

Good parenting and schooling go hand-in-hand

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Good parenting and schooling go hand in hand. To achieve this objective, a series of **Parent Orientation Programmes** were organised for Nursery (April 4 & 6), class V (April 17), class I (April 15), Class VI (April 18) and Class XI (April 9). School principal, Mohina Dar, in her welcome address, emphasized that parents should provide emotional support to their children and try to bridge the generation gap through effective communication. Roopma Singh, Headmistress (Primary WA) apprised the parents about the transition from 'Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation System' to 'Examination System.' Headmistress (Primary WB) Swapna Paul focused on holistic thrust of education that the school offered in terms of curriculum and child-friendly co-curricular activities. Vice Principal, Renu Singh emphasized the need for maintaining the right balance between CBSE syllabus and competitive exams. Senior Co-ordinator, Vijayshree Naidu spoke on the methodology followed in class XI, while Meenakshi Rawal, Asst. Director, AICE discussed at length about the benefits of joining the Synchro Study Programme. Students put up a wide variety entertaining programmes as "A Sneak Peek into

Class 1 Life" by the graduates (now in class 2) that essentially highlighted how a simple trip to the Post Office at Sector 16 could take thematic learning to "holistic" heights, thereby making meaningful connections to the family, school and community life. The graduates or Class 6 shared their experiences, highlighting the qualities of Class 5.

Counseling Sessions

Dr. Kanika Khandelwal, Senior Lecturer, Lady Shree Ram College, Delhi University the guest speaker for the Parents' Orientation programmes, delivered an enriching talk stressing on the need for both parents and educators to "work together to help the children grow into well-integrated, emotionally secure adults." She gave interesting insights on parenting on how to "foster" honesty, trust, integrity, forgiveness, understanding and tolerance in the children while preparing them for "the new phase in their lives."

During the interactive session, she gave holistic answers on how to develop "positive interactions" between parents and children in all areas of life. She answered numerous questions ranging from food concerns, parenting tips, how to foster and direct extra talent, constructive punishment and TV viewing to inculcating the healthy habit of reading. ●



IRIS Orientation

Piyush Kumar, Regional Coordinator, Initiative in research and Innovation in Science (IRIS) conducted an orientation programme for the students of Classes VII-X at AIS Noida on April 13, 2009. The session commenced with an overview on how every student could cultivate and "bring out" the scientist in them by the simple, yet effective strategy of brainstorming that would lead to innovative ideas. Mr. Kumar reiterated that these "innovative ideas" need not necessarily be "big, impressive" ones.

Economics Workshop

Shelly Kapoor and Archana Mishra, teachers at AIS Noida attended the CBSE Economics Workshop, organised by the National Progressive Schools Conference at Ramjas School, Anand Parvat, Delhi. The workshop was conducted by resource person, Dr. S K Agarwal, Ex Reader, Department of Economics, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi on March 31, 2009.

Dr. Agarwal apprised the teachers on the redesigned Economics syllabi (Class XII) and updated them on the current changes that had been made by CBSE for the forthcoming 2010 examination.

Priyanka achieves second rank

Priyanka Dilip, class 3L, (currently in IV-F, Primary Wing A), **Amity International School, Noida** secured the All India Rank # 2 in the NSTSE - 2009. The examination was held on January 25, 2009 by the Unified Council, a professionally managed progressive organization in the field of education. The exam measures how well a student has understood educational concepts rather than how much he or she has memorized.

On March 7, 2009, Priyanka was awarded the Gold Medal by Sh. Bhanumurthy (IAS), Director of School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh and Sh. Srinivas, Director of Unified Council at a glittering ceremony in Secunderabad. She won a Desktop Computer, Britannica Encyclopaedia set and a memento.

AGS hosts Inter-Global Schools meet

Amity Global School, Gurgaon organized its first get-together of IBO and CIE world schools titled "Harmony in Diversity" on February 18, 2009.

Two students from grade 9 and two students from Grade 11 represented as a team in this inter-global schools event. The event commenced with the welcome address by the school CIE coordinator Dr. Manisha Mehta, followed by a welcome note by an A level student Angad Singh.

The Impromptu Elocution contest conducted by Business studies and Economics teacher Ranjita Gupta witnessed students presenting on topics as "Is parental guidance required in education", "Should we have moral policing" to "Is Slumdog Millionaire a Bollywood film" and "Ban on Plastic- will it work" followed by Interjections.

A Mini Math Olympiad organized by

Math's teacher Yang, from China was enjoyed by the audience thoroughly.

The meet concluded with a creative On-the-spot Art. Participants were required to prepare a Wall Magazine with the materials provided within 30 minutes. The topics for the Creativity Round included - Colours of the world, Water-the cradle of our civilization, Global warming, Beauty in symmetry and Youth: negative and positive energy.

Ashwini Kumar and Babita Singh, Visual Arts teachers from Pathways World School and Amity Global school respectively were the judges for the event. The art piece created by G D Goenka World School was adjudged the best. The school also bagged first prize in the other two events. The meet concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Shoba Tayal. The prizes were given away by J Tripathy, director ISEP. ●

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Life is colourful

AIS Vasundhara



Students of AIS Vasundhara exhibited their expertise in art and sculpture in the exhibition put up in the school campus on 2nd April 09 by budding artists from Nursery to class XII. A variety of exhibits like murals, relief sculpture, 3-D sculpture, installations, masks, pottery in sculpture and collage, water colours, pastel colours, pencil-shading, out door studies and still life in art rendered the spectators spell-bound. The perfection with which the little ones imparted breath to the POP and clay sculptures was absolutely commendable. It surely gave the message that there is much beyond white and black; life is colourful! ●

Opening New Vistas

An eight day Career Counseling workshop was organized from April 2-9 at AIS Gurgaon-43 by school counselor Vipula Gupta for students who have written their class X Board exams.

This workshop aimed to answer questions like:

Why is there a need for Career Counseling?

Should career be by choice or by chance?

What is the right time to select a career?

EQ or IQ- which is more important for success in a career?

These and many more such issues were discussed and the correct method of selecting a career was explained by the school counselor. Aptitude, Interest, Intelligence and Personality Tests were conducted and individual Reports were prepared. Thus every child was guided towards choosing a right career. Experts in their respective fields were invited to

interact and appraise students about the career prospects in fields like Engineering, Medicine, C.A., C.S., MBA, LLB, etc. Individual counseling was done in order to help each student select the right stream in class XI.

Students and parents had a common misconception that commerce means money. They were enlightened about the fact that it has a lot to do with planning, developing strategies, framing new policies, opening new avenues and envisaging new projects. It includes managing all resources- material, money and human. The counselor spelled the mantra for the right career selection, "Explore within and explore the environment."

This overall exercise brought clarity and knowledge in the minds of every child and helped them in selecting the right career path. This workshop turned out to be an effective catalyst in helping students to explore new horizons and prepare for their journey ahead. ●

