



Sri Aurobindo Education Society

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

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1. INTRODUCTION

Sri Aurobindo Education Society (SAES) was founded in 1964 to foster in the coming generations the art of living a life full of love, peace, joy and fulfillment, a life that is meaningful to them and beneficial to others. With this overall vision, among its first activities was The Mother's International School (The MIS).

The MIS was started in 1956 and its management was handed over to the Society in 1964. Today The MIS has around 2400 students and has been ranked among the best schools of the country in several surveys over the years.

In the just released Cfore School Rankings for 2024, The Mother's International School has been **ranked at No. 6 under India's Best Co-Ed School (Indian Curriculum) and ranked at No. 3 in Delhi under the same category.**

Mirambika Free Progress School, another educational institution run by the Society, was founded in 1981. It is an innovative school with about 150 students and has repeatedly been recognized as the top innovative school in the country on the parameters of Life Skills Education, Conflict Management and Individual Attention to Students.

Although both the schools follow distinct methodology for teaching and learning, both strive to achieve excellence in education, based on the Integral philosophy of Sri Aurobindo.

The Society, for the past several years, has been making all out efforts to enter in the domain of higher education and has submitted its proposal to start an Engineering College. The proposal also received approval from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the apex body and a Regulator of Technical Education in the Country.

However, it is yet to receive the NOC and affiliation from the State govt. and its various Departments. The matter is now subjudice and under consideration with The Delhi High Court.

The Mother's International School

Sri Aurobindo Marg New Delhi – 110016

School Report 2023-24



School Report

April, 2023 to March, 2024



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Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.



An orientation programme for parents of Preschool and Pre-Primary was held to welcome them into the School community and introduce them to the philosophy and ethos of the School. The Headmistress, Ms. Vineeta Prakash, addressed the parents, followed by Head Girl, Vrinda Malhotra who spoke of her 12-year journey at the School. The School's core philosophy of integral education as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother and the importance of foundational school years was shared with parents. A presentation showcasing a day in the life of an MIS student was also screened.



Accolades Day for grades VI to VIII was held on April 17, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Professor K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar. The event started with bhajans and recitations followed by the award ceremony. Sri Aurobindo Merit Scholarships, the 100% attendance awards, the Professor K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar Award of Honour and other special awards were given to the students of grades VI to VIII. Taradi graced the occasion and blessed the students. The prestigious Professor Sri K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar Award of Honour was given to Sanghamitra Ghosh of grade VIII, for epitomising exemplary positive personality traits.



The School's Foundation Day, celebrated as Talent Fiesta or Abhivyakti-2023 on April 20, 2023, witnessed the enthusiastic participation of students, teachers and members of the School alumni.

The event was organised in three categories:

Category A: Grades VI and VII

Category B: Grades VIII and IX

Category C: Classes X, XI and XII

All three categories had about twenty different events each for both individual and group participation. Students chose events for participation according to their interests.

Students' batch of 1999, members of the alumni association, Mother's Blossoms, was in charge of this year's events. Festivities began with a special assembly followed by the events. Like every year, *Rangoli* in the corridors, display of the work of students, visits by former students made it an enjoyable day for all.



Talent Fiesta (Primary Wing)

April 20, 2023



Two, three, four, five, six..., these may seem random numbers but as soon as one places the dots in order, they are connected to a date (23.4.56) that marked the beginning of the journey of MIS.

On April 23, 1956, what started as a humble beginning, is now an institution of repute. The School's Foundation Day is observed by organising Talent Fiesta, where the talent of each student is celebrated. This year too, the children were offered an array of activities to choose from such as Music, Dance, Art and Craft, Storytelling, T-shirt Painting, etc. Talent Fiesta 2023 gave all the participants a day filled with beautiful memories and experiences.

Eid-ul-Fitr

April 21, 2023



Eid-ul-Fitr, a festival that fosters brotherhood among all, was beautifully celebrated with a Special Assembly. Through role-play, the significance of the festival was explained. Children were apprised of the customs and practices during the holy month of Ramzan.

Earth Day

April 22, 2023



Earth Day is commemorated on 22nd April every year. A special assembly was organised by the middle school students to mark the occasion. The assembly started with bhajans, followed by recitations expressing gratitude to Mother Earth, enactment of a poem, and singing the song *We Are the World*.

Grades VI and VII: A hands-on activity was done in the Grades VI and VII. Students were asked to compose a poem or make a poster on the theme: 'INVEST IN OUR PLANET'.

Grade VIII: A slogan writing activity was held on the importance of conservation of resources. Students created products using waste materials.

Grades IX and X: An art-integrated activity on sustainable development of resources was taken up. Each child participated in the activity and their work was displayed on the class boards.

Earth Day (Primary Wing)

May 22, 2023

“When we care for the Earth, we care for ourselves.”



Earth day is celebrated on 22nd April each year in the School to spread awareness about conserving our beautiful planet. With an aim to ignite consciousness amongst young and old alike, a story was narrated during the assembly. Students made posters to sensitise and motivate others to save the environment.

Investiture Ceremony

April 26, 2023

The investiture ceremony of the new Students' Council was held on April 26, 2023. *Bhajans* were sung seeking blessings of The Mother for the Council taking over the mantle. The new members pledged to fulfil their responsibilities and abide by the values of simplicity, authenticity, compassion, aspiration, and leadership.

The School Prayer 'Make of us the Hero Warriors' was recited by the Council members in unison. The ceremony concluded with the National Song.





The three-day sub-junior Annual Athletic Meet started on April 28, 2023. The meet began with oath-taking and marching. The first day's events included 100-metre heats, 600-metre final, shot put, and 100-metre final. On the second day, students participated in 200-metre heats, long jump, and 4x100 metre relay race. The event concluded with the 200-metre heats, final and 4x400 metre relay final.

Honesty House secured the first position, Perfection House second and Truth House stood third. Kaira Nayyar from Grade VII was adjudged the Best Athlete among girls, while Daiwik Bejgotra from Grade VIII was adjudged the Best Athlete among boys.



Accolades Day (Primary Wing)

May 1, 2023

Far and away the best prize life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

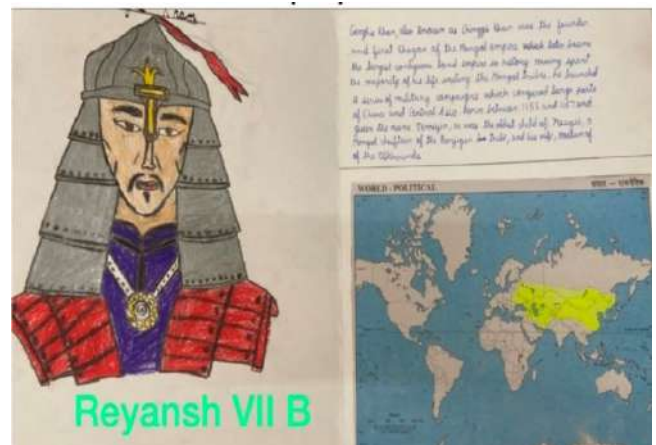
Accolades Day of the primary wing for the academic session 2022-2023 was celebrated on May 1, 2023. The morning began with a beautiful *bhajan* and a mesmerising dance performance by the children of grades IV and V. The positive personality traits and 100% attendance awards were among the awards given to students. Taradi graced the occasion and encouraged the children.





The Synapse club organised a Special Assembly and a Poster Making activity on May 2, 2023, on World Asthma Day, an annual event commemorated globally on the first Tuesday of May, encouraging efforts to improve asthma care and control worldwide.

This year the theme for World Asthma Day 2023 is 'Asthma Care for All'. Students of the Synapse Club made posters highlighting the causes of Asthma, possible cures and ways of preventing it.



History Week gave students an opportunity to explore various aspects of the subject namely, the archaeological sources, historical personalities and events that have shaped the past. Students of grade VI, drew sketches of historical figures and monuments from ancient India. Students of grade VII conducted research on historical figures, drew illustrated timelines, and developed maps of the era they had selected. The life and achievements of an important historical figure were described by students in period costumes. Students of grade VIII participated and learnt about the role of leaders of the 18th and early 19th century (Colonial Period) in India. They drew illustrations, wrote poems, drew maps to highlight the role of leaders like Tipu Sultan, Queen Chinnamma, Mangal Pandey, Rani Lakshmi Bai, Siraj-ud-daulah, Maharaja Ranjit Singh, Veer Satya Surendra Sai. Students of grade XI undertook the project of recreating seals and tablets from the Mesopotamian civilization. They researched and recreated specific tablets from the period. Students used clay, plaster of Paris, and other materials to design these seals and came up with



very creative presentations. The work of the students displayed on boards in the foyer and in classrooms was appreciated by all.

IMPLICATA'23

May 4, 2023

On May 4, 2023, the 3M club organised its annual intra-school psychology competition. This year the theme was 'Shakespeare.' Participants analysed popular Shakespearean characters through psychological schools of thought and creatively presented their analyses. Originally, twenty teams, each with two to four participants, registered themselves for the event. The screening round was based on PowerPoint presentations. Ten teams made it to the final round. Srishti Sinha and Neychelle Tyrone Ouseph, both alumni members adjudicated the unique viewpoints on psychological principles. Performances based on art forms like dance, poetry and drama were a part of the competition.

Rabindra Jayanti (Primary Wing)

May 9, 2023



Every time we sing our National Anthem, we are reminded of Rabindranath Tagore. To pay a humble tribute to this creative genius, offerings of songs composed by Rabindranath Tagore were sung by the choir. A dance choreographed on his poem, 'Where the Mind is without Fear' was also presented.

Rabindra Jayanti

May 9 -10, 2023



Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated on May 9, 2023, by grades IX-XII and on May 10, 2023 by grades VI-VIII. The special assembly started out with the inaugural song 'He Nuton' and was followed by recitations from the Gitanjali. A brief history of Rabindranath Tagore's life and work at Santiniketan was presented through a short film. Tagore's 'Tota Kahinee' or 'The Parrot's Training', a critique of the moribund colonial system of education was presented by students in the 'Dastangoi' tradition. This was followed by dances set to Rabindra Sangeet.

Session on First Aid and Medical Emergencies

May 9, 2023

A comprehensive session on handling Medical Emergencies and First Aid by Dr Medha Joshi was organised by the Synapse Club (Biology Club) of MIS.

The aim of the session was to equip the audience with the necessary knowledge and skills to respond effectively during medical emergencies. Dr Joshi from Fosma Maritime Institute, Noida, shared a Powerpoint presentation on medical emergencies including Cardiovascular Emergencies, Choking and Airway Obstruction, Bleeding and Wound Management, Fractures and Bone Injuries. Practical demonstration of techniques followed by a question and answer session were particularly helpful for students.

International Yoga Day

June 21, 2023

The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated across the world annually on June 21 since 2015, following its inception in the United Nations General Assembly in 2014. MIS celebrated this special day through a collective session on meditation and yogic asanas at 6:30 in the morning. By dedicating time to practice yoga and meditation, one can improve one's physical health, increase mental focus and clarity, enhance emotional well-being, and find solace in the midst of the demands of a fast-paced world.



Fitoor Annual Workshop

June 15-16, 2023



‘Fitoor’, the School’s Drama Club organised its annual summer workshop, ‘AIZAZ’ to provide an opportunity to explore different avenues from acting, scripting to even directing. Two notable resource people mentored the students on various aspects of dramatics. Mr. Ravi Raj Sagar engaged the students in an interesting table read of the play- Pygmalion. The students analysed the emotions of the characters along with voice modulation and character development, followed by a short exercise on stage movement. Ms. Tripti Kaur, a Film and Theatre graduate, shared her knowledge and passion for the dramatic arts by providing invaluable insights into the world of theater, inspiring students to explore their creativity. She tailored several group and solo activities- ranging from voice projection and modulation to movement while covering all the basics of theatre.

A Sports Camp was conducted from 6:30 to 8:30 am, allowing the students to start their day with physical activity and sports training. The camp offered training in three popular sports: Badminton, Basketball, and Football. The participants chose their preferred sport and dedicated their time to improving their skills in that particular discipline. 125 students enthusiastically took part in the camp under the guidance of experienced coaches. The Camp helped the participants to grasp various techniques and strategies related to their chosen sport. Sense of camaraderie that developed during the camp was highlighted as a positive aspect of the camp.



Mathematics Day (Primary Wing)

July 13, 2023

"Without Mathematics, there is nothing you can do. Everything around you is Mathematics. Everything around you is numbers." - Shakuntala Devi



This year Mathematics Day was a celebration of the beautiful world of numbers and how they weave their way into every aspect of our lives. For the young minds of classes 3, 4, and 5, it was a journey of discovery into how Mathematics is not merely a subject but a language that speaks through art, nature, and life itself.

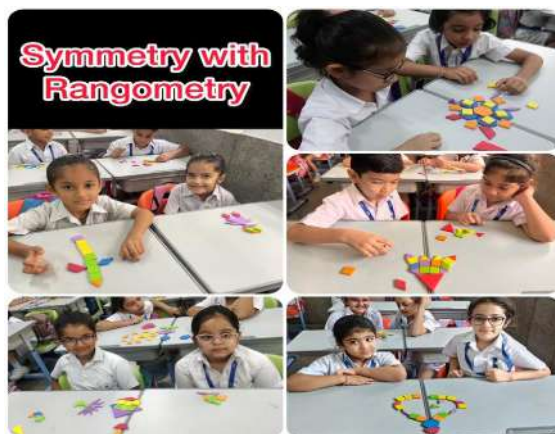
The festivities commenced with a special assembly that ignited curiosity. A captivating presentation showcased the hidden symphonies of Mathematics in the natural world around us. The assembly culminated with poetry and a dance performance.

For the main event, children were given five art forms to choose from – Mandala, Kolam, Rangoli, Warli Art, Symmetry and Tessellations.



The spirit of Mathematics Day extended to our budding mathematicians of class 2 as well. Their day was filled with exploration into the world of two and three-dimensional shapes. Equipped with toothpicks and playdough, they crafted 3D shapes that added depth to their understanding of corners and edges.

Through these activities, children explored their latent creativity, connecting the dots between art and Mathematics. It was a day of fun, learning, and increased awareness about the fascinating manifestation of Mathematics in various art forms.



Bastille Day 2023

July 14, 2023

July 14 is a significant day in the French calendar that represents the movement for justice, equality, and freedom. People across the world commemorate this day. The French Department organised three inter-house events in the spirit of festivity: a French culture quiz, a poetry recitation contest, and a solo singing contest, around the motto Liberté, Égalité et Fraternité. The French Quiz was held on July 14. Nearly every aspect of French life and culture was covered through the questions on history, fashion, economics, sports, cuisine and general knowledge. Honesty House secured the first place. Poetry recitation and solo singing competitions were held on 17th July. The programmes concluded with both French and Indian National Anthems.



