

HEAL THE EARTH

The steadfast coursing of the stars,
The waves that ripple to the shore,
The vigorous trees which year by year
Spread upwards more and more;

The jewel forming in the mine,
The snow that falls so soft and light,
The rising and the setting sun,
The growing glooms of night;

All natural things both live and move
In natural peace that is their own;
Only in our disordered life
Almost is she unknown.

A very Good Evening to the august gathering
and a warm welcome to our Annual Concert

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Parents!! As humans, we have always been
reliant on Mother Earth for everything.....the
air we breathe, the water we drink, the food
we eat...the list is endless. In spite of using
the earth's resources perpetually we are

regardless of the consequences, one of which is climate change through global warming. Climate change is an important environmental influence on the ecosystems which includes increased air pollution, dangerous heat waves, from drought to hurricanes, from killer smog to forest fires, heavy rain storms and even flooding....which we recently experienced in Pune too. The world may have already crossed a series of climate tipping points which the scientists call **an existential threat to civilisation**. In fact Oxford Dictionaries has declared **CLIMATE EMERGENCY** as the **WORD OF THE YEAR for 2019**.

With climate change becoming irreversible it is essential for us to act and sensitize our students and hence the theme of our Annual Concert Heal The Earth !!!

Well before that, I would like to share with you all that for a holistic and harmonious development of our Mitconites, a multitude of activities were conducted which I would describe briefly...

A Happy Child is a Responsible Child.

To make the first day of the session memorable for our students a variety of delightful activities including Art & Craft, Word Buzz, Fun with Math & Science, Click a Pic etc. were conducted under the title **GET SET GO** on 01st, 2nd and 3rd April for different grades.

Nature is a miracle we depend upon. We are a part of Earth and it is a part of us. 22nd April is celebrated as **Earth Day**. To honour this MIS conducted **Green Lungs** on 18 of April by organising Sapling Plantation for all grades. Besides this grade 1 had **Eco Friendly Paper Photo Frame** making competition, grade 2 indulged in **Crafts of India**, grade 3 in **Slogan Writing** and grades 4 to 7 had a **Model Making** competition on Social Science.

To nurture Social Skills, Ease The Summer Slide, Foster Teamwork, Help Kids Unplug and Build Friendships, a Summer Camp was organised in May for all age groups. It was a 10 days exciting event.

The month of June was just as eventful with the following activities conducted:

It is said that...

When slides and swings go round

When down is up and up is down,

Come on children it's time to play,

It's Topsy Turvy Day today

In fact Parents !! There are times when we see our lives turn **Topsy Turvy**... be it student life, personal life or professional life. To remove the anxiety quotient and to add fun element, we celebrated a musical event **Topsy Turvy** with the Pre Primary students on 15th June. The students wore mismatched costumes ...like dhoti was worn with T shirts, socks were put on hands and ties put on back side.

The art of practising Yoga helps controlling an individual's mind, body and soul. MIS celebrated **International Yoga day** on 21st July keeping in mind that Yoga brings together **physical and mental disciplines** to achieve a **peaceful body and mind**. The students were explained about the health benefits of yoga and were made to perform Surya Namaskar and other asanas.

Leading and decision making is an important aspect of one's personality.

To inculcate leadership qualities in students a Student Council was made. In fact an election campaign by the volunteers was initiated on 17th June. This was followed by formal voting by students of grades 2 to 7 in a ballot box. And then to refine and honour the leaders we see in children, we organised an **Investiture Ceremony on 29th June** which comprised of **Piping Ceremony and Oath taking**.

We now live in a global world with exposure to different types of culture. To have a wider perspective, our students need to respectfully celebrate the nation's and the world's diversity. With this objective we celebrated a colourful event, the **SAO JAO festival of Goa** on 17th June for Primary wing and on 27th July for Pre Primary wing. It was all about the significance of the festival, information related to culture of Goa along with music and dance.

The world around us is becoming more and more technology oriented. It helps us operate more efficiently so that we can be more productive. To make our children tech savvy a Presentation on **Microsoft Office Specialist Championship** was conducted on 4th July for grades III-VII.

In today's world news about child abuse and molestation is rampant. A session on **Good Touch and Bad Touch** was conducted for grades Sr.KG. to VII on the 18th July to sensitize them about the same. Through this the children also learnt about speaking up against anyone who violates their personal space.

Under the theme of **Community Helpers**, the Pre Primary wing was taken to a supermarket D'Mart in Baner on 26th & 27th of July as a part of educational activity.

