and making connections.



"This Christmas, I am going to....."

SHOWING GRATITUDE AND RESPECT TO WG.CDR. MATHEW SIR ON HIS BIRTHDAY

13 Dec 2018 was the hundredth birth anniversary of our respected Founder, Wg Cdr Thomas Mathew. Children remembered him fondly and paid their respects. They remembered the ideals that Wg Cdr Mathew stood for- self-discipline, honesty and sincerity in work and play and a dedication for physical fitness.



"13 Dec 1918 - 13 Dec 2018"



To a man who stood tall.



The News and thought



A special prayer for Wg Cdr Mathew.....



Children who learn Malyalam, sang one of Wg Cdr Mathew's favourite songs- "Itra tholam yahowa sahayichu....."



None other than children's favourite, Nikhil Sir, shared with them, memories and anecdotes of his grandfather, Wg Cdr Mathew.



Little babies of Class 1 sang 'Bless the Lord oh my soul.....'

YUVA CHAUPAL AND COMIC CON

13th Dec is a historic day for St Mary's School- the birthday of its Co-founder, Wg Cdr Thomas Mathew, and this year was significant because it was his 100th birth anniversary. Children celebrated this day with the annual fete- Yuva Chaupal and Comic Con. Stalls of games and eats were put up. Junior Marians came dressed up as their favourite character from story/ comic books. Parents were also invited. It was a day filled with fun, games, and prizes for participating in the Comic Con.



Inaugurating the event.



Story telling had listeners in rapt attention.



'And the potter said unto the clay, "BE WARE", and it was.....'



There was jalebi for the sweet- toothed and vada pav for the hungry.



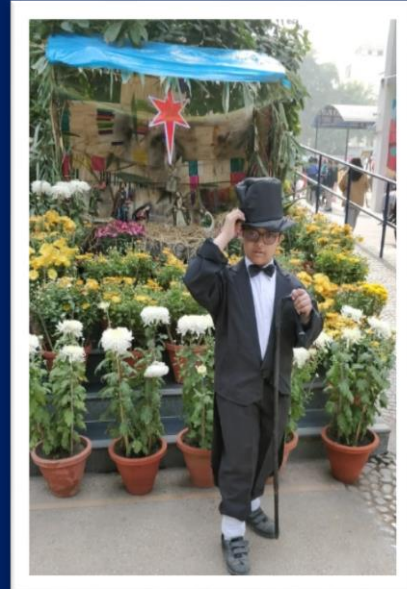
No Yuva Chaupal is complete without *GOLGAPPAS*!



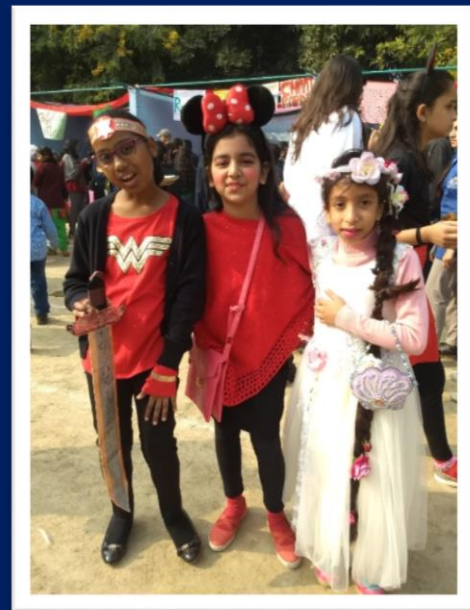
And then, there were games.



Aim and win.



There were prizes to be won if one had made the effort. The Comic Con was a roaring success.



Dressed up as Chacha Choudhary, Sherlock Holmes, Spiderman and Supergirl- there was variety galore.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY BY CLASS 3

The children of Class 3 presented an assembly on the significance of angels and the message of God on Christmas. There was meditation, prayer, news and thought. Angel Gabriel brought the Message of God to Mary. Questions were asked about the angels and devils within each one of us, and children answered thoughtfully.



The angel arrives.



Some questions and thoughtful answers.

MATHS WEEK

17TH - 20TH DEC, 2018

FUN WITH SHAPES

Maths week was observed by all Junior Marians from 17th to 20th Dec, commemorating the birth anniversary of the great Mathematician, Sir Srinivasa Ramanujan- 'the man who knew infinity.'

22 Dec, the birth anniversary of S Ramanujan is observed as National Mathematics Day.



On the first day of Maths week, children had fun with shapes, and this is what they ended up with.

BOARD GAMES

Playing games- indoors and outdoors, is an important part of growing up. Most games, if not all, employ numbers in some way or the other. Children played board games on the third day of Maths week, some of which were created by them, rules and all.





