

## **NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019**

**‘The day the Lord created Hope was probably the day he created spring.’**

The last lap of the academic session 2018-19 brought with it the second summative assessments and the students appeared for their annual examinations. There was still the grand finale with the prestigious and revered outing of Lunch with the Principal and the fun ‘n’ frolic of the Adventure Camp to look forward to!

### **SUNCITY SCHOOL’S MAGNUM OPUS-JUVENALIA**

A heart filled with aspirations is all that our little ones had before they began preparing for the grand annual fiesta. Their zeal inspired them to march forward till excellence was achieved in all their endeavours.

Suncity School celebrated its much awaited Annual Day on 15-16 March 2019. This year’s theme was ‘Roots’ and students represented defining characteristics of Indian culture through their dance performances, theatrical performances and singing.

Vice-Chairman Mr. Ankit Goel and his wife, Madam Mansi Goel graced the event with their presence. Special guests who graced the event were Mr.Rohit Dalal, Ms. Nandini Dalal, Mr. Vijay Gupta, Mr. Jatin Gupta and Ms. Guneet Ohri.

The honourable guests lit the traditional lamp for an auspicious commencement of the programme. The ceremony was followed by an inspiring speech given by our dynamic Vice-Chairman Mr. Ankit Goel. The conch shell was blown to mark an auspicious beginning of all the spellbinding performances.

The Annual Report-“Prologue” was presented by our Principal, Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty highlighting the achievements of the students and the new milestones achieved in the year 2018-19. The Prize Distribution Ceremony recognized and rewarded the students for their commendable achievements in sports and academics.

Students presented a play and shed light on India’s heritage, diverse culture and art. They depicted the importance of the most defining characteristics of Indian culture and rich history. Captivating theatrical performances were delivered portraying the history of Gurugram. Students also presented a play based on time travel. They enacted famous explorers and voyagers like Marco Polo, Vasco Da Gama and Megasthenes who visited India for its riches.

The audience cheered as Suncity students performed on foot-tapping numbers and stole the show with Mohiniattam, Kathakali, Kalaripattu, Chinese, Manipuri, Goan and Japanese Buddhist dance forms.

The programme concluded with a note of gratitude and a rousing curtain call by the students.



## STUDENT ACHIEVERS HAVE LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL

A befitting conclusion to the action-packed academic schedule of the year of 'Roots', is the unique privilege for student achievers to have Lunch with the Principal. It is also perfectly placed with annual exams getting over and students celebrating their hard work and well-earned success.

They had this opportunity on 18 March 2019 when they went out for Lunch with Ms. Rupa Chakravarty to a fine dining restaurant, The Indian Grill. The proud achievers enjoyed the food served to them and took pride in the fact that they were having it with the Head of the institution. They displayed their sanskaars and etiquettes and did not forget to thank the people who served them. This lunch is not only a part of the school tradition but also a great source of inspiration not only for those who had the chance to go with the Head of the institution but also for others who aspire to work hard to achieve the honor.

All the children thanked the Principal, for being inspiring and encouraging always.



## ADVENTURE CAMP AT SUNCITY SCHOOL

A befitting conclusion to the action-packed academic schedule of the 'Year of Roots' year was the adventure camp held on 18-19 March 2019, in the sprawling lawns of Suncity School, surrounded by the picturesque Aravalli's.

The Adventure Camp marked the first programme of the spring season that aimed to set up teambuilding activities to encourage groups to work together and communicate. Thrilling and exhilarating entertainment, the sensory experience of being in the lap of nature; learning to relate with the team activities; enhancing of life skills and being able to understand the interdependence of man with nature, were the objectives of the camp.

The entire school was geared up to the hilt, to enjoy the fun and excitement after the hectic schedule of the final exams.

The campus was buzzing whole day as campers got busy in hiking the nature trails, scaling the rock walls and climbing the high ropes elements Rappelling, Bungee jumping, Commando Net, Burma Bridge gave them an instant adrenaline rush and were considered as favored activities by the team. They were enthralled with activities like Bungee Jumping, Rappelling, Commando net, Burma Bridge, Commando Crawl Hop Scotch, Tarzan swing, Zorbing and Roller. It was thrilling to see the children daring to soak in the adventure spirit and soar their spirits higher. Students across Grades I to V joined in the activities.

The thrilling and exhilarating entertainment however continued for the night camp that was organized for students from Grades VI to XII. The school lawns were dotted with colorful tents and sleeping bags that were set up by the students, who thoroughly enjoyed the sense of independence and interdependence in being a part of a group. As the night drew the gentle curtains over the evening, the participants actively prepared the bonfire, learning the precautions at the same time of making the fire pit with a container so as not to spoil the grass. Dining under the stars amidst lively chatter-banter, songs and games, all added zing and spice to the sumptuous outdoor feast. There were loud peals of laughter and friendly jibes as the students shared interesting anecdotes and experiences.



## **ELEMENTARY YEARS PROGRAMME-VISIT TO 'LET'EM PLAY'**

Students often love field trips as they give them a chance to be out of the classroom and experience something new. These trips are a way to bring the students closer together.

After a dedicated and diligent endeavour towards excellence in the hugely successful Sports Day, the students of Elementary Years Programme visited 'Let'em Play' at MGF Metropolitan Mall, Saket, New Delhi, as per their scheduled dates and days.

A few days prior to the outing, the children were briefed about the place, the activities they will be enjoying there and the norms to be followed during the outing. The children, along with the teachers and support staff, boarded the buses from the school and reached the venue.

The staff of 'Let'em Play' welcomed the children and briefed them about the activities planned for them. They divided the children into groups for various activities.

The children had a wonderful time in this completely safe, colourful and innovative play zone. They explored different areas in the play zone like the Trampoline Park, Foam Pit, Drop Slide, Snack Shack and were involved in other exciting activities.

The activities not only helped the children to develop their psycho-somatic skills but it further helped them to enhance their power of observation, critical thinking and creating memories for along time, exploring the peak of their energy levels.

The students were delighted to see co-players of popular cartoon characters and danced with them. They relished the meal served and displayed good mannerism by greeting and thanking the staff.

It was a fun-filled day for all the children as they thoroughly enjoyed the activities and spent a great time with their friends.

### **WILD CATS NCR BADMINTON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Our aspiring badminton champion, Vidushi Jaidka of Grade VIII participated in the Wild Cats NCR Badminton League Championship held at Shiv Nadar School, Gurugram on 14- 15 March 2019

She bagged the Winner's trophy in the U-14 singles category.



## INTERNATIONAL SOCCER COMPETITION

The session concluded with a wonderful event in Malaysia when our soccer team played against Malaysian schools to gain international exposure. The competence and the expertise shown by the team was really remarkable. They were praised for their discipline and go-getter spirit by the organizers.

This was indeed our first step towards global recognition besides being a great learning experience for our students.



## CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Mr. Vivek Mandal (IBDP Coordinator) attended the IB Global Conference 2019 held at Hong Kong from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019
2. A Workshop by SHIN Education was attended by Mathematics teachers on 25 March 2019.
3. Teacher's Workshop on "Classroom management and bringing out the creativity" was organised by the school and conducted by Mrs. Mandira Bhardwaj for EYP and PYP teacher on 27 March 2019.
4. A Workshop on "Emotional Intelligence and mindfulness" by Circle of Life, a team of psychologists, was attended by all teachers on 28 March 2019.

Suncitizens are all geared up for the new academic session 2019-20 with the theme 'Nurture Nature'.

All the best for the session ahead!