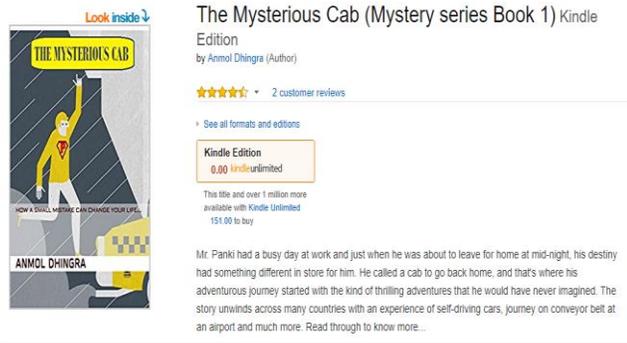


NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

November is all about the festive glow which precedes Christmas and begins to brighten the landscape. Suncitizens got geared up for the year closure amidst Saturnalia and Sports Day preparations

ANMOL DHINGRA IS PYP'S BUDDING AUTHOR



Anmol Dhingra (IV-A), had created a story book during his summer holidays a couple of years back and has now recently published his first book on Amazon, with the link- [The Mysterious Cab](#). Great Going Anmol!

GURU PARV CELEBRATIONS

A special MYP assembly for Guru Nanak Jayanti celebration was held on 3 November. It beautifully showcased the values and principles of Guru Nanak Dev and their relevance in today's times.

WINNERS OF THE INDIA-UK CULTURAL QUIZ MEET HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, PRINCE CHARLES.



Little did we know that winning a quiz at the British Council, after beating many schools from All-India, would lead to a momentous encounter with the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. On 8 November, the School Principal, Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty, and the

participants of the winning quiz teacher-student team, comprising of Ms. Soma Dam, Vighnesh Deshpande and Anmol Das, met Prince Charles and Duchess Camilla in the Charbagh Garden of the British Council, New Delhi. The Prince complimented our school uniform and congratulated our students on winning the quiz. He enquired about the nature of the quiz and after learning about the various topics covered in the quiz commented, "You must be very clever to have won the quiz. I am sure I wouldn't have been able to answer most of the questions asked". This encounter of a few minutes left a lasting impression in our hearts.

WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

Six students, Akshat Singh, Mahak Kathpalia, Harshda Ghai, Isha Arora, Vatsala Arora, Aarush Arora from Grade X went to the United States of America to participate in the final round of the World Scholars Cup, the Tournament of Champions, held at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut on 10-15 November. This competition consisted of four events- debate tournament, persuasive essay writing, collaborative writing, scholars' challenge (a multiple choice test), and scholars' bowl (a multi-media quiz). All the events were related to the research the students did on the curriculum provided by the organization in advance.

There was a college panel organized where the students got an opportunity to interact with the students of Yale University and received quality advice as to how to approach the process of applying to study at an Ivy league university. The students toured the campuses of two of the Ivy League Universities of America and MIT. Over 1,000 scholars participate, hailing from over 50 countries across the globe. Our students socialized with such a diverse group of scholars through events like the scholars scavenger hunt, scholars ball and the cultural fair.

Despite the high level of competition, the students performed exceptionally. The Tournament of Champions was the perfect opportunity to get exposure and they gained knowledge in subjects ranging from art, music, and literature to science, mythology and history and also enjoyed the city tour.

They came back with a rich haul of nine gold medals, fifteen silver medals in all the categories that they had participated. Overall, it was an enriching experience for the students.

NAVFEST 2017 AT VADODRA

Our school got a wonderful opportunity to participate in 'Navfest 2017', organized by Navrachna School, Vadodra, to mark their 50th anniversary. Seventeen schools from all over the country participated in nine different competitions. Nine students from our school participated in different events and won laurels in elocution as well as country wise display. The topic was 'Russia'

The panel of the judges included ex-school students, present students and teacher experts. Prizes were given away to the winners by the Chief Guest Mr. Varun Gupta (Co-founder and Creative Marketing Director of Trigger Max) and Ms. Dipna Patil (model and actor) who are also the alumni of the host school.

SOCIUS MATHEMA - SOCIAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS WEEK 2017

The common perception suggests Mathematics and Social Science represent two



ends of a binary opposition. In fact, the two disciplines share quite a lot in common like problem solving, critical thinking, identifying patterns, systemic logic, and linear thinking. Mathematics enriches human existence, just as the social sciences do.



Suncity School celebrated Social Science and Maths Week on 13-18 November 2017.

Though the city was engulfed with smog, it did not deter the spirits of teachers and students to celebrate the week. During the week, Grades VI - X learned the Four Color Theorem using relevant Maps. It helped them

to develop understanding that not more than four colors are required to color the regions of map so that no two adjacent regions have same color. The students appreciated the interdependence of Mathematics and Social Science through Quiz- QUEST. They gained knowledge about History



of Numbers using Timeline and geographical locations.





