

Performance art is the "unconscious" of theatre. Dreams and traumas are the content of this unconscious, and the performer's art is to externalize these and enlarge them, so that they become available, ultimately, to the gaze of the other.

Good evening to the August Gathering!!!

We, at MITCON International School believe that **self-expression in the form of art and theatre** is essential for the development of children. It transforms them into a completely different character, in a completely different era, and that world is theirs to explore. Theatre builds **confidence, self-esteem and expression**. It is said that **Logic takes you from A to B but imagination takes you everywhere**, and we at MITCON strive to **hone and harness the skill of imagination in our students**.

Our society has many stigmas and taboos. In this skit, with the influence of Tare Zameen Par, we have tried to get rid of these stigmas. The pressure put on the children externally also

adds up to pressure internally, the pressure that the children put on themselves. This pressure can only bind them into constraints of expectations and limit their growth. On the other hand, children allowed to explore their interests, strengths and weaknesses grow in more ways than just academics. The personality and emotional quotient of children starts developing at a very young age and we must allow them to explore the world around them. A child who is self-sufficient and not afraid to push the limits and get out of his comfort zone is a child that can flourish in any environment because of his strong foundational values.

Let me take you through the journey of our students, right from the commencement of the session.

With the current situation in terms of global warming and environmental degradation, to teach the children about the importance of planting trees and to sensitize them towards environment, a sapling plantation drive was held on Earth Day for the children of first to eighth grade on 23<sup>rd</sup> of April.

It is said that **A healthy mind resides in a healthy body**. To teach the children the importance of exercise and being physically active and fit, we celebrated International Yoga Day in our school for all the students on wherein the students were made aware of various yogasans.

What would be a sweeter way to connect with children than chocolate? To facilitate this connection, we conducted a chocolate making session for parents of Pre Primary wing. I'm sure the children enjoyed those chocolates... and the parents too!!!

A new season brings new opportunities and experiences. To celebrate another new season of your child in our school, we welcomed monsoon with a monsoon gala for our Mitconites with beautiful dance performances and shared the do's and don'ts of Rainy Season.

Patriotism stems from childhood. To inculcate the feeling of respect, honour and love towards the nation we live in, MIS celebrated Independence Day with a plethora of wonderful performances.

The bond of a brother and a sister is unbreakable. To cherish this bond and share this festival with all

the students, Rakhi celebrations were hosted in the school for all the children on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August.

To encourage good will and celebrate the victory of good over evil, we shared the joy of Janmashtami together on the 30<sup>th</sup> August.

To celebrate our roots, the strong hold of our families, we taught the importance of grandparents to the children on Grandparents' Day on 8<sup>th</sup> of September wherein the students gifted handmade cards to their grandparents and we could see them overwhelmed with emotions.

Our children are the apple of our eyes and to make sure that they know how to manoeuvre their way in the society safely, a workshop was conducted in the month of September to create awareness about good touch and bad touch among children.

A healthy child is a happy child. The health of your child isn't only your responsibility but ours to. To fulfil this responsibility, we had a doctor visit for standard medical exam for all the children on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

With the dwindling tiger population and its strong adverse effect on our food chain and wildlife population, we decided to make the children aware

about the importance of tigers by hosting a save the tiger event on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

The Ganesh festival is a time for joy and festivities. But it also has a different impact on our environment and marine life. To teach the children about reducing their carbon footprint, a workshop was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September which taught the children to make eco-friendly Ganeshas that can be submerged in water without having any adverse effects.

A healthy child is a happy child. Every parent wants their child to be healthy. To facilitate this, we conducted a health check-up for our students on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, the report of which has already shared with you.

In the footsteps of our current prime minister, Mr Narendra modi, we initiated a cleanliness drive called Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on 1<sup>st</sup> October with the objective of inculcating a responsible attitude in them towards cleanliness of their surroundings and environment.