A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform. On 29th July, a session on puberty was conducted for girls of grades 4 to 7 by Dr. Prajakta Sabre, a gynaecologist, from Jupiter Hospital.

The festival of Rakshabandhan signifies the bond between brothers and sisters. On this occasion, there was a Rakhi making activity on the 13th August conducted for Pre Primary students wherein the students learnt to make rakhis using decorative material which enhanced their creativity.

‘Jara Yaad Karo Kurbani!!’

To instil true essence of patriotism in our students there was a series of activities for Mitconites. On 14th August we conducted Collage making activity for Pre Primary on

Freedom Fighters, a Group Song Competition for grades 1, 2 & 3 and Elocution for students of grades 4 to 7. These were all centred on the theme '**Jara Yaad Karo Kurbani!!**' and aimed at teaching the children about freedom struggle and its significance.

The 73rd Independence Day was witnessed at MIS with utmost exuberance. The National Flag was unfurled by the Chief Guest, Dr. George Judah, an Indian Air Force Pilot and Ex-Director of Symbiosis Institute of Business Management followed by March Past. The day was beautifully adorned with an array of events performed by our talented Mitconites of grades 4 to 7.

Public Speaking Power

The ability to speak well is a blessing but when it is impromptu, it's even more challenging !!

An Extempore for grade 3 and a Mad Ad Competition for grades 4 to 7 were conducted aiming at improving communication skills, self-expression and weaving new ideas.

There is nothing as powerful as mother's love and as healing as a child's soul. On the 20th August, the students of grades 1 & 2 had a competition on speaking skills. The topic was **What My Mom Thinks About Me.** The students expressed their love for mothers and acknowledged their efforts. So this served dual purpose....enhancing expression skills and strengthening the mother - child bond.

Cartoons contribute positively to the development of thinking skills and comprehension of the tiny tots.

Keeping in mind the importance of cartoon characters in a child's life, we organized a role play competition for Pre Primary on the theme **My Favourite Cartoon** on 22nd August.

The school also had **Janmashtami** celebrations on the 23rd with **Dahi handi** as special attraction.

Water....it is not just life's matter and matrix, but also mother and medium !!! Often, idols are decorated with toxic paints which contain lead and mercury which seeps into water after idol immersion. This adds to the acidic level of water which is hazardous for environment and marine life. To spread awareness, to make the students environmentally conscious and also to enhance their creativity, we conducted an **Eco Friendly Ganesha Making** activity and competition on 30th August. The students also got to know about **biodegradability**. They made beautiful idols using flowers, leaves, nuts, vegetables etc.

Well the list is long !!!

In fact Parents, with all these activities happening we feel the need to increase the school timings by 10-15 minutes in the next session so that around one hour extra per

week which would really help....and I thought of taking this opportunity to announce in advance....like...**Zor Ka Zhatka Dheeray Se Lagey !!!**

A trip to Hyundai Car Showroom was organized for the Pre Primary on 20 Sep. The planning was in view of the theme for the month **Road Transport.**

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, and the keepers of traditions. To honour them we celebrated Grandparents day for the Pre Primary wing on 28 Sep.

The grandparents were also felicitated with attractive and colourful cards made by their grandchildren.

Mere Bapu Mahaan !!!

To mark 150th birth anniversary of the Father of our Nation – Mahatma Gandhi, a plethora of activities were conducted for Mitconites in the first week of October.

One Step Ahead To A Cleaner India !!

This activity honoured the initiative by our prime minister to encourage the citizens to reduce litter and contribute to the cleanliness and beautification of the country. The children were encouraged to take part in the movement and they actually cleaned their surroundings in the school premises... classrooms, cupboards, windows, playground etc.

Besides this, grades 1 & 2 participated in Poster Making Competition, grades 3&4 in Speech Competition and grades 5 to 7 in Essay Writing Competition. Pre Primary participated in colouring competition.

All this revolved around values followed by Gandhiji.

Habitat for humanity is a global non-profit organization which is anchored by the principle that housing and sanitation are critical foundations to break the barriers to better lives. It works to provide sanitary living spaces for underprivileged students. MITCON International School partnered with

them in an in-school campaign and raised an amount of Rs. 24000 with the help of the students for donation. This helped inculcate values like compassion, service, kindness and helpfulness in the children. This effort also encouraged them to be an active part of society and give back in whatever form they can. This way the spirit of compassion and humanity was well imbibed.

Considering the importance of hygiene, a session on **Menstrual Hygiene Awareness** was conducted for girls of grades 5 to 7 on 17 Oct'19 by Ms. Aparna Gulawoni of Global Hunt Foundation.