The special assembly was graced by special guest Ms. Nancy Bhasin, entrepreneur who talked about 'Digital marketing'. The children gained an insight into the advantages and



disadvantages of digital marketing. The week was

concluded with an outing where students went to watch the movie - 'GEOSTORM'.

WORLD HERITAGE WEEK



World Heritage Week was celebrated on 19-25 November by organizing a workshop on Sanjhi (Traditional paper cutting craft) and on the spot drawing/painting and quiz competitions for the students of VI to VIII at Humayun's Tomb (UNESCO World Heritage Site)



Twelve students went for the same and were first taken for a Heritage Walk of the Humayun's Tomb complex led by community heritage volunteers from Nizamuddin. It was very interesting and informative. Later, a quiz was conducted based on this information which the students enjoyed participating. Then a painting competition was conducted where our school won two prizes, the

first prize was won by Aanya of Grade VIII E and a consolation prize was won by Suyash Aggarwal of Grade VIII C

Overall, it was a good opportunity provided by our school for our students to showcase their talent and learn so much about our rich cultural heritage where awareness was created towards working together to help in protecting our monuments and rich heritage of India.



IMAGINATION DAY



Grade VI observed 'Imagination Day' over a period of two day activities on 20-21 November. One the first day, they observed 'Face Time' a novel concept of sharing viewpoints of parents and students on a discussion platform on topics most commonly debated in families

between generations. On day two, with the objective of honing imagination, exploration and learning, children envisioned the future of air quality in Gurgaon in the year



2025. They researched and explored different avenues to express their presentations. They were given an opportunity to share perspectives and make decisions as futuristic global citizens!

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Children's Day celebrations were held on 22 November amidst all the fun and frolic that is synonymous with the festivities. The students looked wonderful in their colourful home clothes, they had class parties and enjoyable activities to keep them cheerfully engaged. The highlight of the day was the special assembly conducted by the teachers for their dear students.



MI-ME 2017



Howard Gardner famously said, "It's not how smart you are, it is how you are smart!" Our annual event, 'Multiple Intelligences and me', held this year on 24 November, 2017, focused on the Multiple Intelligences that each child is capable of. This was the 7th year of the event.

The event was designed keeping in sync with Howard Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligences. The widely recognised intelligences like interpersonal, intrapersonal,

spatial and naturalistic intelligence besides logical, linguistic, kinesthetic and musical intelligence are found in all human beings and it becomes vital to focus on all the intelligences for developing a holistic personality.

This event provided a platform to help hone the skills of all eight intelligences and elicit the best from within the child to mould an 'ABLE and NOBLE' being. It had an array of specially designed activities, based on the eight intelligences, that each student participated in, to emerge the 'MI-me' champion.



The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mrs. Aditi Mishra, Director GPSC schools and Principal of DPS Sector 45. Ms Aditi Mishra felt that it was an innovative event and the only interschool competition where a child could showcase all of his/ her intelligences.

Indeed in this race of the extraordinary, students from eleven schools, students across different ages and abilities, formats and challenges, competed against each other to take a running shot at success in the individual and group championships. Finally, it was Delhi Public School, Sector 45, who won the Ace MI-me Champion School Trophy. The judge for the event from various walks of life, shared their experiences, which may be summed up as follows: 'We have learnt a lot today!'



The Head Girl gave the Vote of Thanks.

WALKATHON



The second Walkathon was held by NDTV and Fortis in an effort to positively impact the well-being of the nation, to create awareness and tackle this complex and multi-layered issue through their campaign - MORE TO GIVE

To take this initiative forward, they organizing a pledge walk on 26 November 2017 across seven cities (Delhi, Gurugram, Mumbai, Chennai, Jaipur, Bangalore, Mohali). Twenty Suncitizens



participated in the Organ Donation Walkathon to support the cause and bust the myths around it.

YOUTH ART FOR CLIMATE CHANGE.

'Taking It Global' is a part of Center for Global Education, Canada, that empowers youth to understand and act on the world's big challenges. They organised an art competition to select artworks to exhibit at the United Nations Climate Change Conferences in Bonn, Germany in November, as part of a larger youth engagement towards climate change. The theme of the exhibition this year was **#Decarbonize #Decolonize - Youth Art for Climate Change**. The art works represented the youth voice expressing their concern about Climate Change.

As part of the art project, Suncity School sent 52 art works and videos of our school's active inter-disciplinary engagement on the theme of global warming and climate change. Out of hundreds of artworks from the world over, an art jury picked a select few submissions for a special exhibition to be held during the conference. Two art works were selected from all over the world, to be displayed on the panels inside the special buses that plied throughout Germany, ferrying delegates and participants. It was a matter of great pride that one of them was from India, the art work of Prapti Ghosh of Grade XII of our school. Furthermore, the jury picked five more works from our school for the special exhibition. All these are currently exhibited at the venue of COY13,(Conference of Youth) in Bonn, as part of the COP23, UN Climate Change Conference, currently underway.

