

BUNTS SANGHA'S
S M SHETTY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE
AN IB WORLD SCHOOL

THE BUZZ

FEBRUARY 2019



SPORTS DAY

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2019

The much awaited Annual Sports Day of Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty International School and Jr. College, an IB World School was held on Tuesday 22nd January 2019, with great zeal, excitement and frolicsome atmosphere. The programme began with the Principal Mrs. Mildred Lobo welcoming the esteemed gathering and emphasising on the importance of sports. The school reverberated with the spirit of sportsmanship as the choir sang the Sports Song. The chief guest, Mr Milind Gunaji, a renowned actor, author and wildlife conservationist along with the esteemed Office Bearers of Management Chairman C A Shankar Shetty, Vice Chairman Mr. B R Shetty, Sports Chairman Mr. Rajendra Shetty and Principal, Mrs. Mildred Lobo hoisted the school flag. The dignitaries also took the salute of the impressive March Past of the students, coupled with some stirring marching music by the band. The students entered into the spirit of the occasion in a grand way with the oath being administered by the Sports captain.



An energizing equestrian 'Pegasus' ride by our IGCSE student Aditya Rawat as the mascot for the event set the tone for the rest of the day. The students displayed a Karate display mesmerising the audience with their energetic performances. Once the races began, the air was filled with cheering and encouragement for the young athletes.

The highlight of the Sports Day was the presence of students and teachers from t'Rijks School Bergen Op Zoom Netherlands who marched along with the other houses of the school as a special contingent. A friendly Langdi match was organised for them to give them a feel of our traditional games. It was heartening to see the Dutch delegation wholeheartedly participating in the event. Students of Grades 3 to 12 competed in events including prop races, sprints, relays, and 'Tug of war'. Fun time with a tug-of-war between the houses added to the enjoyment.

There was a tie for the Best March Past trophy between Summer and the Spring House. The 'Best House' Trophy was claimed by the Summer House

SPORTS DAY

IEYC & CP I & II ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

The 9th Annual Sports Meet of Bunts Sangha's S.M .Shetty International School & Junior College- An IB World-IEYC and CP I and II was held on the pleasant evening of 22nd January 2019. The programme began with the CP 1 and 2 Coordinator Mrs. Nilambari Kolwalkar welcoming everyone. The tiny tots spread their energy with a Superhero song. The occasion was graced by the esteemed Office Bearer of Management, Vice Chairman Mr. B R Shetty. The colourful walk past and the vibrant drills presented by students of IEYC and CP I students impressed everyone .The students of CP II mesmerised the audience with their display in Martial Arts. The theme for IEYC this year was Fairy Tales. Kids depicted different stories through their races with help of amazing props made by their homeroom teachers. It was great to see parents trying to guess the names of the fairy tales and also share the stories in brief. CP I and II students participated in sprint race, prop race, relay race to name a few. Fun time with a tug- of- war between the parents added to the enjoyment.



As a part of the International Project 'EUMIND' Europe meets India, fifteen students and two teachers from RSG t'Rijks School, Bergen Op Zoom Netherlands visited our school on a Student Exchange Programme. The Dutch students were hosted by our parents on their week long stay in our city. Giving them the feel of the life of people in Mumbai, a well planned itinerary let them savour the flavours of Mumbai. From sight seeing to creative art and dance workshop the students enjoyed their stay to the fullest.



Our School was one of the key schools invited to meet with the Chief Executive at Cambridge Assessment International Education, Ms. Christine Ozden. Principal Ms. Mildred Lobo shared the success story of our school on the varied subjects offered across all streams.

Ms. Ozden expressed appreciation for A Level student Pooja Nair, who has been accepted to Cambridge University for an Engineering program. New initiatives of Cambridge were also discussed at the meet.



MISA CONFERENCE AND FELICITATION

MISA Annual Conference was organized on Wednesday 6th February, 2019. This conference was exclusively attended by the Principals of over 100 Cambridge International Schools.

The conference theme revolved on 'Educating Generation Next – Vision and challenges'.

