



# Auro Mirra International School

## BUBBLES

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### *A Starry show*

The Pre-Primary celebration day was a fitting climax to an eventful year. Students put up an impressive show on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2018. It was a day of fun, frolic and some serious talent display. The day began with the students of Spathiphyllum group introducing themselves with a dance performance. They impersonated the various Smurf characters in their blue costumes and white Smurf hats. The little Smurfs were the hosts of the evening who presented every event in their charming Smurf-tastic imitation. The first performance of the evening was by students of Chrysanthemum group who danced to the beats of the classic Jungle Book song. Dressed up as various creatures from the wild and coupled with a realistic background, the little ones recreated the famous number on stage. The party dance by Petunia group came next. This dance brought out the genuine happiness and vivaciousness of children. They abandoned their nervousness and danced freely to the peppy numbers.



Pentas group took the stage next and wowed the audience with their energetic performance on a medley of popular dance numbers. It was indeed astonishing to watch the children dance expertly and glide from one style to another as different songs followed in quick succession.

The students of Jasmine group sang a song penned by Harvinder didi. The song couched an important message in its fun, foot tapping beats. It persuaded families to spend more time with their children. Tulip group came on next and aroused the enthusiasm of the audience with their energetic dance performance. Dressed gorgeously, the children performed with ease and grace.

It was followed by the Sanskrit skit enacted brilliantly by students of Champa group. The skit depicted the age told tale of the fox and the grapes but with an Auro Mirra twist. This time around the fox did not dismiss the grapes as sour but enlisted the help of his fellow animals to reach the grapes. The team effort brought the grapes down and the fox relished the sweet grapes. Class Gladiolus took the stage next and danced to the song 'Roar' which told a story of strength and courage. The tribal costumes and accessories made of leaves and flowers donned by students took the performance several notches higher and evoked loud applause from the audience.

Next up was a Kannada folk dance by classes Marigold and Rose who brought to stage the rich and vibrant culture of Karnataka. It was a delightful experience for the audience to be let in on the diverse dance forms of this beautiful state.

Dance is indeed a method of letting go of inhibitions and bringing out the inner restlessness in a joyous and positive way. The performance of students of Aster and Rose group was a testament to this fact. They danced their hearts out and brought joy to everyone in the audience.

Next up was a medley of two songs, Tamil and Hindi, performed by students from classes Aster, Rose and Spathiphyllum. The first song, a mellifluous classical number in Tamil had beauty as its theme and articulated the presence of beauty in every aspect of nature. It was followed by a patriotic song which encouraged children to chart their own paths by overcoming all odds to build a stronger and progressive India.

The final two performances brought the enthusiasm and excitement of the evening to its culmination. The students of Calico group displayed the festive spirit of Maharashtra in the form of Lavani, a folk dance. The bright costumes, rhythmic movements and cheerful faces of students enhanced the mood of celebration. The students of Daisy group sent spirits soaring as they executed some vigorous dance moves and stunts as part of their Bhangra routine, a Punjabi folk dance. Their gleeful faces radiated the immense joy they felt dancing to the upbeat Punjabi song. The celebration day came to a close with the little smurfs introducing their real selves and delivering the vote of thanks.

## *Auro Olympics*



**O**n the beautiful morning of 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018, the Sports Day for grades 3 till 7 was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour, mindful of the fact that the day also marked India's Republic day. The school ground was finely decorated with elegant and shimmering objects of decor, which stunned the audience as they trooped in and took their places. It all started with a minute of silence followed by Harvinder didi hoisting the national flag as students honoured the Indian flag with a salute while the national anthem played in the background. After the solemn ceremony, it was time for the spectacular march past. Each marching contingent represented a class with a student marching in front carrying the class placard. Next, it was time to know the fastest

boy and girl in the school. The loud cheers from the parents and students encouraged the athletes to perform their best. Next up was the Frisbee display which put the agility of students to test as they tried to catch the Frisbees thrown in quick succession. It was followed by another interesting display, which tested the strength of the participants. The student to hold the brick with one hand for the longest time was declared the winner of this event. Close on its heels, came a colourful display called "Fun with Workout" by the 4th graders performed to the beats of the song "Jai Ho". Then there was a Juggling display by the 6th and 7th graders. The audience was charmed by the neat tricks and feats displayed by the students. The 5th graders made beautiful patterns with slender rods decorated with tricolour bunting. The masterstroke was when students created the school logo which drew tremendous applause from the audience. Then came the gymnastics display by the 2nd and 3rd graders. The gravity defying stunts and postures performed effortlessly by the students had left everyone wide eyed in amazement. Finally came the yoga display, performed by the 7th graders. They showcased some of the most difficult asanas with great ease. Besides being thoroughly enjoyable, the sports day left the audience enthralled and inspired them towards making health and fitness a part and parcel of their everyday lives.

