

MAY NEWSLETTER 2018

The second month of the new academic session and Suncity School gathered momentum with a plethora of activities before the summer break.

INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL NARISTE AT BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN

A team of twenty students and two teachers, along with the Principal, Ms. Rupa Chakravarty, attended the First International Children's Folklore Festival *Nariste* at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from the 24 April-4 May 2018 to mark the 140th anniversary celebrations of Bishkek city. The participating teams were from eight countries, Hungary, Kazakhstan, India, Italy, Russia, Turkey, Sierra Leone and Kyrgyzstan. The programme was held under the aegis of CIOFF Kyrgyzstan, National Delphic Committee Kazakhstan, to promote education of the youth through art and culture, exchange of creative ideas and skills and acquiring new friends.

The festival was a great learning experience for all students and teachers- an exposure to music, dances and languages spoken in the participating countries. The media coverage was immense - interviews of students were taken. The feedback, love and appreciation our children received from all was overwhelming. The performances and costumes were applauded since we prepared seven dances whereas most teams had one or two presentations only. The Basant Utsav Performance was appreciated the most by the organisers.

I-SMART SESSION

The first I Smart session was conducted on 2 May 2018 in all the sections of Grades VI-VII. Four resource persons oriented the students for the I Smart sessions and the psychometric test was conducted.

QUIZO-MANIA COMPETITION 2018

Suncitizens participated in Quizo-mania 2018_held at Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) on 4 May 2018. From NCR, there were around thirty schools with overall 65 teams participating in the event. Our students participated enthusiastically in the Quiz Competition and bagged the third position in both senior and junior categories.



Arush Lall(VIII C) and Diya Bhatnagar (VIII C) bagged the third position in Junior category. Abhimanyu Nag (XI A) and Vatsala Arora (XI D) bagged the third position in senior category. It was a great learning experience for the students.

LABOUR DAY

We, at Suncity, celebrate Labour Day to honour our labourers and to teach dignity of labour to our students. Like every year, the newly elected Student Council members strived wholeheartedly to make the day special and served lunch to the labourers in the school refectory. The students made 'Thank You' cards for them. Each one was given a card. The students were seen with great exuberance, love and respect for them. This is yet another occasion to instil *Sanskaars* in our students.



M R CAMPAIGN

Suncity School rendered its support and contribution in the Government initiative to eradicate Measles and Rubella. The vaccination camp was organised in the school's auditorium on 1 May 2018. The MR vaccine protects the children from life threatening disease Measles and another highly infectious disease Rubella.

VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH U.K, JORDAN AND ITALY SCHOOLS

A video conference was held between Suncity School(India), IIS Marzo Settimo Torinese(Italy), International Independent Schools(Jordan) and Nottingham Girls' High School(UK) on 9 May 2018. The topic for the conference was Essentials of dialogue: Faith, Values and Communication

Students started by sharing aspects of their community they liked and things they would like to change. We heard about values being instilled from a young age, the importance of honesty, togetherness, unity, multiculturalism, good living standards, freedom of expression, respect, and the impact of experiences shared with family, friends, school and community. Students then shared their thoughts on how their values shape them and how they influence their day-to-day lives. We then moved into response questions and heard questions about the importance of stories shaping faiths and beliefs, how conflict shapes our values and spoke about traditions that instill and promote values.

Students demonstrated that they were in good dialogue with one another by sharing varied perspectives and experiences. As a conclusion, students shared some key aspects that they had learnt from this VC. This was well supported by students exhibiting excellent listening and speaking skills about similarities, differences and learning points.



MOTHER'S DAY AND INVESTITURE CEREMONY

"Of all the gifts life has to offer, mother is the greatest of them all." Mother's Day was celebrated in Suncity School on 12 May 2018 was an apt display of the expression of gratitude towards mothers.

