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From The Editor's Pen...

"Pearls don't lie on the seashore, Is you want one, you must dive for it," says a Chinese proverb.

A society should never be similar to a pool with stagnant water, rather it should be like a running river that gathers various experiences and knowledge along its way. As a school is nothing but a miniature society, it has to try out new things so that it can grow not become stagnant. Akshara believes in resetting its benchmarks, year after year so as to grow continuously. Every activity is introduced in the school to provide a new learning experience to the Aksharites as we know that to feed our creativity, we have to step out and try new things. And hence, this year we have initiated 'Spark Time' in the beginning of the academic year. The British Council's International School Award (ISA) - prestigious exchange programme which opens a window to international collaboration and the Spandan- 2018, Akshara's first festive extravaganza for a noble cause, are the new additions to our never-ending list of new ventures. This very newsletter which was also a new initiative this year, showcases our spirit to try new things which is synonymous with the spirit of self-improvement.

We wish all our readers and their families a "Very Happy New Year 2019 !!"

National Level Inter-school band competition



Akshara's Band D-14, bagged the first prize

Congratulations to Prithu Deshpande who secured the 20th Rank in the National Chess Championship



Prithu Deshpande

International School Award

The International School Award (ISA) is a global accreditation scheme from British Council which recognises good practices in incorporating the international dimension into a school's teaching learning process. The school has selected 7 projects from pre-primary to senior secondary for this initiative and will be presenting them to the Assessment team at the end of the academic year.

As part of the ISA journey schools are encouraged to collaborate with an overseas school and exchange their learning which is a very enriching experience for the students and teachers.

In this newsletter, we are covering three projects: A 'Transport' project by the pre-primary children, a 'Food' project by primary and a 'Mindfulness' project of Class IX.

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"SPANDAN-2018"

FOOD Games & Fun

YOU ARE INVITED...

22nd December, 2018

3:00 PM Onwards

HIGHLIGHTS

- Activity Zone: Exciting Activities for all like tattoo making, Mehndi etc.
- Game Zone: Prizes and gifts to be won every hour.
- Food Zone: Finger Licking Veg and Non Veg Food.
- Center Stage: School Band & TORRINS Academy will perform Live.
- Ride Zone: Fun Filled Rides for the kids like Slides, Boat Ride etc.

Let the good times roll....!!

Aid Kerala in its Restoration.

Come & be a kid again

Join us for the Flash Mob

Transport Available

Parking Available

'SPANDAN' Details on the last page...

'Mindfulness in Schools' Project conducted at Akshara

As a part of the British Council's International School Award project, Std. IX students from the school are participating in the internationally recognised MiSP (Mindfulness in Schools Project) training programme for adolescents. The programme is being led by an in-house MiSP certified trainer, Mrs. Jyoti Rathore.

The programme aims at imparting an important life skill of mindfulness into the students. Mindfulness involves learning to direct our attention to our experience as it is unfolding, moment by moment, with open-minded curiosity and acceptance. Rather than worrying about what has happened or might happen, mindfulness teaches us to respond skillfully to whatever is happening at present. Research in the mental health area strongly suggests that mindfulness improves mental health and well-being of students and also contributes directly to the development of cognitive and performance skills in the young. They can become more focused, capable of approaching situations from a novel perspective, capable of drawing more effectively on previously learned material, have less anxiety and the greater ability to pay attention.

The MiSP programme which is being conducted at our school is named as 'b' curriculum. It is a set of nine lessons, conducted once a week in the very relaxed yet energetic environment at AV Hall of Akshara International School. Each lesson teaches a specific mindfulness skill and is designed in a way which engages young minds. The lessons include presentations by Mrs. Jyoti Rathore (In-house MiSP instructor) along with lively, pupil-friendly visuals, film and sound images, and practical exercises and demonstrations to make ideas vivid and relevant to their lives. Sessions also involve practicing some short mindfulness exercises, for example, learning to sit still and watch the breath, being aware of different parts of the body, walking mindfully or becoming more aware of how the body feels under stress. Students are also encouraged to practise the mindfulness in their daily lives. The feedback that we are receiving from the participants shows that they are trying to assimilate the teachings from mindfulness in their day-to-day activities and have already started experiencing the benefits of it. Some of the important benefits reported by students involve increased awareness, more calmness and relaxation, greater self-control and improved attention.



