

## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

“JANUARY,

The first month of the year,

A perfect time to start all over again,

Changing energies and deserting old moods,

New beginnings, new attitudes”

— Charmaine J Forde

### TOP LAURELS IN VISUAL ARTS

### VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH TOHOKU GAKUIN HIGH SCHOOL, JAPAN

Students of VI B engaged in an educative video conference with Tohoku Gakuin High School, Japan, as a part of a series of interactions in the Folk and Culture Project, initiated by JEARN (Japan Education and Resource Network). Our school, as a member of iEARN (International Education and Resource Network), is collaborating with schools across the world and engaging in meaningful learning. Students of the Japanese school shared their experience of visiting Hiroshima, where they visited the Peace Memorial and Museum of the Atomic Bomb devastation in 1945. They noted how the people of the city suffered



in a horrific way, how the country's cultural assets were destroyed. They discussed solutions that could be implemented to ensure that no one ever faces such a predicament ever in future. Our students were moved by their pictures and descriptions. They asked questions and learnt more about the horrific event.

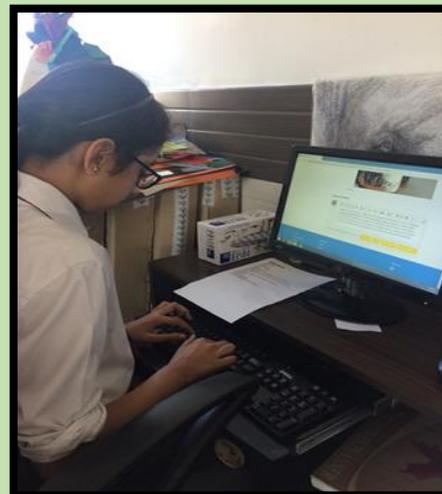
### Visit by iEARN member Allen Witten:

The day was also marked by the visit of Allen Witten who visited our school to explore the possibilities of an Art collaboration with our school. He was very impressed by the art display in our school. He met with our Principal and the ICT teachers to initiate the Girl Rising Project with the Movie Club.

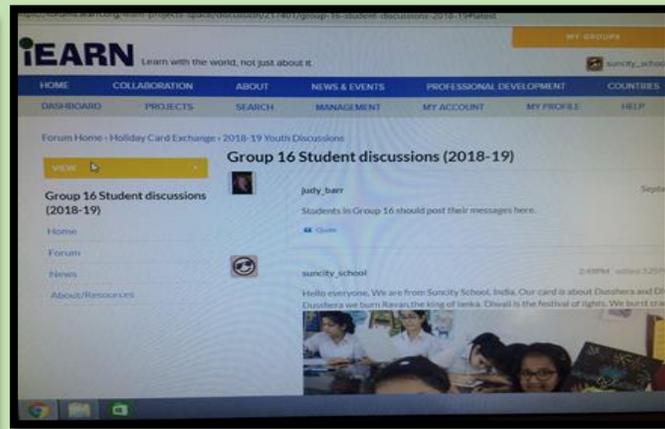


### IEARN COLLABORATION PROJECT: HOLIDAY CARD EXCHANGE

Our school, as part of the iEARN collaboration network, is participating in **Holiday Card exchange**, where we exchange festival greeting cards with schools from Russia, Taiwan, Slovenia, Portugal, Japan and Belarus. Students of Craft Club and Impressions Club made festival cards of Diwali, Dusshehra, Holi, Makar Sankranti, etc, wrote messages and described their celebrations to their counterparts in the other countries. They wrote about their festivals in the iEARN students' blog and also uploaded pictures.



**The holiday card exchange from Portugal has arrived.** The school from Portugal sent cards, postcards and lots of information about their village, cities and their country. It was wonderful learning about the culture of Portugal. They also sent two videos of the students performing with their musical instruments, playing Jingle bells. The students also sang a Portuguese song. Students enjoyed going through this exchange and discussed their experience.



**The holiday card exchange package from Japan arrived** with beautiful cards made by Japanese school students. They shared their ways of celebrating the New Year and also invited our students to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. They also sent lots of origami which was really very interesting to our students.

We await the cards from the other countries.





### **WINNERS AT BOW SEAT OCEAN AWARENESS ART CONTEST**

Kartik Mazalkar (VI D), Aryan Singh Chadha (VI D) and Advay Singh (VI D) won the Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Art Contest (Junior Category) .

### **NAINA BAGCHI-BUDDING AUTHOR ON AMAZON KINDLE**

Naina Bagchi of Grade VII F authored her first book , 'The Ghost that wasn't and short stories', that has been published on Amazon Kindle. The link to the book is: <https://www.amazon.in/Ghost-Wasnt-other-short-stories-ebook/dp/B07LDBV9KT>

She addressed the school assembly to share her enriching journey as a writer.

## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME-ELEMENTARY YEARS PROGRAMME

An Orientation Programme for the new parents was held on 19 January 2019. Ms. Sangeeta Bagchi, Head-Elementary Years Programme, addressed the gathering.

The students of Kindergarten-G presented an assembly. The programme concluded with the National Anthem and parents were escorted to the field where they participated in field activities. Post the game, they were escorted to the classrooms where they witnessed both vertical and horizontal progression in the curriculum.

## ELEMENTARY YEARS PROGRAMME VISIT LOHAGARH FARMS

As part of an educational trip, the students of Pre-nursery and Nursery visited Lohagarh Farms on 21 January 2019.

The organizers welcomed the children to the farm. They were then divided into groups and escorted by group leaders for various activities. The children saw farm animals and learnt to nurture them with care. They had a memorable time going on for different rides like tractor, bullock cart and camel cart. They thoroughly enjoyed watching the magic show, puppet show and the acrobats, giving an entertaining performance.

Children also undertook various adventurous activities like commando crawl, Burma Bridge, commando net and walking on the balancing beam.

It was a great learning experience for the children and they thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

## VISIT AT ' I DIG HISTORY'

The students of Kindergarten visited '*I DIG HISTORY*' at Ambience Mall, Gurgaon on 23-25 January 2019. 'I Dig History' is a Children's Play Museum dedicated to the cause of educating children about both natural history and mankind's endeavour through the sands of time. It is the first of its kind in India in its conception and execution. It promotes experiential edutainment using a matrix of hands on activities, virtual reality and thematic craft.

## NATIONAL PAINTING COMPETITION

Selected students participated in the Paani Ki Kahani, National Painting Competition which was held on 23 January 2019 at Delhi Public School, Sector 45, Gurugram.

## **SPECTACULAR SPORTS**

### ASIA PACIFIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Ryan Makhija (VII C), has been selected to play in the Under 13 category of Asia Pacific Football Tournament on 25 January 2019.

### IIFL INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Ridhika Kotia of Grade V won a bronze medal in the IIFL International Junior Chess Championship on 7 January 2019 at Mumbai. This event was published in the leading print media like, Nav Bharat Times, Dainik Bhaskar, Amar Ujala, Gurgaon Today, Hindustan, Dainik Jagran, and Punjab Kesari.

## SUNCITY HOSTS NORTH INDIA REGIONAL FINALS F1

Our school hosted the **F1 in Schools™ North India Regional Finals 1** on 20-21 December 2018. This event was published in the Gurgaon Times, Times NIE on 11 January 2019.



## TENTH JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Our budding golfer, Palakshi Sehrawat of Grade VI won two gold medals in the Tenth Junior Golf Championship held at ITC Classic Gold Course, Manesar from 16-18 January 2019

**She has qualified for Callaway World championship to be held at California.**



## NATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Aryan Verma of Grade IX F has participated in the National Baseball tournament held at Ujjain Madhya Pradesh from 7-11 January 2019. He was an only player from Gurugram in the team. Haryana Team secured fourth place in the tournament out of 42 teams that participated.



## WORLD TOUGHEST JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Riddhika Kotia of Grade V A participated in the World Junior Chess Championship held at Mumbai from 30 December 2018 to 7 January 2019.

She did us proud by winning the bronze medal in the U-10 category. The prize winners were felicitated by super Grand Master Vishwanathan Anand.



## TWELFTH INTER-HOUSE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Suncity School organized its Twelfth Inter-House Soccer Tournament on 25 January 2019. The match was played in a series of league matches between all four houses in the month of December 2018. Atlantic and Indian Houses scored the maximum points in the league matches and reached the finals.

The final match was interesting and kept us spellbound. The winner was the **Atlantic House**.



## US KIDS INDIA TOUR

Our budding golfer, Palakshi Sehrawat of Grade VI, has won top laurels at the US Kids India Tour-Pune Golf Tournament held at Pune Golf Club on 23 January 2019.



## CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE	FACULTY	VENUE	WORKSHOP
5 JAN	PRINCIPAL AS RESOURCE PERSON	DWARKA CENTRAL SCHOOL	
11 JAN	MIDDLE – AND HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY	SUNCITY SCHOOL	
11 JAN	EYP, PYP FACULTY	SUNCITY SCHOOL	TEAMWORK
10-11 JAN	MR. MOHIT NAGPAL	VIBGYOR SCHOOL	IGCSE MATHS
	MS. KAVITA LAL	VEGA SCHOOL	CHILDREN LIT FEST
24 JAN	THE PRINCIPAL	GPSC MEET	DAV SCHOOL

Ms. Seema Bhartiya- ICT teacher, has been selected to represent Multiple Intelligence Lab in Suncity School, Gurgaon by Microsoft through Skype in Virtual Field Tour (VFT).

**Amidst the onset of the new calendar year, Suncity School gears up for approaching close of the academic session 2018-19 with the approaching months of February and March.**