Indians bond over **festivals** and festivals in their own ways spread positivity in environment. **Diwali** marks the victory of good over evil. To extract the flavours of festivity, the students participated in Diya decoration, Candle decoration and Lantern making activities, grade wise, on 18 Oct.

Also, an event called '**Festivity in Air**' was conducted for all the mothers on 19 Oct. The

parents showed great enthusiasm in participation. The competitive spirit was strong and the artistic skills of mothers were showcased.

Communicating effectively is a key dimension of leadership.

We organized a session on Effective Communication Skills for grades 6 & 7 in association with NIE, **Newspaper in Education by Times Of India** on 07 Nov.

In today's world of **Netizens**, rustic words like **Mela** resonates the simplicity and innocence of a long lost childhood. To mark Children's Day celebrations, MIS organised a Balmela for more than 1500 guests who merrily walked in with little ones into the realm of joy. The entire school transformed into a buzzing beehive with the campus adorned with vibrant decorations and an array of stalls that included Food Fiesta, Artistic Talent, Planetarium and a lot of entertainment at the Game Stalls.

Well besides these activities the students of grades 1 to 7 were also made aware of **World Environment Day** celebrated on 05 June, **World Day Against Child Labour** celebrated on 12 June, **Constitution Day** celebrated on 26 November by organizing Special Assemblies for the same.

The Pre Primary Wing also conducts **Colour Day and Socio Dramatization** on a regular basis.

Sports are an important part of a child's growth as they teach the children healthy competition and sportsmanship. Thus our school has also enrolled for Zila Parishad Sports Competitions and Sakaal School Olympics.

Mohor Kulkarni of Sr. Kg. won two medals in **Pune District Roller skating championship.**

Gold medal in 400m speed inline
Silver medal in 600m speed inline.

Malhar Ranjan Das of Sr KG was awarded with bronze medal in 5-6 years category in the **Karate State level championship** arranged in Pune on 8th September.

Swaraj Bhondve of grade 7 made us proud by securing First Position in **10m Air Pistol Shooting competition in Sakal Olympics** and second position in the **State Level Shooting Competition**.

Sahil Vaswani of grade 6 & Daiwik Patil of grade 5 made a new record by skating continuously for 61 min at a competition which was held on 4th Nov at **Maharashtra Mandal, Pune**.

Shlok Zanwar of Grade 4 participated in **BFA Cricket- Goa-U/12** and was declared as the **Best Batsman** . He also participated in **BFA Cricket – Gujarat-U/14** and was felicitated as Runner Up. He was awarded with a Medal and two Trophies.

In fact parents... though we send a lot of mails to you, and they are acknowledged by few parents... except I remember one...when we sent a mail about free passes being given by Maharashtra Cricket Association for Test Match between India and South Africa....and I am like ...OMG...within two minutes I received around 200 acknowledgements requesting for passes and so now I know

what interests my parents...so maybe I should get a match arranged for my parents as well on the Annual Sports Day...both mothers and fathers...without any gender discrimination....

As a **Team Building Activity** we also organised a Sports Event for our Housekeeping and Transport Staff and felicitated the winners.

We are also planning to conduct an **Adventure Program** for students on 11th January which will cover fun filled adventure activities to encourage teamwork and enhance self-confidence. You will be getting a consent form for the same along with all details in a day or two.

Under...**SEWA.....Social Empowerment Through Work And Action**, students of grades 6&7 were asked to do a project that motivated them to visit NGOs that work for the welfare of stray animals with the objective of inculcating in them the value of compassion They also had Life Skills Workshops on **First Aid** and **Electrical Safety**.

Similar thought provoking assignments were given to other grades as well.

The external exams that we conduct include **SOF, Humming Bird- Spell Bee and BalVaigyanik** for Primary and **IQ Conquest Olympiad** for Pre Primary.

Besides this plethora of activities that were conducted, the upcoming ones are Annual Sports Day , Adventure program, a Field Trip, Chronicles On Stage and Anusandhaan... our annual Gyan Vigyan event.

So now without any further delay we start our **Musical Bonanza**...Parents...as any message percolates better if there is an **Entertainment Quotient** attached with it...so along with what is depicted in the play you will also find your feet tapping to tunes of some popular songs !!! So sit back, enjoy and treasure these moments... from tiny tots on stage looking for their parents in such a big audience to the senior ones with Dhoom Machaa Day attitude rocking the stage !!!

Thank You and All The Best to my team !!!!!