'My Tribe, My Plate'

British Council's International School Award (ISA) is an ambitious measure taken by the school and the outcomes are phenomenal. The projects are diverse in nature and bring a great level of understanding to the students regarding different areas, in fact; they act as an eye opener for teachers and students alike.

"A healthy body has a sound mind." This is a cliché that we are hearing since so long, but it is the absolute truth. In order to imbibe the culture of eating healthy to live and breathe healthily, the school has opted for this Project after getting it approved by the British Council International School Award's (ISA) team to a phenomenal response. The students gained deep insight into the facts regarding the cuisines of different countries and healthy eating habits through a range of highly engaging and exciting activities.

The related activities undertaken in this regard were:

Brainstorming Session Students of Std. I-II were briefed about the cuisines of Srilanka, Denmark and India with the help of a PowerPoint presentation. This was followed by a quiz.

Kitchenette Activity It is hard to imagine that any delicacy can be prepared and made delicious without using flames. Imagination turned into reality when our young and vibrant students of Std. I-II prepared highly delicious, mouthwatering and appealing salads through nonflammable method under Kitchenette Activity of the Project. Participants from all the classes left the judges craving for more. Not only the taste but also the immaculate presentation was appreciable.

Worksheet Solving Students of Std. I-II solved worksheets based on healthy eating habits.

Assembly Students of Std. I-II presented an assembly where they dressed up in beautiful Srilankan, Danish and Indian attires and shared the information about the cuisines of the above-mentioned countries. It was a great learning experience for the students as they learned about cuisines of other countries.



'Modes of Transport' ISA Activity by the Pre-primary Wing

The Show and Tell event and Vehicle Exhibition held at Akshara International School as a part of ISA activity was organised with a view to encourage and inculcate scientific temper amongst Pre-primary students.

Pre-primary students displayed their work amazingly through the medium of charts, models of vehicles etc.

The exhibits were attractive and marvelous. Parents and teachers who visited the exhibition and appreciated the work put up by students, parents and teachers. Pre-primary students learned the value of research work and teamwork while preparing the models of vehicles and talking about them. It enhanced the confidence of the students in public speaking, thinking skills, learning skills.

The bullock cart ride, organised as a part of the project, provided the students with a different experience. The enthusiasm and skill clubbed with in-depth knowledge was commendable.



Purple Hues adorn the School

Purple Day was celebrated on 28th September 2018 in the Pre-Primary section to make the little ones aware about colours and how they add beauty to the things around us. It was a special and colourful day for the youngsters.



Shades of Orange amaze the Little Ones



31st August 2018, was the day tiny tots of Akshara celebrated Orange Colour Day. Orange, the blend of red and yellow, is associated with warmth, sunshine, enthusiasm, success and happiness.

Janmashtami Fervour

A grand celebration of Dahihandi was organised in the Pre-Primary section of Akshara International School. Our tiny tots came in traditional dresses. Boys were dressed up as 'Krishna' and girls were dressed up as 'Radha.'

Beautiful decorations were put up to make this event more cheerful and colourful. Children danced on the tunes of garba and Krishnaleela skit was performed with great fervour. A 'Matkifod' event was also organised to mark the mischievous nature of Krishna.



WELCOMING LORD GANESHA

The tiny tots of Akshara celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with great pomp and gaiety. A lezim performance was followed by a drama on Ganesha, performed by children. Pre-Primary section celebrated Ganeshotsav with a lot of enthusiasm.



Akshara has witnessed a lot of achievements in the field of sports this year. Be it football, basketball, rifle shooting, karate, athletics or skating, our active Aksharites have brought significant laurels to the school. We congratulate the students and the entire Sports Department - Ms. Sujata Deshmukh, Mr. Albert Anthony, Ms. Sushma Patole and Ms. Abha R for their untiring efforts.

Fantastic Footballers

The Football team of Akshara made us proud by playing very well the ZP and CBSE tournaments this year. The boys' team bagged the third position in the under-14 ZP Inter-school Football Competition. They also competed in various inter-school matches and won the first prize in the inter-school football match organised at Podar International School. Srujan Deshpande and Aditya Ingawle got selected for Zonal Level. Aditya Ingawale also got selected for State Level.



Brilliant Basketballers

The girls' Basketball team of Akshara has shone brightly this year by putting forth a commendable performance in the ZP and CBSE under-14 matches. They finished as State Level runners-up in the CBSE Competition. They also entered in the best 8 teams in Sakal Interschool Competition. Sae Brahmarkar, the star basketball player of Akshara, got selected for the Zonal and then for State Level. She even got selected for the National Level under-13 category and attended the national-level basketball camp.



