

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018-19

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything. *William Shakespeare*

'The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence'. Suncity School set out excitedly with gusto into the new academic session of 2018-19 on 2 April 2018 with this heart-felt objective. The school campus was vibrant with renewed vigour, soaking in the novelty of everything all around- educational resources, teaching faculty, action-packed curriculum schedule but what remained consistent, was the bonhomie amongst peers.

YOUREKA CAMPUS AT TIRTHAN VALLEY

The Grade VIII Students visited the Youreka Campus at Tirthan Valley from 25- 28 March 2018 as a culmination of their life skills classes held through the session.

The learners enjoyed their stay at the campus with the sun and clouds playing hide and seek and the welcoming sight of the flowing river. They honed different skills like Crisis Management, Teamwork, Decision Making, Perspicacity and Lateral Thinking as they learnt camping skills. Through the days, the students enjoyed the night out, where they trekked to a camping spot, pitched their own tent, built a fire and cooked their own dinner and slept in the wilderness! It was encouraging to see children brave out and participate in activities like rock climbing, rappelling, stream walking, river crossing and zipling. They sharpened their communication skills, assertiveness and interpersonal relationships.

The reflective sessions in the evening made the children self aware, grateful and helped polish their social skills. It was a beguiling experience, where learning was enveloped in fun. The exposure to nature is essential for physical, mental and emotional well-being of our children and this experience only left each one on board yearning for more!

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Orientation Programme for new parents of EYP and Grades I to XII was organized, keeping in mind the paradigm shifts in most of the classes. The programme started off with an introduction of teachers followed by the Principal's Prologue.

To gain an insight into the co-curricular activities of the School, Shriya Nayyar, Head Girl (session 2017-18) of the school and the Head Boy, Vighnesh Deshpande (session 2017-18) talked about various clubs and houses offered by the school. To enable the parents to understand the journey of the students, the Secretary General of academic session 2017-18, Manikaran Khurana, presented his views on his journey and progression as a student.

To understand the examination system of the school, Head -Examination, Ms. Pratibha Joshi acclimatized the parents about the periodic tests and exams. This was followed by demonstration by the PYP team for the parents of Grades I to V. In a bid to understand the methodology used in Suncity School and Mathematics tactics to teach the concept 'Pi' and its application in real world, a lesson demonstration was presented by Ms. Taruni Soin from the Math faculty.

The parents proceeded from there to their respective classes for the PTM.

SUNCITY GOES TO POLLS

Amidst grand fervor and theatrical speeches, the Student Council aspirants took centre stage at assemblies and all possible venues campaigning for most votes. Oratorical skills were the highlight with each member wooing the student audience amidst year-long promises and allegiance to the school ethos. The results were declared after rounds of written expression, speeches, interview, their academic performance, life skills and popularity. The winners formed the new Student Council! The students will be formally sworn in the Investiture Ceremony to be held next month.

ANMOL DAS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP UNDER TIMES SPARK READ

Anmol Das of Grade X-C was awarded a scholarship of rupees one lakh under the Times Spark Read to Lead Scholarship Programme. Anmol was one amongst 300 students from all over India who received the scholarship. This is an endeavour of the TOI to encourage school students of class IX to XII to develop a reading habit that would help them understand about our society and environment, so that they can go on to write the future.

CAREER FAIR

The Guidance Counselling Cell of our school organized a Career Fair for students of Grades X-XII on 16 April 2018 in conjunction with ICAE. Representatives of 18 Universities from US and different countries of Europe visited our school and shared information about courses and scholarship opportunities with our students. The representative from Swiss Education, a conglomeration of 9 Swiss universities, have offered our students three scholarships worth INR 1,40,000 to study in Switzerland as they were impressed with the kind of questions put forth by our students.

Another session was held on 18 April 2018 in conjunction with KIC UnivAssist. Representatives from seven US universities talked to our students about courses and scholarship opportunities. The fair was preceded by a small presentation on Right Fit and Career Options by Mr. Rohit Kandari of KIC Univ Assist.

