

REPORT OF THE ENGLISH & PERFORMING ARTS WEEK

The sole substitute for an experience which we have not ourselves lived through is art and literature. – Alexander Solzhenitsyn

24 August

English and Performing Arts departments joined hands to celebrate the second virtual subject week of the year from 24 to 28 August 2020 on the theme Vasudhaiva Kutumbakum. The week was inaugurated by the Principal, Mrs. Sandeepa Rai, on August 24, 2020. The prime objective of these activities was to sharpen the oratorical skills of the students and to enhance their extrapolative thinking skills. The invocation dance which was an Ode to sanskars and sanskriti and the inter-house soliloquy competition was the highlight of the day. In an increasingly interconnected and globalised world, the importance of learning English cannot be overstated. Thus, to ensure higher levels of proficiency and understanding students were given an opportunity which they eagerly grabbed to showcase a blend of literary and oratory skills and paid a tribute to William Shakespeare whose 'to be or not to be' soliloquy has inspired generations. Overall, the first day of the week brought the students closer to the magic of English language, literature and Performing Arts.

Avantika Sharma



Presenters – Vaibhav and Vanya

Soliloquy winner – Vaibhav Kumar

26 August

The aim of art and literature is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance. Suncity School kicked off the virtual celebration of the English and Performing Arts Week from 24 to 28 August'2020 to commemorate these essential elements of education that unlock profound human experience. A special assembly was held on 26th August, Wednesday, from 8.45-9.45am. The theme of this assembly was 'Dystopia to Utopia'. Students were exposed to a plethora of activities in the assembly that gave our learners the exposure of the literary and the artistic world such as prayer, news, thought for the day, poetry recitation, jingle presentation, word of the week, a beautiful western dance 'I have a Dream' and the exciting Inter-house quiz on World Cultures, in which 16 participants represented different countries of the world. Indian House emerged as the winner of the quiz. It is said that our thoughts become our actions. They encourage and inspire us to step forward positively in life. An insightful thought for the day gave the audience an ideal start. Next, Ananya Singh recited her soulful self-composed poem and mesmerized everyone. Jingle presentation on the theme of the Suncity School this year, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, won everyone's hearts. The students learnt exciting new words through the 'Word of the Week' such as 'vaudeville' and 'juberous'. All the students were confident, articulate, innovative, dedicated, passionate and very independent in their presentations. The Assembly surely left the audience enthralled and the virtual activities were thoroughly enjoyed by them!

Seema Vijay



Quiz Masters Ishika and Anish

28 August

The concluding virtual assembly of the English and Performing Arts Week was on Friday, 28 August 2020. The assembly commenced with prayers by the padre, priest and ulema endorsing the theme of the session, Vasudaiva Kutumbakam. The highlights of the assembly were the presentations by the students on 'Suncity- A Culture School' and 'The Fine Dining Contest'. The presentations displayed not only students' innovativeness but also their thorough knowledge of dining etiquettes. The contest was adjudged by our alumnus, Prithvi Nagpal and the members of the department Ms. Anuradha Dutt and Ms. Chanella Cubbins who contributed to the contest through their valuable expertise and experience. In the Chinese round Nikita Singh from Arctic House and in the continental round Navya Mehrotra from the Indian House emerged as winners. It concluded well with the National Anthem in form of an ensemble with rendition on the keyboard, guitar, tabla and ukulele. The assembly was enjoyed thoroughly by the audience as well as the presenters

Navita Thakur



Presenters – Yashvi and Khushi



Suncity as a culture school



Fine dining winner – Navya Mehrotra