## *A Splash of flowers*



**T**he festival of Holi was celebrated with great gusto at Auro Mirra on March 2, 2018. One of the most vibrant, exciting and fun festivals of the year, Holi represents the victory of good over evil and also marks the onset of spring which spreads a blanket of bright colors around us by bringing about the blooming season. To celebrate this joyful occasion, a special assembly was conducted by students which included a narration of the story of Holika. The story was followed by some classic, melodious Holi songs. After the assembly, children could be seen

waiting eagerly to play with the colourful flower petals kept ready by diyas. The celebrations began with children and diyas showering each other with flowers. The use of flower petals instead of colours is an initiative by the school to shun chemical infused artificial colours and encourage students to revel in the real colours of nature. After the fun filled colourful celebration, students helped to clean the campus. In all, it was an enjoyable day for everyone coming together to celebrate the true spirit of Holi .



## Pottery Works!



Children love to express themselves and having something tangible to give shape to their thoughts and ideas, truly helps their creativity.

15<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 was an exciting time for AMIS students as they had their pottery session in full swing. A skilled potter was called to initiate students into the art of pottery. He guided the awkward, unskilled hands of students around the wheel and soon they found themselves fashioning beautiful and shapely objects out of clay. One after the other, each class got a chance to feel the clay and experience the joy of making various items out of it. The joy on the little faces busy squishing, pinching, rolling, pulling and shaping the clay was a sight to behold. This activity gave them the freedom to express their creativity with their own hands.

All the students starting nursery to grade 7 were exhilarated to be a part of this wonderful activity. The most enjoyable part for them was getting their hands, faces and clothes dirty, albeit for creating a great work of art. The pottery session also inspired students to recognize and value the ancient and traditional forms of artistic expression.

## A day out with birds



The children of grades I and II were super excited as they embarked on their picnic to Sukhavana and Ranganthittu scheduled on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. It was amazing to see their happy and fresh faces in the wee hours of the morning as they got into their respective buses. The buses reverberated with the joyous songs they sang along the way. The bus journey sent a rumbling into their tummies and soon had them asking if it was time for breakfast. On arriving at our first stop Janapada Loka, the children and teachers fueled up with the delicious

breakfast to take on the long travel to the next destination, Sukhavana. Charged and energetic, the children resumed their singing until the buses halted at the destination. They got out of their buses in pairs and walked with their partners as they explored the lush green environs of the park that housed an extensive variety of birds. The exotic birds, in resplendent colours mesmerized the children. With their gazes fixed firmly on the charming birds, children had to be coaxed to move ahead to the next cage, which again stopped them in their tracks. The children could not get enough of the birds and yearned to feast their eyes longer on the rare birds than time allowed. With the next destination Ranganthittu calling on us, children bid adieu to Sukhvana. The midway halt was a much needed break for it was lunchtime. The inviting aromas of freshly made food roused everyone's appetite as they lined up to savour the delicious spread. The lunch was a gastronomic delight, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The children got back into their buses after making sure they left behind a spick and span ground with no litter and leftover food.

On reaching Ranganthittu, children were thrilled to spot the exotic migratory birds such as Cormorants, Painted storks, Spoonbills, Night herons and Pelicans. The clear lake that provided sanctuary to the birds was also home to crocodiles. The sight of fierce crocodiles sunbathing on the lake bed heightened the excitement of the children. Soon it was time to make the journey home and the evening snack provided along the way rejuvenated children who were quite exhausted from the long walks. As the sun went down, the disco lights came on in the buses and the aisles became dance floors as children had a whale of a time singing and dancing to their favourite songs. In all, it was an enjoyable day full of learning and fun.