A workshop on Smart Study Skills and Stress Management in conjunction with Pratham was organized on 20 April 2018. Students of Grades XI-XII attended this 80 minutes session that focused on SMART goal setting. SMART is an acronym that stands for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time Bound. Students were informed in the workshop that to make sure their goals are clear and reachable, each one should be:

- ✓ Specific (simple, sensible, significant).
- ✓ Measurable (meaningful, motivating).
- ✓ Achievable (agreed, attainable).
- ✓ Relevant (reasonable, realistic and resourced, results-based).
- ✓ Time bound (time-based, time limited, time/cost limited, timely, time-sensitive).

It must be pointed out here that this workshop proved to be a reinforcement of the module that we follow in our Mentoring Programme. SMART goal setting pedagogy has been an integral part of this initiative since its inception. The workshop was meaningful and informative.

Students of IGCSE had a two- part Career Counselling Session with Mr. Jitin Chawla's Centre for Career Development. The first day, students filled in a detailed aptitude and interest inventory. Following this, they had individual career counselling session with Mr. Jitin Chawla and his team. Parents were also invited for the same.

It turned out to be an extremely fruitful session for our students as it helped to crystalise their subject options.



On 21 April 2018, thirty three students of Grades X-XII participated in the Open House at IIT Delhi.

On 27 April 2018, the Canadian University Application Centre conducted a career counselling presentation for students of Grades X-XII of our school. BITS PILANI Dubai in conjunction with the College Guidance Counselling cell of Suncity School also organised an informative session for Grade XII students on 'Careers in Engineering'.

On 28 April 2018, two students of Grade XII participated in the Career Guidance session followed by a Career Fair which was organised by G D Goenka Public School, Sector. The Career Guidance session was conducted by the renowned career counselor, Ms. Pervin Malhotra.

WORKSHOP BY MS ALEX SNEE

On 13 April 2018 students of grade 11 and 12 were part of a workshop presented by Ms Alex Snee. The topic for the same was : A taster of university level Psychology study: Are humans inherently prone to Evil? An exploration of whether people's behaviour is influenced by nature or individual/societal circumstance especially in regards to obedience (Milgram, 1962).



It was an interactive session with hands-on activity. Students were actively engaged in the process and asked probing questions through the session. It was an extremely insightful workshop for one and all.

INTERDISCIPLINARY OUTING TO DILLI HAAT, INA

An interdisciplinary outing for Entrepreneurship, Economics and Business Studies students was organized to Dilli Haat, INA, Delhi on 20 April 2018 for the students of Grade XI.

The trip provided an opportunity to understand the ethnic and traditional handicraft work of every state. This allowed Entrepreneurship students of Grade XI to gather information on the project on "Know thy State Handicraft". The children gathered good insight into the making and working of a handicraft enterprise and understand various facets of Business Studies, Entrepreneurship and Economics.



CELEBRATION OF WORLD HERITAGE DAY

April 18 is the International Day for Monuments and Sites, also called World Heritage Day. Humayun Tomb is one of the 36 Indian World Heritage sites. On the occasion of World Heritage Day, 'Aga Khan Trust for Culture' (AKTC) organized a workshop at the Humayun Tomb complex in which ten students from our school participated.

Students were taken for a Heritage Walk of the Humayun Tomb complex led by community heritage volunteers from 'Sair-e-Nizamuddin'. The various other activities conducted were Nurturing Nature in which students participated in nature related games, Mughal Floral Painting in which students showcased their skills at drawing and painting floral designs, Writing Calligraphy in which students were provided calligraphy pens by the artists to try their hand at calligraphy, Quiz competition in which students had to answer about 50 questions on culture and heritage and Sanjhi which was about traditional paper cutting craft. There were prizes for the quiz competition in which Aditya Kathane of VIII A won the Third Prize and participation certificates were given to all students, along with light refreshments.

The lush green surroundings and the trees wrapped in cool breeze encouraged our students to participate whole heartedly. It was a good learning experience for them and an opportunity to interact with students from other participating schools. It was a positive step to create awareness about protecting our monuments, our cultural heritage.