English Poetry Festival (Primary Wing)

July 17-20, 2023

Poems shouldn't be tucked away inside the pages of a book but be spoken out loud and so brought to life.

This year classes 3, 4 and 5 celebrated the English Poetry Festival from July 17-20, 2023. Varied poems were recited by the children with eager enthusiasm. Each poem conveyed a meaningful message and was brought to life with perfect diction and passionate recital. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sublimity of expression, thought, emotion and music of words.

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Slam Poetry: Guest Speaker, Jamaal Amir Akbari

July 17, 2023

*"What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
Like a raisin in the sun?"*



What happens to a dream deferred? Students contemplated as poet Jamaal Akbari invoked Langston Hughes for teenagers, who are at that crucial point in their lives where they seek answers. Jamaal Amir Akbari, award-winning poet, arts educator, creative entrepreneur, songwriter and performing artist, addressed all the students of class 12.

The students entered the world of the spoken word as Akbari recalled his childhood and mentioned how poetry helped him find himself in an urban jungle that tries its best to suppress all forms of uniqueness and creativity. He spoke of how slam poetry helped him to connect with his emotions and express his gratitude for the tiny things in life that sustain all of us: love, family and friends. His speech resonated with the students, especially because it was a speech that addressed the uncomfortable compromise the youth often make as they enter adulthood between their dreams and expectations from the world.

Fields Day

July 20, 2023

The Fields Medal is the highest honour a mathematician can receive and is often referred to as the Nobel Prize of Mathematics. At MIS, Fields Day is celebrated annually to nurture awareness of the presence of Mathematics in our everyday life. Whether using measurements in a recipe or deciding the next move in a game, Mathematics is present in everything. Real life examples help to kindle a spark of practical interest in the students. This year, Fields Day was celebrated on July 20. Children of classes 6 to 8 created stalls in their classrooms displaying various Mathematical concepts.

The students of class 6 made innovative board games. Each child displayed the game on the table and students of other classes came to play and be a part of it.

Students of class 7 decorated their classrooms with mathematical Torans and canvas tiles using geometrical shapes. Some of the children even created Gothic design, mathematical window tile. The excitement of the kids was palpable as they even



beautified the corridors with mathematical rangoli.

Students of class 8 created mathematical working models. Unusual concepts like making a trigonometry model using waste products, creating a scene of a broken tree emphasising the use of Pythagoras theorem, wearable fancy jewellery based on mathematical shapes were some of the interesting things on display.

Inter-section Recitation of Shakespeare's Soliloquies

July 20, 2023

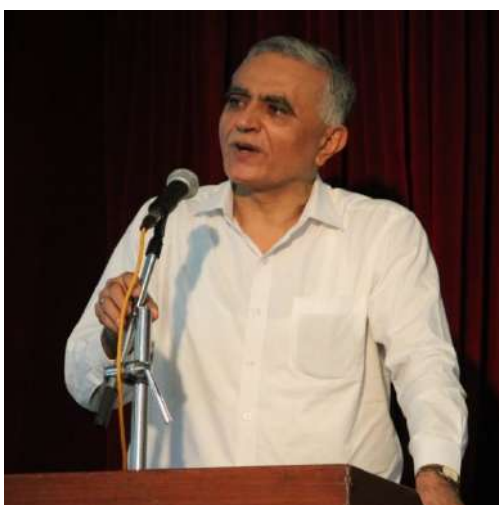
The Bard of Avon, William Shakespeare's writing came to life as the students of classes 11 and 12 presented soliloquies from some of his famous plays in the Hall of Grace. Two members of Mother's Blossoms, Mr Mayank Chari and Ms Sara Changkakoti, adjudged the event. One student from each section was selected through intra-section auditions to represent their section on the stage. The Best Speaker Awards were won by Rushaan Basak of 11 F, who presented Shylock's speech from 'The Merchant of Venice' and Hridayansh Khara of 12 E, who presented Hamlet's famous soliloquy, 'To be or not to be'. Abhishek Bhattacharya of 11 B, who presented Macbeth's speech 'If it were done when 'tis done' and Aditi Patra of 12 A, who presented Joan of Arc's speech from 'Henry VI', received a special mention by the judges.



Accolades Day

July 22, 2023

Accolades Day was a celebration of the achievements and accomplishments of senior students in the academic session 2022-23. The assembly began with meaningful and inspiring recitations followed by a musical presentation Aahawahn. A special orchestra comprising 85 students played Raga Kafi in the Hindustani and Kharaharpriya in the Carnatic classical style. The composition also included Vedic chanting.



Chief Guest Lieutenant General Daljit Singh, the Director General of the Armed Forces Medical Services graced the occasion and gave away the awards.

Positive personality traits acknowledged this year were self-discipline, helpfulness and environment-friendly approach. Other awards included excellence in academics, sports and co-curricular activities such as art, music and yoga. Students and teachers with 100% attendance record were also felicitated.



Ms Sangeeta Narula received the Shri Jaya Bhadra Choudhary Award for Excellence in Primary Education. Smt. Swarupa Sinha and Shri Fateh Singh Gangwani were recipients of the Shri Mani Pillay Award for exemplary devotion for duty for the session 2022-23.

The Physics Club, Impulse, organised its annual event, Infinity, for classes 9-12. Enigma, the popular online cryptic hunt, was organised on the occasion in which participants solved successive rounds of very tough questions. Quiz based on Physics witnessed an enthusiastic participation by the students.

Inter-section Turncoat Debate
July 26, 2023

Inter-section Turncoat Debate Competition for classes 9 and 10 was held in the Hall of Grace. Two alumni members, Mr Arjun Bhandari and Mr Shaurya Bhatnagar, adjudged the event. One student from each section was selected through intra-section auditions to represent their section at the podium. The Best Speaker Awards were won by Meher Aggarwal of 9 C and Shaina Bagaria of 10 A, who presented their views on the topics 'Parents should have access to passwords of their children's social media accounts' and 'Graffiti is a form of art, not vandalism', respectively. A special mention was received by Dakshi Bharti of 9 C and Ananya Kwatra of 10 B who spoke on 'Participation is more important than winning' and 'Social Media has improved human communication', respectively. In a turncoat format one speaker presents both the sides of the motion. The event encouraged students into public speaking and for budding debaters it provided a good learning opportunity.

World Environment Day
July 27, 2023

The Environment Club organised a special assembly to underscore the importance of conservation to draw curtains on the World Environment Day celebrations.

The assembly started with giving awards to students who secured the winning positions in various competitions held on June 5, 2023. The spectrum of competitive events ranged from poetry writing and poster making to article writing in both Hindi and English. The winners were felicitated with e-certificates and special animal-shaped planters. This was followed by a presentation by a group of students on the effects of noise pollution. They included the findings from a survey conducted within school premises, pinpointing the noisiest areas. It was a reminder that pollution is not just about dirty air or water but also about the noise around us which affects people as well as all other living creatures.

One of the much-awaited events was the unveiling of the third edition of the Environmental webzine, 'Prakriti', by Principal Milan Mala Sarin. Prakriti offers a creative, open space where students can share their thoughts, findings and enthusiasm about environmental concerns. The programme culminated with a song on the importance of conserving water.

Mathematics Day
August 5, 2023

Class 9 celebrated Mathematics Day by displaying models that were made by the students with the help and guidance of their teachers. It was an attempt to enable students to grasp mathematical concepts using practical yet creative and real life examples.



'No one is too small to make a difference' - Greta Thunberg



The 151st birth anniversary of the poet-seer Sri Aurobindo was celebrated through the annual Inter-school Competition, **Luminaire**.

The event aimed at discovering novel ways of looking at the world and bringing about a conscious change, envisioning a new paradigm for sustainable living and development. Participating teams identified an environmental concern related to the four elements, earth, air, water and fire, and conducted research-based analysis of the same to offer possible solutions. **Luminaire** comprised three events, spread over two days. Eight schools across Delhi-NCR participated in the final round.



On August 7, '**Green Canvas**', the poster-making competition was held in the Senior Art Room. The posters on environmental themes chosen by the teams were evaluated by Ms Deepali Sharma, the Creative Head of Think Inc Studio and Mr Abhiroopa Mathur, a Communication Design Specialist. '**Azure**', the poetry-writing competition, was held in the Primary Library. Opening lines for poems, based on the themes chosen by the teams, were provided to the participants. The poems were judged by Smt. Vinita Chaturvedi and Dr Charu Chopra, Associate Professors with the Department of English, University of Delhi.

On August 8, during the event titled '**The Good Earth**', students presented their research-based analysis of an environmental concern. The themes covered in the presentations ranged from stubble burning, waste generated from e-commerce, water scarcity to mindful living through incorporating sustainability in urban development.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Ms Sunita Narain, distinguished environmentalist and Director General of the Centre for Science and Environment. The panel of judges for the evaluation process comprised Dr Sulagna Chattopadhyay, Editor of 'Geography and You', Prof. Chirashree Ghosh, Founder

of the Centre for Environmental Studies and Disaster Management at Miranda House and Shivaji College, DU, and Mr Arunesh Karkun, Senior Research Associate at the Centre for Policy Research.

Raga Symphony, the School Orchestra, presented the moods of nature through harmonic notes woven into intricate rhythms through their musical presentation '*Her Pulse*'.

In her address, Ms Sunita Narain lauded the precision and synchronisation of the talented young musicians. She highlighted the absence of equitable distribution of community resources and encouraged students to play a conscious role in bringing about a positive change. Her inspiring words, interspersed with alarming statistics and compelling case studies, provided ample food for thought for all.



This was followed by the prize distribution ceremony. The results were announced by the Principal, Milan Mala Sarin. Ms Sunita Narain then felicitated the prize winners.

Adrija Paul of The Mother's International School and Anubhi Srivastava of Lotus Valley School won the first and second prize respectively in '*Azure*', the poetry writing competition. Sara Bhargava of Modern School, Vasant Vihar and Vanshika Rajput of St Mary's School bagged the first and second prize respectively in '*Green Canvas*', the poster making competition. The first position for '*The Good Earth*' was secured by the team of Modern School, Vasant Vihar and the second position was bagged by the team of Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar.



The Rolling Trophy for **Luminaire 2023** was lifted by Modern School, Vasant Vihar.

Inter-School Patriotic Songs Festival (Primary Wing)

August 11, 2023

Shri S.N. Jauhar 'Faquir' Memorial Inter-School Patriotic Festival was organised to commemorate the School founder's birth anniversary. A revered figure, Shri Surendra Nath Jauhar 'Faquir' was known for his unwavering commitment to India's freedom struggle, educational upliftment,



humanitarian values, and tireless dedication.



This event featured two categories that highlighted the essence of patriotism and individual talent.

The first category, '*Swaranjali*,' showcased group renditions of patriotic songs. The second category, '*Kalakriti*,' provided a platform for students to showcase their artistic and creative skills.

Delhi Public School-Vasant Vihar bagged the prestigious Rolling Trophy. The festival was a harmonious blend of patriotism and artistic expression. The highlight of the event was a beautifully choreographed group dance performance that served as a fitting tribute to the indomitable spirit of Shri Surendra Nath Jauhar 'Faquir.'

Independence Day Assembly (Primary Wing)

August 14, 2023

The students of class 3 organised a stirring Independence Day special assembly highlighting India's advancement in the 21st century and celebrated their motherland's accomplishments on the global stage. The assembly culminated with a dance performance by all the children on the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign song. Children enthusiastically waved flags and danced, symbolizing unity and patriotism. The assembly hall was charged with energy, reflecting collective pride. The celebration showcased not only progress but also children's readiness to be India's bright future.

Sri Aurobindo's Birth Anniversary & Independence Day Celebrations

August 14-15, 2023

The School organised a special programme to celebrate the spirit of freedom and pay tribute to Sri Aurobindo's nationalistic vision on the occasion of his birth anniversary and India's 77th year of Independence, through an in-house dance production. India achieving independence on Sri Aurobindo's 75th birthday was not considered by him a mere coincidence or a fortuitous accident but 'the sanction and seal of the Divine' upon the work that he had to accomplish: the great task of helping India to know and fulfil her role and to reconstitute life guided by the growth of higher consciousness.



Titled '*Bharatvarsham: The Spirit Incarnate*', the production was a concept musical. Varied dance forms, from ancient classical dances to folk dances blended together to create a rich tapestry, while vibrant music provided the rhythm and flow to the narration of excerpts from Sri Aurobindo's writings and letters on nationalism and India's role in the world. Students and teachers from the senior section worked hard and practised for three months to put it together. The performance ended with a grand finale set to the National Song, 'Vande Mataram'.



Shri Surendra Nath Jauhar Memorial Football Tournament - 2023 August 16-19, 2023



Jauhar Cup 2023 marked a return to one of the most eagerly-awaited events in the school sports calendar. The opening match between MIS and Birla Vidya Niketan, that MIS won, set the tone, igniting the school with excitement.



MIS and Step by Step School entered the finals, bringing in a mix of nervousness and hope. Despite the half-time score of 2-0 against MIS, spirits remained high. Ultimately, Step by Step School emerged victorious and lifted the trophy. The Jauhar Cup 2023 was a celebration of the sporting spirit of the School with each match played with immense vigour and intensity. It united the school community and showcased its passion for football.



Hindi Poetry Festival (Primary Wing)

August 22, 2023

The Hindi Poetry Festival was a delightful event that celebrated the budding poets of classes 1 and 2. The colourful and interesting props enhanced the visual impact of the event. While the little ones of class 1 recited poems based on rain, children of class 2 took everyone on a poetic ride with their diverse and meaningful poems. The celebration gave children an opportunity to convey profound messages with confidence and conviction. The recitals mesmerised the audience and filled the assembly hall with immense enthusiasm.



Equity -2023

August 23, 2023

Equity, the Intra-School Economics event consisted of three engrossing events.

The **Budget Hour** event allowed budding economists a holistic insight into the process of budget planning as they were tasked with crafting a viable budget, allocated as per the requirements of the assigned state of India. In this event, Shreeyam Lakhota of 11B and Aarit Bakshi of 11 E bagged the First Prize.



The **Equity Heist** event gave participants an opportunity to analyse fictional companies' financial data to strategically invest the assigned money and maximize profits. The event tested their investment skills, decision-making abilities, and strategic thinking within a dynamic financial setting. Udhav Jaipura and Krishna Sarda of 11 D secured the First Position while Kalyan Jha of 12 A and Mridul Krishna of 12 F secured the Second Position in this event.



