

# NOVEMBER 2019



## Children's Day Celebration

Like every year, on 14th November, the pre-primary wing celebrated 'Children's Day' with full zest. A special assembly was organised in the 'Front Amphitheatre' for Grades- Foundation to 1. Firstly, the children were told about 'Children's Day' and why it is celebrated. Also, they were shown a picture of our first Prime Minister 'Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru' to mark his birthday. The pre-primary teachers were dressed up as children themselves. The event started with a beautiful song 'Taare Zameen Par' sung by one of them. Then, a group of teachers did a 'Role-play' where they acted as 'Pre-primary Children' and their routine at school. Children burst out laughing to see their teachers behaving as them. After that, they presented a melodious 'Rhyme Recitation' performance which was again enjoyed by the children as they sang and danced to their favourite rhymes/songs. Lastly, the teachers performed 'Dance' on a medley of songs which were again based on children and finally, all the little wonders were called upon the stage to have 'Free Dance'. It was magnificent to see them dancing; the best moment of the day. After coming back to the classes, they were served their favourite 'Laddoos' to relish. From start to the end, every effort was made to make this day special and memorable for our children.



There was a combined assembly for all the students from Grade 2 to 10 gathered in the Amphitheatre. There were dance performances by the junior and senior dance group. Three students showed their talent through mono acting on various theme-Shinchan, Split personality and Kidney scam.

The most interesting part of the assembly was when the students of Grade 6 shared their experience on giving tests without any invigilator in the class. This has been the prestigious part of the school where students are learning to be honest. The students also enjoyed dance party. Sweets were also distributed to them.



## Visit to Govt Primary School BHAGSI

As per the guidelines, the students of Grade 9 visited Govt Primary School BHAGSI, today. They shared their ideas and opinions with the rural children. It was a good experience. They also experienced the joy of giving and sharing which they will cherish for lifetime.



## Yamaha Teens Rock: The Battle of Bands 2019



The students of Junior and Senior Band went for auditions at the 'Yamaha Teens Rock: The Battle of Bands'. It was organised by Amrit Musical Pvt. Ltd. in Sector-37, Chandigarh. Both the bands got very good comments from the judges. Especially, 'The Drummers'; the judges mentioned that ATS Valley School has the best drummers. And, the Junior Band was appreciated for their 'Stage Presence'.

“A band is not proud because it performs well; it performs well because it is proud.”