The keynote speakers for the conference were Ms. Ruchira Ghosh, Mr. Akshay Chopra from Cambridge International, UK, Dr. Harish Choudhary from IIT Delhi, Mr. Anil Swarup, Ex-Secretary, Govt. Of India, Mr. Gaurav Dixit, Mr. Vaibhav Purandare, Mr. Maanav, Mr. Sujay Thakkar and Mr. Edgar Mascarenhas.

The panel discussed the importance of sports in the school curriculum and the eminent speakers threw light on challenges faced by the young generation and guided Principals to help the Generation Next balance IQ, EQ, SQ, and AQ.

The conference ended with commitment of MISA to developing global leaders with Indian ethos. The school toppers of IGCSE & A Level were awarded for the certificate of excellence.

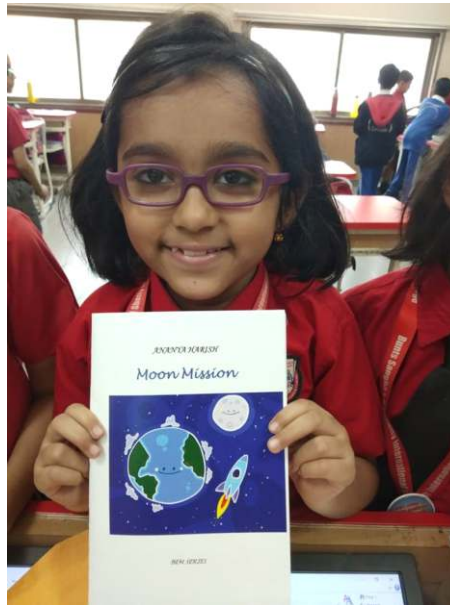


STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Mannan Rai from CP III E and **Deetya Semitha** from CP III B were declared as the best Boy and Girl athlete for the year 2018-19. This was based on their overall performance on the sports day and competitions through the year. Hearty congratulations to the young kids for blazing the path towards sports excellence.



Sarana Nadar of CP II A won second position in MISA Speed Roller Skating competition 2019 (under 8 age group) hosted by Euro School Airoli on 25th January 2019. Congratulations Sarana for the achievement.



Ananya Harish from CP II D has won top ranks at International level for all the three Olympiads this year. She has won **International rank 2nd** in National Science Olympiad (NSO), **International rank 3rd** in International Math Olympiad (IMO) and **International rank 4th** in International English

Olympiad (IEO). She has scored **39/40 marks** in each of the three Olympiads and has come first in school in all of them.

Ananya is also a budding author and has written her first book **Moon Mission - BEM Series**. We wish her the very best.

TEACHER ACHIEVEMENTS



Ms Mansi Sawant, CP faculty, underwent the CELTA (Cambridge in English Language Teaching To Adults) course training at **Belgium** at the The Language Teacher Training School. The intensive course demanded her to prepare student centric lesson plans and deliver lectures to students from different countries like Italy, France, Romania to name a few. She shared her learning experiences with the teachers in the school. We congratulate Ms Mansi for her achievement.



Supriya Nambiar secured **5th rank** in **Chemistry Secondary Subject** at the **CENTA Teaching Professionals Olympiad** for Teachers in **India and UAE**. We are proud of her achievement.



REPUBLIC DAY

Bunts Sangha Educational Institutions celebrated the 70th Republic day with great zeal and enthusiasm. The tri-colour was unfurled by Honourable President Mr. Padmanabha Payyade along with Office Bearers of Bunts Sangha Mumbai and Powai Education Committee. The Flag hoisting was followed by various cultural programmes by the students of State Board School, International School, Junior College and Degree College. The International School students of Checkpoint II & IGCSE I, performed a street play followed by a flash mob. It was aimed at the United Nations Global goal of promoting the cause of a Sustainable World. The act reflected upon the severity of issues like pollution and focused on creating a balanced environment and socially resilient, aware, responsible community.