God's blessings were invoked through mantracharan and lighting of the lamp. It was followed by the Welcome Address by the Head Boy, Sivant Dosaj. The expression of love and affection by the students of class I-II through their poems and the harmonious rendition of 'Hymns dedicated to Mother Mary', enraptured the audience. A mother's role is not limited to only loving her children but she also teaches them the right path to take to in order to fight for their rights even if the entire society goes against them. 'Chandalika' - written by Rabindranath Tagore, was depicted by our actors and dancers to display how the mother fights the stigma of untouchability to raise her daughter. It was presented through the well synchronized moves of the dancers.

There could have been no better occasion than this day to felicitate the newly appointed Student Council. To inculcate the leadership qualities in students and to give them a feel of functioning of the administrative body, the council members were appointed and given their portfolios.

Dr. Minoti Chatterjee (Head Girl, Trisha Chatterjee's grandmother), Ex- Principal Kamla Nehru College and Mrs. Renu Dosaj (Head Boy, Sivant Dosaj's grandmother) were the Chief Guests for the function. The post holders were introduced and badges were pinned onto them by their respective mothers. The Chief Guest, Dr. Minoti Chatterjee, administered the oath and lit the flame of duty. Class toppers of the session 2017-18 were felicitated on this occasion in the Prize Distribution Ceremony. Dr. Minoti and Mrs. Renu Dosaj appreciated the efforts by the school for providing opportunities to the students to take part in activities like these. They also congratulated the newly appointed school cabinet members for their preparedness to take responsibilities.

The function concluded with the Vote of Thanks proposed by the Head Girl, Trisha Chatterjee, followed by the National Anthem.

AUTHOR VISIT

Suncity School had organised an author visit and book reading session by prominent author, Ms Nandana Sen, who is also an Indian actress (Black), screenwriter, and child-rights activist on 9 May 2018 for the students of Grade I, II and III.

The interactive session had students completely engrossed in the play of words. Ms Sen had a novel way of tickling the child's thinking skills as well promoting the habit of reading.

Ms Sen, who is the daughter of Nobel Laureate and Bharat Ratna economist, Amartya Sen and Padma Shri winner, Nabanita Dev Sen, has written many books such as Kangaroo Kisses, Mambi and the Forest Fire, Talky Tumble of Jumble Farm.

PARENTS' WALK-IN

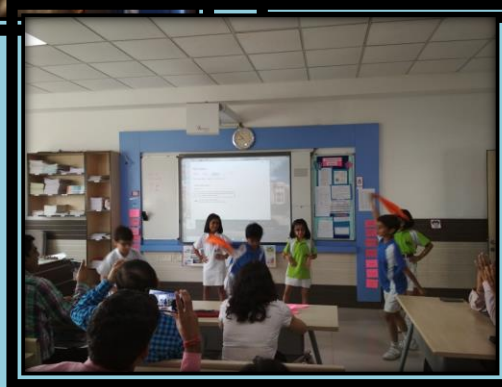
Suncity School believes that teaching and learning is a creative process and has to constantly evolve to be meaningful. With this vision in mind, our students got an opportunity to revise concepts learnt and showcase some of the interdisciplinary, thematic learning that they were engaged in during the months of April and May in the form of a unique and novel concept called the "Parents' Walk-in."

The parents were invited to the classrooms where the students took on the role of teachers and taught them concepts learnt through songs, dances, role play, talk shows, yoga etc.

When the students take the ownership of their learning and tell the story of their own work, it fosters a fundamental shift in their internal sense of responsibility. The student led 'Parents Walk -in' is a methodology adopted to help revise the concepts and hone the transversal skills that are considered to be an integral part of the teaching-learning process.



Parents were enthralled to see the enthusiastic participants adorn the class through drama, knowledge, music, movement, costumes and mesmerizing performances. The gripping performances through compelling expressions and gestures, riveting message, powerful acting helped to encourage students to use their strongest domains and reflect on and analyze their own learning styles and ways of thinking.