Childhood days are the best, don't you agree? To cherish this spirit of childhood, we organized a bal mela with fun filled activities for the children and parents alike on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October.

Time spent with friends celebrating is time spent well. In this spirit, we celebrated the dandiya festival with splendour.

Your child's safety is our top concern. Keeping this in mind, we conducted a fire safety drill and evacuation in school on 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

The first step is always the most important one. That is why, we made sure that the first day of your child on 11<sup>th</sup> June in our school was a memorable one.

Nutrition and health start in the kitchen. We organised a veggie parade to teach the children the importance of vegetables and healthy eating habits.

Imagination and dreams fire up the soul. To keep this fire ignited in our tiny tots, we conducted a fairy tale session on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Discipline is the key to success. To honour this discipline in our new student council, we held an investiture ceremony in our school.

Along with knowledge, one must be capable in other spheres of the world too. To teach the children the skills required in our daily interactions, we conducted a market place visit on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

All life is sacred. The wildlife is an essential part of our environment, and to educate the children about the biodiversity, a creative jungle safari was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> of August.

The motivation to continue tasks is very important. To motivate and encourage your child to enjoy school, we celebrated 100 days of school on 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

In honour of these heroes that run the communication of the nation by sending packages and letters, we visited a post office.

With the festivities in the air, we organised a Rangoli making and Diya decorating competition for the amazing mothers of the children of our school.

In a world of growing technology, our kids are all tech savvy. To teach them about media and communication, we organised a mock press conference on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. At least now, when all the kids will be famous, they'll be a pro at press conferences, right?

Our culture frames a lot of who we are and our core values. To incorporate this culture in our school life during the festival of Diwali, we hosted a Diya decorating activity on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November.

Childhood days are the most memorable and fun. This children's' day, we hosted a celebration with fun filled activities and shows for the children.

Our marine life is one probably most neglected. Waste is dumped into our sea every day and this affects our aquatic life adversely. To show the children how interesting life under the sea really is, and to make them aware about ecosystem, we took the children for an aquarium visit to on 16<sup>th</sup> November to sambaji park.

To encourage the developing technological skill in children, we opened up a robotics lab in the school.

Sports are an essential part of a child's life. It teaches them team effort, sportsmanship and the spirit of hard work. To engrave these values in the children, and to persuade them to follow their passion, we have established a after school sports academy.

A lot of parents in this day and age are working. To help the parents in this venture, we have started a catered after school day care in campus.

Research shows a multi lingual brain is a more efficient one. At this point in time, German is the second most commonly used scientific language



and German companies are the world market leaders. To increase your child's scope and advantage in the world, we have introduced German as a language to be taught in our school.

A child's life should be full of colours. Hence, Colour day is celebrated every last day of the month for pre-primary.

We hold science Olympiad in school yearly. this **exam** aims at cultivating scientific reasoning and logical ability among the students through a rigorous **test**.

Good grammar and spelling are essential in writing exams and communicating in the modern world. To facilitate this, we organized spell bee for students.

We have developed a new refectory in school on the second floor.

To help your child explore their interests and refine their skills, we have introduced indoor and outdoor club activities weekly.

We started with a strength of 250, but we now hope to reach 600.

Besides the regular activities, Major upcoming events are:

Excursion for primary students

Sports day and Anuradha

The tentative date of commencement of next session is 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

This was a brief description of the activities conducted in school to facilitate holistic development of your child in all spheres of life. Without any further delay, let's move on to the amazing show.

I would like to thank the staff members who coordinated all the rehearsals and practise, without them, the children wouldn't have performed so well. Thankyou Mohit, who set up the stage and lighting, Miss pooja who choreographed all the dances. And of course, I'd like to thank the support staff and the transport department who helped with the props. Without them the show wouldn't have been possible. The students did a wonderful job and I'd like to appreciate all their hard work and talent. Parents,

thank you for entrusting us with your children and attending this show. The management of this institute is very resourceful and supportive.