In the **Planning Conclave**, participants were given a problem statement in advance and asked to design a specific policy intervention to address the issue on the ground. This was followed by a panel discussion on the topic 'Debt Ceiling Crisis in the United States'. Aditya Kadam and Lakshmishree of 12 A bagged the First Prize and Nitya Markan of 11 D was declared the Best Speaker.

This event of ingenuity and creativity, along with the ability to think and analyze on the spot opened up a platform for students enthusiastic about business, finance, and current affairs to embrace their passion and reason, collaborate, negotiate and draw on personal experience to create something of significance.

Hindi Day (Primary Wing)

August 25, 2023

Hindi Day celebration commenced with a special assembly wherein the children of classes 4 and 5 enacted an amusing folktale from Meghalaya in Hindi. The folktale conveyed valuable life lessons and made the audience both laugh and learn. Students celebrated the beauty of Hindi and showcased their linguistic skills by reciting famous poems. The celebration continued with various class activities tailored to nurture appreciation in the children for the native language. It was a day filled with learning and fun.



World Population Day

August 28, 2023

The Mother's International School commemorated World Population Day through a thought-provoking debate. The event aimed to shed light on various issues related to global population levels and their impact on society and the environment.

The event commenced with a video presentation that provided an overview of the current world population levels, trends, and challenges. It highlighted the significance of responsible population management and the implications of unchecked population growth on resources, environment, and socio-economic context. The heart of the event was the debate competition, which featured six teams discussing diverse issues related to the world population. Through engaging discussions, students showcased their research and public speaking abilities, contributing to a meaningful dialogue on population-related issues such as, racially diverse populations, managing global mineral wealth and overcoming planetary constraints.

Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat- Art Integrated Activity – Class 8

A group activity was organised to celebrate India's cultural, geographical and historical diversity as part of the *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* campaign. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep are partners of the Union Territory of Delhi in this campaign.

Students of class 8 made colourful wall hangings inspired by the culture of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep. Models and illustration of the Cellular Jail were created by the students, with a brief description of its history. Models highlighting the life on the islands became a major attraction. Their work was displayed in the foyer and was much appreciated by everyone.



Navchetna Release

August 29, 2023



Navchetna, the annual magazine of The Mother's International School, was released on 29th August, 2023. Tara Didi, while releasing the magazine, lauded the creativity, hard work and collaboration of students. The assembly concluded with a presentation on the festival of Onam, heralding the end of monsoon.

National Sports Day

August 29, 2023



The Physical Education Department, in collaboration with the SEWA Sports Club of the School, organised a programme to commemorate National Sports Day. The event celebrated the legacy of hockey genius Major Dhyan Chand and aimed at promotion of traditional sports. During the day the students played indigenous games like pithhu, kho-kho and kabaddi, and were also introduced to martial arts such as Kalaripayattu.

Teachers' Day (Primary Wing)

September 5, 2023

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, a special event was organised to celebrate the hard work and dedication of all the teachers. The programme began with a skit performed by the teachers themselves. A glimpse of the daily school routine was humorously depicted through enactment and dance performances, much to the amusement of the children. As a part of the conclusion, teachers came forward to solve a puzzle. As each piece



was placed in its position, a large portrait of a teacher emerged. The scattered pieces symbolised various roles and qualities that make a great teacher. It was a joyous day filled with gratitude and love.

Teachers' Day

September 5, 2023

The birth anniversary of Dr S. Radhakrishnan, celebrated as Teachers' Day, is a special occasion to appreciate the invaluable contributions of the teachers in nurturing students. To celebrate this special day, the MIS students of class 12 organized a special assembly in the Hall of Aspiration.

The event commenced with bhajans, followed by recitations by the students of class 12. The Head Boy, Aaditya Rana and the Head Girl, Vrinda Malhotra, expressed their love and gratitude towards the teachers on behalf of all the students of MIS and thanked them for their guidance. After an invocation dance, students of different levels presented self-composed poems, group songs, dance performances and instrumental music which was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and teachers. The Teacher's Day assembly concluded with a video presentation showing glimpses of the teachers in their classroom, sports field, school events, school trips, etc. The video was a tribute to the dedication, compassion, and hard work of the teachers.

The Student-Teachers (Class 12 students) went ahead to take classes in both the Primary and Senior wing and interacted with the students. Meanwhile, 'Fun Games' were organized for the teachers in the Hall of Grace.

Janmashtami Celeration (Primary Wing)

September 7, 2023

A beautiful event was organised in the Primary Wing to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Sri Krishna Janmashtami. The celebration began with an engaging narration of anecdotes from lord Krishna's life. The atmosphere was filled with devotion as students and teachers came together to sing soulful bhajans. The assembly culminated with a captivating dance drama. Students dressed as characters from Krishna's life, danced gracefully and enthralled the audience. Janmashtami celebration was a cultural extravaganza which continued for the rest of the day for classes 1 and 2 through varied creative activities.



Awareness through Body Workshop

September 16, 2023

An Awareness through Body (ATB) workshop was conducted for teachers of MIS by ATB mentor from Auroville, Amir Azoulay. ATB is a set of practices that helps one connect with the different planes of one's physical being: the subtle physical, the vital physical and also connect with the psychic, with the objective of remaining centred and calm despite the demands of day to day life.

Azoulay employed visualisation techniques, and a range of reflective and meditative practices that offered a glimpse on how to gently dissolve boundaries between the 'inner' and the 'outer', become aware of one's surroundings, stay alert as listeners and observers, let go of judgement and over-analysis, and progress towards conscious living.

On the whole it was an engaging and immersive session. The teachers were happy with the learnings and shared that they experienced physical lightness, ease and tranquillity during and after the session.



Eid- e- Milad

September 27, 2023

"Eid is not as much about opening our presents as it is about opening our hearts"



Eid-e Milad is observed as the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad. It is a time for reflection, spreading love and emulating the teachings of the Prophet. The children of class 2 conducted a special assembly to celebrate this joyous occasion. The assembly began with an enchanting dance performance that not only showcased the spirit of unity but also conveyed a powerful message of doing good and fostering harmony. The children then confidently enacted Munshi Premchand's renowned story, 'Eidgah'. The story's profound message, centred around caring for others was brought to life by the little ones.

New Vistas – MIS Career Fair

September 29-30, 2023

MIS hosted a Career Fair titled New Vistas. The inaugural address was delivered by Ms. Divya Miglani, a student of the batch of 1998. Ms Miglani is a revenue strategist for corporate companies by profession and a passionate car racer. She is also the only woman on the Four-wheeler Racing Commission of Indian Motorsports Board and represents women's interest in Motorsports by taking the lead to involve more women in the sport. Students found anecdotes from her professional and personal life very inspiring.

For two consecutive days, numerous speakers from varied professional backgrounds delivered talks and addressed the questions of the students of classes 10-12 to familiarise them with eligibility, preparation and nuances of different professional skills and spaces. Medicine, civil services, hospitality, policy research, engineering, journalism, architecture, photography, design opportunities were some of the professions on which sessions were held.



Gandhi Jayanti

October 3, 2023

Mahatma Gandhi, lovingly known as Bapu by all Indians, is internationally acknowledged for his doctrine of non-violence. Every year 2nd October is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti and rich tribute is paid to the 'Father of the Nation'. The students and teachers of Truth House presented a special assembly on 3rd October to commemorate the Mahatma's life and teachings.

The assembly began with students singing Gandhiji's favourite bhajan 'Vaishnav Jan To' with deep reverence. It was followed by narration of Gandhian quotes and messages. Students also shared information on the birth anniversary of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri. Two students from class 9 sang Gandhiji's chosen hymn, 'Lead kindly light and abide by me'. A power-point presentation was shown on the life of Mahatma Gandhi, tracing his journey, his achievements and contributions towards India to free the country from colonial rule. Gandhian values and thoughts were the central focus of the presentation.

World Mental Health Day

October 10, 2023

A panel discussion on Mental Health was held in the Hall of Aspiration by students, psychologists, counsellors, and mental health experts, as well the school counsellor, Ms. Ishita Chatterjee. The panel including Psychology students from class 11 held a discussion on imposter syndrome. Imposter syndrome, also known as impostor phenomenon, is a psychological occurrence in which people doubt their skills, talents, or accomplishments and have a persistent internalised fear of being exposed as frauds.

During the transition from school to college, many students face internalised fear, primarily regarding their academic position, accompanied by self-doubt and the feeling of not being good enough. Students constantly compare themselves with others, and find it challenging to cope with stress and anxiety. The discussion panel explored the issue and suggested ways that could lead to a few solutions.

Through mindfulness, self-awareness and mindset activities organised at school, students can effectively take care of their mental well-being in this ever competitive world. Mindfulness is a type of meditation in which you focus on being intensely aware of what you are sensing and feeling in the moment, without interpretation or judgment. Practising mindfulness involves breathing methods, guided imagery, and other practices to relax the body and mind thereby helping to reduce stress.

On Unity Day students paid homage to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel through a special assembly organised by Aspiration House.

Sardar Patel's contribution to the freedom struggle and post-Independence, his effort in getting the princely states to join the Indian union, was highlighted through a presentation. Students from class 7 recited a poem on his inspiring life. A soulful rendition of the song 'Mile Sur Mera Tumhara', emphasised on the beauty of our rich, syncretic cultural heritage. Excerpts from Sardar Patel's speeches were also read out by students to offer an insight into the Iron Man of India. An inspiring presentation on the whole, significant chapters of Indian history were revisited for better understanding and greater awareness.



The Mother's International School celebrated its Annual Physical Demonstration, on November 4, 2023. Collective performance titled 'Samar: The Rhythm of Valour', showcased martial arts and dances from around the world. Padma Shri Guru Geeta Chandran, noted Bharatnatyam exponent and singer was the Chief Guest and Olympian Harbinder Singh, veteran hockey player, coach and recipient of the Arjuna Award was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. The event saw mass participation of students from classes 4 to 11, marking a return to school tradition after a five years.



Principal, Ms Milan Mala Sarin spoke of the focus on physical culture, its importance, and the need for each student to be physically and mentally fit. The reach of martial arts is beyond physical fitness and serves as a path to the inner harmony of the mind, body, and soul, she mentioned, while underscoring The Mother's message on physical culture and the efforts of the School in that direction. Guru Geeta Chandran encouraged students to pursue the arts as an integral part of education and lauded the efforts of The Mother's International School in inculcating values of inner discipline and all-round development.



Among the stellar performances by students who put in months of practice, were Chhau dance by class 8, Rhythmic Artistry a blend of dances from Bengal, Maharashtra and Odisha, by class 5, Thang Ta by class 7 and Yoga by class 9.



Students of class 10 participated in a marching drill signifying unity in spirit while Piyush Panwar, a class 11 student and national level boxer, carried the symbolic Olympic Torch, just as the marching contingent formed the Olympic Rings - a precursor to the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris, 2024. The band, comprising students of the same level, accompanied them with rhythmic precision. Young students of class 4 participated in an enthusiastic army drill followed by students of class 6 offering a glimpse of Kalaripayattu, the mother of all Martial Arts. The concluding performance by the students of class 11 drew inspiration from Capoeira and Maculele, with rainsticks and drums providing the musical accompaniment.

Curtains to the enthralling performances were drawn with the Grand Finale, as every participant came to the field to strains of meditative music. The resonating words of a shloka from Bhagwad Gita and lines from Sri Aurobindo's Savitri, provided a befitting conclusion and message:

Courage their armour, faith their sword, they must walk...

Heroes and soldiers of the Army of Light.

Explore 2023, Career Guidance for Class 10

November 18, 2023

Career guidance session was held for all parents and students of class 10 in the Hall of Grace. The session was attended by about 70% of the parents. It provided an insight into the importance of setting a realistic goal for career choice and provided guidance about the factors that one should keep in mind to achieve that goal. Details regarding the psychometric test to assess aptitude to be held on 30th November, 2023 were also shared.

Diwali Celebrations (Primary Wing)

November 22, 2023

A special assembly was held to celebrate Diwali by students of Class 1. The highlight of the event was a lively depiction and song on the Vanar Sena constructing the Ram Setu. The event showcased the talent and energy of young performers as they embraced the festive spirit.



Gurpurab Assembly (Primary Wing)

November 23, 2023

On the occasion of *Gurpurab*, a special assembly was held to commemorate the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev. The assembly included a presentation of the '*mool mantra*' and a '*shabad*' performed by the students of Class 5. Students shed light on the significance of *Gurpurab* and various aspects of the celebration associated with it.



MISMUN 2023

November 24 & 26, 2023

The 12th-edition of the MIS Model UN conference unfolded on November 24-26, 2023. This student-driven initiative, mirrors real political proceedings and provides a platform for diplomatic discussions. Shri Pranjal Jauhar, Chairman, MIS, inaugurated the conference. Shri Parveen Kumar, Director of G20 at the Ministry of Finance, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and shared his insights at the opening ceremony. Keshav Saib, an alumnus from the batch of 2023, and Kushagr Grover, the Secretary-General, shared their prior MUN experiences and set the tone for a vibrant conference.



THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS comprising photography, journalism, and caricature organs, added another layer to the simulation. From seizing moments through the lens to crafting narratives with the stroke of a pen, each member fulfilled a distinctive role. The press conference led to statements being questioned, and the crisis threw journalists into unpredictable situations, testing their ethics in the face of unforeseen challenges where they emerged victorious. Sifat Kaur Malik of 11-E bagged the Best Journalist Award, with Vanshika Mahajan of 10-D received the High Commendation award. Special Mentions were secured by Samariddhi of Class 10 and Poorna Dutta of 9-B. Verbal mentions were given to Navya Agarwal of 11-D and Nishtha Mehra of 12-A. Among the caricaturists, Vani Joshi of 11-F bagged the Best Caricaturist Award, followed by Anshuman Sharma of 10-A and Abhipsa Mahua of 10-D, who secured High Commendation and Special Mention respectively. Ishaanvi Luthra from 9-E received a Verbal Mention, and Aadya Shree Sahu of 10-D's caricature was a special feature. In photography, Rea Bhandari of 12-E received the Best Photographer Award, while Darsh Vohra of 12-D and Shashwat Sagar of 12-F secured High Commendations, and Simran Lal of 9-C won a Special Mention.

SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (SOCHUM)

convened to address the humanitarian crisis arising from the Belarus-EU migration situation and navigated betrayals and geopolitics. Despite the challenges, resilience and forward-thinking prevailed, leading to the formation of a draft resolution to alleviate the suffering of those affected. Siddharth Jain Narayan of 11-B secured the Best Delegate award, while Meher Aggarwal of 9-B and Vaibhav Kumar of 11-E bagged the High Commendation award. Adya Malik of 10-A secured the Best Position Paper award.