BLESSING CEREMONY

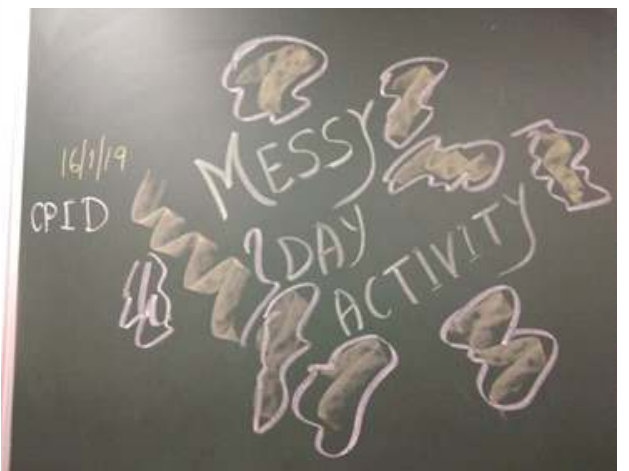
The Blessing ceremony was held on 30th January 2019 to ask for the blessings of the Almighty on IGCSE, A Level and IBDP students as they prepare for their board exams. Chairman, Powai Education Committee, CA Shankar Shetty and Vice Chairman Powai Education Committee, Mr B R Shetty, graced the occasion.



COMPETITIONS

MESSY DAY FOR CP I & II

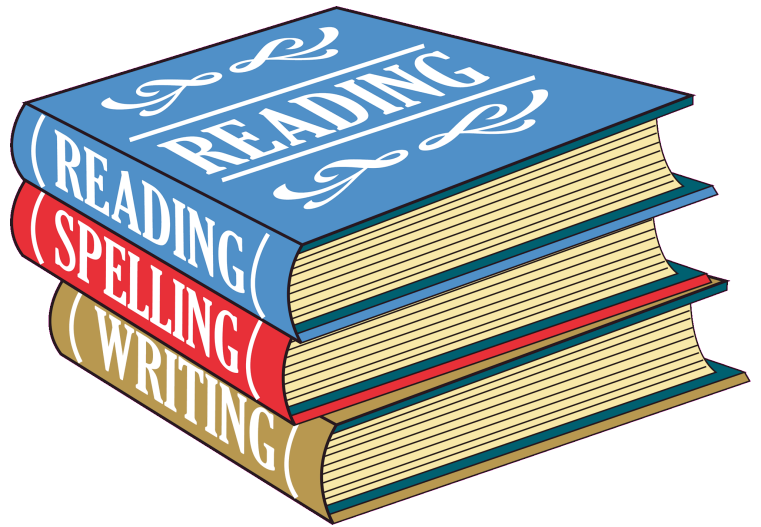
To allow kids to be messy is really a whole lot of fun for them. Keeping this in mind, we planned a messy day for the students of CP I and II on the 16th of January 2019. Students used paint and their vivid imagination to create their works collectively while bonding together with their peers too. It provided them an opportunity to explore different textures of paint and the various mediums used to paint. Messy art rightly taps into a child's natural curiosity because there is no 'right' way to do it, therefore it helps to build confidence and self-esteem.



COMPETITIONS

WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD?

Having a command over language and expressing our thoughts with precision impact our communication and makes it more effective and impressive. With this objective in mind, the interclass competition, 'What's the Good Word?' was held for the secondary section on 28th of January, 2019. It was fun and games, yet an activity that stressed on the gravity of word-power and knowledge of specific terminologies that we need to master.



CHOIR SINGING

We at SMSISJC believe that each child is gifted with the gift of music. We were happy to introduce the first ever Choir Singing Competition for our students of CP1 and CP2 on 30th January 2019.

Singing in a choir teaches our children the importance of team work and how to put up a great show for the audience keeping in mind the sense of rhythm, voice modulation and overall presentation of the song.

All the students participated whole heartedly with great zeal and passion. The winner of Grade 1 was the choir group of CP1C with their song 'It's a small world'. The 2nd prize was bagged by the choir group of CPI A with their enchanting song, 'It's a beautiful day.' The judges were impressed by all the performances and gave the best music conductor award for grade 1 to Master Veer Jain of CP1B.

Grade 2 students mesmerised the judges and the audience with their heart warming performances. The 1st place was bagged by the choir group of CP II A with their well coordinated song "Little Drummer Boy", whereas CP II D were declared as the Runners up with their song, "Waving flag".

The best music conductor award for grade 2 was bagged by Master Aadvik Sharma of CP2D for his splendid performance. And last but not the least, the anchors of the day, Ms Manjiri Sathe and Ms. Vandana Prabhu hosted the show which added the perfect flavour to the first Choir Singing Competition at SMSISJC.



