



## Highlights of SMS Mayur Vihar



### MY SCHOOL...FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY

Looking at the environment around you with a new vision to discover can serve as a pretext for moving beyond what is visible at the first sight. This was the aim of the project - "My School". A guided tour around the school campus was conducted for the children. They observed different rooms inside the building and were able to differentiate between the design as well as the layout of the rooms. This activity enabled them to acquire knowledge about the infrastructure and the facilities provided in the school.

### ADVENTURE CAMP

An adventure camp organized on 12th March 2014 widened the horizons of the little Salwanians and instilled sportsmanship spirit in the children. Various activities based on the core values of trust, communication, creativity and teamwork were organized. Through this experience the children were able to enhance their cooperative, collaborative and interpersonal skills. They were able to develop self-confidence and leadership qualities.

### WITNESSING GROWTH...

Mustard seeds were sown by the children in ready planters in the month of August, 2013. They watered the seeds every day. They observed the germination of seeds over the next few days. Through this project, children acquired an understanding about the factors affecting seed germination and plant growth.

### MINI MARATHON

Mini Marathon was organized for the students on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov '13. Several benefits were reaped by the students through this activity. They learnt fundamental physical skills. The activity helped them to improve their physical, emotional and mental well-being.

### GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day was organized on 4<sup>th</sup> February'2014 to express the love and gratitude of the students towards their grandparents. Mr. S.K. Pachouri (IAS, Retd. ) and Ms Angelina from Zurich graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively.

On this occasion a variety programme was put up jointly by all the six sections of Nursery and KG Classes. The Grandparents participated enthusiastically in the event by singing their favourite Nursery Rhymes.



### **International Teacher Exchange Programme**

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2014 to 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014

Under the International Teacher Exchange Programme Ms. Angela Sproston, Early Childhood Facilitator from Switzerland visited the school. Over the two weeks of her stay, she conducted several activities like making animal characters by cutting fruits, making butterflies out of waste material, etc. which were enjoyed immensely by the children.

### **PUPPET SHOW**

A PUPPET SHOW by Mr. Ranjeet Bhatt, a Delhi-based puppeteer was organised in the school on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The story 'Clever Rabbit' was showcased through puppetry. The activity taught how to initiate a conversation with their friends and elders. A folk dance of Rajasthan was also presented through traditional Kathputli art.

### **VISIT TO BHAGWAT DHAM - Old Age Home**

Young Salwanians visited Bhagwat Dham, an old age home, on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013 with Ms. Rajshree, an Early Childhood Educator, and Mr. Vinod, P.E.T. The students presented flowers and sweets to the senior citizens. They sang and danced with dadu-dadi and nani-nanu. They played chidiya ud and akkad- bakkad and created unforgettable moments together. The children touched their feet and developed a special bond with them. The old aged relived their own childhood as they interacted with the young Salwanians.

### **THE WONDER OF LEARNING**

Ms Paola Strozzi, a pedagogist, shared the learning experiences related to the Reggio Emilia Approach to Early Childhood Education. The exhibition 'The Wonder of Learning' at IGNC, Delhi depicted the hundred languages of children representing the extra ordinary potential in children which transforms and multiplies during their journey of life.

A narrative and communicative structure designed to reflect the complexity and the plurality of points of view that have always characterized the work carried out in the pre-schools of Reggio Emilia was presented.

This exhibition highlighted the forms of learning in children and adults, individually and in groups.



### A GLIMPSE INTO MY DAY AT SCHOOL

Demonstration – A Glimpse into My Day at School' was organized for NURSERY classes in September 2013. Parents enjoyed the Simulation Activity depicting the class room environment and the proceedings of a day at SMS beginning with the assembly followed by rhymes recited according to the theme of the month. Different activities conducted in class were showcased such as counting with beads, sorting of fruits & vegetables, storytelling using puppets, things one uses to keep oneself clean etc. Parents were made aware of the teaching methodology and were apprise on different ways of helping their wards. It was an educational exercise that benefitted the parents and students alike.

### Project - PLANTS – OUR LIFELINE

A project -based show was organized wherein the students were involved in sharing knowledge and information about the world of plants. The project was executed in different phases. It was initiated with Nature-Walk to the school garden which gave the students first-hand experience to be a part of nature and aroused their curiosity to learn more about it. To make the children aware about plant life all aspects were taught in class viz – germination, parts of a plant, things we get from plants and types of plants through activity-based learning by doing approach. It was a delight to see the sparkle in the eyes of little ones when they nurtured young saplings from the seeds that they had sown. All these activities were based on multiple-intelligences wherein musical, kinesthetic, audio-visual, linguistic and logical thinking were amalgamated. The aim of the project was to engage the children in experiential learning while educators served as guides and facilitators. To summarize all these activities a special presentation was put up on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The students presented a short skit – 'One Seed' which depicted the story of a seed who had the courage to make a difference and turn the impossible into possible. The Nursery Choir presented songs that gave a message that one needs to have a strong determination to achieve ones goals. Students learnt that by planting more trees they can save Mother Earth. Students mesmerized the parents and audience when they shared their knowledge about plant life..



### **MATHS WEEK**

Maths Week was organized in the first week of February. Various activities and guided games were conducted. The mathematical concepts of Shapes and Numbers were reinforced through exciting games. Different shapes were marked on the floors with colourful tapes wherein students jumped in and out, walked on the line etc. Matching of numbers was done through hopscotch wherein students jumped and matched the numbers they were given. Sorting Activity was also organized where teachers instructed the students to take out kidney-bean seeds out of the bowl according the number given. The children peeled peas, counted them and made creative objects by joining them like necklaces, boat etc. They also used the cut-outs of shapes to make different pictures.

### **PYJAMA PARTY**

To mark the end of the session, a fun-filled day was organized on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 for the little angels. Students were provided with a cozy and comfortable environment including beds, storybooks, puppet show, games, dance and lunch. The students were invited for the party dressed up in their pyjamas. They were also asked to bring their favourite pillow along. Students were welcomed by their teachers. After the initial orientation, children were divided into groups named after various cartoon characters. Activity areas and free-space zones were created, where the children played games, danced to their favourite numbers, giggled watching funny videos, listened to the fairy tales and enjoyed a scrumptious meal. The party amalgamated fun and relaxation. A colour-box and a star-balloon were given as gifts to the children. It was an enriching experience.

### **ADVENTURE CAMP**

Children experienced thrill and excitement at an Adventure Camp organized on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in order to boost up their self-confidence and encourage them to face challenges bravely. Various skill-based adventurous activities and fun-filled games such as commando crawl, river crossing, burma bridge, tug of war, etc. were organized for building their self-esteem and inculcating team spirit in them.