'Oh, the joy of getting 2 consecutive sixes in ludo!'



When it's time to say 'CHECKMATE.'



'See what I made.'



Saanp ya seedhi?

MATHS OPEN HOUSE

The culmination of Maths week happened with a bang- THE OPEN HOUSE. It was a great time for children to show and tell their project, their creativity and their understanding. A good number of parents attended and encouraged the little Mathematicians, who took pride in explaining their work.



'Would you like to play my game?'



Maths clues were hidden here and there in this game.



My game, my rules!



Totally involved.

WG. CDR. T. MATHEW INTER SCHOOL,
JUNIOR ATHLETIC MEET 2018-19

Wg Cdr Mathew believed that physical development of an individual was as important as intellectual development. He had firm conviction that camaraderie, esprit-de-corps and team spirit could only be learnt in the playground. Taking his ideals forward, the Inter School Junior Athletic Meet was held on 19th Dec 2018 in his memory. Nine Schools participated, exhibiting true spirit of sportsmanship.



The coveted trophy- everyone wanted it.



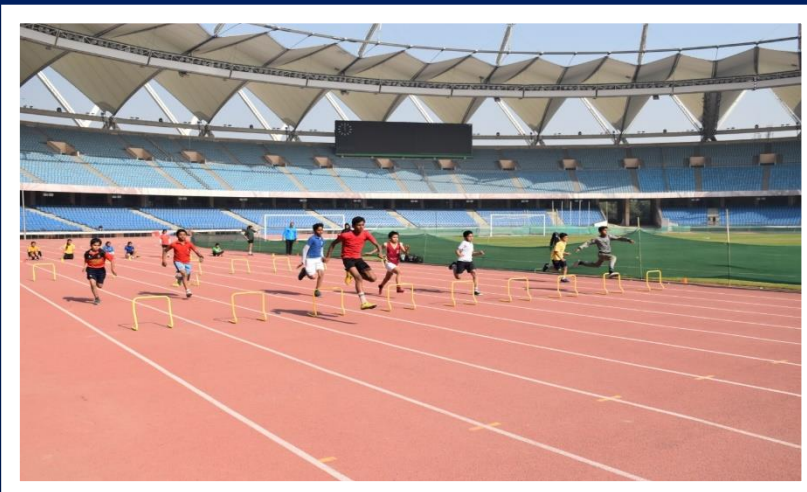
Dr Annie Koshi declared the meet open and lit the torch.



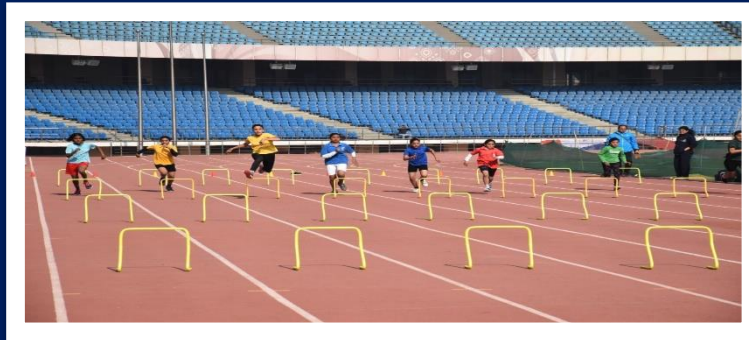
All geared up- athletes.



Ready to start.



"On your marks... get set.....go!"



Hurdles are part of life....



Winning smiles



Champions are made of sterner stuff.

OUR PRINCIPAL DR. ANNIE KOSHI'S BIRTHDAY

Celebrating our respected Principal's birthday- yes, Koshi Ma'am's birthday was on 20th Dec and children celebrated the day with cards, singing and dancing.



A selfie frame card for Ma'am.



A balloon card as well.



Children presented a Malyalam devotional song and a medley of birthday songs in Hindi.



These babies of Class 1 presented a birthday song for their beloved Koshi Ma'am.



The icing on the cake though, was this group dance on the Malyalam song 'Jhumku Kamal.'



Koshi Ma'am thanked the children for making the day special.

TALK ON HEALTHY EATING

'You are what you eat.'

To create awareness on healthy eating habits among Class 1 children, a talk was given by Dr Tanu Sayal and Dr Anu Rajesh. Children were told about choosing food from all food groups and eating on time.



"Now I know all about healthy eating!"



You are what you eat!



NATURE WALK

Students of Class 2 were on an observation spree, as they went for a nature walk, observing the interdependence of flora and fauna around the School premises. The young curious minds, excited to use magnifying glasses, also compared patterns on different leaves.