COMPETITIONS



SCIENCE QUIZ

The students of CP III, IV and V had an interesting, challenging and exciting Science Quiz competition on 30th January 2018. The representatives of the four houses were on their toes answering the perplexing and thought provoking questions. This year the students witnessed new and stimulating rounds like doctor-doctor, rapid fire, froggy - froggy, flip up and rapid fire. It was a nail biting finish in the rapid fire round wherein Autumn

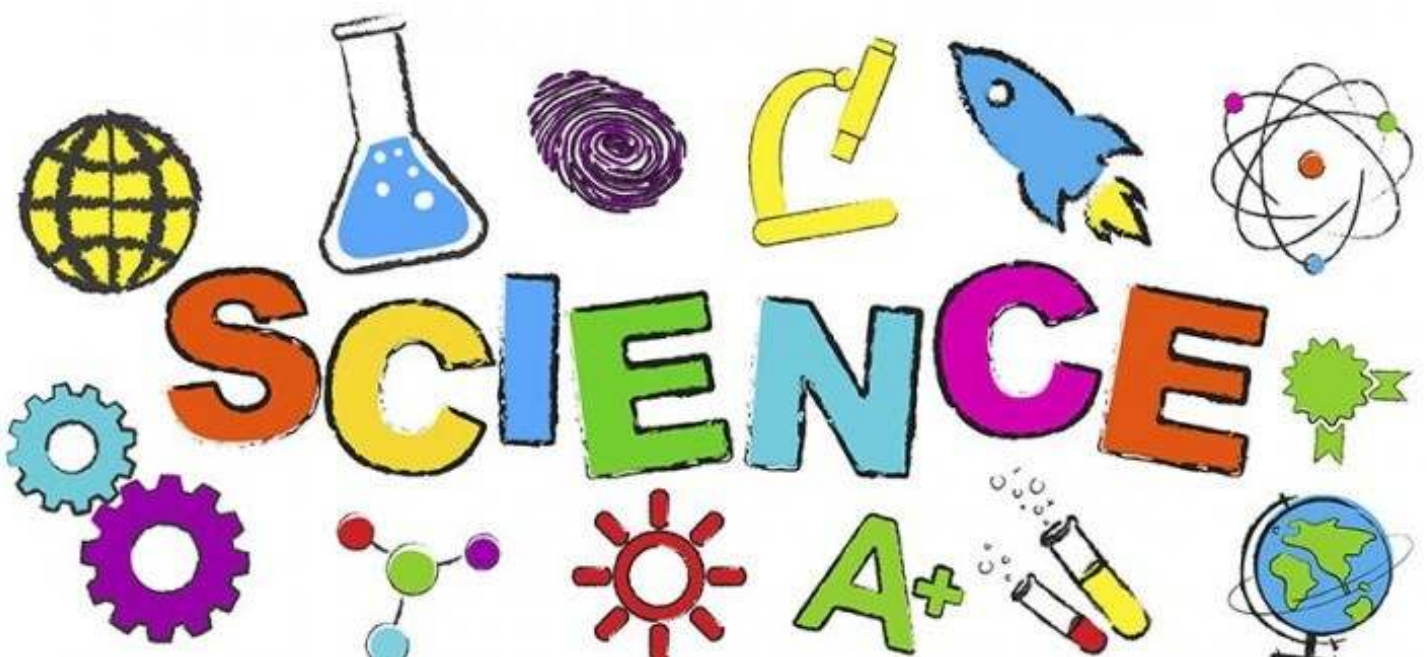
House redeemed their position to the second place along with Winter house. Winter house won the tie break round to come second in the quiz. Spring house emerged victorious with the maximum points. Kudos to the Science department for putting up a quiz for the mind to think, analyze and deduce. Isn't that what science is all about !!

Members of **Spring House** (Winners)

Kiranmayee Lad
Shahzaman Khan
Kevin Khalko

Members of **Winter House** (First runner up)

Arnav Kulkarni
Swar Patil
Vivaan Madaan



COMPETITIONS

ENGLISH RECITATION

With humour being the central theme, students of CP III, IV and V participated in the Recitation and Elocution competition held on 13th February 2019. CP III students recited humorous poems, CP IV students spoke on topics like - "Mondays should be banned, What teachers say and what they mean, How to look intelligent when you are not, adults are weird. CP V students performed a stand up comedy act. It was a complete laugh riot and we got to see the funny side of our students. The event ended with an impromptu performance by Ms Caroline Anand and Ms Hitiksha Modi which had the audience in splits.