Sae Brahmarkar
3rd Position-Basketball (Girls-U-14)
Organised By ZP
Attended U-13 National Basketball Camp & U-14 Standby



Aditya Ingawale (VIII-B)
3rd Position-Football (Boys-U-14)
Organised By ZP
Selected for Zonal & State level



Sana Chauhan (VII-B)
2nd Position-Rifle Shooting (Girls-U-14)
Organised By ZP
Selected for Zonal & Played CBSE State Level



Marvi Phulari (V D) secured third position and won a Bronze Medal for participating in 25 Mtr. Free Style Inter-school Swimming Competition held at VIBGYOR International school.



Hashmita Sachdeva (XI C)
2nd Position-Athletics Cluster (200 m)
2nd Position-Athletics Cluster (100 m)
Qualified for Nationals



Anaaya Desai (V D), Madhuja Bapat Grade 4/ C, Arini Taradi Grade II /F (Inline Skating) secured a record by skaing exceptionally long amount of hours and set a record.



Sanskruti Pawar (VI D) (Inline Skating) participated in the District Level Skating Championship and got selected for Zonal level and reached to the Nationals under-11 group.



Arini Taradi (II F) (Inline Skating) participated in the CBSE Skating Championship and secured the fourth position in the under-8 group.



Hriday Motwani (IV D) won the Chess Championship.



Prithu Deshpande (XI)
Silver Medal - Chess (Commonwealth 2017-18)
National Rank 20 (U-17 for 2018-19)
National Rank 20 (U-17 for 2017-18)



Varun Gopalghare (VI-C)
Participated in the District Level Inline Hockey (Boys-U-12) and State Level held at Nashik.



Trijal Katti (VII-C)
Played Inline Hockey (Boys' U-16) District Level and State Level held at Nashik.
Selected for National Level to be held at Vishakapatnam from 23rd December 2018.



Soham Udar (VI D) participated in the Annual Jknski Pune District Karate Championship and secured the third position in Sub-Juniors oys' group, under-9 group. He earned a Black Belt and won Gold Medals.



Kavya Viswanathan (VI E) participated in Annual Jknski Pune District Karate Championship and secured the third position in the Sub-Juniors Girls' group under-9 in Kumite Event and secured the second position in the Sub-Juniors Girls' group under-9 Kata Event and won Bronze and Silver medals, respectively.

'ONCE UPON A DAY' AT AKSHARA PRE-PRIMARY SECTION

The Pre-Primary Section at Akshara is the most vibrant spot in the school. Quite often, one finds senior students also stopping on their way to their classes and sneaking a glimpse at the antics of the little ones during their learning process.

Storytime is a favourite time of the tiny tots as it helps them to build on their imagination. These sessions are either conducted in the classrooms or in the open. Sometimes puppets or even audio visual aids are used to explain concepts. The main focus of the facilitators is to try and use all the sensory organs to aid the learning process and make it interesting.



The day starts with SPARK time in which the students enjoy physical activities like zumba. As per studies, doing physical activities increases the blood supply to the brain and the stimulation improves the learning process and keeps the children energetic.



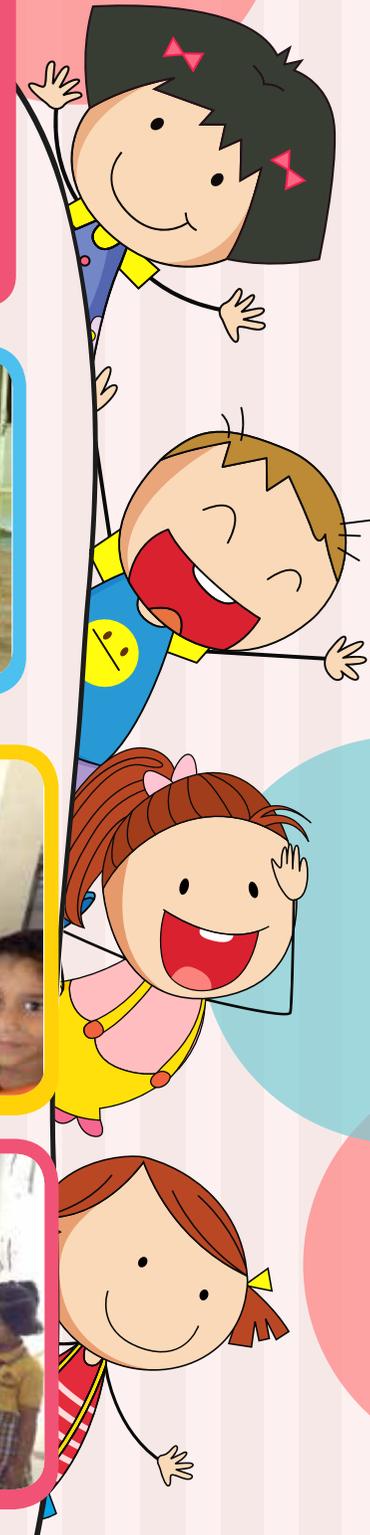
This is followed by breakfast in the school canteen where a nutritious and healthy meal is served to them. The children are trained to eat by themselves and while eating together, they soon learn to share and eat on their own which generally surprises and amuses the parents.



