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TEACHER IS A STUDENT OF LEARNING!

Teacher's workshop was conducted from 15th May to 19th May 2023. The workshop was held with the intent of understanding exploring students better and the new methods to create a resourceful atmosphere for children. The teachers at AMIS believe that learning is an everyday experience and they participated in all the sessions with utmost enthusiasm. The three principles of education, story-telling method, psychological development and integral project methods were some of the topics covered during the workshop. A very interesting & insightful workshop based on Sri Aurobindo's principles was conducted by Ajit bhaiya. Dr.Uma Hirisave & team from NIMHANS conducted a workshop on mental health.



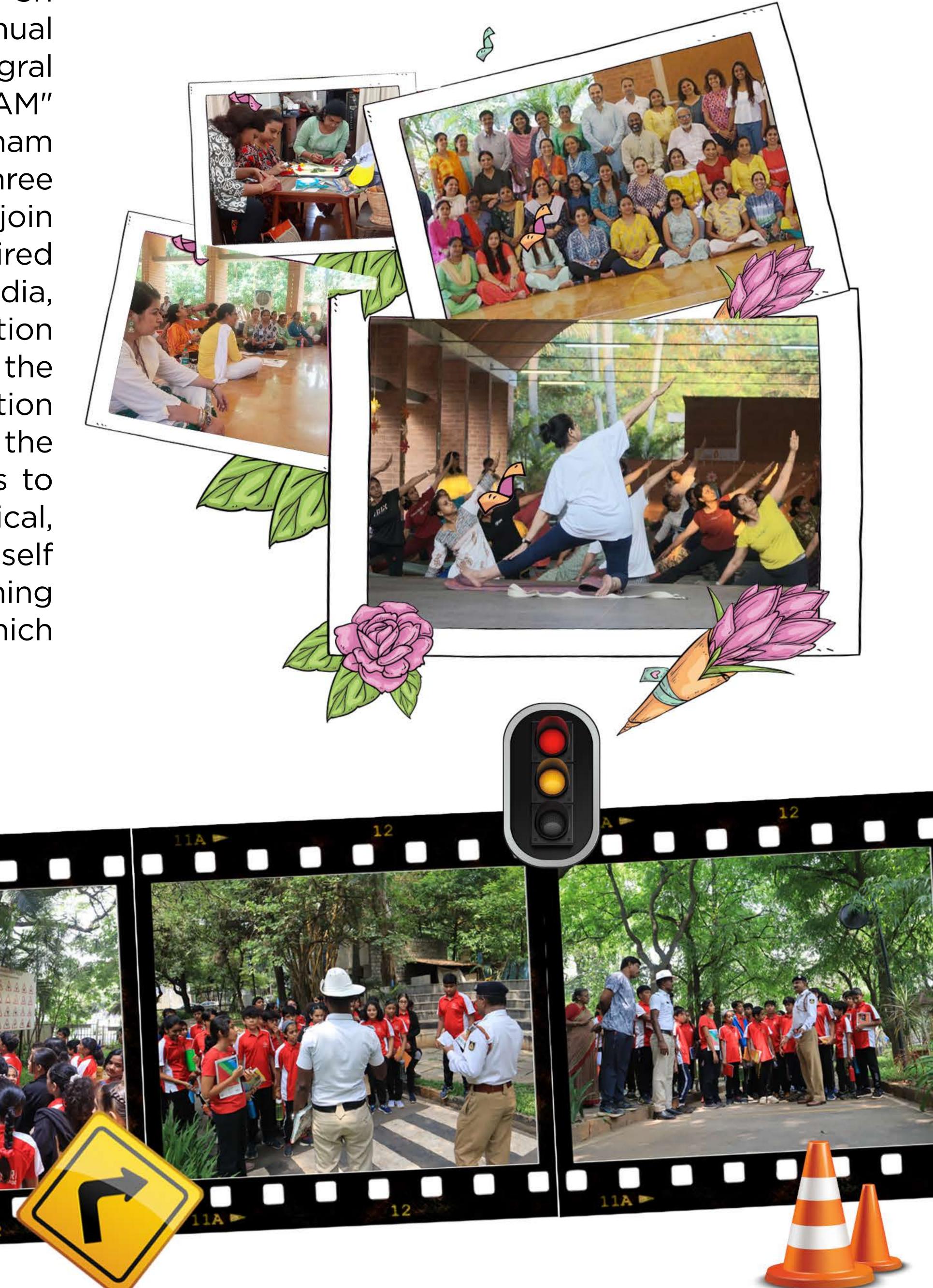
RELIVING THE SCHOOL DAYS!