## *Fun Time with Birds*

**O**n February 2 2018, we were taken on a school excursion to Kokkrellur and the Ranganathittu bird sanctuary. We left at 6 o'clock in the morning. This excursion was for grades 3rd, 4th and 5th. On our way to Kokkrellur, a few of us dozed off while the others played and chatted away. At 9.30 a.m., we had our breakfast in a place called Janapada Loka. We saw a troop of monkeys there. When we reached Kokkrellur, we found Painted storks and Pelicans in abundance. Painted storks had long legs, pinkish white feathers and black stripes on their bodies. Spot billed Pelicans had long beaks, a throat pouch and short legs. There were more Painted storks than Pelicans. We touched a Pelican, which had been injured and was being taken care of by the villagers. We took a tour around the village to spot more birds. It was surprising to see birds and human beings live in perfect harmony. It made us wonder why the birds had chosen this particular village as their home during the season of migration.

Around afternoon we left Kokkrellur and reached Ranganathittu at lunchtime so, we had our lunch there. We visited the famous ornithologist Dr. Salim Ali's observatory. We learnt that Ranganathittu was home to some of the most exotic migratory birds, which fly thousands of miles to get there. The lake in the centre was full of crocodiles too! We saw a fierce crocodile basking in the sun. However, he did not

harm or attack any of the birds bustling around him. These animals had learnt to live in harmony too. We spotted great flocks of Spoonbill, Cormorant, Painted storks and Pelicans. We left Ranganathittu around 4.30 p.m.

The journey back to school was fun. Midway our buses pulled over for us to indulge in a healthy snack of bananas, apples, madur vadas and badam milk. Then as it grew darker, the disco lights on the buses were switched on. We danced to the music until we reached school. It was a fun and memorable day. We hear that our next picnic is going to get even better as it will be an overnight stay. YIPPEEE! It's too hard to contain the excitement!!!

Varun & Shvant  
Vth grade (Hydrangea)



## *Whoosh! Splash! Brrrrrrrrr!*



The 1<sup>st</sup> of March was a very exciting day for children of the Pre-Primary, as they chatted animatedly about splashing in the pool. The much anticipated day began with children of nursery making their way to the pool accompanied by their diyas and aunties who led them gently down the steps into the water. The sports teachers held the tiny, frightened hands of those who were a little nervous while the rest splashed about in sheer delight. Pure bliss it was as they swirled and splashed water all

around them. The chill felt by children at first gave way to warmth and comfort as they lingered long enough in water. They went through a series of light movements inside the water and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, after which it was time for them to emerge from the splash pool and head back to their classes to change and dry!!

Felt Fresh? Yes they did! Exhilarated? They sure were!!

## *Ho Ho Ho! It's a Holly Jolly Christmas!*



The joy of Christmas Eve was celebrated by the children of AMIS with great enthusiasm and merriment. The atmosphere was electric with the spirit of festivity. The nativity crib placed in the wisdom courtyard reminded everyone of the humble origins of Lord Jesus Christ and conveyed the message of greatness in humility and simplicity. The wisdom courtyard was decorated with the colours of Christmas that added to the spirit of cheer and joy. The children were dressed up in colours that signified joy to them. The performances lined up for the day began with a group song of the classic carols sung by teachers of AMIS.

Then came another group song, this time from the children of the choir that had the audience singing along. Following that was an amazing dance

performance by the children dressed like little Santa Claus to the tune of jingle bells. Next was a skit called the 'Christmas Rose' performed by children who showed that being loved was more precious than any materialistic thing received as presents. It was followed by another energetic dance number and the joy was all around in the air as children swayed to the upbeat music. Now, everybody anticipated the grand entry of the most awaited man during this time of the year. You got it right! It was Santa!!! And dear Santa Claus made his spectacular entry amidst loud cheers from the children but looked all glum. Moreover, he hadn't brought along any gifts for the little ones instead he asked the children to give up their vices to mark Christmas. That would be the greatest gift he could receive this year, he said and put a smile on his face. The children in a jiffy understood Santa's request and geared up to bring a change in their selves to make Santa, the jolly old man that he is again. They wrote down their negative traits that they wanted themselves to be rid of this Christmas and handed it over to Santa as he visited each class. This day of celebration cherished the true spirit of Christmas.



## *Earth Element*

The final PEP session of the year was held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. This time around, diyas from the Pre-Primary wanted to share with parents ideas to ensure the holistic growth of children. Therefore, they decided on clay modelling as a suitable medium to convey the message. The session began with parents being given lumps of clay and asked to give it any shape they had in mind. Some parents were thrilled to hear this for they had never got a chance to play with clay as children. For others, it was an opportunity to relive their childhood memories. Parents came up with beautiful creations such as figures of Lord Ganesha, car, butterfly, temple, duck and utensils among others.