Every month the pre-primary section takes up a project like the recent one was about 'Transport Vehicles' and the same theme is emphasized across all the sections but in a graded manner. Like in the Nursery, the children just learn the names of vehicles. In Senior K.G, they are make projects and come to the stage to talk about their favourite vehicles.



To reinforce learning with practical examples, children are taken on field trip to shops, gardens and museums. There are exposed to associated activities in the school itself, like for the Transport Project a Vehicle Parade or trip to the Transport Park was arranged.



'Inspire Science Camp' encourages Scientific Temperament in Students

The 'Inspire Science Camp' scheme was initiated by the Department of Science and Technology with a goal to attract students and promote curiosity in Basic Science and to promote research and innovation. The students participating in this five-day residential camp got an excellent opportunity to interact with the best scientific leaders of the country at IISER.

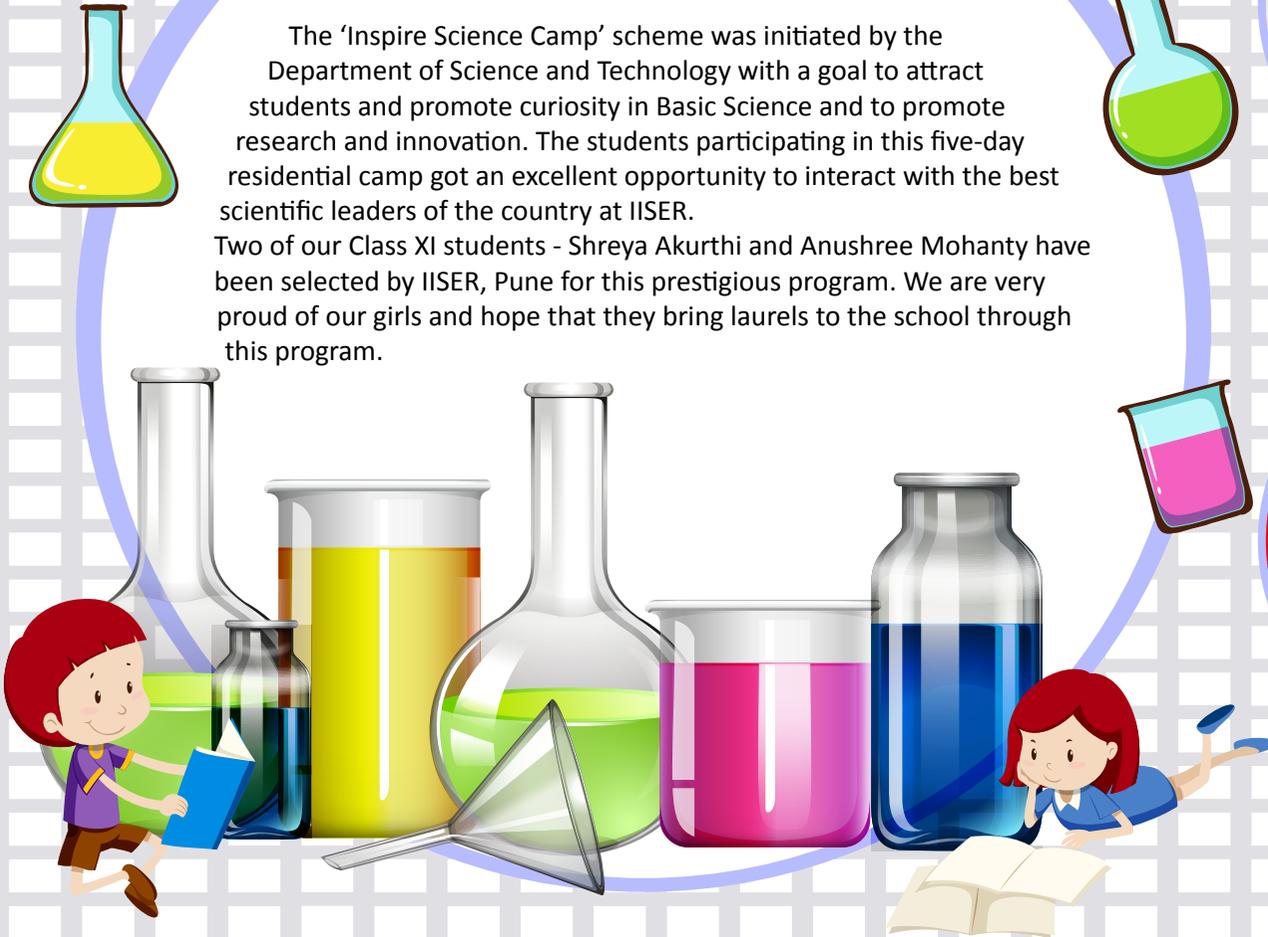
Two of our Class XI students - Shreya Akurthi and Anushree Mohanty have been selected by IISER, Pune for this prestigious program. We are very proud of our girls and hope that they bring laurels to the school through this program.