Parents are often left uninformed about how a normal day is for their childfren at school. Being unaware of their child's day often makes them feel curious. In order to avoid such anxious and tense situations for the parents, AMIS family conducted a five-day workshop for the parents. Parents mentally prepared themselves to listen to long lectures but they were in for a surprise. Parents became students when they grouped to do projects, play powers-within games, being part of assembly, doing role-plays, listening to stories, problem solving, asking questions, answering and clarifying doubts. In other words, parents got a chance to relive their school days. On the last day of the workshop, few parents even wished for the workshop to be extended. At the end of the day, parenting is all about learning to connect with the child.

PONDICHERRY TEACHER TRAINING

SAFIER, the educational wing of Sri Aurobindo Society conducted their annual workshop from May 16th to 24th on integral education titled "ANTAR- GAMANAM" this year amidst the beauty of Sharanam community centre in Pondicherry. Three of our new teachers were privileged to join a group of highly motivated and inspired teachers that came here from all over India, seeking a deeper meaning in Education and to understand and experience the theory and practices of Integral Education as envisioned by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The teachers were taught tools to introspect and bring together their physical, mental, vital and spiritual parts of self together in harmony. It was an enriching experience for the teachers of AMIS which will in turn benefit the students.

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FIELD TRIP TO TRAFFIC CONTROL ROOM

We went to the traffic control park on 2-6-2023. It was a lush green park with many traffic signs, zebra crossings, etc. The policemen there told us many interesting things. One of the first things we learnt there was that rules on the circular sign boards were mandatory to follow. Rectangular sign boards are informative and triangular sign boards are cautionary.

The police men took us around the park, explaining the different road safety rules, boards and the signs painted on the road. They also told us that they have installed cameras on many signals to catch the rule-breakers. The cameras automatically take a picture and send it to the violator with a fine. This will hopefully reduce the breaking of rules. Later, they let us play in the park, and we all enjoyed it immensely. Then, we had a short quiz on everything we had learnt, and everyone had fun participating in it. Overall, it was a very enjoyable and an informative trip that I'm sure all of my classmates enjoyed.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Every year the world celebrates World Environment Day on 5th June to raise awareness about environmental health and to prevent its further damage by taking preventive measures. This year, the United Nations environment program has chosen "solutions to plastic pollution" as the theme. In AMIS, we celebrated World Environment Day to bring awareness among children. To understand the harmful effects of plastic, children performed a skit and conveyed the theme of this year. The programme concluded with an amazing song sung by children which conveyed the message "Say no to Plastic."









International day The yoga was celebrated on 21st June 2023 in Auro Mirra International School to bring awareness about the importance of yoga in one's life. The program started with a speech on yoga and why we celebrate yoga day, followed by an interesting program called "Yoga Myth Burst" where some of the common myths related to yoga were busted and given clarity of the facts. After that a group of students of all the grades performed a collective yoga pose display. They created unique forms with the help of yoga asanas. The program concluded with a dance performance by our students called "Yoga Nrityam" where asanas were performed as a dance.