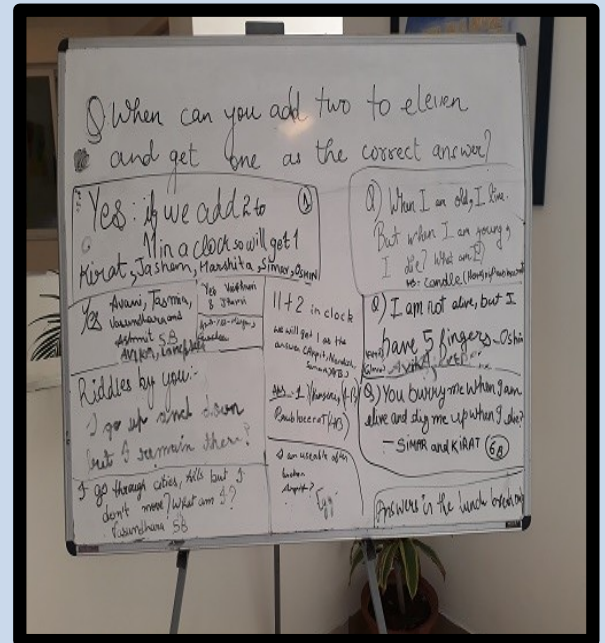
-George Parks

## Picnic- A day full of fun & entertainment!

On Saturday (30-11-19), children of Grades LKG & UKG were taken for a picnic to 'Japanese Garden' in Sector-31, Chandigarh. Bags packed with their favourite food items, the children looked super excited to go. The fun started right from the time they boarded the buses and on reaching the destination (Japanese Garden), the children enthusiastically explored the alluring beauty of the garden. A team of 8 teachers, 3 helping staff and 2 bus drivers accompanied them. The day was well spent enjoying, eating and interacting with each other. The visit to the garden was a memorable one and at the same time, the children got to see and know about the Japanese water bodies, pagoda towers, waterfalls, meditation centre, a Buddha idol and golden bamboos. Other than a joyous day, it was a wonderful opportunity for children to strengthen their bonds and everyone came back fresh and rejuvenated with more energy and excitement.



## ARAD- A Riddle A Day



I have no special talents...

I am just passionately curious!

-Albert Einstein

Yes, we are learning to be curious!

As a part of our current character trait 'Curiosity' under the True North programme, everyday, a Riddle/Brain Teaser is put up on a board kept in the old parents area. Right at the time of arrival, children are curious to read it and then, they come up with their answers in the Food Break/ Lunch Break.

Riddles are really helpful to improve our Lateral Thinking skills. Lateral thinking is a form of problem-solving that utilizes a more creative, less direct approach to the problem. Another way of describing lateral thinking is 'Thinking Outside the Box' & that's what we're trying to inculcate in our students.



## Trust - Test without an invigilator



As we are taking forward TRUST as a character trait, Grade 3 conducted a test without an invigilator in both the sections. "We are honest" was written on the board, and the students took the pledge before starting the test. The teachers were not in the classroom during the test. Students shared that being faithful gave them a feeling of joy. The environment was calm and quiet and students felt more confident and responsible.



## Intra-school Races (Grade Foundation - Grade 1)

As a part of our intra-school competitions, this month, we organized Races for Grades- Foundation to 1. Our little bolts participated with full energy and enthusiasm. Every grade had a first round wherein all the children from each class participated via different heats. Out of this, some numbers of children were shortlisted for the semi-final round. Finally, three children from each section ran for the Final Race. And there we had- Our Winners! The interesting part was the types of races which were different for each class. Grade Foundation had a 'Car Race' wherein they were supposed to hang a car cut-out onto their shoulders and run. LKG had a 'Swachh Bharat Race'; they were given one plastic jug each and some papers were thrown on the track. They were supposed to clean the track and run to the finishing point. Similarly, UKG had a 'Shuttle Race' while Grade 1 had a 'Hurdle Race'.

All the races were focused towards development of the gross motor skills of children. What stole the moment was the joy and excitement on their faces. It was exhilarating to look at the little ones wanting to win and at the same time, cheering for their friends. One could easily notice the spirit of friendly competition.



## Intra-school Races - (Grade 2-Grade 5)



All work and no play make Jack a dull boy- Well, not in our school! Just like our pre-primary wing is always on the go, we ensure that the primary wing (Grades 2 to 5) too, is not deprived of anything. Hence, we had organised Intra-School Races for Grades- 2 to 5 as well.

The interesting part was the types of races which were different for each class. Grade 2 had an 'Obstacle Race', Grade 3 had a 'Three Legged Race' whereas Grade 4 had 'Math Race' while Grade 5, a '60-metre Race'.

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## Trust Walk

The students of Grade 2 and Grade 3 learned Trustworthiness in their True North class through an interesting activity named "Trust Walk". Minor obstacles were created and students were arranged in pairs. One of them was blindfolded, and the other has to guide him the path through minor obstacles. Blindfolded participants must rely on instructions given to them in order to avoid various obstacles. The Trust Walk Activity is an effective team building activity involving leadership and building trust.



## Treasure Hunt

The students were made to participate in treasure hunt as a part of their ongoing trait i.e curiosity in True North. All the students from grade 4-8 were divided into different groups. They were asked to find the final prize from the clues given to them. They were thoroughly excited while doing the activity and were even curious to have another one as soon as possible.