**Seminar on teachers by adolescents**

Invigorating and enlightening discussion marked the seminar as experts aired their views on the pivotal role of teachers today.

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**Karatê champês**

Talented karatêkas exhibited a fine display of martial strokes and true sportsman spirit.

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**Magic of Spic Macay**

With an endeavour to spread awareness about India's diverse music traditions among children, Amity International School Gurgaon 46 hosted a Spic Macay fiesta on December 18, 2013. Among the musicians who enthralled the audience with their soulful singing were Rajasthani folk singer Rehmat Khan Langa and maestro Zakir. The rendition of "Num-bosa", "Mast kalandar" and "Kesaria" had everyone asking for more. Rehmat Khan praised the students for their keen interest in folk music. The musical renditions ended with a vote of thanks by principal Aarti Chopra. She highlighted that children gained tremendously from the experience and hoped that it would help them appreciate and enjoy Indian folk music.

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**Chess-tastic daredevils!**

A viral Jaiwale and Arnav Kumar Mullick of Amity International School Vasundhara 6, Class IV D swept the first position in the Ghaziabad District Chess Championship 2013 in Under 9 and Under 11 category respectively. It was a moment of pride for the school. The competition was organised by Ghaziabad Public School in association with Ghaziabad District Chess Association on December 3-3, 2013. Both Aviral and Arnav have displayed a keen interest in the game from a young age. Under the guidance of their school chess coach Sumit Sharma, they are bound to continue their success spree.

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**AIS Saket**

Amit Institute of Education, Saket organised a seminar on December 11, 2013 on the topic ‘Teachers in the current and future scenario through the lens of adolescents’. The seminar was attended by 44 students and their teachers from around 40 schools. Keynote speakers Prof (Dr) Abha Singh, director, Amity Institute of Psychology and Allied Sciences; AUUP was the guest of honour. The inaugural session was graced by Anita Satia, director, SCERT; Prof (Dr) CB Sharma, project director, PhD in Education, School of Education, IGNOU; Prof Pranati Panda, dept of school and non form education, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA); Jyothi Prabahakar, assistant editor, Delhi Times and Konal Sood, director, Shiv Nadar Schools. Student presentations were adjudged by a panel comprising Prof Sharma, Prof Panda, Jyothi Prabahakar, Konal Sood, Dr Alka Mudgal, officiating head, AIS, AUUP and Shalini Chandra, faculty, AIS, New Delhi. The invigorating discussion by the adolescents as they aired their views on teachers, impressed the panelists. The post lunch session was adjudged by Ms Sapa Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amuown, Dr Shreya Verma, education officer, CBSE; Prof Renu Malviya, associate professor, Lady Irwin College; Dr Alka Mudgal and Shalini Chandra. The valedictory address was given by Prof Prem Das, director, School of Education, IGNOU and the session was concluded by Ms Sapa Chauhan.

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**Meeting Anushka Ravishankar**

Amity students enjoyed kite exhibition at Japan Foundation on December 11, 2013. Pandit Rajendra Prasanna gave a vibrant performance on the flute. The performance was accompanied by Shubh Maharaj on tabla. He pranced on the stage and took the audience on an exhilarating journey. The delighted audience requested for more and more. Later, children joined in to sing songs from one of her other books 'Stray Cats And The Monster'. Later, children joined in to sing songs from one of her other books ‘Moin and the Monster’, ‘Tiger on a Tree’, ‘Excuse Me, Is this India?’, etc. The author’s session started with Anushka Ravishankar’s brief introduction about herself, followed by a book reading session from her book ‘Moin and the Monster’. Later, children joined in to sing songs from one of her other books. The session ended with a question answer round with the author.

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**Fly high with Japanese Kites**

Amity students enjoy kite exhibition at Japan Foundation.

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**Proud karatekas display their awards**

AIS Lucknow


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**Event Kata (individual performance):**

- Gold: Alisha Ojha, Arsh Sharma, Class VII, Rashid Singh, Class VII
- Silver: Gayana Opal, Joyal Patel & Rajat, Class III, Srikanth Nayak, Class VII
- Bronze: Navneet Vashisht, Class III, Chanchal Singh, Ved Agarwal & Harsh Habib, Class IV, Aryan Tiwari, Class VI, Naman & Shagun Upadhyay, Class VII

**Event Kumite (sparring):**

- Gold: Alisha Ojha & Gyanaya Opal, Class III, Ved Agarwal, Class IV, Jairaj Singh, Class VI, Naman Narain, Aryan Sharma, Vishalvansh Singh, Class VII

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**AIS Vasundhara 6**

Tuvshi Jain

With India and Japan having a long and wonderful tradition of kite flying, enjoyed by children and adults alike, taking their fascination for kites further, the Amritians pursuing Japanese language visited a Japanese kite exhibition at the Japan Foundation. The Japanese kites are called ‘paper kawas’ in ancient days, they were used for communicating and sending messages. Every year, during ‘Boy’s Festival’ celebrated on May 5, people of Japan fly kites as an auspicious omen. While Indian kites are usually thumb shaped, Japanese kites have various mo- tifs like legendary warriors, heroes from children’s tales, birds, flowers, faces de- picting emotions, etc. Even though kite designing is going through a mini ren- aissance of sorts in Japan, yet they take pride in their traditional kites which de-