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) convened to address escalating tension between the Rwandan Patriotic Front and the Rwandan Government following the Rwandan Patriotic Front Invasion of Rwanda. Initially, all blame for the conflict was directed at the delegate of Belgium due to the multifaceted nature of the issue. However, as the crisis unfolded with Soviet involvement, a committee-wide resolution was passed, ensuring international peace and stability. Arjun Thareja of 11-C received the Best Delegate award, and Radhika Garg of 11-C secured the High Commendation. Shiv Arya of 12-E was given a Special Mention, while Anav Garg of 12-A, Mayookha Hari of 11-A, and Vedansh Garg of 12-E received verbal mentions. The Best Position Paper award was bagged by Ishaan Suri of 12-E.

JOINT CRISIS COMMITTEE (JCC)

In the JCC, the North and South cabinets of Vietnam deliberated on the USSR and USA intervention post the Gulf of Tonkin Incident. The intense competition concluded tragically with the South Cabinet's decision to bomb entire regions. Rudra Prabhakar of 11-D and Pushan Banerjee of XI-C received the Best Delegate Awards in North and South Cabinet respectively. High Commendations were bagged by Udhav Jaipura of 11-D and Nitya Gupta of 11-B. Vedant Savara of 9-C and Nitya Jain of 10-C received special mentions while Amartya Mohanty of Class 9 and Eshaan Sharma of 12-C, from the North and South respectively, were given verbal mentions. Aryavir Solanki of 11-D secured the award for the Best Position Paper.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

This committee was charged with various tasks in managing the behind the scenes work. Their meticulous planning ensured smooth running of the conference. The Best OC member award was secured by Ronav Singhal of 11-C, while Shikha Sejwal of 12-F and Anoushka Jindal of 12-E secured High Commendation and Special Mention awards respectively. Aaditya Rana from 12-D received a Verbal Mention.

Annual Science Day

December 2, 2023

MIS celebrated its annual Science Day on December 2. The day commenced with an assembly featuring a spirited debate on the pros and cons of nuclear physics, a creative shadow play, and two poems on Science. A presentation on nuclear physics, a game 'Guess the Scientist' and a song on various elements of the periodic table were part of the programme. Classes 6 to 8 showcased their flair for the subject through models, poems and limericks through events planned during the day.

Online Quiz 'Evolve- PD' Biology Club, Synapse

December 2, 2023

Biology Club Synapse organised its annual cryptic hunt, Evolve Patient Department or EPD for Classes 9 to 12. Thirty teams and over 80 students participated in the event that focussed on deductive research, learning to pick up cryptic clues and using resources like the internet to understand diseases. Participants communicated over voice-chats and had the opportunity to interact with members of the school alumni pursuing medicine. The event served to spark interest in the field of Biology and Medicine.

Mahasamadhi Day

December 5, 2023



“O beauty crystalline, The Master’s hallowed shrine, O quiet form divine, We pray and bow to Thee.”

On 5th December, 1950, in the early hours of the morning, Sri Aurobindo withdrew from his physical body. Students and teachers of The Mother’s International School made a humble offering of devotional songs and readings from the works of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo to pay homage to the Master. The group meditation began with the strains of the bhajan ‘*Nikhil Jyoti*’ and ‘*Sri Aravindah Mam Sharanam*’. “I have become what before Time I was. A secret touch has quieted thought and sense. All things by the agent mind created pass. Into a void and mute magnificence. A momentless immensity pure and bare, I stretched an eternal everywhere.” As the students’ choir sang ‘*Ma Mira Sharanam Mama, Sri Aravinda Sharanam Mama*’, a meditative silence seemed to slowly take over.



The events that followed the Mahasamadhi of the *Master* in Pondicherry were recalled by reading an excerpt from Nirod Baran’s recollections. “The sadhaks came one by one and saw the Marvel and the Mystery, the body of the Golden Purusha in eternal sleep. The entire body was suffused with a golden

crimson hue, so fresh, so magnificent. It seemed to have lifted my pall of gloom. The Absolute, the Perfect, the Alone Has entered with his silence into space; He has fashioned these countless persons of one self; He has built a million figures of his power; He lives in all, who lived in his Vast alone, Space is himself and Time is only He.” A calmness engulfed the audience, as leaves gently rustled in the winter breeze. Strains of ‘*Hey Chiro Diner Shurjo, Tomay Pronam Kori*’ filled the air. The Samadhi is not a conventional place of worship, it is vibrant with consciousness and force, radiating a constant stream of peace, light, and grace.

English Poetry Festival - Class 1 (Primary Wing)

December 6, 2023



The English Poetry Festival for Class 1 showcased group recitations of selected poems on animals, each one conveying a message. Colourful props and well-coordinated actions enhanced the appeal of the poems.

Stakeholders of River Ganga Project

December 7, 2023

Indian Institute of Public Administration conducted a training programme for about 100 students from classes 6 to 11. The event gave vital insights to the problem of pollution in River Ganga and the river basin. This included familiarising students with the course of river Ganga and the states through which it flows. The workshop was aimed at generating awareness and including students as stakeholders in the process of pollution free Ganga. It emphasised on the urgency of the situation and how everyone can be torch bearers for the required change.



Human Rights Day Assembly

December 8, 2023

An informative and enthusiastic event was conducted by the students of classes 11 and 9 to raise awareness on the topic of Human Rights to commemorate Human Rights Day (10th December). The theme of Human Rights was discussed at length during the assembly. An excerpt from Martin Luther King’s historic speech, ‘I have a Dream’ delved deep into the injustices of racial discrimination. Human Rights, which are fundamental or basic in nature were briefly introduced by providing a basic objective of these rights and their importance in the real world. The students of Legal Studies, class 11, provided insight into the Indian constitutional provisions for Human Rights and a comparison with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, through an interactive presentation. Developing nations like Sudan have faced the most heinous violations of human rights through military coups, ethnic clashes and internal conflicts. Such wars threaten civilians: women, children and all kinds of minorities. A video was shown to depict the consequences of the Sudanese military coup in October, 2021 to help students correlate explicit and implicit consequences of violation of human rights all over the world. A meaningful song, ‘Heal the World’ sung by the students of class 9, evoked the power of music to transcend boundaries and differences in the world.



In line with the principles of sustainable living, the Environment Club of the School decided to start an organic kitchen garden on the school premises. Organic gardening involves working harmoniously with nature, respecting the natural elements, water, sunlight, soil, and biomass. Students were briefed on the basics of organic gardening and the technical nuances. The core principles explained to them included, recycling of the nutrients, minimizing water usage, and efficient harnessing of sunlight. The practical fieldwork commenced by plunging into the designated field. Students exhibited enthusiasm while preparing the soil, removing weeds and coarse material. They prepared seed beds by mixing vermicompost to ensure nutrient-rich soil. Saplings of cauliflower, brinjal and lettuce were planted, and seeds of spinach, wheat and fenugreek were sown. After ensuring careful seeding and planting, a small amount of water was sprinkled to moisten the soil base of the newly planted tender saplings. The extensive three-hour session concluded with a discussion on the diligent post-care required for the plants. Despite the prolonged physical exertion, students thoroughly enjoyed the activities. At the end of the day, the students were filled with the joy of learning and a strengthened connect with nature.

The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we do not understand.
- Frank Herbert



Environmental Studies Day celebrations focused on varied topics of five senses, five elements in nature, magnetism and insectivorous plants.

Professor Nadkarni Memorial Interschool Competition, hosted annually by The Mother's International School, convened a gathering of eight prominent schools of the city. This prestigious event featured two competitions, the first being a Mathematics model-making contest spanning three hours. Remarkably, the MIS team distinguished itself by crafting one of the most creative models on the concepts of Apollonius of Perga. DPS RK Puram won the second prize, providing formidable competition to the host team.

The subsequent day featured a language competition where participants were tasked with creatively presenting the life of the same mathematician. The event commenced with short, three-minute plays, each were meticulously evaluated by the panel of esteemed judges. Despite their brevity, the plays captivated the audience.



Ultimately, the spotlight shone on MIS students. They secured the first and second best narator prizes. Being the host school, MIS did not compete for the Rolling Trophy and it passed on to DPS RK Puram for their innovative presentation.

Integrated Project Day Class 2 (Primary Wing)

December 15, 2023



Students of Class 2 undertook project work on the theme of water, titled, *Neer ka Saar* and showcased their learnings through a programme on December 15, 2023. Each section of class 2 presented a physical demonstration that included yoga, drill and dance. The exhibition on the journey and properties of water featured quizzes and a 'Conservation of Water' campaign. Children conducted experiments, showcased models on water conservation and involved parents in art, craft and water-themed games. The event concluded with a 'Flash Mob' song on conserving water.

Art Exhibition

December 16, 2023

The Art exhibition of the senior wing is a much-awaited event in the School calendar. More than a hundred artworks created by the students were on display. The artworks included paintings and drawings in various mediums and themes were as varied as the styles. Students had chosen different subjects and genres. Indian folk paintings like Madhubani and Gond found a place in the exhibition as did the artistic creations in Macrame. The main attraction of the exhibition remained the huge canvas measuring 6 ft x 4 ft bearing the head of a tiger, in acrylic medium with intricate detail, made by Ishaanvi Luthra of class 9. The adorable owlets made by students of Origami was yet another highlight. The exhibition garnered huge appreciation from one and all.



The Integrated Project Day of Class 3 on 'Celebrating Nature', explored the five elements of nature - water, air, fire, earth and space. Children's research highlighted interconnectedness and importance, and the effects of an imbalance in these elements. The event included an invocation dance, poetry recitation in Hindi, a dance drama titled 'The Giving Tree' concluding with a performance titled 'The Earth is My Home.' Creative posters and models enriched the learning experience.

Mathematics Day

December 22, 2023

"Math stands as the silent architect that birthed the universe—an infinitesimally extending line from which the tapestry of reality unfurls."



On December 22, students of the School celebrated Mathematics Day to pay homage to and commemorate the life and achievements of the Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. If one looks around, there is Mathematics in everything, whether it be the symmetry of monuments or the amount of tea leaves to be added to tea.

The morning assembly showcased a diverse array of performances, seamlessly weaving various disciplines, all united by the common thread of Mathematics. The event started with a brief glimpse of S. Ramanujan's life and his struggles during his journey of discovery, followed by recitations on the importance of Mathematics. Ananya from class 6 took to the stage, presenting a self-composed poem.

A fusion of dance and Mathematics was presented by students of classes 8 and 9. They used classical dance forms and western dance to move through space and time, embodying mathematical principles and transforming abstract ideas into tangible expressions of beauty in an intriguing essay voiced over by Anya Singhal of class 11.



The informative skit by students of classes 7, 8, and 9 not only entertained but also delved into the features of the National Education Policy, women empowerment, all through the cultivation of mathematical skills. The celebration took a rhythmic turn with a dynamic rap performance, transforming mathematical concepts into a lyrical composition through the joint effort of Nilotpal and Aarav. The assembly was brought to an elegant end by Dhimaan Goswami from class 7, who rendered a piano piece apt for reflective contemplation.

Christmas Assembly

December 22-23, 2023

The Christmas Assembly is an eagerly awaited event and celebrated with much cheer. This year, the celebration spanned across two days. Graceful dance by the students of the class 6, set to the carol “Angels We Have Heard on High” set the tone. This was followed by a dramatic recitation of “The Ballad of the Three Kings” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The School choir took to the stage to sing a harmonious blend of popular carols. The programme culminated with a finale of melody and cheer, as the Instrumental Music students played Jingle Bells and Santa Claus made a grand entry.

The following day, the choir presented ‘Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer’ enacted by students of Class 6 and other Christmas carols. Later in the day, during recess, students presented a dramatic performance on the poem ‘Twas The Night Before Christmas’, in the badminton court. Since there was an element of surprise, the audience enjoyed the sudden celebration.



Christmas Assembly (Primary Wing)

December 23, 2023



A special assembly was put up by the students of Class 4 to celebrate Christmas. The celebration began with the enactment of the Nativity Scene. For children, it was like stepping into a live Christmas storybook. The parable of 'The Lost Sheep' was also narrated. The parable conveyed the message that God loves each one of us and does not let us stray.

Christmas Carnival (Primary Wing)

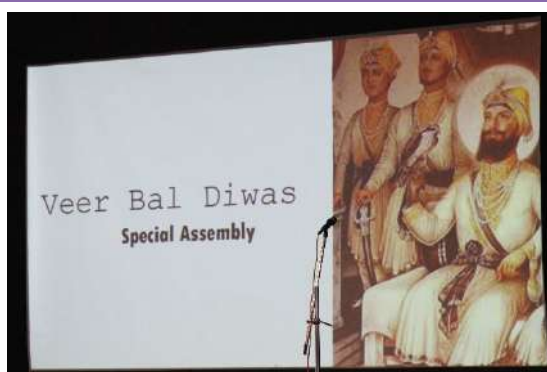
December 23, 2023



The Christmas Carnival for Classes 1 to 5 was a fun-filled event with food stalls, games, music and dance. Class 5 students took charge of creative and interesting game stalls. The event culminated in a dance session uniting students and teachers in joyous celebration, fostering a sense of togetherness.

VEER BAAL DIWAS

December 27, 2023



A special assembly was held to commemorate the martyrdom of Baba Fateh Singh and Zorawar Singh, the Sahibzade of 10th guru of Sikhism, Guru Govind Singhji. The assembly included singing of 'shabad', recitations, and messages on the relevance of sacrifice and courage in today's times and the legacy of the Sikh Guru. Students from Classes 7 to 9 participated in the event.

Musical offering by Rakesh Joshi

December 28, 2023

Rakesh Joshi, a renowned Indian classical musician based in Manchester, performed at the morning assembly, in the Hall of Aspiration. A devotee of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, he has performed extensively across India, the US, UK and other parts of Europe. He is a singer and pianist, plays raga-based classical, contemporary and folk music on the grand piano. Joshi serves as the director, creator and music composer for the Bharatiya Vrund Gaan, the Indian choir, and Shiva, the Indian youth choir. His choir ensemble has performed at various venues in India and the UK. Shri Joshi's bhajans created a sense of calmness.



The Special Awards of Class 12 for the academic session 2023-24 were given away in a special programme held in the Hall of Grace by the Chairman, Shri Pranjal Jauhar.