EXPEDIT MUN

Twelve students of Grade IX participated in Expedit MUN conducted by Nirmal Bhartia School on 19-20 May 2018. Anika Bombiwal won the Rising Star award in her committee (HRC) and Anish SINGHAL, also of Grade IX, won an Honourable Mention, in the AMA committee. It was a learning experience for all participants.

STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The newly appointed Student Council attended a Leadership Workshop by Knowledge XP on 19 May 2018. The purpose of the workshop was to provide a



platform for the students to get to know each other and to learn how to collaborate as a team. The workshop had students participating in several games and activities to hone their team spirit and leadership skills,

Feedback from Trisha -

"Our experience was wonderful. We were able to educate ourselves and learn important life lessons, all while enjoying ourselves greatly. The workshop exceeded all expectations and each student left school having learnt more about each other and themselves".



SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Summer apprenticeship programme commenced from 21 May 2018 for the students of Grades IX, X and XI. The students are working at Suncity realtors, Fortune hotel, Lal Nursing Home, The Saviours Foundation and other organizations too.

VISITING FACULTY FROM OUR U.K PARTNER SCHOOL

Ms. Asheema Hallan, Loxford School Maths Faculty member, visited Suncity School on 29 May 2018. As a part of our ISA British Council Programme, Loxford School and Suncity School have been partners in sharing the best teaching-learning strategies that would add an inter-disciplinary and international dimension to the curriculum. It was an engaging and enlightening discussion on class activities, school curriculum and exam policies of both the schools and the academic progression followed across the grades.



FROM THE SPORTS ARENA

SPEED SKATING COMPETITION

Arnav Khandelwal of Grade III E participated in the Real Gold Speed Skating Competition held at Sec-62 on 29-30 April 2018. He did the school proud by winning a bronze medal in the competition.



INTER-SCHOOL MEET

Veera Prathambir won a Gold, Silver and Bronze in Back stroke, Breast stroke and Freestyle respectively in the Inter- School Swimming Meet held at G.D Goenka School, Sohna Road from 3-4 May 2018.

A total of 25 schools participated in the event, Scottish High, Pathways, Shri Ram, Manav Rachna and K R Manglam amongst others.



INTER-HOUSE YOGA COMPETITION

Suncity School organised its Sixth Inter-House Yoga Competition with an aim to promote yoga as a healthy way of life. The competition very well exhibited the theme of the year 'Roots' as our young and vibrant yogis took immense pride in displaying our rich heritage.

The students displayed great energy and enthusiasm in performing the 'asanas' in yoga competition, which were held in several age categories.

The performance witnessed during the event was praiseworthy and breath-taking.

It was encouraging to see the participation and enthusiasm among the students.

The students learning the Yogic Science raised the bar yet again and performed many difficult asanas with utmost ease, grace and flexibility. The students were very excited to perform different 'Asana' like Tadasan, Padamasan, Parvatasan. Pacific House was declared as the winner.

The judges appreciated the hard work of students and declared the results.





STATE LEVEL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Our Suncitizens, Tanishka Kotia of Grade X B and Riddhika Kotia of Grade V A participated in the State level Chess Championship held at Chandigarh on 11- 13 May 2018.

Tanishka Kotia bagged the Winner's Trophy in U-17 category and Riddhika Kotia bagged the Runner's Trophy in U-12 category. They both are selected for the National Chess Championship to be held at Delhi in October 2018.

INTER-HOUSE TABLE TENNIS

The Twelfth Inter- House Table Tennis Tournament was successfully held on 11 May 2018. The event was presided over by our most valued parents and our Principal, Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty.

After a brief warm up, the players plunged straight into competitive games against each other, bringing out their best. The parents were full of praise for our children and the way they conducted themselves. They were particularly impressed with the respect and resilience shown throughout the tournament and gave a huge credit to our school and its values!

It was indeed a very enjoyable and competitive fixture. After the dust settled, players shook hands with their opponents and shared talk of good and bad play during the various matches. It is this sportsman spirit that lies in the roots of Suncity

Pacific and Arctic House emerged as the winners.

