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### **GREAT THINGS NEVER COME FROM COMFORT ZONES**

A new beginning beckons... impelling us to be better than what we were. It is time for us to step up and out of that which is easy and comfortable and move forward towards ways that will allow us to explore the horizons. And as we move let us all remember that **Nothing comes from Nothing.** 

Not just the sun, And as I look up at this cloudy sky,

It's the memories. I wish for the freedom,

The fun, And the city lights rushing by.

The love,

The leaves that sway in the slight breeze. It's not just summer,

It's the memories that last.

It's not just the places. It's the friends,

It's the journey The laughs,

With smiling faces. The campfires...

And vivid pasts. Rose Abbot

#### Happenings...

**26th January 2019** – The students of both the International School and the Matriculation School joined to celebrate **REPUBLIC DAY** with patriotic fervour. The flag was unfurled by the Head of the International School and the Principal of the Matriculation School delivered the Republic Day address. This was followed by renditions of patriotic songs and a short play on the need for team work and drove home the message of Unity in Diversity.

**2nd February 2019** — The school hosted its **Annual Sports Meet** - a day filled with fervor and excitement experienced amidst thrills, shrills and cheers. The Chief guest of the day was Shri. ALOK OJHA, an IPS officer and Senior Supertendent of Post Offices, Chennai Central Division. This day marked the celebration of all sporting endeavor undertaken by the students of the International School and we saw on display the levels of commitment and the spirit of competition that



drives them. From disciplined marching to enthralling tableaus and exciting athletic events, all students exhibited their passion for sports and sporting achievements.



**9th February 2019 – A Blood Donation camp** was organized on the school campus and the students of IBDP 1 were active volunteers in conducting the camp.

**16th February 2019 - DUNAMIS Sports Meet** – The 3rd DUNAMIS 2019 Inter School Athletic event was hosted by Hindustan International School and many of our students participated in it. Not only did they win many medals, it was a glorious occasion when Aravindh Sabarinadhan Gopalakrishnan of Grade 9 was declared the INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION of the Sports Meet.

**28th February 2019 – National Science Day** was celebrated in the school in the form of an exhibition by students of grades 6-9 and IB1 to display charts, models and experiments. This was the culmination of Project Based Learning (PBL) adopted in the learning of concepts in the various Sciences.





March 2nd, 2019 – As part of their School initiated CAS activities and as an activity to showcase their awareness of social responsibility, the students of grade IBDP 1 undertook to conduct the **Sports Day for the students of** 



**Chennai Middle School in R A Puram.** It was their aim to give back to society and to spread joy amongst disadvantaged children through Sports.

March 2nd, 2019 – The Visual Arts Department held the Annual Visual Art Exhibition as part fulfillment of the IBDP requirements for the Visual Art students of the batch of 2019. The students explored the themes of Ecological Exploitation and Attitudes towards the Feminine. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Head of the International School and was open to all.



March 5th, 2019 – The Annual Inter-house Debate competitions were held to showcase the critical thinking and communication abilities of the students. Preliminary rounds were held over a fortnight and the finals were conducted in the Sivagami Petachi Auditorium. Kailash House was the winner of the Senior Debate and Vindhyas House was the winner of the Junior Debate.

March 14th, 2019 – The students celebrated Pi Day as an assembly event where students of all grades spoke about the significance of Pi and its relevance in day to day life. **March 15th, 2019 – Crea Shakthi Drama Finale** was held in the Sivagami Petachi Auditorium. It was to the showcase the yearlong preparatory course in Dramatic Arts undertaken by all the IBDP 1 students and a few student from Grades 6-10. The short skits were based on ideas generated by the collaborative efforts of the students. They were mentored and guided by professionals from Crea Shakthi.





**28th March, 2019 – An Art Exhibition** of the works of all students of Grade 6 - 8 was held in the Seminar Hall. The students put up all the art works made by them over the academic year and these were viewed by the parents.



4th April, 2019 – The Grade 11 students organized a Farewell for Grade 12 students in the Sivagami Petachi Auditorium. The event was completely organized by the students and they entertained their seniors with fun games, dance and music.