The recipient of Prof. Iyengar Award of Honour for epitomizing exemplary personality traits was Aaditya Vikrant Rana. L Lakshmishree received the Pranav Gupta Memorial Award for the Best All-rounder in class 12. Aadya Agarwal and Darsh Vohra were recipients of Shradha Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to School Cultural programmes. Awards were also given for rendering outstanding community service and positive personality traits.



The newly elected Students' Council took over responsibility from the outgoing Council while strains of the Mother's organ music created an atmosphere of ardent aspiration. The Principal, Smt. Milan Mala Sarin, led the handing-over ceremony. It was a moving ceremony and the audience could feel the solemn gesture in the change of guard.

On the same day, all the students of class 12 along with their Class Teachers and Class Coordinator assembled in the Ashram Meditation Hall for the Blessings Ceremony. In a serene ceremony, each student received a blessings packet specially brought for them from Pondicherry Ashram. The class teachers read out the citations for each student of their class while they received the blessings from the Principal and the Vice Principal.

Students of class 11 hosted a farewell for the students of class 12. The event started with the invocation dance followed by a poem which expressed the importance of letting ourselves be free and explore as we embark upon the journey after school. The curated performances by the teachers brought about nostalgia and happy memories while the class 11 dances wiped the tears and filled the hall with enthusiasm once more.



Band instrumental performances and songs created an uproar as everyone sang the lyrics. The performances were followed by food stalls set up in the back field. The variety of food and warm *gulab jamuns* at the end brought a smile on everyone's face. The entire day was a memorable day for the students of both class 11 and 12 and created memories that they will carry with them in all future endeavours.



"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day." - By Thornton Wilder



On January 20, 2024, Honesty House hosted a special assembly in the Hall of Aspiration to commemorate the birth anniversary of Shri Anil Jauhar, the former chairman of MIS. The event was in honour of a man who led the institution for decades with quiet dignity and grace. Reciters detailed Anilji's virtues of simplicity, compassion, friendliness, and sportsman spirit. Evocative poetry of Sri Aurobindo was used to describe his gentle leadership and his unwavering faith in the Mother's grace. A power point presentation depicting his life and achievements through the years was shown.

A school-wide campaign to highlight love and passion for sports - Khelo MIS, was held on 19th and 20th January to mark the occasion. Organised for students of classes 7 and 8, the event aimed at honing talent in various sports such as football, basketball, table tennis, volleyball, badminton, and skipping.



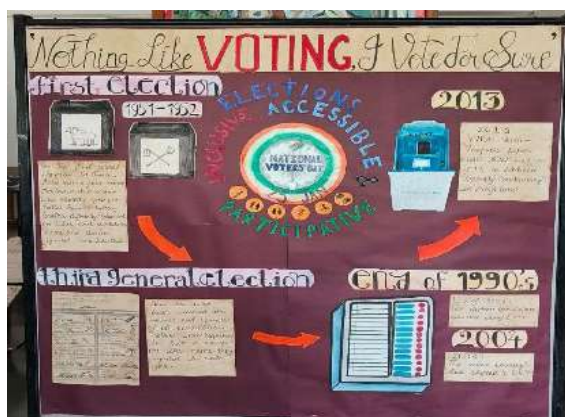
Republic Day & National Voters Day Assembly

January 25, 2024

A special assembly to commemorate Republic Day and National Voters' Day commenced with a presentation on the contribution of women in India's political arena - from the time of Independence to the present day. The journey of India towards becoming a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic, Republic and the values enshrined in the Constitution were encapsulated in the presentation. Celebrating the variegated tapestry of the country, a dance and musical performance titled '*MIS ki Jhankiyan*' was put up which included folk dances and songs from four states - Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Odisha and Kerala. Representing the four cardinal directions and the unity that binds them together, the performances reflected the country's unique diversity.



The significance of exercising voting rights was the focus for National Voters' Day celebrations. The importance of voting for India's young electorate was highlighted through a presentation by Anantinee Mishra of class 11. It aimed at spreading awareness among students about their responsibility as future voters. Students presented a street play '*Farq Padta Hai*' to make students aware of their duty to vote and the importance of informed decision making.



The Mother's International School organised a workshop on Cut-Put-Li with a participation of 60 students under the Circle Back campaign, initiated by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, in collaboration with GIZ and Vertiver. The workshop aimed at steering the textile sector towards a sustainable future through circular economy principles. The campaign drew attention to the critical role of the youth in adopting sustainable practices in textiles, leveraging India's rich heritage of repurposing clothes. The event was carefully structured to ensure a comprehensive learning experience for the students.



The workshop commenced with a session on knowledge sharing, aimed at educating students about the significance of circularity in the textile industry and its environmental implications. This was designed to lay a foundational understanding of the need for sustainable practices. Following that, a session on upcycling techniques was led by experts in the field. This segment introduced students to various crafts that could be created from discarded textiles, demonstrating the potential for creativity and innovation in upcycling. Expert-led demonstrations provided students with insights into the practical aspects of transforming waste materials into valuable products.



The highlight of the workshop was a practical demonstration segment, where students were given the opportunity to apply their newfound knowledge and skills. Under the guidance of professionals, they engaged in crafting dolls from discarded textile materials. This hands-on activity was not only a creative outlet but also served as a powerful educational tool, reinforcing the concepts of upcycling and sustainability.

Republic Day Assembly (Primary Wing)

January 25, 2024

The Republic Day assembly, orchestrated by the spirited class 5 children, was a remarkable showcase of unity in diversity, pulsating with patriotic fervour. The event commenced with a serene presentation of yoga, embodying the essence of physical and mental harmony. Next, a captivating drill, highlighted the children's remarkable physical agility and commitment to fitness. The cultural tapestry unfolded with a mesmerising *Lazium* performance from Maharashtra,



seamlessly transitioning into the dynamic and rhythmic expressions of *Puliattam* and *Kalaripayattu*. The sweet melodies of the east charmed the audience, creating an atmosphere of cultural richness. The culmination was a powerful rendition of "Mile Sur Mera" symbolising the unity that binds India. The event

not only celebrated India's cultural diversity but also instilled a profound sense of patriotic pride in the hearts of all present.

Athletic Talent Hunt

January 27, 2024



Athletic Talent Hunt, organised by the Sports Department aimed at identifying sporting talent among the students of class 6. Students participated in shot-put, skipping, 100 meters race, long jump and 4X50 relay.

The event was declared open by Vice Principal Shri Aswin K. Dash followed by march past, a torch relay by students, and the oath taking ceremony. Prizes, medals and certificates were handed over to the winners. Anmol Singh and Shriya Shit were adjudged as the Best Athletes.



English Day (Primary Wing)

January 30, 2024

Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom. – Roger Bacon



English Day was celebrated in the Primary Wing through varied activities. Each level planned age appropriate activities that were aimed at fostering the love for English and understanding its significance in communication. Beginning with an engaging story on friendship, the day unfolded with various activities that were both educative and fun filled. From solving puzzles and creating themed bookmarks, students were immersed in the world of friendship-based language exercise. The little children of classes 1 and 2 enjoyed activities like playing Scrabble and exploring the role of authors. They even wrote poems and made travel brochures. It was a day that enabled the children to appreciate the beauty and importance of English language.

English Poetry Festival-Class 2 (Primary Wing)

February 2, 2024

The English Poetry Festival for Class 2 was joyfully celebrated with group recitation of a delightful selection of poems. Each poem that was chosen, not only entertained but also conveyed meaningful messages, enriching the experience for both listeners and performers. The rhythmic recitations, accompanied by the joyous chorus, infused the morning with palpable exuberance, leaving everyone present thoroughly entertained and uplifted. It was indeed a fun-filled and memorable poetic morning for all.



Inter House Maths Quiz

February 5, 2024

The Inter-House Maths Quiz for the academic session 2023-24 for classes 8 and 9 took place in the Hall of Aspiration. The quiz comprised four rounds on questions related to Mathematical concepts and theories. The rounds on 'Sequence and Series' and 'Connecting the Dots' was followed by the 'Lacrosse Round', where participants had to solve the given acrostic puzzles to identify particular mathematical terms. The last round was a 'Rapid Fire', where each of the Houses had to answer five back-to-back questions. Each round also had questions for the audience. The event was conducted by Quizmasters Udhav Jaipuria, Ayandeep Bose, Ojes T.S, Aadit Rajnayak, Anantinee Mishra and Tara Padmanabhan of Class 11.

At the end of the Quiz, Sincerity House secured the first position with 140 points, followed by Gratitude House at second position with 120 points and Aspiration House at third position with 110 points.



Students' Exchange Programme with UK

February 3-8, 2024

Students from Stepney All Saints School, London, United Kingdom, visited The Mother's International School on an exchange programme. The core theme of the programme was Gender Equality. An extensive exchange of ideas between MIS and UK-based students was facilitated on online platforms prior to the programme in India. The journey had begun over a year ago, with students in both countries extensively researching on the importance of gender equality, policies on equality by the government and mental health issues faced by victims of gender bias.

Through the week, students of both the schools participated in a range of activities like origami, clay modelling, traditional games, music and painting. Students of MIS presented a play on women's emancipation in India through the ages. The play was conceived and written by the students. The cultural diversity of India was showcased through dance, poetry and music. The singing of the National Anthems of both the countries drew curtains on the extended programme on Gender Equality.



Integrated Project Day- Class 1(Primary Wing)

February 9, 2024

Integrated Project sharing of class 1, titled 'Book Buzz' started with a lively song about books and a skit featuring 'Bumoni's Banana Trees'. Children demonstrated the evolution of books from print to digital form.

They engaged in fun filled games and confidently embraced their roles as authors and publishers. Parents enthusiastically joined in, supporting their little ones by asking questions and playing games, fostering lively, learning experiences.



Ashram Foundation Day

February 12, 2024

The Foundation Day of Sri Aurobindo Ashram – Delhi Branch, established on 12th February, 1956, was celebrated by the students and teachers through a special programme. The assembly began with a '*shloka*' that brought out the significance of selfless labour followed by a dance recital on 'The Divine Light' a sonnet by Sri Aurobindo. Anecdotes and musings of the School's founder, Shri Surendra Nath Jauhar Faquir, fondly known as Chachaji, presented during the assembly revealed how the Mother's guidance helped sow the seeds of the spiritual oasis in the midst of the busy capital city. The Mother wished the Delhi Branch to be a window to the Ashram at Pondicherry. Through recitations and narrations, interspersed with bhajans, the description of the enshrinement of the relics and the journey and growth of the Ashram was shared. The various activities of the Ashram, community service and humanitarian projects were also outlined. The assembly concluded with a short video that provided a virtual tour of the Ashram.

POCSO Awareness Session

February 12, 2024

Advocate on record at Supreme Court, Shriya Maini, addressed the teachers and students of classes 8, 9 and 11 to build awareness among students about their rights under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) law by educating them on personal safety, and empowering them to recognize and respond to unsafe situations. Additionally, the session emphasized the importance of the school as a safe environment and the role of the school's POCSO committee in ensuring the well-being of students.



'Storytelling for Environmental Change'

February 15, 2024

A film screening event was organized as a part of an environmental outreach initiative, 'Storytelling for Environmental Change'. The two films that were screened were 'Delhi 2.5' and 'More Than Just Smoke: Stubble- The Farmer's Dilemma'. The screening was attended by around 450 students of classes 6 to 8 and teachers. The films effectively shed light on pressing environmental issues, particularly the detrimental impacts of stubble burning, industrial impact and vehicular emissions on air quality.



The event generated lots of curiosity about environmental issues amongst the students. Post the screening of the films an interactive session was conducted by Ms Sudeshna Devi from AJK Mass Communication Research Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia. Queries by the students on the emerging topics related to local and regional effects of stubble burning were addressed. The interaction helped in instilling a sense of responsibility among the students. In conclusion, the session served as a catalyst for fostering environmental consciousness and inspiring actionable solutions to combat air pollution.

The Mother's 146th birthday was celebrated through a programme that melded devotional music, recitations, Ikebana exhibition, *Rangoli*, reflective activities and floral offerings by students and teachers of the School.

The Primary wing made an offering of devotional songs through a carefully curated programme. Commencing with a heartfelt prayer to the Divine Mother, the event transported the audience into a serene and prayerful world. This year, the celebration highlighted the significance of imbibing integral qualities in our lives, illuminating the path towards a better tomorrow.



The students of Class 5 shared thought-provoking anecdotes illustrating the virtues that are represented in the Mother's symbol. Through soul-stirring bhajans, the children expressed their affection and reverence for the Mother. The culmination of the offering by students of the Primary wing was a majestic amalgamation of music and dance, invoking the Divine Shakti while offering tribute to the Supreme Mother. The celebration evoked feelings of peace and tranquillity, which remained with the little children through the day.



The senior wing took up the other virtues represented in the outer circle of the Mother's symbol and these were outlined in the narration that preceded the bhajans.

The inaugural song was an expression of the quality of Aspiration that rises like a flame within lifting one's consciousness. '*Devi Saraswati Kamalini*' the bhajan sung by students of Class 6, was an invocation to the Universal Mother, symbolic of universal learning. This was followed by Class 7 students singing '*Gao Pran Amritmay Gaan*' urging everyone to sing the song of the soul that lights lamps of devotion to realise the Divine within. While the narration highlighted goodness and generosity of the spirit as essential virtues

that ennoble character and imbue one with joy, students of Class 8 sang '*Vandow Matri Charan Sir Nay*' followed by a group of Class 11 boys singing '*Sabke Liye Khula Hai Mandir Yeh Hamara*', the temple of the Divine is open to all. One learns the high ideals and imbibes virtues, as it is sanctum of true learning where boundaries of native and foreign are forgotten and everyone is welcome.



Equanimity that helps one overcome anger and pride and achieve inner harmony among external fluctuations is a virtue the Mother often guided her disciples to practice. Class 9 students sang '*Jaya Jaya Jagat Janani*', or glory to the Mother who nurtures the universe. The musical offering by Class 11 students was the bhajan '*Jagatjanani Bhavtarini Mohini Tu Nava Durga*' was a prayer to the Mother as an embodiment of the force that destroys all negativity.

As the prayer for peace was recited, dancers converged on stage for a befitting finale set to the chanting of *Om Anandmayi, Chaitanyamayi, Satyamayi Parme*. Om, She the Delight, She the Consciousness, She the Truth, She the Supreme, a prayer that will continue to resound in the Hall of Aspiration and the mind of every seeker.





Khelo MIS Cross Country Run was organised on sunny and bright mornings highlighting a fervent celebration of sports and student athleticism. Organised by the Physical Education Department and Sports Club of the School, the event aimed to nurture fitness. Eager participation was observed in the 1.5 km (for classes 6 and 7) and 2 km (for classes 8 and 9), along with enthusiastic involvement of several teachers. The teachers motivated students, fostering awareness about fitness and health.