CP III

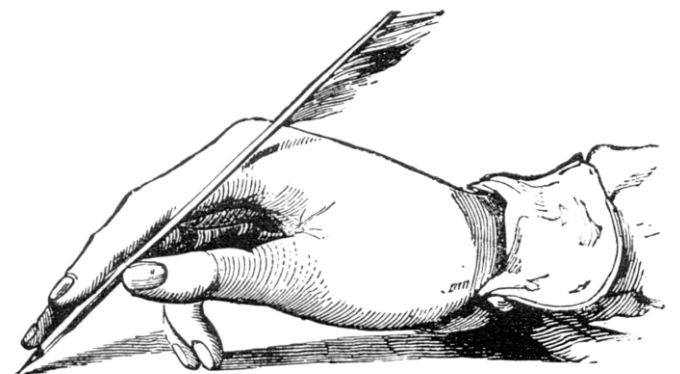
First position: **Aarav Rathore**
Second position: **Khushi Krishna**
Third position: **Prisha Desai**
Consolation prize: **Diyaan Shah**

CP IV

First position: **Asher Alam**
Second position: **Zaim Syed**
Third position: **Praniti Deshmane**
Third position: **Yashika Malik**

CP V

First position: **Sarah Menezes**
Second position: **Arnav Kulkarni**
Third position: **Arjun Kamal**



COTTAGE INDUSTRY

The students of CP IV organized a cottage industry sale as an extension of their unit in humanities -Small scale industries. Students made articles from waste like newspapers, used wrapping papers etc. The articles were priced nominally and each stall earned some amount which lead to their understanding of investment, expenses and profit/loss. About 10% of the sale proceeds will be given to a charitable organization as our commitment towards social service. Students learnt valuable core skills of leadership, creativity and citizenship. Parents and teachers wholeheartedly supported this drive much to the joy of students.





CP III ASSEMBLY - FOLLOW YOUR PASSION

The students and teachers of CP III put up an assembly which got all us thinking on the constant struggle that students face with regards to following their passion or following something that their parents have decided for them. The skit portrayed the dilemma faced by a child who wanted to play football but had to hide the same from his parents as they thought that it was a waste of time. Ethan Fernandes

from CP III B in the skit effectively pointed out - All we do is follow, as a child follow the parents, as a student follow the teacher and as an employee follow the boss. The whole world is now only following, if not people then it's following either Facebook or Instagram. He concluded his monologue by saying that - "Follow karte karte hum apni dil ki follow karna hi bhool gaye." The song "I have a dream" definitely made the audience emotional and connect to the theme of the assembly.

The idea driven through the assembly of allowing every child to follow his passion to be happy and successful was ingrained in the minds of one and all. The young students of CP III did prove a poignant point through their assembly

CP I ASSEMBLY - REDUCE, RECYCLE AND REUSE (GO GREEN)

The students of CP I presented their Assembly on 6th February, 2019.

Students enthusiastically participated in skit, song and dances according to the theme. They explained through their skit the importance of reducing the usage of items which in turn will reduce the garbage in landfills. They also made everyone aware that "If we use less, there will be more". They also stressed on the importance of segregating the waste at source whereby the wet waste when composted can be an excellent source of manure for the plants. The audience was inspired by the conviction of the little children in spreading this important message, of the three R's for a better planet. It made them believe 'We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.' We definitely owe a better World to these little children.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

CAMBRIDGE AWARD PROGRAMME

Our students were invited to perform the welcome dance at the all India Cambridge felicitation programme for Outstanding achievers, under the guidance of our faculty Mr. Nitesh Jadhav and Ms. Vidya Shetty. Their performance was well appreciated by everyone present.