5th April 2019 - Graduation day for the class of 2019. This was a momentous occasion where the students of the outgoing class were felicitated upon the completion of their Diploma Programme. The students were awarded for academic excellence and also for their involvement in the Core aspects of the Diploma Programme. It was an occasion for the teachers and the students to retrospect about the 2 years of learning and it provided opportunities for all to speak about their journey through the DP. Kaustubh Chandramouli was named the Valedictorian of the class and Advaith Sriram was declared the Academic Topper of the class. Parent speakers also shared their experiences and wished the class the best of luck for the board exams that would commence in the first week of May. The formal evening ended with a dinner hosted by the School for the students and the parents.

**27th April, 2019 – Visit to SEVALAYA.** Students from Grade 6-9 and IBDP1 went to SEVALAYA – an old age home and orphanage to



visit the inmates and also hand over to them clothes, food and utility items that the students had collected. This activity is one that is aimed to help the students develop a sense of responsibility towards society. The students a teachers, spent time with the old men and women and played games with the younger inmates.



#### **GSL Project**

Our school students of grades 6, 7, 8 had registered in participating in the Global Social Leaders (GSL) Global Goals Competition which is a project based competition initiated by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 on Sustainable Development Goals. These goals are a collection of 17 global goals to be achieved for

the year 2030. Out of the 700 teams from schools across the globe who are participating this year, three teams from our school; Team ASAP-All Seniors Assistant Program, Team Futuretastic and Team Foodies to the Rescue, completed their project successfully.

Team ASAP-All Seniors Assistant Program: Their goal is to bridge the gap between senior citizens and Technology. Their visits to the "Dignity Foundation" every Tuesday evening to interview the senior citizens residing in their care and to spend valuable time to reach out to them has been eventful while creating plans and facilitating sessions teach them to use technology.

Team Futuretastic: Their goal to bring awareness of a sustainable use of the environment had them creating videos on their Instagram and You Tube channel to raise awareness. They had a snack sale at the school premises to raise funds and they donated it to the disabled Children in Andhra Mahila Saba (AMS), a charitable organization, in Chennai. They have already been featured by the GSL team on their official Instagram account last month for their dedicated work and their work is featured in the GSL blog website.

Team Foodies to the Rescue: Their goal to eradicate hunger and waste in the city of Chennai and bring about an awareness of these issues to all through their initiative in the city was accomplished by purchasing a community fridge for the underprivileged at OMR in Chennai. They had spread awareness by giving out fliers during the beach clean up which they had done at Marina

Beach and also while they served home cooked meals to the poor with the help of the organization, Chennai Food bank. They also had a bake sale and a bag sale. A Sale of bags made of recycled paper and used clothes was held in the school. They have uploaded their experiences on their Instagram account and their experience is also featured in the GSL blog and website.

The result announced in June had both the teams in the semi finals. The Team futuretastic, however has teached the finals.





#### **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

ART AND CRAFT CLUB: The objective of the Art & Craft Club was to stimulate creativity and imagination. It provided visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a special way of understanding and responding to the world. It enabled children to communicate what they see, feel and think through the use of colour, texture, form, pattern and different materials and processes. Children became involved in shaping their environments through art, craft and design activities where they learned to sew and also make paper bags and 3 D models using old Newspapers.

#### **COOKING WITH & WITHOUT FIRE CLUB**

The junior cooking club (grades 6,7, 8) and the Senior Cooking Club (9, 10 and IB1) with fire has been a very interesting and fun learning activity for all students.

During the club period the students were taken to a food lab and were taught how to make various dishes like Corn on Toast, Vegetable Kababs, Fried Rice, Carrot Halwa, Pineapple Halwa etc. Competitions were conducted and the

items were graded according to taste, presentation and hygiene.