Annual Athletic Meet (Primary Wing)**March 15, 2024**

The Annual Athletic Meet for classes 4 and 5 was held on March 15, 2024. The event commenced with a spirited march past, followed by the oath-taking ceremony and the races. Throughout the event, students exhibited great enthusiasm and the spirit of sportsmanship.



Sports Day for classes 1, 2 and 3 was held the next day. Children participated in fun races like the flat race and relays. To inculcate team spirit and sportsmanship, and encourage children, every participant was declared a winner.

Farewell for Class 5**March 19, 2024**

The Farewell for class 5 was a memorable day for both students and teachers alike. To commemorate the foundational years of the outgoing batch in the Primary Wing, a special assembly was organised on the 19th of March. Children of class 4 sang a beautiful song followed by a humorous play by the children of class 5. The assembly concluded with dance performances by Class 5. Class 5 received blessings and wishes for a bright future from the entire Primary Wing.

Local Field Trips and Out-station Trips

Group trips are an integral part of activities planned for students of the School and looked forward to by students and teachers alike. The collective travel enables adaptive harmony and bonding with peers and teachers. For the teachers, it provides an opportunity to know the students better. As co-travellers the shared experiences guide the students towards some essential life skills.

- Teamwork and decision making (during evening activities, treks, etc.)
- Conflict resolution, adjustment, and similar social skills as they share their dormitories with peers.
- Responsibility and self-sufficiency through daily chores (eg. keeping their room clean and organised, washing their plates after meals, etc.)
- Situational and environmental awareness through travel in public transport, exploring new places, lifestyles, adventure sports, long walks, treks while observing the flora and fauna around them, etc.
- Managing their own emotions with the help of friends and teachers.
- Self-care and positive health habits such as morning and evening meditation, morning fitness sessions, shared meals.

Most importantly, all the trips help the students to realise the importance of self-discipline, and that days need not be filled with screen-time and mindless hurry. The experiences help them to be present in the moment while eating, playing, trekking, and exercising. They practice mindful living individually and collectively.

Visit to Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam

July 29-30, 2023

Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam was held in the Pragati Maidan to commemorate three years of NEP-2020. The event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. An exhibition showcasing the best initiatives from schools and institutions of higher education was a prominent attraction during the celebrations. The Indian Knowledge Systems' Division under the aegis of AICTE was invited to set up a pavilion in the exhibition. Tara Padmanabhan of class 10 and Hoshika Gupta of class 11 were selected as the student representatives for the IKS pavilion to showcase the Indian board game 'Buddhiyoga' (traversing through the journey of life). They got an opportunity to interact with the Prime Minister and other important dignitaries.



Visit to NSE Knowledge Hub

August 1, 2023

Students of classes 11 and 12 visited NSE for a training workshop. Kunal Tyagi, Training Head, NSE Academy and Anurag, BDM, were the facilitators at the workshop. A presentation outlined the history and background of NSE followed by principles of investment, power of compounding, NSE knowledge hub application and various topics. The students were keen to know about the best performing stocks along with the performance of securities in the upcoming years. Overall, it was a wonderful learning experience for the students.



School trip to Talla Ramgarh was organised for the students of class 6 in two batches of more than 40 students in each batch from 10th-14th May and 14th-18th May 2023.

After a six hour train ride from New Delhi Railway Station to Kathgodam, and a two and half hour bus ride from there, the group reached their destination, the Madhuban Ashram.

The journey to Ramgarh was smooth, the students were excited about the trip. Once there, students were involved in many activities. In the mornings, they were busy with warm up games and trekking. In the evenings, they had outdoor games like basketball or sketching and art inspired by the beauty of nature that surrounded the ashram. They were also involved in group activities, exploring skills like gymnastics, yoga, scripting and performing plays. Students relished the wholesome meals provided by the ashram and even observed birds and other animals there. At night, they had the rare opportunity to observe the planet Venus through a telescope and partook in a bonfire on the last day.

It was a trip that provided opportunities for all round development not only through activities that were organized but also facilitated the building of social skills through peer support and collaborative work. It also allowed them to reflect on their observations about their surroundings.

This batch was going on a school trip for the first time, so students took time to adjust with one another and keep track of their belongings. Overall, it was an enriching learning experience which made the children more responsible and independent. They had a lot of fun and enjoyed a great deal.



School trip to Nainital was organised for students of classes 7 and 8 in two separate batches of above 80 students each from 12th-16th May and 18th -23rd May. The camp was organised to help students become more independent, resilient, and disciplined. From day one, the students were challenged both physically and mentally through a range of activities.

The camp provided valuable opportunities for the children to learn how to adapt, find solutions to problems, form new friendships, and develop their independence. On the first day, after lunch, the children set off on the first trek, navigating rugged paths and beholding majestic mountains as they made their way towards the sunset point. After immersing themselves in the fresh air and awe-inspiring views, the children returned to the Ashram for dinner and rest.

The second day presented a challenge of the unknown, as the students and teachers tried scrambling. They climbed mountains and crawled through caves, adjusting their eyes to the darkness and accomplishing remarkable feats. In the latter part of the day, they embarked on another trek towards the bustling Nainital market, where they enjoyed their time together. On the third day, the students participated in rock climbing,

learning the importance of perseverance even when faced with seemingly unscalable obstacles. After a well-deserved rest and lunch, they went on a short trek to Meditation Rock.

Day four involved learning the skill of river crossing. Later, they visited Sri Aurobindo Peak and Tiffin Top. It was a memorable day as the ideal mountain trek experience came alive for everyone. In addition to the scent of petrichor, the aroma of Maggie, tea, and momos filled the air. Day five offered tranquillity and serenity. After participating in rappelling, the students and teachers spent time together, singing, dancing, and rehearsing for a cultural activity. The evening culminated with a bonfire, where the children showcased their performances and shared stories. The final day commenced with meditation. The children received their participation certificates for the Adventure Shivir.

Overall, this camp provided a distinctive and educational experience for all. The children learned to be more independent and acquired valuable skills for personal growth. The group felt immense gratitude towards the Ashram and everyone involved in making this camp a reality.



School Trip, Class 11, Kechla (Dist. Koraput) Dec 31, 2023 to January 13, 2024

Students of Class 11 with their teachers visited Kechla, in the hinterlands of Odisha for a community service programme, making their way through air, land and water. They went in two batches of almost 40 students each, from December, 31 to January 7 and January 8-13. Their daily activities included ‘*shramdaan*’ from 6:30AM to 8AM that entailed service towards activities in the ashram such as cutting/peeling vegetables/gardening/cleaning and so on. Every morning from 9 AM to 11:30 AM the MIS students would teach the children at the school Auro-Mira Vidya Mandir (AMVM). They taught concepts of Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Political Science, Biology, English, etc. and also conducted tests at the end of those sessions, emphasizing on oral and written exercises to improve understanding and analytical abilities. In the evening, students would engross themselves in taking extra-curricular activities such as dance, art and craft, drama, crochet, quiz, chess, etc.



A short programme was put up by students of AMVM displaying and presenting what they had learnt through the week. Other activities enjoyed by MIS students included night trekking, bonfire, rappelling,

kayaking, swimming in the Kolab River Reservoir and playing at the waterfall. MIS students truly enjoyed their stay and left the place with a heavy heart, but with cherished memories and an experience of a lifetime.

School Trip, Class 9, Puducherry

January 6 to 12, 2024

The Class 9 trip to Puducherry proved to be an enriching and memorable experience for the students. The journey commenced with a 2-day train ride from Delhi to Puducherry, setting the tone for the adventures that awaited them. Upon arrival, students immediately engaged in various activities, including daily breakfasts at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram followed by paying tribute at the *Samadhi*. The itinerary unfolded with diverse experiences over the next few days.

Despite the rainy weather, the students explored the Ashram Playground, learning the importance of physical exercise, and ventured into the Beach, ending most days with a leisurely walk through the local streets. The students excitedly explored the city of Auroville, visiting the *Matrimandir* left a lasting impact on all the young minds, enjoying a meal at the solar kitchen, and immersing themselves in the beauty of botanical gardens. Students watched the sunrise over the horizon followed by a visit to Paradise Beach, and an adventurous 5 km walk through *Maturudyynam's* lush forests and farmlands. Subsequent days included a shopping spree, visits to the Mother's room and Puducherry Museum, exploration of local industries like perfumery and handmade paper making, and meditation at the Ashram Playground. The concluding day involved a trip to Mahabalipuram to explore ancient temples and a visit to the Madras Crocodile Bank before bidding farewell to Puducherry and returning home with cherished memories



Each student was able to take something away from this trip, be it a greater understanding of other cultures, new friendships made through shared experiences, or an increased sense of curiosity and open-mindedness encouraged by Puducherry's rich, natural, historical and spiritual tapestry.

School Trip, Class 10, Gushaini

March 14-20, 2024

From 14th - 20th of March, 2024, the students of class 10th enjoyed a fun filled and relaxing trip to Gushaini, Himachal Pradesh. From waking up to scenic views of mountains and a river, to taking multiple challenging treks through the winding mountain paths, the students experienced the serene beauty of nature each day. Treks to the Chhoie Waterfall and the Snow Capped Mountains at Jalaury Pass allowed the students to soak in scenic beauties that they shall never forget.



As the students and teachers stayed at The Mother's Riverfront, they were hosted by Mr. Naveen Bahri, who made them all feel at home with his welcoming presence and demeanour. They forged strong bonds with each other while living together and ensuring that everyone enjoyed a comfortable stay during their time there.

Complete with nutritious food, fresh air, and physical activity - the trip allowed students to get a taste of mountain life and its multiple health benefits. Ending with a long bus ride to Delhi, which was filled with music, games, and the chattering of friends returning from a memorable trip. And even though everyone was eager to return home - the beautiful memories of a remarkable trip shall stay embedded in our hearts and minds for the years to come.

Laurels and Achievements

Jai Mohanka: A 17-year-old innovator



Jai Mohanka, a student of Class 12 of MIS, proved his mettle as an innovator. He topped in the Science in Class X board examinations. Interested in factories and power plants, he explored and visited various industries. At the solar plants of Gautam Solar, he observed the process of installation of the solar modules, and researched on the number of nuts, bolts and washers. Seeing the inefficient mechanisms, he proposed a new module design which saves time, installation costs and helps streamline the process. He secured registration for an innovative Intermesh Frame of Solar Panel Designs under the Designs Act, 2000 and Designs Rule, 2001 and is awaiting the patent for the innovation from the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks.

M.S. Subbulakshmi Fellowship



Adhiraj Chaudhuri, a student of class 10, received the Sri Shanmukhananda Bharat Ratna M.S. Subbulakshmi Fellowship for the years 2023-2025 from Sri Shanmukhananda Fine Art and Sangeet Sabha, Mumbai, Maharashtra on 16th September 2023. This fellowship is given to exceptionally talented young musicians from both Carnatic and Hindustani Classical Music genres. Adhiraj is a budding sitarist, a dedicated disciple of his grandfather Padma Bhushan Pandit Debu Chaudhuri and his father, Sitarist

Pandit Prateek Chaudhuri. He started his training at the young age of 6 and belongs to the Jaipur Seniya Gharana. He has been carrying on the tradition of playing the Sitar with 17 frets, which is not only rare, but the only traditional Gharana of India that follows the tradition.

In Hope: I Dare Divya Utsav

4-5 December, 2023



Directorate of Education, Department of Social Welfare and Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities had organised a two-day celebration of World Disability Day, titled *In Hope: I Dare Divya Utsav*. Four students from class 6 to 8 participated in the event. The students enjoyed seeing the art

fair, green craft fair and cultural programme. They participated in some of the activities organised by different stalls.

इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय कला केंद्र एवं हिन्दुस्तानी भाषा अकादमी

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इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय कला केंद्र एवं हिन्दुस्तानी भाषा अकादमी के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में भारतीय भाषा उत्सव का आयोजन तालकटोरा इंडोर स्टेडियम में 6 दिसंबर 2023 को किया गया। इस समारोह में हमारे विद्यालय से हिंदी व संस्कृत भाषा में 90 प्रतिशत से अधिक अंक प्राप्त करने वाले छात्रों को भाषा दूत, शत प्रतिशत अंक प्राप्त करने वाले छात्रों को भाषा रत्न एवं उनके शिक्षकों को भाषा गौरव शिक्षक सम्मान से सम्मानित किया गया। इस अवसर के मुख्य अतिथि पूर्व राष्ट्रपति श्री रामनाथ कोविंद जी एवं विशिष्ट अतिथि केंद्रीय मंत्री सुश्री मीनाक्षी लेखी जी थे। भाषा दूत - 35 छात्र, भाषा रत्न- 3 छात्र, भाषा गौरव शिक्षक- डॉ.पूनम जुनेजा, डॉ.अलका जोशी, डॉ. संजय झा ।



Inter-school Competitions

S. No.	Name of the School	Name	Position
21.07.2023	GD Goenka School, Vasant Kunj Start-up Pitching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bhavna Jain- XI Reya Kaloya- IX Manas Goyal- IX Amaira Chhikara- X 	1 st Position
21.07.2023	Vasant Valley School. 'There is a little bit of salt in everybody' life.'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vedansh Bhushan Garg- XII Lavanya Gadia- XII 	1 st Position
21.07.2023	Columban Quiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malhar Mazumdar – XII Shreyam Lakhota- XII Pushan Banerjee- XI Ishaan Jolly- XI 	2 nd Runners-up
21.07.2023	Summer Fields School Kailash Colony Chess Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schwaas Dutta- XII Aarush Uday Khanna – XI Aarush Sinha- IX Aarav Mehta- XI 	1 st Position