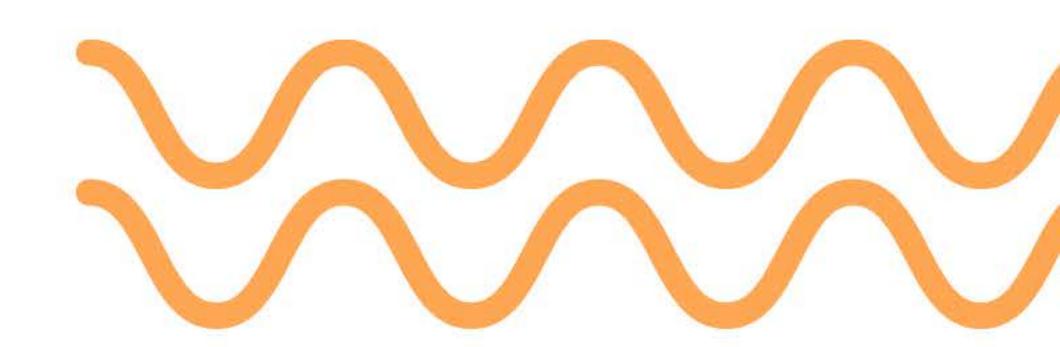




PRE PRIMARY PEP

'Just blend' was the topic of our pre primary PEP session held on August 19th 2023. As the name suggests the parents got a glimpse into a fun way of learning the basics of blends. We believe the best learning can happen only when it is fun and engaging. The entire session was filled with stories, games and activities. The parents left the hall with their bags full of ideas and a feeling of fulfillment.

INSIDE THE BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE



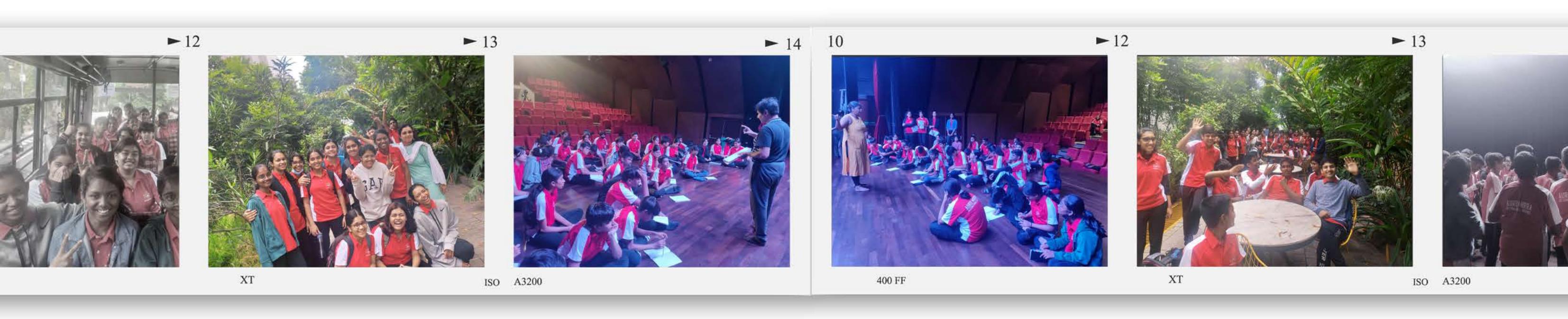
By Aishani Ghosh

As we made our way through the gates of the Bangalore international centre, we were clearly wowed by the amazing architecture. We entered a huge auditorium. The walls around the auditorium were arched and had little holes in them. There was a black curtain, covering the stage. We also saw various lights hanging above the stage. The seats were red and comfortable. Lekha Didi spoke a little about the place and also about public spaces in general. How public spaces are for the good of the public and how world class performances take place and you can come and watch. Like just the other day, Lekha Didi told us that an 18 year old prodigy just played a classic piano piece. Discussions also take place, accordingly. I was quite intrigued by this. I think it's fascinating how anyone can come and watch the plays and hold discussions.

We learnt quite a lot from Lekha Didi. We learnt that the proscenium is what the audience is called, that there are 3 wings in total from where you enter the stage and much more. The stage in the BICA is about 35 feet long and its depth is 27 feet.

Did you know that you can manipulate stage space? Indeed, by pulling flats (turning them) makes the stage seem smaller. There are red curtains to cover the lights. There are many types of lights like profile, transmitters, frenal and dimmer for different uses.

