

# THE KESTREL

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Dear Readers,

In the pursuit of excellence, the Kestrel has spread its wings with new vigour and zeal to update you in the new session 2017-18. The canvas of our co-curricular activities is large, and varied. Our students have always kept the banner of the school high with their high benchmarks of excellence in academics and co-curricular activities. We anticipate your encouragement at every new step we take.

## SUMMER CAMP

The school organised a Summer Camp from 16<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May. Workshop in Super Learning techniques was the main attraction among the students. They learned superfast calculations with the help of Abacus and surprising learning techniques enhancing their vocabulary. Special coaching in Football, Cricket and Skating helped the students to hone their skills on the field. Students enjoyed learning musical notes on different musical instruments. The artifacts made by them surprised all. They also enjoyed a gala party on the last of the camp. The Principal Mrs. Yashika Bhardwaj congratulated the students and awarded them a certificate of participation on completion of the camp.



## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



“A parent is a teacher at home and a teacher is a parent in school and the child is the centre of our universe.” Under the able guidance of our Principal, Mrs. Yashka Bhardwaj, an Orientation Programme was organized for the parents of new admission. The aim was to familiarize the parents, “as partners in progress” with the curriculum, rules and regulations of the school, teaching methodologies and the co-scholastic activities. The programme commenced with a warm welcome to the parents. The Pre-Primary Incharge, Mrs. Meenakshi Singh handled the queries of the parents. She laid stress on effective communication between the teachers & the parents and also sought their support and suggestions so that the children could be provided the best for their overall development. The parents were briefed about the

rules and regulations of the school. Later, the teachers gave an overview of the various subjects like English, Math, and Social Science and not to forget the co-scholastic activities which gave them an assurance that the curriculum involves self-directed, hands-on learning activities which not only give vent to their creative talents and energies but also help in their all-round development of the child. The orientation programme helped the parents in identifying suitable follow up methods to reinforce the learning process of their children. It was a fruitful meeting and the parents were in high spirits after attending the programme. They were also given a book on parenting.



## EARTH DAY

The school celebrated Earth Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Students pledged to take care of the environment. Different activities such as poster designing, slogan writing and free hand drawing competitions were conducted highlighting the importance of each one's contributions towards to save the environment and minimize the pollution.

## MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is a special day of the year, dedicated to all mothers. Mothers hold a special place in the hearts of children. The students of Apeejay School were given an opportunity to show their appreciation for their mothers. To show their love and respect for their mother, the young, enthusiastic students made beautiful cards. They even drew a picture of their mother and wrote short poems. The bulletin boards were decorated with these beautiful cards and conveyed an important message of being humble, respectful and obedient to the parents. They also organized some interesting games for the mothers. A parent teacher meeting was also held which was attended by the fathers where mothers were enjoying the day at its fullest.

## YOGA DAY

The International Yoga Day was celebrated to bring peace, harmony, happiness and success to every soul in the world. This was a great opportunity to imbibe the value of discipline. Yoga is a mental, physical and spiritual practice that needs to be carried every day. Children got the chance to know how yoga embodies unity of mind and body. The students of classes VI – XII performed Yoga. Different yoga postures like Vrikshasana, Uttaanaasana, Trikonaasana, Bhadrasana, Shashankaasana, Bhujangasana, Pawana Muktaasana, finally ended with Pranayama and meditation. Prayers were recited before and after the programme. Poster making competitions were also conducted reminding the importance of yoga in daily life.

## ANNUAL EXHIBITION

All students showcased their creativity and talent through beautiful working models, which reflected their hard work and effort. The wonderful pieces of art work, which were not only well researched but also extremely aesthetic, impressed one and all. The entire school radiated with energy and activity. The students of the senior wing displayed confidence and accuracy while explaining their models, which exhibited their scientific temperament. It got an overwhelming response both by the children as well as by the parents. Beautiful art and craft work made by the students was on display. The beautiful paintings and art work left the spectators mesmerized.



## LANGUAGE DAY

A plethora of activities were organized to enhance the joy of learning on Language Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Students of Std.II to XII participated actively in the Varg Paheli, Word Chain, Word Games, Spell Bee, Poem Writing, Ad making, to name a few. Role plays, Poetical Recitation, Word Chain, Speech, Singing etc. added flavour to the celebration. Students were told about the importance of the Day. They enjoyed the celebration and learnt many new concepts.

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

The morning assembly, underpinned in the school curriculum, provides creative canalization of the innate talent of the students. It is a platform for the students to express and exchange their views about various aspects of life as well as the world around them. It helps each child to showcase his or her talent and ensure a robust start of the day. Each class present a special assembly on the pre-decided topics given to them on the scheduled day. Topics like Right to Education, Our Voting Rights, Science and Technology, sensitize them towards various issue so that the students with impressionable minds can play a crucial role towards the betterment of the society.