SUMMER TRAINING EDITORIAL PROGRAMME WITH TIMES NIE

In their attempt to encourage children to learn more in their pursuit of excellence, The Times of India continues with their efforts to provide students with diverse avenues to explore their potential. Since summer is a time for recreation and exploring new avenues, there is a comprehensive

Summer Training Editorial Programme for Times NIE members under the tutelage of a leading journalist team.

The school nominated Isha Arora as the deserving student to take a test on the basis of which she will be eligible for the week long summer training. The test took place on 20 April at Bal Bharati Public School.

ACCOLADES AT SHRI DHARA, EARTH DAY ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Shri Dhara, an annual festival on the occasion of Earth Day, was an event organized by The Shri Ram School. "Going back to our roots: keeping it simple," was the theme for the event. Schools from Gurgaon, Delhi, Faridabad and Noida participated in the event.

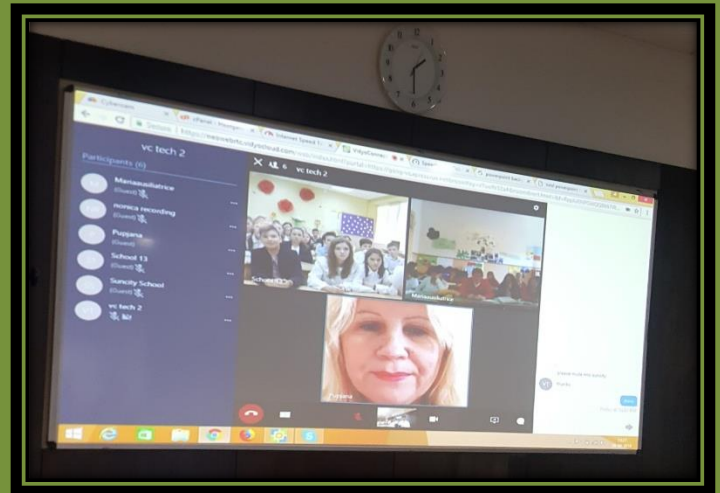
Relevant to the theme, students performed in two categories, Nukkad Natak and Jingle. Nukkad Natak was performed in Hindi while Jingle was given an option to perform in Hindi or English. Suncity School's team of ten students for Nukkad Natak and five students for Jingle from Grades IV-V participated at the event.

VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH ITALY AND UKRAINE SCHOOLS

Essentials of dialogue-‘Freedom of Beliefs’ was the topic of discussion for the video conference between Maria Ausiliatrice, Italy, Odeesa School, Ukraine and Suncity School on 20 April 2018.

The session began with the facilitator inviting students to share their interpretation of the term ‘Freedom of belief’. They were asked to reflect upon their experiences of life regarding freedom of belief, the kind of belief that was important to them and why. The students explained the types of beliefs and reflected on the role of education in each aspect. The discussion then progressed to the role of culture in “Freedom of belief” wherein the students had to explain the relationship between the values, traditions and faith within their community and the freedom of belief, what influenced their beliefs most and what impact family had in the concept of freedom of belief. Finally, students reflected on what they had learned from the VC and how it influenced their point of view.

The Video Conference by Generation Global, an educational initiative by the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, provided the students the perfect platform for engaging in meaningful dialogue with peers from other countries. The following students were a part of the video conference team, Advait Mahadevan, Dhairya Bhandari, Mrityunjaya Thakur, Neel Khullar, Harmehar Narula, Anmol Das, Tanishq Jakhar from Grade X, Vanya Duggal, Prateeksha Kumar, Shaurya Batra, Mahir Kapoor, Shrey Seth from Grade IX.



SEWA: NATURE WALK AND TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

On 23 April 2018, students of Grade VI went for a Nature walk to the Aravalis. This outing was a part of their interdisciplinary learning. They observed the impact of Man’s actions on the hills that were cut down for construction purposes and were also littered with garbage. They became enlightened to the need of the hour for environment conservation.