Shreya Akurthi



Anushree Mohanty



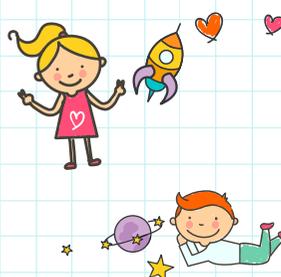
Inter-House Skits showcase Dramatic Talent

Akshara's Annual Inter-House Skit Competition was held on 12th October, 2018 with great pomp and show. Each house presented an adoption of short stories of famous writers, namely, Rabindranath Tagore, Munshi Premchand, O. Henry and Saki. All the actors presented a wonderful show along with a creative use of props, music and space. In the end, there could be only one winner. The first place went to Optimism followed by Patriotism and Serenity. Such competitions help to banish stage fright in our students and also build their confidence to face a larger audience with grace and poise.



Creative Hands at Work

Akshara organised an extravagant art exhibition on 4th August 2018. Various artworks of the students from Std. VI to X were exhibited. Watercolor landscapes, portraits, animes and posters were the key attractions. The exhibition truly brought the hidden artist in each student into light.



Independence Day Celebrations

As the nation celebrated its 72nd Independence Day, Akshara family also joined together to celebrate the spirit of freedom. The National Flag was hoisted by honourable Director Sir. Mr. Akash Shukla, one of the PTA members, also graced the occasion. The skit, song and the speeches presented by the students and staff filled the air with patriotic fervour. In his address, Director Sir urged the students to believe in themselves and lead the school and the country to the pinnacle of glory.



Patriotic Melodies

Akshara conducted an 'Inter-house Patriotic Song Competition' for the students of Std. VI-X on 3rd August 2018. The students portrayed their love towards the country through beautiful melodies and with a lot of enthusiasm. They brought out patriotic feeling in the atmosphere. All the houses were very creative and presented the idea of love and affection for India in innovative ways. The Serenity House bagged the first place in both the solo and group singing categories.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

A joyous, fun-filled celebration was held at Akshara International School on the occasion of Children's Day. The delightful celebration started with the teachers' assembly which included an inspirational speech exhorting the children to dream and aim high, foot-tapping melodies and a skit cautioning about the over-usage of social media. Respected Principal Ma'am rounded off the day's festivity with a speech that motivated the children to retain their innocence while working hard to strive towards excellence.

A special touch was added to the celebration with personalised messages from the teachers to each student and a theme-based collage to commemorate the special day. The day came to an end with mouth-watering snacks that children relished with their class teachers.



Akshara Alumni Launch

Akshara Alumni Association was launched on 13th August 2018. The occasion was graced by Mr. Jayesh Rathore, the Director of Akshara International School and Mrs. Sonali Balwatkar, the Principal. The event began with the lighting of lamps and invoking of Goddess Saraswati's blessings. The official logo of the Alumni Association was unveiled and the core committee was formed, headed by the honourable Director.