- ✓ GROUP A (CLASSES III & IV)
(ARCTIC)

MAHIR VERMA

- ✓ GROUP B (CLASSES V & VI)
(ATLANTIC)
- ✓ GROUP A (CLASSES VII & VIII)
(INDIAN)
- ✓ GROUP A (CLASSES IX TO XI)
(PACIFIC)

SANJANA VERMA

AARAV GUPTA

DHRUV NAKRA



KHEL INDIA BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Our aspiring shuttlers participated in the Open Badminton Championship held at Spuddy Badminton Academy on 13 May 2018.

Vidushi Jaidka of Grade VIII F played matches against NCR region players and she performed well winning the first place in U-17 and secured second place in the U-15 category.



FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Our footballer, Abhijay Jajoria of Grade IV A participated in the Football Link Session on 19-20 May 2018.

The Team won in the final match and Abhijay Jajoria was declared as the highest goal scorer in the tournament.



DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Sanjana Verma of Grade VI participated in the District Table Tennis Championship at Penguin Kids school on 19-20 May 2018. She bagged the Winner's Trophy in U-12

and Runners-up trophy in U-15 category. She has been selected for State Level Table Tennis Championship.



STATE LEVEL ROLL BALL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

Aditi Garg of Grade X B participated in the State Level Roll Ball Skating Championship held at Karnal on 26-27 May 2018.

Her team performed well and bagged Silver Medal in the U-19 Category.



NATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS GAMES

The National Martial Arts Games were held at Jamia Islamia Sports Complex New Delhi on 26-27 May 2018.

It was organized by the National Martial Arts Committee- India. Vatsaal Lakhotia of Grade V F performed exceptionally well. He bagged a gold medal in Kumite (application of technique) and a silver medal in Kata (application of technique).



STATE FIDE RATED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Riddhika Kotia of Grade V A participated in the Haryana State Fide Rated Chess Championship held at Gurugram on 26-27 May 2018.

She did us proud by being second runner-up in the senior category. She is also selected for Senior National Chess Championship.



LAWN TENNIS TALENT SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Param Pratap Singh (VIII D) was lauded for his wonderful performance at the final qualifying round of Lawn Tennis Talent Series Championship held at Chandigarh.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

| DATES | WORKSHOP/RESOURCE PERSON | TEACHERS | VENUE/ORGANISER |
|-----------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| 16 MAY | SCHOLASTIC | MS. SANGEETA VARMA MS. MANJU BATRA MS. ARPANA GUPTA | |
| 16 MAY | MS. ALEX SNEE- CHALLENGES WITH DIFFERENTIAL LEARNERS | ALL STAFF | IN-HOUSE |
| 17 MAY | SOIL WKSP | MS. VIDHI KUMARI | MULBERRY GROVE |
| 18 MAY | MS. SHREYA SHARMA | | ST.MARY'S SCHOOL |
| 18 MAY | MS. DEEPTI SAWHNEY | ALL STAFF | IN-HOUSE |
| | AWARDED BEST DISTRICT TEACHER | MR. ANIL YADAV | NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD |
| 22 MAY | MS NEENA CHOPRA- CLASSROOM MGT | ALL STAFF | IN-HOUSE |
| 24 MAY | MS. VANDANA TANDON- MOTIVATION ANS STUDENT-TEACHER'S RAPPORT | ALL STAFF | IN-HOUSE |
| 24 MAY | MR. SAMIR DALWANI- DEVELOPMENTAL CONCERNS IN SCHOOL CHILDREN | ALL STAFF | IN-HOUSE |

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| 24 MAY | SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILLS | MS. HARSIMRAN KAUR | WEBINAR |
| 25 MAY | ACCOUNTACY WKSP | MS. SMRITI RATHI | ARYA PUBLICATIONS |

Happy Holidays and safe travels to all our readers!! Till **we meet again!**