Artwork selected for featuring on the special buses:

Prapti Ghosh, India : [Balance technology and nature](#) (Painting)

Artworks selected for the special exhibition:

1. Aryan Khanna: Grade VI, India: [My clean and green footprint](#) (Mixed Media)
2. Advait Mahadevan: Grade IX India : [Towards a greener tomorrow](#) (Mixed Media)
3. Tara Bhatnagar, Grade XI, India: [Greed makes man blind, foolish and easy prey.](#) (Painting)
4. Muskaan Kumar, Sanchan Singh, Sharanya Bagchi, Ranvir Lal, Vansh Aggarwal, Shubhankar Shiv: [Best out of E-waste: Portrait of Steve Jobs](#) (Mixed Media)
5. Kalyani Voleti, Art Educator, India: [Mother Nature](#) (Origami Collage)

One more art work was picked to feature in the White Paper that was submitted by the students at the conference. The facilitator for India also introduced us to other segments for showcasing schools' engagement in this theme. Students participated in the online survey to express their opinions and concerns about climate change. We also shared our successful projects on water conservation, creative e-waste reuse, best out of waste, Ayush Kashyap's (GradeVIII) divergent invention, the mini cooler, on TIG's School Project Database. All of this was showcased under



the banner of India and will continue to be online henceforth.

Links to a video conference on Art and Climate Change were shared. The VC was aired from the art gallery on 7 November.



Ms. Kalyani Voleti, our art faculty, participated in the Video conference and interacted with an indigenous Canadian artist, youth participants in Germany at the COY 13, school students from Canada and New Zealand. She talked about our school's activities and Indian folk art and how it is being used to tell the story of their changing world due to Climate change.

It is remarkable that all the artworks selected by the jury from the Indian School submissions were from Suncity School. Certificates were sent by TakingItGlobal.

ORIGAMI COMPETITION WITH JAPAN EMBASSY COLLABORATION



Japan Embassy, along with Tagore International School, organised the prize distribution of their 16th Origami Competition, which was held on 12 October 2017, at Japan Foundation, Delhi on 8 November. Our school, represented by

Rushil Lal, Sohanshii Bhatia, Aashna Jain of Grade VII, won first place in the middle group category for

their creative depiction of a boat festival. Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, Ikuyo Shimamura and the director of Japan Foundation gave away the prizes.



SPORTS SNIPPETS

CBSE NATIONAL LEVEL GYMNASTICS

Our Gymnasts Sanat Arora(Grade V), Adlin Ruel(Grade VIII), Aarna Bhanot(Grade V), Aadya Gupta(Grade VI) and Myra Marwah(Grade VII) participated in the CBSE National Level Gymnastics championship held at Yamunanagar on 8-12th November 2017.

Various school from all over the country participated. It was a great learning experience for our students.

SGFI STATE LEVEL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

Our badminton player, Ananya Singh of Grade VIII, participated in the U-17 School Games Federation of India State level Badminton Championship held at Sonipat on 9-12 November 2017.

GOENKAN TRIDENT 2017



Suncitizens participated in Goenkan Trident 2017, the Annual Inter- School Sports Event, at GD Goenka World School, Sohna on 16-18 November 2017. Our students participated in the Basketball and Soccer Inter-School

Tournament and secured the second place.



FIFTH INTER-HOUSE SKATING COMPETITION



Our skaters came out with flying colours on the Fifth Inter-House Skating Competition held on 17 November 2017. It was their hard work, determination mingled with passion for skating that made the competition really exciting.

Atlantic House emerged as the winner.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

5-25 Nov	German teachers' Scholarship program	
Nov	MIE fellow - Microsoft Innovative Educator Fellow (MIE Fellow) Program for 2017-2018	Ms. Deepa Gandhi and Ms. Kusum Turan
8 Nov	Academic Conclave organised by the Indian School of Hospitality	Ms. Pankaj Goswami
8 Nov	British Council to Commemorate 2017 as the 'Year of Culture' for India-UK relations	Ms. Soma Dam
8 Nov	E-waste management - 'Karo Sambhav' by Microsoft	Ms. Geetanjali Sarna and Ms. Kusum Turan
9 Nov	Workshop on 'Air Quality in Gurugram'	Col Rana and Mr. Vivek Mandal
16-18 Nov	CPIL session	Ms. Bindu Gera
17 Nov	Networking Reception organized by British Council	Ms. Soma Dam
18 Nov	French language workshop organized by Langers International	Ms. Kajal Jain, Mr. Paritosh Sharma and Ms. Fabienne
24-25 Nov	Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics (0580) Professional Development training	Mr. Satvinder Singh

December's wintry breath is already frosting the pane, obscuring summer's memory..."

Let's all welcome the much awaited and most beautiful month of the year when the Lord was born. Let's spread love, joy as well as cheer and reach out to the lonely hearts. Forget differences and build bridges of compassion, kindness as well as love. Have a blessed December."

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