#### **COOKING WITHOUT FIRE CLUB**

The junior cooking club (grade 6 to 8) has been a very interesting and fun learning activity for all students. During the club period, students were taken to the CCD canteen where they were engaged in preparing tasty dishes without the use of fire. They made tomato cheese sandwiches with lettuce leaves as dressing and sandwiches with chocolate filling. They also made a fruit salad

with freshly cut mango pieces and vanilla essencewas used to enhance taste.



#### **HERITAGE CLUB**

The students of Grade 6 went to Luz church on 13th Feb,2019 with teachers. Ms. Rovino, the Geography/Social studies teacher, briefed them about the Luz church and they were then taken inside the church. Students were excited to hear about the history of the church and spent some time enjoying the quiet and arresting place.

The students of Grade 7 were introduced to IDOL MAKING as part of their Heritage club activities. They made environment-friendly figures using rice flour, water and paint. Through this activity the students were able to understand proportional mixing, colour usage and symmetry.

The students of Grade 8 went to St. Thomas

Basilica o n Santhome High Road in the city. They toured the Basilica and the museum where they were able to see the relics housed there. The students enjoyed this trip as they wereableto understand the diverse religious followings in our country.





The students of Grade 9 and Grade IBDP1 went to VIVEKANANDA HOUSE as part of their Heritage Club activities. They visited the museum and also viewed a 3D movie on Vivekananda's famous speech in Chicago. They also viewed the meditation room in the House and spent some time in the serene environment there.

#### **ARTICLES**

## AN INVENTION THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Spreading the Word:

Near around 1440, Europe was in the dark ages. Poverty and illiteracy were widespread, and since books were made by hand, and were consequently very rare and expensive, only the richest knew how to read and write.

All of this changed when a man named Johannes Gutenberg came along. Gutenberg was born in 1400 in a German town called Mainz and lived as a simple blacksmith and goldsmith. Unfortunately, he had to leave his hometown in Mainz thanks to an uprising against the higher class, and moved to another town called Eltville al Rhein, where it is assumed he lived for the rest of his life.

While living in Eltville, he had an idea. His idea was to make a machine, called a printer, that could make huge amounts of copies of a book cheap and fast, and much more efficiently than the former method. He wanted to ensure that almost everyone could afford them. And so he made it, and it worked.

The printer immediately became a success. Hundreds of thousands of books spread around Europe, and eventually, the entire world. Suddenly, reading was an easy to afford commodity, and thanks to this, literacy started to spread as well.

Gutenberg's invention was one of the main factors that led Europe out of the dark ages, and the rest of the world into an age where anyone could read or write. The idea, he had, changed the course of history, and the world was never the same again.

#### **INCREASING SNIPPET SALES**

I live my life the way I choose,
Chasi'n my dreams,
But still not gonna lose,
Be ready to be amused,
My success might be big news
I ain't no Langston Hughes,
But gonna beat the game in black and blues,

Hardwork beats talented kids, Let me show you how it is, yeah in fact, huge impact, don't miss the fact, me and English is a lack, but ended up making English tracks,

said I was bad at my vo-cab, nobody knew the rap thing that I had,

Just took a few seconds, to get a few tickets, to the school magazine snippets,

didn't read a book, or go to a class that taught me how to make a hook see this, yeah peep and take a look, it's the thing that I undertook,

the verses are fire, standards getting higher, never gonna retire, or even get tired,

people asked me to stop, said my life's a flop, you cannot reach the top, but I'm killin' the game doing the mic drop, I think the rap thing is in my blood, when I open my mouth just watch it flood

My grades might not be good,
But I don't need it and it's understood,
I'm not a person to
get a good degree,
and become someone's action figurine,

kept reader's minds amusing, shocked people's mind losing, left you confusing, I know you are now gazing,

the rap thing has tuned up, in a short period watch me blow up. learnt English from videogames, in two to three years just look at my fame hope y'all fine,

cuz I just broke the sky line, didn't take too long, just half a month, but better than Mr.Donald Trump, no experience in rapping, not even a single clue, but got some people clapping, I think I got the iconic rap flu,

I don't wannna cover the whole magazine, so I'm gonna leave it here, But I'll be back in a limousine, and it is clear.



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