Observation is the best book.



IT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY IN SCHOOL

Before School closed for Christmas break, children were part of the School Christmas assembly, done by students of Class 5. Later in the day all classes had a Christmas party. Sharing and eating together was the order of the day.



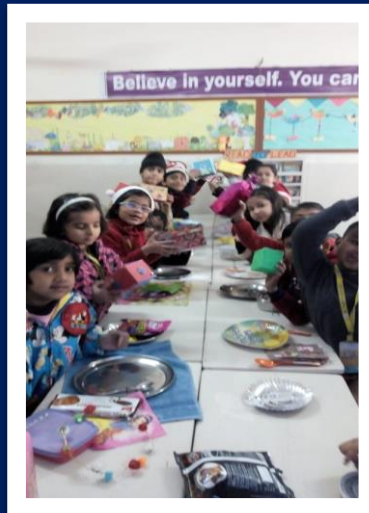
Children played games, sang and danced.



The joy of sharing.....



....and eating together.



Happy smiles all the way.

NATIVITY PLAY

'Christmas time comes once a year, it's here and then it's gone, but if we have Christ in our hearts, Christmas will live on.'

Junior Marians were a part of the School Nativity Play, presented by students of Class 5.



The School Choir



Joseph and Mary
with baby Jesus.



We three kings from orient are, bearing gifts, we travel afar....



The sunshine made the air inviting.



Co-ordinated movements.



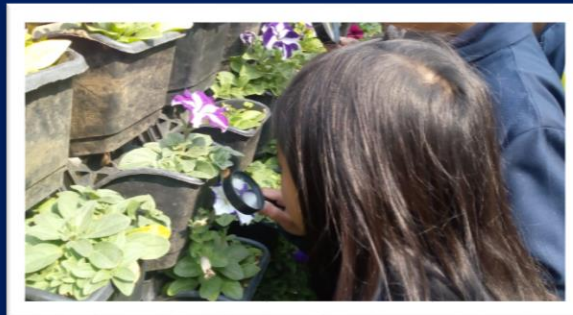
The much awaited entry of Father Christmas- who advised all children to take care of the environment and not litter.

A VISIT TO NEHRU PARK

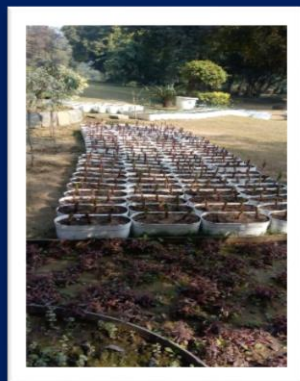
Children of Class 2 visited Nehru Park, where they got an opportunity to be with nature, observe the plants, insects, birds and their beautiful interdependence on each other. Climbing trees, rolling on slopes, and having a picnic in the lawns of Nehru Park- they sure had loads of fun.



'Give me some sunshine....'



'Hey, look at this.'



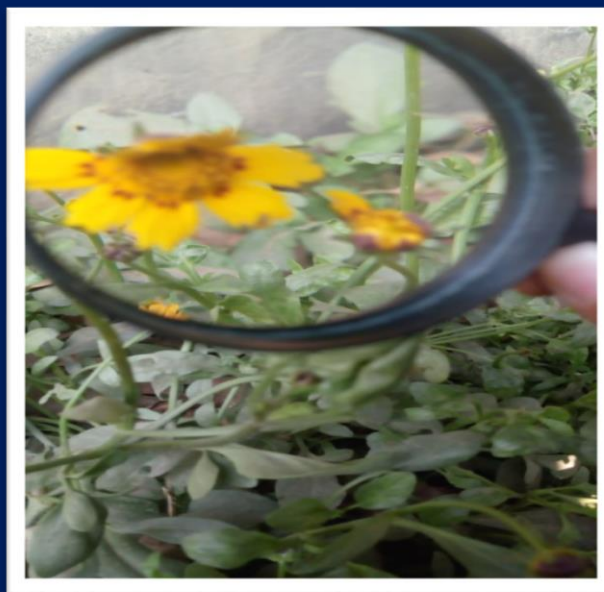
Nature has treasures waiting to be explored.



A vertical garden.