CEO, Akshara Alumni Association shared his vision on formation on the formation of the Alumni Association. A Student Committee was formed and the President, Suraj Bane and Joint Secretary, Yash Kavi shared their vision for the Association and swore to carry its legacy ahead.



Ananya Maheshwari



Sarang Chaudhari

Sarang Chaudhari
Pursuing Computer Science
Engineering at IIT, Delhi

Ananya Maheshwari
Pursuing Medicine at
Manipal University



Culinary Fest – Calling all the Chefs-in-Making

A cooking extravaganza - 'Culinary Fest' was organised on 24th August 2018 for the students from Std. VI to X. They were asked to prepare a dessert and a salad in the given time. Two students presented these dishes in the AV hall in front of judges who were mightily impressed with the presentation, taste and nutritional value of each dish.



A Visit to the Flame University

The students of Std. IX and X, along with the teachers, visited the Flame University on 10th October 2018. This visit and session offered an opportunity to explore new aspects of different career fields. The students thanked the teachers and management of Akshara for this wonderful experience.



Diwali Festivities at Akshara

Akshara celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights, on 26th October 2018 with pomp and gaiety. A special assembly was held at the amphitheatre in the morning. The beautiful Diwali song rendered by the students brought out the festive spirit. A mesmerising dance performance added colour to the celebration. Speeches delivered by teachers educated students on the importance of Diwali and how to celebrate a green Diwali. The major attraction of the day, the 'Ramleela' by students, enthralled everyone in the audience. In his address to the students, honourable Director Sir congratulated the performers and asked the students to celebrate a safe and eco-friendly Diwali. The school organised a diya-making activity for its primary students on 26th October 2018.

The students filled with joy and mirth beautified those earthen lamps not only with colors but also with their gleeful smiles and love. With the purity of hearts and earnestness of souls, the students and teachers of Akshara International School wished everyone 'A Happy and Prosperous Diwali.'



Experiencing the Calmness of the Iskcon Temple

Children of Std. II visited Iskcon Temple and the Buddhist Monastery at Nigdi on 14th August 2018. After spending time in the soothing and illuminating atmosphere, the students came back happily enriching themselves with the soulful and spiritual experience.



Essay Writing Competition

As a part of the CCA activity, Akshara conducted an Essay Writing Competition for the students of Std. VI to X on 16th November 2018. Students were given various topics according to their grades. Students enthusiastically participated in the competition and expressed their views brilliantly. The competition helped to enhance and bring out the creative writing skill of the students.



Ganesha Idols take Shape

A Ganesha Idol-making Workshop was conducted in the school premises on 4th September 2018 by Strokes Foundation. Students from Std. I to X, along with teachers of Akshara International School, participated in the event with a lot of enthusiasm. Volunteers from Strokes Foundation specifically demonstrated every step to shape Lord Ganesha. The organisers of the event are a part of Ganesha idol-making team that is attempting to enter 'The Guinness Book of World Records.' We are proud to be a part of this achievement.



A Visit to the Symbiosis Skill and Open University Campus

"I'm not skipping education; I'm on a self-motivated field trip." Skills continue to be the most important aspect of a good worker. The Indian youth has the potential to dominate the economy provided they learn the required skills. The students of Akshara International School visited the campus of Symbiosis Skill and Open University, an institution with a different approach towards education to learn about their unique teaching style and explore the practical workshops.




SKILLS

A Wonderful Delhi-Agra-Jaipur Trip

We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.

One such eye-opening and mesmerising trip for the Aksharites of Std. VI-IX was the Delhi-Agra-Jaipur trip.

The tour turned out to be a memorable experience for the students

as it was both fun-filled and educational. Other than exploring various monuments of the country, the trip helped the students to be independent, responsible and to develop a healthy bond with their friends. The trip presented the young travellers with a treasure box of everlasting memories and a new-found love for traveling.