This activity was followed by a little twist in the second level as parents were asked to exchange their creations with others and beautify the work of others. They were allowed to go around the campus and pick whatever they thought would enhance the beauty of the creations. This was an effort to bring in awareness among parents about how commonly available resources can be put to good use. Some parents were reluctant to exchange their creations demonstrating the sense of attachment one develops with their personal creation.

As the session proceeded, parents started showing greater involvement in the activity and were waiting for more interesting tasks to come their way. The third level of the given activity was even more interesting and challenging. Parents were asked to create a story involving everyone's creations. The challenging part was that no creation had any connection with the other. However, they rose up to the challenge and came up with two engaging stories involving mythological, modern, cartoon and real life characters. Parents passed all three levels of the activity with flying colours. As the session neared its end, parents shared their experience of how had it been a part of this particular enrichment programme. Diyas then briefed the gathering about the skills and faculties a child develops when playing with potter's clay in the class. The session concluded with diyas answering the queries of parents.



## Wonders of Thai Art



As the name suggests this art form has its origins in Thailand. This traditional art, also called the banana leaf folding art uses banana leaf, thermocol, ball point pins and flowers to create exquisite objects. Select students of grades 6 and 7 participated in the Thai art competition held in Lalbagh gardens on the occasion of Republic day. The students brought laurels to the school by winning the rolling shield. Congratulations to the art teacher and the students.

## A day of creativity and awareness



Pre-Primary to grade 2 display day was held on 24th March 2018. The entire school had a festive atmosphere and was abuzz with the excitement of parents and children trooping in. All the kutirs had on display the art and craft items designed by children. Some of the parents and even teachers were amazed looking at the exhibit which demonstrated extraordinary creativity. It led them to wonder if it was actually the work of the children. To their surprise, they learnt that it was indeed the product of children's creativity and hard work, of course under the assistance and guidance of their diyas. Some parents wanted to buy them too and asked if they were on sale. Definitely not! It was the handi work of children and will rightfully go back to them.

The science display was held in the wisdom courtyard. It was a street play enacted by children which sent a strong message to the audience to save trees and promote a green and healthy environment. The Mathematics display highlighted the presence of different shapes around us. To drive home this point, children had on sale various craft objects representing the many shapes they had learnt. In addition, this activity also taught the children concepts of profit and loss. This is what we call experiential learning.

The Hindi and English display put to test the language skills of parents as they were required to crack riddles thrown by children and repeat tongue twisters as fast as the little ones. Parents loved the challenge and thoroughly enjoyed the poetry recitation too.

The display day was one great adventure of learning for both children and parents.

Dear parents,

It's amazing to see that the end of the school year has arrived. We want to thank you all for the support and patience shown these past ten months during testing times. We had both success and challenges, yet we moved forward. There are countless people to whom we owe gratitude and hope that you will continue to support us as you have done all these years and in the coming year too.

We extend our gratitude to all parent volunteers and others who helped us in classrooms and outside them supporting teachers in whatever way possible to ensure a smooth and better functioning of the school.

We request you all to make a note of the following dates for the next session. The school will remain closed for summer vacation from the 7th of April to the 3rd of June. School office will remain open on all working days. Classes will commence from the 4th of June. The year that went by was a challenge for some parents with respect to attendance of their wards. Hence we request all parents on a serious note to ensure that their ward/s start attending school from the 4th of June.

School hours.

Children walk in between 8.30 and 8.40 a.m. Gates close at 8.40 a.m.

Pre-primary- 8.40 to 12.45 p.m.

Primary- 8.40 to 3.00 p.m.

Newly inducted Nursery children will be let off at 10.30 in the first week of June. All other classes will function as usual.

Books will be issued on the following days.

Pre-primary- 4th to 6th June at 1.00 p.m.

Primary- 4th to 6th June at 3.00 p.m.

A workshop "Understanding learning and Children" will be conducted for parents of newly inducted children from the 28th of May to the 1st of June, followed by the Orientation day on the 2nd of June. Parents who would like to be a part of the workshop can contact the office for more details. Detailed E-mail will be sent later.

We wish you all a great vacation!

Warm regards,  
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Headmistress.