Then comes the green room. Do you know why the green room is called that? It's because in older times people used to envy actors having special rooms. So green symbolizes envy, and it was the green room where make-up and dressing happens.

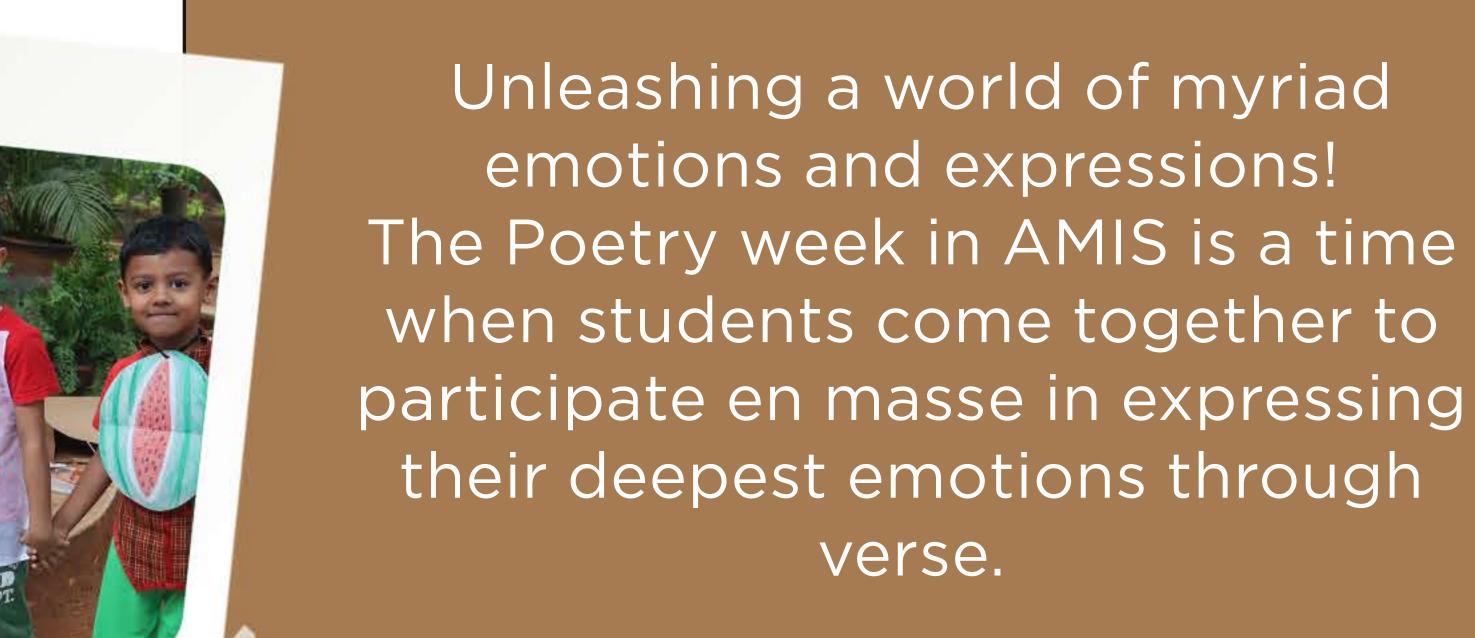


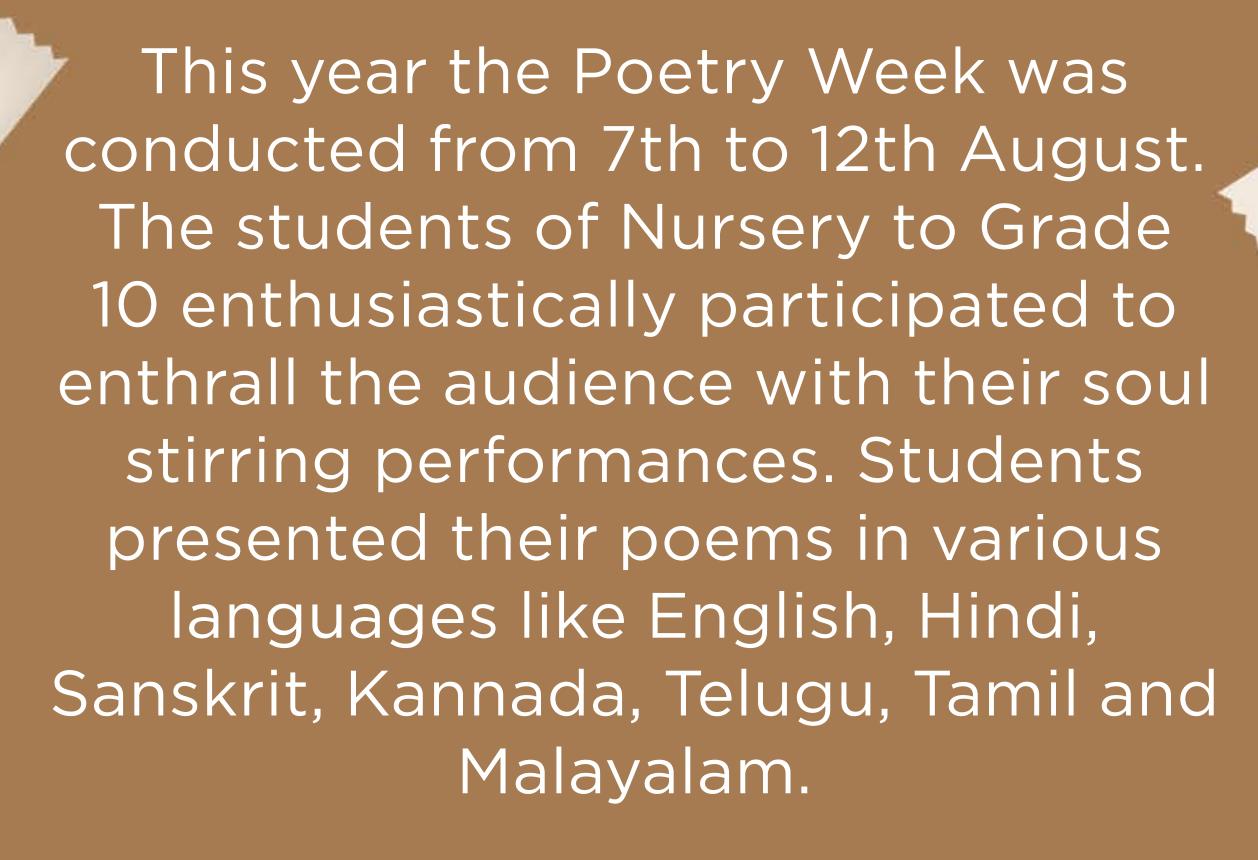






POETRY WEEK



















GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children"- Alex Haley

This year, AMIS witnessed a similar shower of this stardust from our beloved grandparents and parents. Right from organizing the program to setting the stage on fire, our grandparents and parents gave amazing impressions to our students. Grandparents participated with such enthusiasm that the students were awestruck. We highly hope that our students continue to learn a great deal from them and their bond has definitely gotten stronger!

CAREER COUNSELLING

Maaya Thazhepurayil Grade X- Millingtonia

We, the students of AMIS Grade 10, received a career guidance session from Mr. Kathiravan Sir. In this digital era, we have access to various platforms through which we learn and explore careers in different fields. We want to pursue our dreams, but a common hurdle we all face is: Where do we begin? & How do we begin? and most importantly, how to choose the correct stream which would eventually carve the path for our life.

We receive advice from many people whom we interact with, especially in 10th grade. We also have varying interests and don't know how to move forward with them.

This is where kathiravan sir, excellently elaborated our options and guided us on how to choose different streams based on our interests, preference and find out on what we want to pursue further. His insightful advice and captivating stories cleared most of our confusion and gave us a sense of clarity. The session's highlight was Sir's own personal experience, wherein he narrated how after many years he found out his passion and worked hard towards gaining excellence and how today he is helping children become young achievers.

