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DEAR PARENTS AND WELL WISHERS,

November, the penultimate month of the year was ushered in with the focus reverting to studies. The long holidays of the previous month were soon forgotten and children were back to classes, books and exams. The students amazingly adapted to the changed tempo rather adroitly and were seen with heads down lapping up the classroom instructions.

One of the most important part of the School's curriculum is the endeavor to indulge the children in a slew of activities that are contemporary in nature. The faculty members painstakingly plan activities that add immense value to the classroom instructions, with a view to provide a well rounded education to them. November 2014 saw activities related to 'Project Tiger', Introduction to Astronomy, Mad O' Mania etc. Apart from the enthusiasm it generated amongst the students, to see the firing of their synapses on such creative issues was truly awe inspiring.

### *Project Tiger :*

The Tiger's disappearance from most forests of India is the manifestation of a larger malaise of mankind's apathy to its own environment. The tiger is



yet another victim of mankind's ignorance, irresponsibility and disrespect to the very biosphere we have inherited. To highlight this serious flaw in our approach to protecting our biosphere a workshop was organized for students of class IV and V. The endeavor was to generate awareness by highlighting the serious threat that our national animal faces today. The Workshop was

commenced with a video clipping showcasing the efforts taken by the Project Tiger team in different metropolitan cities of our country. Students were made aware of the role of tiger in our ecosystem and the factors leading to its disappearance. Discussion was accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation.

The workshop was very interesting and informative. The students interacted with the resource person and gave valuable inputs for their role to save this endangered species. They also took a pledge to save the Tiger and to share this information with all their friends and relatives.

### *Children's Day Celebrations:*

Children's Day is celebrated in India to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of free India. This year, students of Classes 4 and 5 came together to initiate the "Swachh Bharath Abhiyan" in the School. This Abhiyan was organized by the Department of Yoga.

The children performed 24 rounds of Suryanamaskar. The endeavor was to sensitize the children on the benefits of health as also the importance of living in a clean environment. The two issues being interwoven was highlighted by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.



Suryanamaskar is a powerful combination of asanas which helps children physically, mentally as also their emotional growth. The children displayed very high levels of energy and completed 24 rounds in a single stretch. They enjoyed performing in a big auditorium with all their friends.

### *Orange Planetarium:*



Space and astronomical sightings fascinate young and old alike. Orange Planetarium team organized a 3D dome, a mini planetarium, for our students, at the school premises. It encapsulated the entire universe starting from the birth of the Universe & explained the origin of living beings, matter & elements. The show was arranged for the primary wing where Cosmos and Universe was explored linking to the very detail of space activity. Description of sun the layers & importance of various astronomical activities was demonstrated. The

theory began by dots in Night sky some 8000 yrs ago developing towards modern physics including comets, supernova, pulsars etc. It also explained the different space programmes founded by space scientists of various countries focusing on laboratory, observatory & telescopes. The enthusiasm it generated was truly awe-inspiring.

***Mad O Mania:***

Schools across Bangalore competed for top honours at Mad O' Mania organized by a Bangalore based NGO, Make a Difference (MAD) on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at the St. Joseph's Auditorium. The events included Painting, Spelling Bee and Story Writing competition for Primary students. This programme aimed to create awareness amongst children and to sensitise them to social causes. The funds raised by this NGO were used for education of children in orphanages.

Nearly 300 children from various schools participated in the competitions. Some students from DPS, Bangalore North made it through the semifinals and finals.

The following students were prize winners of various categories from the primary segment:

**Sai Varun (IV F) - Story Writing**

**Mukund (V L)- Painting**

**Ram Sundar (IV C)- Spelling Bee**



*With November drawing to a close the emphasis shifted on to the completion of the syllabus. The following month promises greater academic activity levels such as Unit Tests etc followed by the Christmas break. The anticipated break is reason enough for students to break into euphoria. All the very best students, for the forthcoming exams!!!!*

*With Best Wishes,  
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Principal*