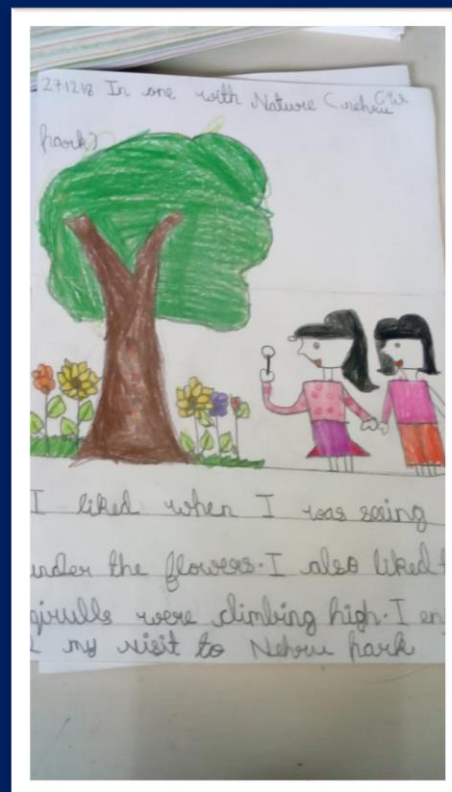
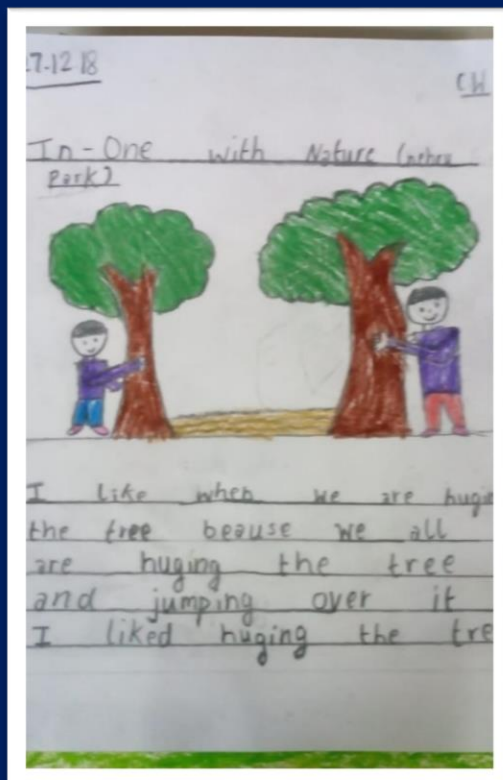
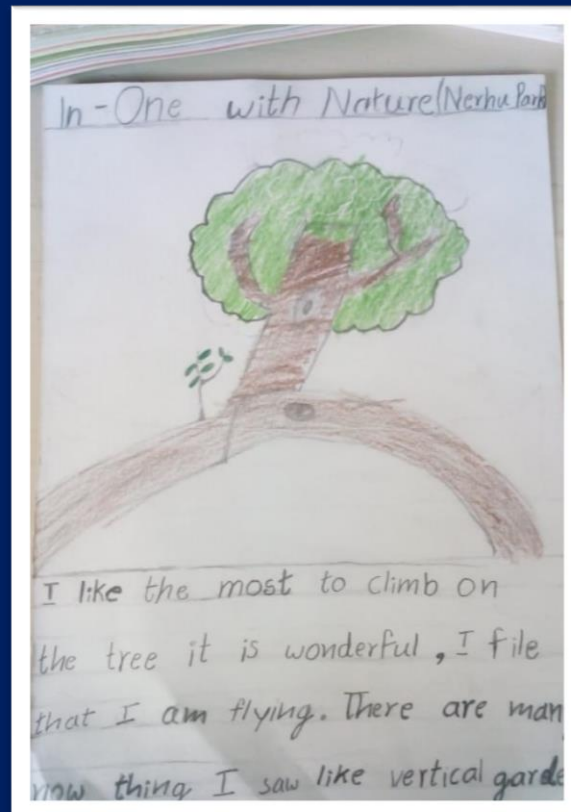


'Dil dhoondhta hai fir wohi, fursat ke raat din....'



Through the looking (magnifying) glass.

On returning to School, they expressed their feelings thus:



We love our trees!

THE SHARING SPIRIT- GIVING AND RECEIVING

Teaching our children to share is teaching them compassion and love.

Each class contributed essentials like tea leaves, sugar, milk powder and socks with the objective of bringing in warmth in the lives of those who might be a little less fortunate and in need. A few children from Class 1 to 4, together with some teachers went to Shanti Avedana and to a Rein Basera near AIIMS and donated the things they had collected.



The group sang- 'God's love is so wonderful....' for the Cancer patients.



With love



Warm wishes from St Mary's School.



Reaching out



People at the Rein Basera were happy.



As we step into the new year, we carry with us what we have learnt this year, and endeavour to improve ourselves, work harder and strive for more compassion, empathy and love. Here's wishing everyone a very happy and pleasant 2019. Onward and Upward from here on !

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