Diya D'souza (A Level) Ishani Nandagopal (IGCSE I), Nirmayee Patil (IGCSE I), Yahvi Agarwal (IGCSE

I), Ayesha Vaswani (IGCSE I), Niharika Mehta (Chkpt.II), Parinita Thayyil (Chkpt.II), Shivika Shetty (Chkpt.III), Avani Singh (Chkpt.III), Devanshi Raut (Chkpt.III), Aishwarya Prasad (Chkpt.III), Mansha Pahwa (Chkpt.III)



'I WANT TO BE AN AUTHOR' BY CROSSWORD

CP V to Checkpoint III participated in the 'I want to be an Author' by Crossword. The first round was held in the school. 11 of our students won the competition getting into final 130 students out of 60,000 entries. Five of our students from Chpt II and III were selected for the city finals which was held on 9th January at Ryan International School Malad (W). 35 best stories (final entries) will be published by Crossword.

Shreeya Shetty-Checkpoint III B

Simran Gatade- Checkpoint II A

Honeyika Hariani- Checkpoint III A

Shresh Rao - Checkpoint III A

Ruthvi Shetty - Checkpoint II A



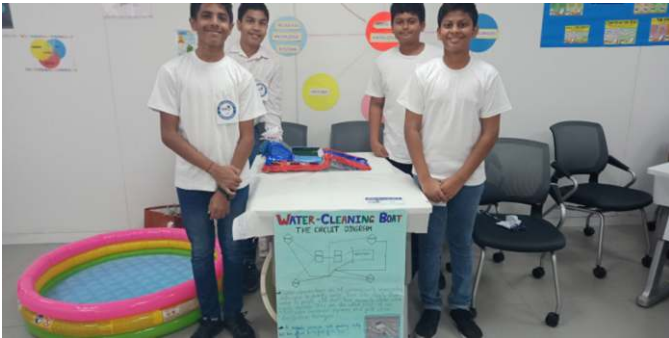
WORKSHOP FOR IBDP STUDENTS

The Theory of Knowledge Refresher Course workshop for the Final TOK Essay was organised for the students of IBDP Year 12 on 31st January 2019. Ms Chrisann Almeida- Creado, Course Developer and Instructor, IB Psychology & TOK was the facilitator. The course prepared the students with techniques and insights into the expectations of examiners and gives them the confidence to approach their assessments in the best possible way.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

MISA SYNERGY

Our school participated in the Science Exhibition conducted by MISA (Members of International Schools Association). The theme for the MISA Synergy science exhibition was "Technology the Game Changer in 2018-19". In the junior category, students of Checkpoint II made a "W-BOAT" which was a working model, meant for cleaning the water bodies. In the senior category, students of IGCSE I made a static model to explain the making of a clean and green fuel and utilising it for our daily needs. The exhibition was conducted at Garodia International Centre For Learning Mumbai, Ghatkopar (E) on Saturday 19th January 2019. It was a very well organised exhibition where almost 50 International schools participated. Our students got a good exposure where they were able to showcase their projects confidently and learn from others as well.



EUMIND INTERVIEWS

As a part of Eumind Project Go Green, Erynn Rajesh & Uma Vyas from IGCSE I under guidance from their Eumind co-ordinator Abhay Chitale and co-ordinator Ms Anamika Sharma conducted an interview with the environmental manager- Aldrina Fernandes, of the ecotel; Meluha the Fern the first LEED Gold (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) and Ecotel Certified Hotel.



Aagam Ratadia from IGCSE I participated in FTC (First Tech Challenge) robotics competition at National Level. The model was shown to **Mr. Vinod Tawde** Education Minister.

≡ COUNSELING SESSIONS

Ms. Pratima Bhandarkar, Head of the Counselling Centre, held an interactive session "Dear Stress, Let's Break Up", with students of IBDP on 14th Jan'19 on identifying stressors, recognising body's reactions to stress and tips on handling stress.



A Counselling Session on Responsibility was conducted on 4th February for the students of AS. This session was based on 'Being Responsible' and it was taken by our school counsellor Ms. Pratima Bhandarkar.



PICNICS & FIELD TRIPS

KIDZ MAGICA, AN INDOOR AMUSEMENT PARK

Students of IEYC Section enjoyed a fun filled picnic to Kidz Magica, an Indoor Amusement Park in Thane – Viviana Mall on 28th January, 2019. They enjoyed the magic boat, giant swing, dashing cars, ,soft play area and finally enjoyed a marvelous magic show.