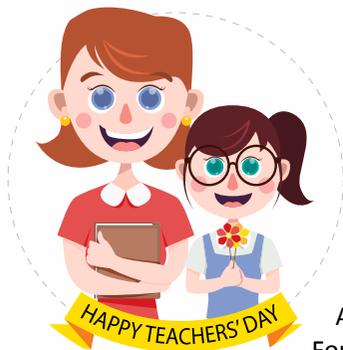
A Visit to Madhur Bhav and Prerna Bhavan

The students of Akshara International school of Std. VI and VII visited an old age home - Madhur Bhav to interact and spend time with the grannies and grandpas. The students presented a mesmerising medley of songs, a wonderful display of classical dance and a hilarious monologue to entertain the elderly people. They were touched by the visit and thrilled with their performances. All in all, it was a great experience which helped the students to bond with the grannies and grandpas.

On 16th November 2018, students of Std. V went to Prerna Bhavan which accommodates over 180 specially-abled children and women. The students sang songs, performed a solo dance and a mime on 'Saving Trees.' We wish to continue inculcating the basic human values in our students and our endeavours will continue for the same.



A Joyous Teachers' Day Celebration



"Those who educate children well are more to be honoured than parents, for these only gave life, those the art of living well." - Aristotle

On 5th September 2018, Akshara International School celebrated Teachers' Day to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work put in by the teachers.

A special assembly was conducted by the students in the school amphitheatre. The Principal, Ms. Sonali Balwatkar along with the school Head Girl and Head Boy paid tribute to Dr. S. Radhakrishnan by offering flowers. A talk on 'Teachers' Day' was delivered by Gargi Mulay, the school Vice-Captain.

For the whole day, classes were conducted by the student-teachers of Std. IX and X. The school Head Boy and Head Girl took up the roles of the Principal and the Headmistress respectively. The classes were observed by the subject teachers. Students artistically decorated class soft boards to show gratitude, love and respect towards their teachers.

The day was a different experience for both the students and teachers. It was a proud moment for each teacher to see their students successfully stepping into the shoes of their beloved teachers. It was indeed a 'Gurudakshina' from the students!

On 5th of September, as a part of the Teachers' Day celebration, the Akshara Management honoured the staff for their valuable service. A special celebration was arranged which was graced by honourable Chairperson, Jyoti Rathore Ma'am, esteemed Director, Jayesh Rathore Sir and the Pre-Primary Programme Advisor, respected Apte Ma'am. Honourable Chairperson, Ma'am and Sir appreciated every staff member for their contribution to the school. A special award was presented to the staff members for their 5+ years of continuous service.

The thoughtful gift and cards with personalised messages presented by the Management, made everyone feel special. The celebration also offered a platform to the teachers to present their talent through songs, monologue, dance and mime. The noble gesture of the Management made the Teachers' Day 2018 a memorable experience for every staff member of Akshara.



A Visit to Mahatma Phule Museum

Students of Std. VIII and IX were taken to Mahatma Phule Museum, Ghole road. Students saw magnificent collections of various animal species, armories, machinery, arts and much more. This educational trip added to their knowledge and was a great experience for the students.



Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition

"The World is full of poetry. The air is living with its spirit, and the waves dance to the music of its melodies and sparkle in its brightness."

A Hindi poetry-recitation Competition was conducted for Std. I-V on 14th September 2018. The students spontaneously presented beautiful poetry that touched everyone's heart.



Shloka Recitation Competition

Akshara International School organised a shloka-reciting Competition for its Primary Wing. The children recited shlokas with utmost devotion. The hall felt no less than a holy place with shlokas echoing in innocent cherubic voices. The atmosphere was filled with their soothing tunes.



Spell Bee Champions of Akshara

A Spell Bee Competition was conducted for Std. I to V on 31st August 2018. Aksharites displayed their wide knowledge of vocabulary and performed their best to make their team win. Great teamwork was put forth by our budding stars.



Extempore Competition

Akshara International School held an Extempore Competition for Std. I to IV on 3rd August 2018. Impromptu speaking can catch anyone off their guard, even the greatest of leaders. Nevertheless, the students performed well and presented a new perspective.



Fancy takes a Flight

Akshara International School organised a Fancy Dress Competition on 17th August 2018 for its vivacious little students. The Primary Wing came clad in traditional dresses, representing the different states of India. The vibrant colours of the traditional attire and the students beaming with glee made it a perfect day for all of us.



Rakhi Making

Akshara International School celebrated Raksha Bandhan on 27th August 2018 with its students by conducting a Rakhi-making activity for the children of Primary Wing, which they enjoyed a lot. The meticulous ensemble was then displayed on the boards.