As part of SEWA(Social Empowerment Through Work and Action) Grade VI students participated actively in a tree plantation drive in a park near the school premises on 24 April. Each section planted one Poplar tree and named it. Students even watered the other plants around.

As responsible citizens, students promised to nurture these plants till they grow up to be trees. The endeavour was aimed at sensitising the students about the deteriorating condition of our environment and motivating them to plant more and more trees on the occasion of Earth Day.



MINDSMART 2018 – THE ANNUAL ADOLESCENT PEER EDUCATORS’ LEADERSHIP COURSE IN LIFE SKILLS & WELLBEING.

Learners from Grade VII attended a workshop on “MindSmart 2018 – The Annual Adolescent Peer Educators’ Leadership Course in Life Skills & Wellbeing”. It was a five-part series from April to October. The First workshop of the series was held at the National Science Centre on 26th April where Mrs. Anita Karwal, Chairperson, Central Board of Secondary Education, was the Honorable Chief Guest.

This Programme was enriched Framework (NCERT) & CBSE Wellbeing & Life Skills Education. The main objective of the workshop was to highlight the role of health.



by National Curriculum Guidelines on Health,

Students from many schools participated for the same and learned about and how to tackle the problems which they were facing. The views on common adolescent Issues & concerns were shared. Students from different schools presented a short play highlighting issues like child labour, education of girls, women empowerment, etc. The Chief Guest, Mrs Anita karwal suggested ways on how to control anger and to take right decisions.



It was an enriching experience for our learners to be a part of this workshop.

ICT INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION (SMARTEDGE 2018)

DPSI organized a competition to raise awareness, offer research opportunities and encourage creativity on these astounding innovations, DPS International, Gurgaon unveiled SmArtEdge 2018, an annual inter-school competition on 25 April which was open to students from Grades VI to IX. Suncitizens participated in three competitions as PaintEdge, ArtEdge and Know'Edge

Ayush Jain of Grade VII E brought laurels to the school by winning the First Prize in PaintEdge. Software used was wherein he was supposed to project on Hospital Reception a 3D view of the same. It was overall a great learning experience for our students. Accompanying teachers were also welcome to attend a training session on Microsoft tools.

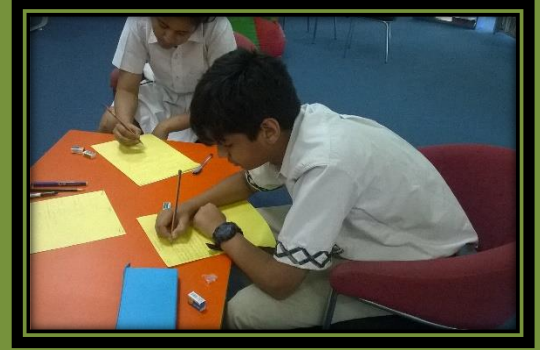


Paint3D make a showing

POETRY SLAM

The Poetry Slam held at Shiv Nadar School Gurgaon on 25 April 2018, fetched us the first prize in the solo competitive performance poetry event by Shriya Nayyar in the competition '*Slamming Solo*' with her winning the trophy much to the loud applause of the audience.

Aananya Singh received a special mention for her brilliant poetry in competition '*Pour it on Paper*' – a prompt based poetry event with her poetry.



SUMMER APPRENTICESHIP ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

An Summer Apprenticeship Orientation Programme was conducted for students of Grades IX, X and XI during club hour on 27 April. Vedatya training Institute informed the students about the various fields in which they would receive training like Culinary Arts, Digital Marketing, Entrepreneurship and Event Management. The students were informed about the dates and their queries were answered by the expert.

ICT INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION

Paras World School organised an inter school event '**Tech Guru 2018**' on 27 April 2018. The other schools who had participated in the competition including us were Paras World School, Lotus Valley, Presidium, St. Angels School.