This joyful interactive session was more than just teaching, it was also a learning of various skills like public speaking, effective communication and more.

Thank you Mr Kathiravan Sir. We are grateful for having your time and knowledge and are now surely more confident on how to embark upon the next phase of our life.



SUSTAINABILITY



What is sustainability? An ancient Native American proverb beautifully encapsulates it as follows: "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from ourchildren "Students of grades 6, 7 and 8 had a wonderful interactive session on Sustainability with Mr. Manu Mathai on 5th August 2023. He drew a beautiful parallel between privilege and pollution. It got the kids thinking about the responsibility that comes with all the privileges they have. When he spoke about the immense amount of waste we create in our daily lives, the children were baffled with the numbers! It definitely got them thinking about ways to make their own lives more sustainable.

FIELD TRIP TO ICAR INDIAN INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH

By Reva Yagnik X Millingtonia

On Friday, we the students of grades 9 and 10 went on a fascinating field trip to the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research. We met at school early in the morning and left soon after. Our anticipation grew over the nearly two-hour bus ride and it was rewarded when we arrived.

The main agenda of our trip being, an informative talk on the crucial work done at the research centre. We heard about the incredible research done there, such as hybridizing seeds to strengthen plants against infections and insects while boosting yield and fruit sizes. Aside from working on hybridisation, the scientists work on nutrient rich natural formulas to improve plant growth, plant growth without soil-in the form of hydroponics and aeroponics and other natural ways to eradicate pests such as bugs and weeds. The institute has an excellent outreach programme that helps farmers obtain seeds which help their crop production.

After the seminar, we made our way to the greenhouses. There we observed the temperature controlled greenhouses that allow plants to grow despite bad weather conditions. We saw brinjals and other herbs grown from the hybridized seeds developed at the centre. A short bus ride later, we found ourselves once again within the familiar surroundings of our school.

















FIELD TRIP TO OIL MILL

The students of Grade 2 (Calico, Peace lily, Daisy) visited Yuga Oil mill in Ulsoor on 7th, 8th and 9th of August 2023 respectively. The visit was part of experiential learning and understanding the production process in an oil mill. The students learnt the process involved in wood pressed oil extraction. They even came across various types of oils such as coconut oil, sesame oil, groundnut oil etc. They relished the oil and gained a great knowledge on their by-product which after further processing have got a great commercial and agricultural value.