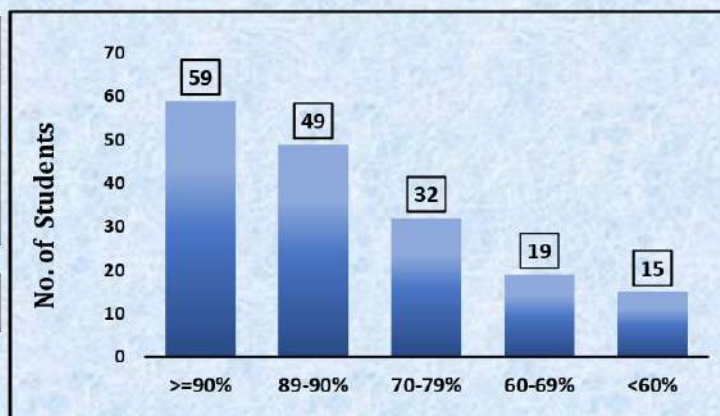
22.07.2023	Gyan Bharti School Jigyasa (Quiz Competition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dhara Mittal – XII Lakshmishree- XII Deeksha Arora - XI 	1 st Position
	Mnemosyne English Language Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vani Joshi – XI 	2 nd Position
25.07.2023	Vasant Valley School Synapse	Nutrichef <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meera Mrinal Bahl- VII Ira Kar- VII 	1 st Position
		Debate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meher Aggarwal – IX Saisha Kumar- IX Advik Baweja-IX 	2 nd Position Won the Overall Rolling Trophy
26.07.2023	The Air Force School Subroto Park	Café of Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shreeya Sinha – XI Kumar Ojas –XI 	2 nd Position
		The Quest - Open Vista <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stutee Dawar- IX Rudransh Sharma- IX 	2 nd Position
28.07.2023	St. Paul School	The Budget Hour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hridayansh Khera- XII Lakshmishree- XII 	1 st Position
		Minutes of Enactment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kumari Aratrika – XII Vanya Savara – XII Chinmayee Vidyalankar – XII Anoushka Jindal- XII 	3 rd Position
02.11.2023	Modern School Vasant Vihar Event- Addicted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinmayee Vidyalankar - XII Anoushka Jindal -XII Lavanya Gadia- XII Kumari Aratrika -XII 	Runner-up Position
04.11.2023	Ramakrishna Mission Sanskrit Recitation Competition	Group A (Girls) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Para Baranwal- VI Arohi Mukhopadhyay - VIII 	1 st Position 2 nd Position
		Group B (Boys) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roshit Chakraborty –XI 	1 st Position

29.11.2023	Sanskrit <i>Shlok</i> chanting Competition, Chinmaya School	Shambhavi Saraswat- IX Abirami Ramesh- IX Parushni Mishra- IX Aarya Vivek Buwa- IX	Special Mention
16.12.2023	Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram Art Poetica', the Inter-school Art and Poetry	Lyrical Canvas Ishaanvi Luthra –IX Blend Art Aaron Surya- IX Mayookha Hari –XI Somedatta Sengupta- XI Artistic Poesy Anirban Mishra –XI Lime-in-Rhyme Suvir Taneja- VIII Inverse Rhapsody Akshaya Sharma-VIII Divansh Paliwal-VIII	1 st Position 3 rd Position Rolling Trophy
20.01.2024	PRS Youth Parliament National Round	Aditya Kadam- XII Anav Garg- XII Seher Kad- XI	2nd Position
04.02.2024	Y. Kumar Student Award for International Understanding Springdales School Pusa Road	Shanvi Tanisha –XI	Highest scorer in Quiz on World Affairs Best Performance at Personal Interview
15.03.2024	Social Sawaal Quiz organised by IIT, Delhi	Kshitij Sharma-XI Daksesh B Ahluwalia-XI Keshav Aggarwal- XI	1 st Position

Class X CBSE Exam Results 2023-24

OVERALL PERFORMANCE	
No. of Students Appeared	174
No. of First Divisions	159
Total No. of Distinctions in all Subjects	639

School Average	81.4
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Rank 1	Dhruv Chhabra	97.8
Rank 2	Aradhya Porwal	97.6
Rank 3	Shrishti Gupta	97.0
Rank 4	Shaina Bagaria,	96.4
	Ishaan Saluja	
	Varandeep Singh	
Rank 5	Advika Malik	96.2
Rank 6	Vijjwal Pande	96.0
	Shobhit Chakraborty	

S. No.	Particulars	No. of Students
1	Students with 90% and above in aggregate	59
2	Students between 80% and 89% in aggregate	49
3	Students between 70% and 79% in aggregate	32
4	Students between 60% and 69% in aggregate	19
5	Students below 60%	15

SUBJECT WISE GRADE

Subject	No. of Students	A1 & A2	A1 & A2%	Highest Marks	Obtained by
English	174	89	51.1	98	Shaina Bagaria
Science	174	112	64.4	99	Anshuman Sharma, Dhruv Chhabra
Social Science	172	109	63.4	100	Advik Aggarwal, Aryan Aggarwal, Pankhuri Gupta
Mathematics	169	87	51.5	99	Pankhuri Gupta, Vijjwal Pande
Hindi	84	11	13.1	95	Adya Malik, Anshuman Sharma, Gouri Shandilya, Shaina Bagaria, Shaksham Sharma
French	52	18	34.6	100	Ishaan Saluja, Neil Mohanka, Reya Seth, Saanvi Mishra
Sanskrit	37	17	45.9	100	Anupam Bhat, Aradhya Khurana, Aradhya Porwal, Arnab Taneja, Dhruv Chhabra, Disha Panwar, Garvita Verma, Kaushal Somany, Niharika Sehgal, Shobhit Chakraborty, Shrishti Gupta, Siddarth G Komarala, Siddharth Chetri
Information Technology	174	99	56.9	100	Deetya Ruchi Ahuja, Shaina Bagaria

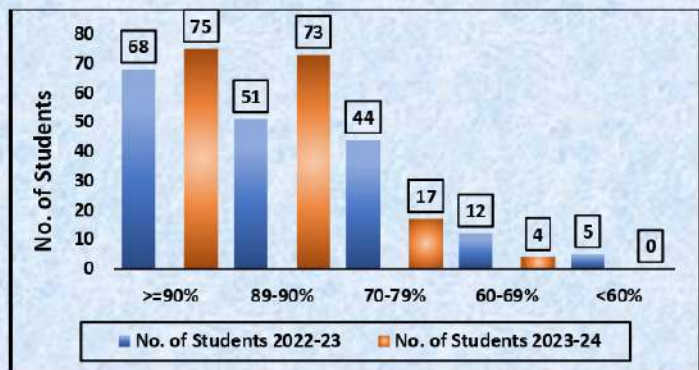
Class XII CBSE Exam Results 2023-24

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

No. of Students Appeared	169
No. of First Divisions	169
Total No. of Distinctions in all Subjects	762

School Average	87.9
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Rank 1	Hridayansh Khera	98.2
Rank 2	Lakshmishree Lakshmanan	98.0
Rank 3	Hoshika Gupta, Rahul Narayan	97.0
Rank 4	Aarna Sareen	96.8
Rank 5	Vaaniya Kumar, Vanya Savara	96.4
Rank 6	Adrija Paul	96.2



S. No.	Particulars	No. of Students 2022-23	No. of Students 2023-24
1	Students with 90% and above in aggregate	68	75
2	Students between 80% and 89% in aggregate	51	73
3	Students between 70% and 79% in aggregate	44	17
4	Students between 60% and 69% in aggregate	12	4
5	Student Below 60%	5	-

Subject	2022-23				2023-24				Obtained by
	No. of Students	A1 & A2	A1 & A2%	Highest marks	No. of Students	A1 & A2	A1 & A2%	Highest marks	
English	180	123	68.3	100	169	140	82.8	100	Bhanu Kamal Bindra
Mathematics	95	60	63.2	100	110	91	82.7	100	Aarna Sareen
Chemistry	88	56	63.6	99	86	69	82.2	99	Aaditya Vikrant Rana, Bhanu Kamal Bindra, Vandita Sudan
Physics	87	54	62.1	100	86	67	77.9	95	Aaditya Vikrant Rana, Adrija Paul, Advay Malik, Darsh Vohra, Krishna Singhal, Ritika Maan, Rohan Singh, Samaira Kapoor, Shambhavi Singh, Shauryya Singh Nirwal, Tanmay Chopra, Vatsal Bhushan Garg, Viren Wadehra
Economics	69	45	65.2	99	72	60	83.3	99	Hridayansh Khera, Lakshmishree Lakshmanan, Vanya Savara, Viraj Dahiya
Computer Science	51	27	52.9	98	54	28	51.9	97	Rahul Narayanan, Simar Suri
Psychology	73	21	28.8	100	49	24	49	100	Navya Dewan, Shreya Sinha, Suryanshi Pinaki
Business Studies	32	17	53.1	97	37	28	75.7	99	Hridayansh Khera, Kumari Aratrika, Vanya Savara
Accountancy	28	13	46.4	98	36	24	66.7	98	Hridayansh Khera, Shiv Arya
Biology	33	25	75.8	100	28	26	92.9	99	Adrija Paul
Political Science	24	21	87.5	95	25	24	96	97	Hoshika Gupta
Legal Studies	17	11	64.7	99	22	10	45.5	99	Dhara Mittal, Vaaniya Kumar
Sociology	27	26	96.3	99	19	17	89.5	98	Aditi Patra
Informatics Practices	15	6	60	99	13	6	45.2	97	Priyanshu Kumar Pandey
History	32	30	93.8	100	11	9	81.8	96	Ishan Mishra
Design	23	17	73.9	99	10	2	20	96	Arsh Khetarpal
Financial Market Management	6	5	83.3	92	10	8	80	99	Anushka Raturi
Painting	18	7	38.9	100	8	2	25	97	Shikha Sejwal

Mirambika Free Progress School

School Report

2023-24



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

MIRAMBIKA FREE PROGRESS SCHOOL

SRI AUROBINDO LANE, SRI AUROBINDO MARG,

NEW DELHI -110016



Our new session began on the 1st of April, 2023 with a new aspiration and hope for further progress. Invoking the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, all the children and diyas



offered mantra gaan with songs. With the blessings of The Mother, all children stepped into their new groups with their new diyas, carried out their first interactions and reflections for the year and went on to set up their group and decide on the group name. Children's friendship with their new diyas and the new space took place in an atmosphere of happiness and peace.

Welcoming New Comers, our Pre-School Children



To welcome all our new parents and young children to the Mirambika Family, to embark on a new journey together, an orientation program was held on the 25th of March and 1st and 4th of April. The program gave parents an introduction to Integral Education practiced in Mirambika and an idea of how parents can be involved in their child's continued growth and progress. The children stepped out of their group and involved themselves in the sandpit, with toys, art & craft and nature.

Mirambika Method

Projects offer a platform for experimental as well as self-directed learning. The Mirambika method of free progress education is facilitated mainly through projects into which is infused the practice of Sri Aurobindo's five-fold integral education. All groups took up various projects, both group and individual, and through the project-based activities found a feasible ground for the development of thoughts, ideas, the power of concentration, observation, memory, imagination and logical reasoning, together with sensory, as well as character development.

The **Red Group** children and parents explored the group and the surrounding



environment and got to know to one another and their diyas. Activities were aimed at building trust and familiarity with the environment, group materials and toys, to name a few. Sensitivity was nurtured through stories. Building relationship with Dharti Maa, participating in games and exercises, art and craft and cultivating habits that help in one's progress were focal points.



Gradually diyas facilitated the development of children's fantasy through puppets and story books. Children eventually made different types of puppets, thus engaging themselves in skill work. During this topic, it was observed that the children's ability to express developed tremendously.



BLUE GROUP: In the beginning, the Blue group children continued their exploration with their new diyas and groups. After a month, they took on the project

Hamari kahaniyan. Children listened to stories and told stories.

With a little encouragement and guidance from diyas, children started expressing imaginary stories from their beautiful world. They made beautiful stories with toys, puppets, nature, and made stories with skill work and sand models. It helped the development of their language, vocabulary, speech and expression. They also took the project of pattern-design and number dost. Children did



pattern design with leaves, play materials and separation of different materials. They also made friendship with numbers and got an idea about the number



by using the beads, cubes and toys. They collected leaves, sticks and flowers from nature, classified and made patterns out of them from their own imagination.

GREEN GROUP:

Children were introduced to the Hindi Language through SHRUTI – the sense of hearing. As a first step towards literacy, to draw the natural curiosity of children, we playfully engaged in a listening game. The children would listen carefully to the sounds produced in their own names and pick one sound to repeat along with the group's name. Children moved on to formally begin their journey of writing in Hindi with the blessing of Lord Ganesha as we shared the story of Buddhiman Ganesh ji writing the Mahabharat. Shri Ganeshji writing the Mahabharata with his tusk as a pen ('कलम) became our inspiration. This



was done in a practical manner.

The children used bamboo sticks and peacock feathers as pens by dipping them in colour. Since they had listened to Shri Ganesh ji's story, writing with a stick pen became an interesting activity for them. Children explored Hindi Language through body parts and Hapto ki Rail Gaddi.

The next project was to engage with some aspects of initial mathematics to observe the children's understanding of number concepts. Taking guidance from The Mother's words, we created opportunities for children to play, have experiences with physical objects and have fun with such activities. By using beads and seeds **children** learnt about addition and subtraction.



YELLOW GROUP:

The Introduction of the English Language began with interactions and conversation through different activities like games time, circle time, nature walk and in the group. Gradually, they



started to understand and know the English and Hindi names. Alphabet recognition was done through different activities.

The next project was Rainy Season and experiment of evaporation and condensation and experiments on vegetables.

The weather was humid and hot. The children loved and wanted to play in the rain. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to make this interest and play a meaningful way of learning in which they could connect with nature and enjoy the learning. Children wrote poems on the rainy season and did experiments on evaporation and condensation.



While working on the Vegetable topic, children visited the Ashram vegetable garden and Sarvodaya market. Children closely observed how the vegetable plants were growing. The children sensed the with sight, touch and smell of different vegetables' leaves and drew pictures. To observe closely how the seeds sprout and grow, children grew some fenugreek plants. Children wrote observations and reflections on the activities and made poems and riddles on vegetables.



ORANGE GROUP:

Orange group started their project with Ideal Child. The main purpose was to make children aware of what the Mother has said about an ideal child. Through different stories, they understood the meaning of each of the qualities. They expressed their own experiences on each of the qualities both orally and in writing. They reflected on 'Am I an Ideal child' giving real-life incidents both in writing and through drawings relating to each quality.

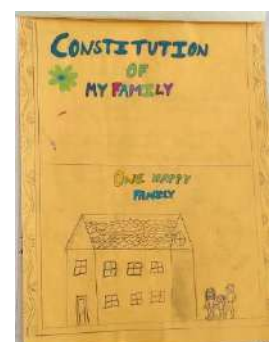
To know about their Mother Land, the next project taken up by the children was India. To know more about India, they listened to the story of King Bharat, learnt about Ancient Indian education system, watched documentaries on ancient India's great scientist rishis, studied the map and also found out about undivided India, learnt what a peninsula was and what an island was, made a big India map and put the names of different states and capitals on it. They also learnt different folk dances of 10 states, ate food of different states and made presentations of the topic to other group children and also to parents.