KIDZANIA- THE INDOOR THEME PARK

The picnic to Kidzania, the edutainment centre for kids was a much looked forward to outing for the students of CP I to CP IV. 31st January was a day of excitement and joy for the children as they arrived to school ready to head to Kidzania for a dose of fun and learning. This picnic was more than just fun as the kids got an interactive learning opportunity and a hands-on approach to explore the world of work, and the wealth of possibilities in a safe environment. As the children had not yet finished counting their hard earned “kidzos” (the kidzania currency), they were transported to the world of wax statues of celebrities from around the world in the wax museum. They couldn't believe that those figurines were not for real as they tried to touch and feel the statues. The children came back with sweet memories and new experiences from the trip.



PICNICS & FIELD TRIPS

IMAGICA

Students from CP-V to IGCSE, AS and IBDP-I had a fun filled day at Imagica on 31st January 2019.



PICNICS & FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIP TO MELUHA - AN ECOTEL HOTEL

Students of CP V were taken to Meluha an Ecotel Hotel in Powai to sensitize them on the eco friendly practices observed in the hotel as their commitment towards environment conservation and restoration. The environment officer Ms Aldrina Fernandes oriented the students on how and why the tag Ecotel has been earned by the organization. She also spoke about the various initiatives taken by her team to ensure smooth running of the hotel while being environmental friendly. Some of the noteworthy procedures were using the heat generated by the air conditioning system to warm the water in the washrooms instead of using a geyser for the same, using eco friendly products in the hotel rooms, using ozone instead of chlorine in their swimming pool to name a few. Students were enriched by the information shared and were treated to fresh juice as an extension of the hotel's hospitality. We are thankful to the hotel and Ms Aldrina Fernandes for this experience for our students.



PICNICS & FIELD TRIPS

THE KALAGHODA FEST

Visual Art students & students of Art & Design visited the “Kalaghoda Fest” to nurture and inspire curatorial and art making practices. The vivid display of installations and paintings enabled students to understand the relationship between the artist and the viewer.



Under 14 boys football team won the first position in the Acres Club Annual Sports Tournament among over 30 schools .This was yet another feather in the cap for the Under 14 boys football team.



A LITTLE SNEAK PEAK INTO IEYC

Little IEYCians whole heartedly celebrated Valentine's Day on 14th February. Love was in the air as they spread the message of happiness in their cute red outfits.



The little movers of IEYC III all geared up to take giant strides.



A LITTLE SNEAK PEAK INTO IEYC

The IEYCians welcomed the Chinese New Year in great style looking fantastic in the traditional Chinese attire. The little ones enjoyed decorating the paper fan and relished the Chinese cuisine.



Up, Up, Up and Away



A LITTLE SNEAK PEAK INTO IEYC



≡ PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

“BUILDING DIGITAL GUARDIANS” - SESSION BY MS. SONALI PATANKAR (FOR PARENTS OF CP1 AND CP2)

On 9th of February 2019, Ms Sonali Patankar from Responsible Netizens talked in detail about the safety and security measures that parents should take when their kids access various handheld devices that are connected to the internet. The session included basic online security guidelines, sharing of various portals to gauge the appropriateness of the content that a child accesses and the age related screen time as well. Ms. Patankar talked about various Cyber threats that children of various age groups might be exposed to when they go online to play games or watch videos. She also talked about how hackers can even sexually abuse children and also use or morph images leading to child pornography. The session was indeed an eye opener for parents who didn't have an inkling of as to how playing of online games by their children could lead them into various cyber-crimes. The games of various categories played by children also have psychological as well as moral impact on children. Ms. Patankar also shared the helpline numbers for reporting objectionable content and for seeking help in case of any cyber security issues with children.

MAKAR SANKRANTI CELEBRATIONS

On 19th Jan not only the grounds of SMSISJC but also the sky above looked bright as the IEYC kids and their doting parents flew colourful kites on the occasion of Makar Sankranti. Amidst all the fun and frolic the little ones also spread the message of kindness towards birds by using child and bird friendly kite threads. It is surely one of those events that the kids, parents and teachers look forward to every year.