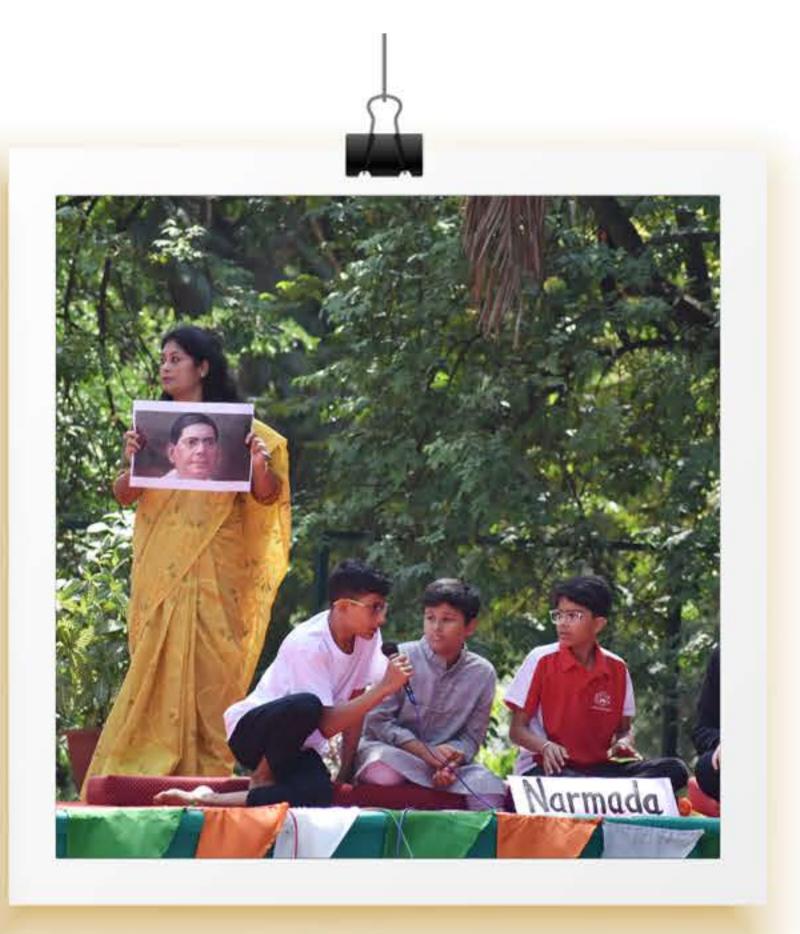


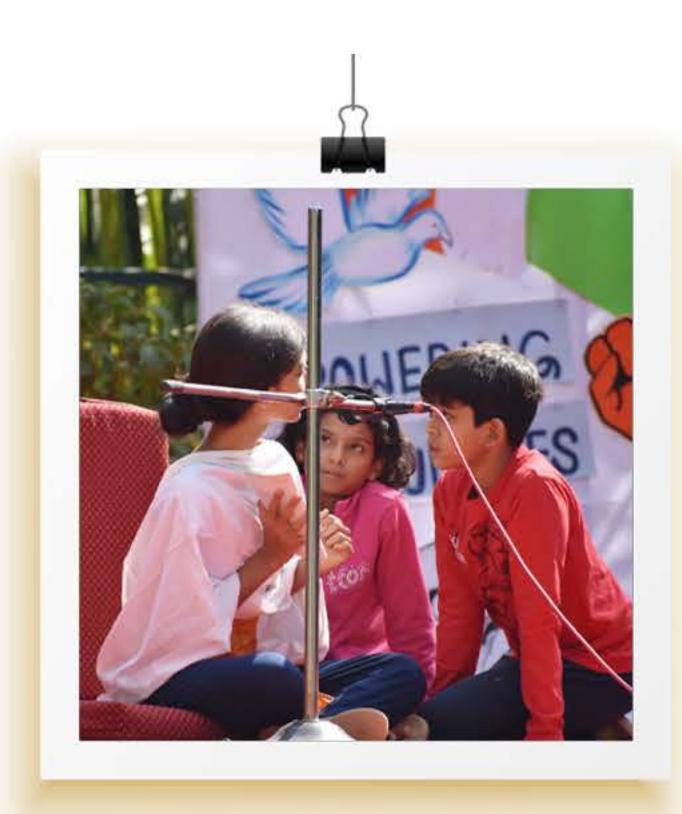
77TH INDEPENDENCE DAY AT AMIS

The students of AMIS celebrated the 77th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The school campus was beautifully decorated with tricolor balloons and flags. The celebration began with the unfurling of the tricolor by Geetha Didi at the Old Ground. This was followed by a cultural program in which the participants enthralled the audience with their stellar performances. The program concluded with the distribution of sweets. The presence of the school alumni in large numbers was an indication of the great bond that they share with the institution.









FIELD TRIP TO LALBAGH

Myriad hues of a wide variety of flowers and fragrance greeted the students of Grade 4 of AMIS who visited Lalbagh for their field trip, as they stepped into the famous glasshouse of Lalbagh which hosted its annual flower show- 2023.

The theme of the flower show is a floral tribute to the architect of Vidhana Soudha, the late CM of Karnataka, Sri Kengal Hanumanthaiah. The main attraction was a floral replica of the Vidhana Soudha & a statue of Shri Hanumanthaiah.

Students were mesmerized by the floral carpets, arranged in intricate patterns, designs and the kaleidoscope of colours and fragrances.

The students also visited a couple of stalls which displayed eco-friendly products made from waste materials & enjoyed playing in the rock garden. Students enjoyed the field trip and also learnt the importance of conserving biodiversity.