## HOUSE ASSEMBLIES

### **BUDDHA PURNIMA**

A special assembly was conducted by Lakshya House on 13<sup>th</sup> May on the occasion of Buddha Purnima. The assembly was comprised of an informative talk to enlighten the students about Lord Buddha. The school choir sung a melodious bhajan to pay its tribute to Him. A short skit comprised of incidents of his life was well appreciated by all.



## JANAMASTHMI

The AIS family celebrated Janmashtami with all passion and zealous on September 4, 2017. A special assembly was organized to celebrate the occasion. Students of different classes donned the roles of Lord Sri Krishna and Gopikas amongst many other characters related to Janmashtami. They won the soul of spectators by dressing in the attire of Krishna, Gopikas and other various characters and enacting their respective roles

perfectly. The event comprised of Group Dance on the life of Krishna ,Group Songs that show the devotion to Krishna and Nritya Natika by students.Lord Krishna marked the event more fun and frolic. It also made awareness about Indian tradition, custom and culture. It conveyed the strong message “Victory of good over evil.” The event concluded with the message of the Principal. He reminded the students about Lord Krishna’s devotion and obedience to his master. The awesome performance was applauded and appreciated by everyone.



## **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Our school celebrated 71<sup>st</sup> **Independence Day** with great patriotic fervor, zeal and zest. The function began with the patriotic renditions sung by the students which charged up the atmosphere with patriotic spirit.Students also presented a musical Enactment which showcased the struggle to gain freedom and the final celebration after gaining complete Independence from the British.



## **GANESH CHATURTHI**

The pious festival of **Ganesh Chaturthi** was celebrated with full religious fervor on 9 September 2017. The celebration began with Ganesh Vandana followed by proper puja ceremony by the Principal and teachers. The energetic ‘dhol dance’ performance by students electrified the atmosphere.



## **INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS**

### **CARD MAKING**

A card making competition was organized for Std. II to Std. V on 12<sup>th</sup> April. The theme was “Mother’s Day. They wrote beautiful messages for their mothers and also decorated their cards beautifully. Avni Vasisht of Std V A won the first prize. Dakshita Singh and Parth S. Rajput of Std.IV won second and third positions respectively.

### **KHO - KHO**

An Inter-House Kho-Kho matches were organized in the school premises on 19<sup>th</sup> April. 4 houses namely Satya, Lakshya, Shakti and Dhairya participated in the competition. The matches were played on knock-out-basis in preliminary phase which were followed by quarterfinals and semifinals. In an exciting contest first semifinal was played between Satya and Lakshya house..The second semifinal was played between Shakti House and Dhairya House in which Shakti House won the match. The final match was won by Satya House.

### **ORIGAMI ART**

An interesting origami competition was conducted for the Std. II and Std. III. The goal was to transform a flat sheet square of paper into a finished sculpture through folding and sculpting techniques. All students partook in this very interesting and creative contest. Students actively and keenly participated and created unique shapes and structures to showcase their talents. Rishab Sood of Std.III, Shaurya Parashar and Pranjal Sharma of Std.II won the first, second and third

prize respectively.

### **COLLAGE MAKING**

Collage making is a very interesting branch of art in which the poster is made by pasting the unused and discarded pieces of papers or magazines with the help of gum on paper. To give the students an idea to amalgamate their knowledge and creativity, an inter house collage making competition was organised where students brought their creativity alive on paper. The winner was Lakshya House. The second prize and third prize were bagged by the students of Satya House.

### **SUDOKU**

An Inter House Sudoku competition was organized to test the numeric skills of the students on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Riya Issar and V. Lakshmi of Shakti House won the first prize.

### **CHESS**

An Inter House Chess competition for the intermediate students was organized in which Samridh Srivastava of Dhairya House, Animseh Srivastava of Shakti house, Vedant Deopa of Lakshya House won laurels for their houses. They won first, second and third prizes respectively.

### **CARROM**

Shivanshu Bisht of Satya House, Manav of Shakti House and Kartikeya of Dhairya House won first, second and third positions respectively in an inter house carrom competition held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### **BOOK MARK COMPETITION**

A Book mark Making Competition was held for the Junior students of Std. II to V.

The students enthusiastically participated in the competition. It helped the students to explore and create interesting and artistic bookmarks. The students put their best foot forward and made innovative and splendid bookmarks. The students used materials like wood, cardboard, handmade paper, paints, glitter, satin ribbons, mirror, laces and beads to enhance the beauty of the bookmarks. They also wrote inspirational quotes on the bookmarks to make them more interesting and also to capture the reader’s imagination.

### **RAKHI MAKING**

The auspicious day of Raksha Bandhan was celebrated by organizing a Rakhi making competition for classes I to V. All the children participated with great zeal and zest in the creative competition of Rakhi making. The competition saw a number of creative and colourful rakhis being made by the students.

### **STORY TELLING**

Stories help children in expanding their imagination and knowledge of the world they live in. It develops their language skills in a holistic way and familiarizes children with the sound, rhythm and intonation of the words. To develop these skills and to provide an exposure to language a story enactment competition was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> September for the students of Std II and III where the students performed on the famous fairy tales.-\_Lakshya House won the first prize.