Kerala Calling

We all know that, Kerala was hit by a devastating flood which affected the life of thousands of people and washed their homes and livelihoods in an instant. While continuous heavy rain was the major contributing factor for the flood, the opening of thirty five out of fifty four reservoirs at the same time worsened the situation.

Impact

The flooding affected hundreds of villages, destroyed an estimated 10,000 km (6,200 mi) of roads and thousands of homes were damaged or destroyed. There was severe shortage of food and clean water. All kinds of transport came to a complete stand still.

RESCUE

In one of the largest rescue operations, 40 helicopters, 31 aircraft, 182 teams for rescue, 18 medical teams of defence forces, 58 teams of NDRF and 7 companies of Central Armed Police Forces were pressed into service along with over 500 boats and necessary rescue equipment. According to the government's estimate, a total of 4,537 from the fishermen community participated in the rescue operation with 669 fishing boats and rescued more than 65,000 people from various districts. Even at the time of trauma, the Keralites worked as a team in facing the adversity and proved power of unity to the world.

Relief

Seeing this intense situation the Government of Kerala started a fundraising website for flood victims of Kerala. Over 3,274 relief camps for about 1,247,496 flood-victims were opened at various locations to accommodate them. The Government called off Onam celebrations, and reallocated the funds to relief efforts.

AKSHARA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE KERALA FUND

As the people of Kerala were severely impacted by the floods, we decided to offer a helping hand and do our own bit of good. Akshara opened its hearts to help out people in need. "SPANDAN-2018" the fun filled carnival will be organised to raise funds for those in need and to help in the rehabilitation and restoration of Keralites. It was encouraging to see a lot of organizations, dignitaries and individuals come forward willing to contribute to this cause. At Akshara, we realise that as Indians, it is our duty to assist others who have suffered through such a misfortune. Hence, Akshara will be hosting 'SPANDAN' and all profits made through it will be donated to the Kerala Relief fund. With more than five thousand people expected to attend this fair, not only will people be able to enjoy themselves but also contribute towards a social cause. This effort made by Akshara will inspire children to work towards the wellbeing of humanity and will also encourage other people to follow suit.

VarshaMallem and Teesta Bhattacharjee
IX-B

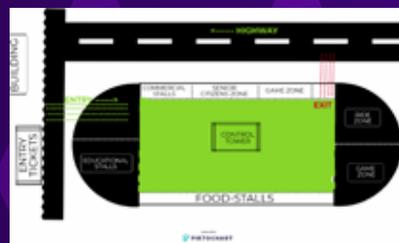


SPANDAN 2018

In its journey towards excellence, Akshara has already witnessed grand shows like 'Athenaeum' and 'Ignite' in the past few years. This year, Akshara has introduced a novel initiative - "SPANDAN" - a fun-filled carnival for a social cause that provides an opportunity for Aksharites to showcase their entrepreneurial skills along with their multifarious talents.

The objective of "SPANDAN-2018" is to raise a relief fund to aid the flood-affected state of Kerala, for its restoration and thus aiming towards inculcating the sense of social responsibility in our students. We are sure that the positive vibes of "SPANDAN-2018" will pass on from every Aksharite to their parents, friends and the community at large.

You all are invited to a day filled with fun, laughter, music and joy! Games, yummy food, competitions, art and craft, fun rides, interactive sessions, dance floor, shopping, fashion show, lucky draw, gifts and prizes... You name it, We have it!



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Spandan-2018 - Shuttle Bus Service	
ROUTE	Stops
S-1 & S-2	Pimple Saudagar - Park Street Gate - Dange Chowk - Jambhe Campus
S-3 & S-4	Kaspate Wasti - Datta Mandir Road Wakad - Jambhe Campus
S-5 & S-6	Baner - Green Park - Balewadi Phata - Mitcon - Sadanand - Jambhe
S-7 & S-8	Sus Road-Balaji Chowk-Audi Showroom-Orchid VITS Hotel- Surya Hospital
S-9 & S-10	Chinchwad-Nathyagrha-Chapekar Chowk-Aitya Birla-Dange Chowk-Thergaon
S-11 & 12	Dehu Road - Mukai Chowk - Sentosa Hotel Kiwale - Jambhe
S-13 & 14	Akshara - Shani Mandir - Sai Petrol Pump - Lotus Business School - Jambhe
NOTE:1. Bus Start timing 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.	
2. Departure timing From Jambhe Campus 7.30 PM and 8.15 PM *	