On the topic of Animals, the children visited the zoo and were interested to know the names of different animals (in Hindi and English), knowing about carnivorous, herbivorous, and omnivorous animals, making models of different types of habitats like domestic animals, aquatic, forest, desert, grassland, and polar animals, animal sounds and baby's names and the qualities of animals.

ADITI GROUP:

Children of this group took up their group name ADITI and designed their own goals for the year. Language development in English, Hindi and Sanskrit happen simultaneously as children engage in activities. They developed and improved independent writing, speaking and comprehending. Children took various individual projects of their own choice and interest like history of writing, Civilisation, animals, Dinosaurs, Dances of India, Plants and Science experiments. Another project was on The Indian Constitution. During this project, children visited the Parliament to know about the Indian constitution. Children also made their home constitution and shared their constitution within their group and with others.



PROGRESS GROUP:

On Earth project, children of this group were introduced to the latitudes of the Earth such as the Equator, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Arctic Circle and Antarctic Circle. They understood, discussed and wrote down their learning on all the latitudes of the earth. They also learned and wrote about the Torrid Zone, the temperate zone, and the Frigid Zone. To know their curiosity, children were asked to write what they would like to know more about the earth. The sub-topics as children chose, were: Earth's atmosphere, Earth's formation, Earth's Polar Regions, Earth's inner layers, ocean formation and life under ocean.



Simple Machine: The main aim was to Learn about different kinds of simple machines and how they make our daily tasks easier. First of all they learned and understood the concept of lever – its parts and types with examples to get more clarity, its mechanism and application.



In Math, children learnt through art kolam and Fractions. To create patterns using dots as a guide, to observe and learn mathematical concepts like symmetry, equidistant points, patterns and replication and to learn to estimate distances between points to create aesthetically beautiful designs. The children were focused on learning about fractions - it's necessity, terminology, identification and comparisons between fractions, fractional parts of different things, adding fractions, like and unlike fractions and mixed numbers. They learned this through using fraction kit pieces and paper folding methods.



Harmony Group:

This group took project on Reptiles, Chess and Things. They chose snakes, crocodiles, lizard, turtle and dinosaurs.

In chess, children were introduced to how Chess evolved and spread across the world, about Chaturanga, Chess Notation, Chess Strategy, Openings, Mid-game etc and learnt tactics (analysis) chess around the world, prominent chess players, variations of Chess, ratings and rankings.



In Things, children were given a random assortment of unusual objects and asked to describe them. Since they could not recognise the objects, they were not restricted by

prior knowledge and could therefore be guided entirely by their senses. They proceeded to describe their designated objects using appearance, touch, smell, how it sounded when tapped... in short, exploring the physical properties. Various techniques – bending, coiling, joining, looping, twisting, and hammering – were explored. Children learnt about tensile strength and rigidity, and how twisting multiple strands affected both. They also learnt to create beautiful shapes, working within the constraints of the material properties



GOODNESS:

The children studied **Light** and took up different gadgets using lenses and reflection principles to describe and explain the concepts of light. Microscope, telescope, sextant, periscope were chosen. They worked on electricity included the study of different gadgets like air purifier, washing machine.

In **Hindi** the children made a sketch and wrote a graphic story. In **History** they studied different religions and the children understood that the focus and aim were the same. It was the way religion was used by the different rulers that caused the rifts that we see today. They agreed that religion was needed to keep some order in society and should not be imposed but followed by free will. In Math Mela,

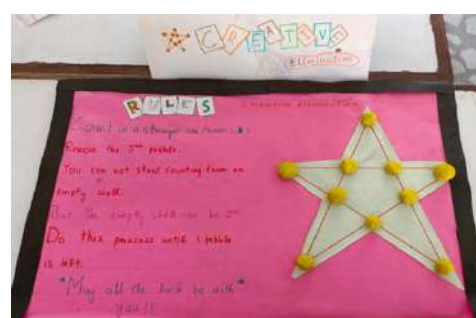


children prepared games Banking Bazar and Around the World in 15 Minutes.

The object of the game was to be the person left with the most money in the end and be the one with the most properties at the end of the game.

INTEGRITY GROUP

Children of this group took various projects and activities to work and explore their hand skill and mental ability. In Math, they explored different



games like Creative Elimination Game, Mathematical Magic, Ramanujan's Birthday Magic Square etc.

In a magic square, if you add all the columns, rows and diagonals and the corner square and the middle square you will get the same sum. The ones marked in purple, blue and pink separately add up to the same sum.

In art they explored different art forms like Gond art, still life, art in everyday life, kolam etc. and did in artistic form. Children also took interest in making Kolam – a South Indian Art and presented it in different places of group.



On the project of Constitution, children visited Parliament and studied the framing of Constitution and Sri Aurobindo's contribution to Freedom. Children wrote a speech and addresses the school on our constitution and broadcast on our public address system.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education is an integral and important part of our education in mirambika. For physical fitness, mental health, team work, discipline and increased confidence, children should spend some time every day and mirambika children involve themselves in the daily games time gleefully. One of the goals of integral education is to facilitate the growth of physically fit and mentally



strong individuals. The Physical Education program, Sports day, included a 2-day demonstration that took off on a colorful journey on the winter month of December. The programme began with the March Past, followed by a marathon and pyramid. All children then demonstrated their skills in Body Balance, on stilts, skates, over the skipping rope and spinning the hula hoop around their waists, hips, thighs, knees and even the neck. The **Tug of War** and **Novelty Corner** were organized by older children for the younger groups and diyas which was a very joyful event of sports day.

Physical Demonstration and Novelty Corner by Children



Celebrations

As an offering, mirambika celebrated Rabindranath Jayanti, mirambika birthday, Sri Aurobindo's Birth Anniversary, Janmashtami, Rakshabandhan, Ganesh Chaturthi, Christmas, The Mother's Birth Anniversary and Thanksgiving. Full of joy, enthusiasm and team spirit, children celebrated these special occasions during different periods of the year. We concluded the year with memorable offerings on Thanksgiving.



On the occasion of Sri Rabindranath Tagore's birthday, children sang and danced to a Tagore's poem.

Celebrating the **Birthday of mirambika** children danced to the mirambika song, offered a song "Mirambika & Us", enacting and reciting mirambika favourites such as Listen Listen to Chimes and mirambika mirambika.



On the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo and Independence Day, both children and diyas celebrated and offered songs, dances, and plays with joy and enthusiasm.



Before the celebration of Raksha Bandhan, children, especially younger ones, made ladoos and rakhis for the mirambika family joyously. On the day of the celebration, one and all, from their heart and soul tied the rakhis around the wrist of younger children with the offering of ladoos and accompanied by a live band of children and diyas gayly singing Raksha bandhan songs.



Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebration followed. It started with the making of makhan by children with the help of diyas. The delicious 'school-made' makhan was delicious and enjoyed by the entire mirambika family. A



Musical drama on Kanha, a dance on "Kanha Kanhaiya", A Hindi Drama, "Gopala & Gwala" beautifully presented by the younger group captivated everyone's attention. Diyas presented movements On Krishna's Poem and Radha's Prayer respectively as a offering to Krishna.

Dussehera is celebrated with offerings to Maa Durga. Children danced to songs like Aayi Dekho Aayi Mata Rani, Om Namo Maheshwari, Narayani Namostute, Ya Devi Sarvabhutshu and Namaste Jagattarini Durge.

The festival of lights, DIWALI was celebrated with the making of diyas which were lighted on the day of our Diwali celebrations accompanied by mantra gaan and songs.

Children celebrated Christmas by singing Christmas Carols. Younger children busied themselves presenting the birth of Prabhu Jesus with some movements set to Christmas carols. The advent of Santa Claus with gifts was an apt conclusion to a beautiful day dedicated to the Return of Light, Christmas.



On the occasion of The Mother's Birthday, children offered a play based on the stories of The Mother. Saraswati Puja and Pongal were celebrated joyously with songs and dance.



SCHOOL PICNIC

Picnic was great fun, filled with joy, happiness, unity, team work, fun games and delicious food. The entire school visited Jamali Kamali and had a great day on the huge, green and pretty lawn spread before us. The children brought joyous life to the space as they engaged in childish banter, team games, rolling down the gentle hills, explorations with their groups and diyas and partaking of lunch together. It also taught us to work together and enjoy life through sharing food, playing games and bonding with friends.



OUR VISITORS AND OBSERVERS

- Four students from I Am a Teacher, Gurgaon
- Parikshit Jaiswal from Azim Premji University from Bangalore
- Fergel from Ireland
- Forty students from I am a Teacher Group
- Ms. Insiyah from Bangladesh
- Nine members from Circle Group, Delhi
- Ms. Shrey Rawat
- Ms. Gowry Puri Ex-teacher of MIS

- HT Sharaddha
- Mr. Kishan Kumar from Tata Institute
- Ms.Prerna Bagaria from Tata Institute
- Four Students from Gargi College
- Four Students from Mata Sundari College
- Teacher from Aarambh Pre-School, Chhattisgarh
- Two teachers from Shikshantar School, Gurgoan
- Nine students from Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, New Delhi
- One student from Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi
- One teacher from Sri Aurobindo Integral Education Centre Brajrajnagar, Jharsuguda.
- Thirty visitors from Brazil.

The school also facilitated large scale activities for all the students through activities such as Kavi Samelani to share their poetry writing skills, Drama, diya painting, rakhi making, rangoli making, kolam making - a South Indian art with rice floor - board decoration, gamala painting and art and craft activities.

The eventful year concluded with our **Thanksgiving** on the last week of March'2024.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

4.1 Sri Aurobindo Education Society

SRI AUROBINDO EDUCATION SOCIETY

Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31 MARCH 2024

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT
CAPITAL FUND	
As per last Balance Sheet	14,35,000.00
ADD :- Life Membership recd.	14,35,000.00
GENERAL FUND	
As per last Balance Sheet	16,91,82,730.27
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,89,05,874.66
	19,80,88,605.01
CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROV.	
Other Funds	39,45,737.00
Total Rs.	20,34,,69,342.01
ASSETS	
FIXED ASSETS	2,25,55,799.00
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADV.	
Due from Others	26,80,000.00
Security Deposit (MCD) Water	645.00
Advance Income Tax	80,717.00
FIXED DEPOSITS	17,76,68,675.00
CASH & BANK BALANCES:	
Cash In Hand	0.00
Bank Balances	4,83,506.01
Total Rs.	20,34,69,342.01

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024

INCOME		AMOUNT
Donations		2,12,71,932.00
Interest On Fixed Deposits		1,06,80,268.00
Interest On Fixed Deposits Fc		9,222.00
	Total Rs.	<u>3,19,61,422.00</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Audit Fees		3,540.00
Bank Charges		1,868.82
Bank Charges FC		2,658.44
Depreciation		25,04,775.00
Interest Paid		54.00
Legal And Legitation		63,000.00
Professional Charges		57,938.00
Postage & Telephone		4,718.00
Printing & Stationary		5,960.00
Property Tax & Ground Rent		73,401.00
Rents And Taxes		50.00
Repair & Renewals		0.00
Service Charges		24.00
Water & Electricity		3,37,560.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure Transferred to General Fund		<u>2,89,05,874.74</u>
	Total Rs.	<u>3,19,61,422.00</u>

4.2 The Mother's International School

THE MOTHER'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SRI AUROBINDO MARG, NEW DELHI

BALANCE SHEET (ABRIDGED) AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2024

LIABILITIES		AMOUNT
FUND ACCOUNT		7,47,37,032.75
OTHER FUNDS ACCOUNT		14,50,60,231.69
CURRENT LIABILITIES		91,16,441.00
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		7,01,90,109.56
TOTAL		29,91,03,815.00
ASSETS		
FIXED ASSETS		7,59,29,491.57
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES		22,20,81,370.05
CASH AND BANK BALANCES		10,92,953.38
TOTAL		29,91,03,815.00

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (ABRIDGED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

I N C O M E		AMOUNT
TUITION FEES		20,56,77,836.00
OTHER SOURCES		9,60,46,543.00
	TOTAL	30,17,24,379.00
E X P E N D I T U R E		
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES		20,58,06,488.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE		94,24,260.00
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES		2,68,95,317.00
DEPRECIATION		50,46,065.88
ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER EXPENSES		2,24,20,424.87
TRANSPORT AND CONVEYANCE		1,27,79,338.00
ONE TIME CONCESSION FOR FULL YEAR FEE PAYMENT		11,28,589.00
		28,35,00,482.75
TRANSFERRED TO RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT		39,88,147.00
TRANSFERRED TO DEP. RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT		43,17,936.00
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		99,17,813.25
	TOTAL	30,17,24,379.00

4.3 Mirambika Free Progress School

MIRAMBIKA FREE PROGRESS SCHOOL
SRI AUROBINDO EDUCATION SOCIETY, SRI AUROBINDO MARG, NEW DELHI-110016
BALANCE SHEET (ABRIDGED) AS ON 31-03-2024

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT
UCO Bank overdraft	41,18,706.39
	41,18,706.39
ASSETS	
Fixed Assets	16,915.00
CASH & BANK BALANCE	
Fixed Deposit	1,04,290.00
UCO SB 3400	1,14,142.59
UCO SB 6238	1.00
Loan & Advance	544.00
Income and Exp.	38,82,813.80
	41,18,706.39

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (ABRIDGED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2024

INCOME	Amount
Fee collection	91,09,896.00
Admission Fees	2,600.00
Interest Earned	60,097.00
Late Fees	19,290.00
Registration Fees	5,200.00
Education Trip	3,56,500.00
Total	95,53,583.00
EXPENDITURE	
Audit Fees	35,400.00
Bank Charges	3,790.16
Books And Stationary Expenses	1,52,810.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	11,37,095.00
Cleaning Charges	17,70,322.00
Computer Repairs	42,771.00
Conveyance And Transport	6,09,395.00
Depreciation	2,986.00
Interest On Loan	2,63,254.00
Educational Exp.	67,600.00
Educational Trip Exp.	78,226.00
Electrical Repairs & Maintenance	22,560.00
ERP Exp.	2,20,800.00
Food Expenses	6,10,086.00
Function	9,926.00
Furniture Repairs & Maintenance	1,23,878.00
Gardens & Lawns	4,640.00
Games & Sports Expenses	28,075.00
Ground & Rent Taxes	1,57,447.00
Linen & Laundry	14,436.00
Legal Expenses	1,05,000.00
Medical Expenses	1,22,390.00
Musical Instrument Repairing	11,048.00
Postage & Telephone	1,883.00
Prosperity	2,10,000.00
Rent	6,00,000.00
Sanitary	18,650.00
Security Service	2,85,526.00
Water & Electricity Charges	6,31,669.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	22,11,919.84
TOTAL	95,53,583.00