Children were made to sit in groups of 3 and 2 randomly and were given some time to interact and know each other. Later they were given a short demo about Sway and Paint 3D. They were then given a topic by the host school and asked to discuss and plan out their presentation with their respective teams. The Sway team was given the topic '**Global Warming**' and the Paint 3D was given the topic as '**Robotcity**'. Children got an hour to make their respective presentation and then 5 minutes to present it in front of all. It was wonderful to see the ideas conveyed out by all the students of different grades.



We got laurels in the following 2 categories:

Paint3D – Best Project – First Prize

Nischay Khubani VIIE

Ishaan Ahmed VIIC

Sway –Best Presentation – First prize

Adwita Gogia IV

It was a learning session for all of us where children not only showed their confidence and knowledge of the application but also interacted with various students of different schools and worked together as a team for a common goal.



ACCOLADES FOR ARNAV GARG

Arnav Garg of V F won the first prize in the Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition at Raman Munjal Public, Haryana.

LABOUR DAY CELEBRATIONS

Labour Day, a special occasion to celebrate the true spirit of the working class, was marked by a card making activity held on 27 April 2018. The children were equally excited and interested in thanking their bhaiyas and didis for their relentless efforts. The young artists experimented with their creative skills and made Thank You cards. A few of them even went a step further and wrote personal messages in Hindi for their compassionate helpers to understand their heartfelt expression. These were given to the helper staff members of the Suncity family on 1 May 2018. The seniors served Lunch to the helper staff of the school in the school refectory as a token of their gratitude.

WORLD SCHOLARS CUP- REGIONAL ROUND

World Scholars Cup (WSC) is an international team academic tournament and enrichment programme conducted in over fifty countries. Each year, students explore and debate a current global theme. Within the theme, students explore topics in science, social studies, the arts, literature, history and current affairs. Every World Scholars Cup has four, main events; Scholars challenge, Collaborative writing, team debate and Scholars bowl.

We, at Suncity School, feel honored to have hosted the regional round of the World Scholar's Cup on 28th and 29th April 2018. Over 500 scholars from over twenty-five schools participated in the event. The first day began with the inaugural assembly which comprised the lighting of the lamp by our Vice-chairman Mr. Ankit Goel and Mr. Chauncey and Mr. Vishal from the WSC team. It was followed by Acapella rendition by the Suncitizens. The WWC team then took over the proceedings and the events began. The first day saw 'Team Debate', 'Collaborative Writing' and 'Scholar's Challenge'. The following day had the 'Scholar's Bowl', 'Debate Showcase' and the 'Scholar's Show' followed by the award ceremony. The global round will take place in Kuala Lumpur/Barcelona/Melbourne in the month of June/July.

SPORTS SERENADE

DISTRICT LEVEL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Our Suncitizens, Tanishka Kotia of Grade XB, Riddhika Kotia of Grade VA, Vivaan Daga of Grade VIG, Medhansh Khanna of Grade IIIA and Shriya Soni of Grade VIIC participated in the District Level Chess Championship held at Presidium School on 30 March-1 April 2018. Tanishka Kotia bagged the first place, Riddhika Kotia the fifth

position,
Vivaan Daga
the eighth
position,
Medhansh
Khanna the
eighth
position and
Shriya Soni
the fifth
position



NORTH ZONE JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

Palakshi Sehrawat of Grade VI won a Runner-Up Trophy in the North Zone Junior Golf Championship 2018 which was held at Lucknow on 29 March - 1 April 2018.

BHAICHUNG BHUTIA FOOTBALL SCHOOLS LEAGUE

Lakshay Ambawat of VII C participated in Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools League in U-13 category and bagged the Best Performance Trophy. Nitya Mehta of IX B won the Runners-up position in the Under -16, AITA match held on 11 April 2018 at Ryders Academy, Gurgaon.



INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT

Our Suncitizens Myra Marwah of Grade VIII C and Aadya Asheesh Sharma of Grade VIII E participated in the International Gymnastics tournament at Dubai from 3- 6 April 2018 and bagged the appreciation certificate and a medal.



SPEED SKATING COMPETITION

Arnav Khandelwal of Grade III E participated in the Speed Skating Competition held at JNS Sports Academy on 15 April 2018. He did the school proud by winning a Gold medal in the competition. Arnav Khandelwal also won a bronze medal in the Real Gold Speed skating competition which was held at Sec-62, Gurgaon on 29-30 April 2018.



AITA TOURNAMENT

Our Ace lawn tennis player Nitya Mehta of Grade IX B participated in the AITA tournament held at Ryder's Academy on 12 April 2018. She performed exceptionally well and bagged Runner-up trophy in U-16 category.



INTER SCHOOL U-12 BUDDING CRICKETERS LEAGUE

Suncity Cricket Team (boys) participated in the Inter School U-12 Budding Cricketers League, from April 9th - 27th, 2018 in association with Cricket Excellence Sports Centre, Noida Gaur Square, Noida Extension



BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Nemika Sahni of Grade X and Dhruv Khera of Grade XII participated in the under 19 Basketball State Championship held at Faridabad from 9-12 April 2018.



OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

Vidushi Jaidka of VIII F won the second position in the Open Badminton Championship- U-17 category held at JNS Badminton Academy.

Our aspiring badminton champion participated in the Open Badminton Championship held at JNS Badminton Academy Sec-51 on 21-22 April 2018, She played matches against Pathways, Amity, Shikshantar and Shiv Nadar and won the second place in the U-17 category.



INTER -HOUSE TAEKWON- DO TOURNAMENT

Suncity School's new academic session of 2017-18 took off with true spirit with innumerable accolades coming in sports at the National level. The Sixth Inter-house Taekwondo Championship was the first inter-house tournament of this session and was held on 27 April 2018.

Indian house emerged as the winner and Pacific house was the runner-up in various categories.

NAME	CLASS	POSITION
NIVAAN KOHLI	I B	Winner
VIDIT PATANKAR	I F	Runner-up
DAKSH RATHORE	II C	Winner
RONIT TANWAR	II G	Runner-up
ANVI KUMAR	II D	Winner
AKSHARA PRASAD KAUSHIK	II E	Runner-up
EKAM SINGH	III B	Winner
AINESH KAPOOR	III A	Runner-up
RYAN GARG	IV A	Runner-up
ARYAN BATRA	IV F	Winner
DEVIK AHUJA	V D	Winner
VYOM PAHUJA	V D	Winner
NAME	CLASS	POSITION
PARRAAM A GUPTA	V B	Runner-up
CHAITANYA BHATEJA	VI B	Winner
AARYAN SINGH CHADHA	VI D	Runner-up
ANGAD BATRA	VI A	Winner
MUKUL RAO	VII B	Winner
MOHIT AMBAWATA	VII E	Runner-up
YASH TANWAR	VII D	Runner-up
ASHMIT CHHABRA	VIII C	Winner
ARZOI DUGGAL	VIII D	Runner-up
PARIDHI GUPTA	X B	Winner

CHERRAJ SOBTI	X B	Winner
NEERAJ YADAV	X C	Absent



CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



DATE	TOPIC OF WKSHP	FACULTY	VENUE
29 March	Transversal Education Resource Person-Mrs Rupa Chakravarty	All faculty	In-house
29 March	Annual PACE Teachers' Meet	Ms. Astha Sachdeva	Hyatt Regency
3 April	MR Campaign Meeting	Ms. Ritu Mallick	DPS Gurgaon
13 April	Spanish Book Launch	Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty, Spanish teachers	Embassy of Peru
16 April	Interaction with Union Minister	Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty	Crowne Plaza
17 April	Embassy Republic of Korea	Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty	Korean Cultural Centre
17 April	IC3 Planning Meeting	Mrs. Soma Dam	The Taj Mahal Hotel
20 April	Seminar on Spanish	Ms.Sonia Aroul Ms. Elena Green	Instituto Cervantes
21April	Pre-NCSQQCC	Teachers on duty	In-house
28 April	Curriculum Changes	Mrs. Smriti Rathi	Islamic Cultural Centre

We were soon at the threshold of MayAs full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer.

William Shakespeare