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# BUBBLES



## Celebrating Newness!

We all crave for newness. A fresh unfolding of old layers. A seeking of a rush of enthusiasm and excitement, something that makes us feel more alive, gives us an opportunity to begin again perhaps.

Here's the paradox. It is not Life that is stale or old, but our blunted vision that makes our days dull. So, we try to change our circumstances, our jobs, the furniture in our homes, the flavours on our dinner plates, we try movies and holidays! We seek to feel the thrill of being alive, of being miraculously human.

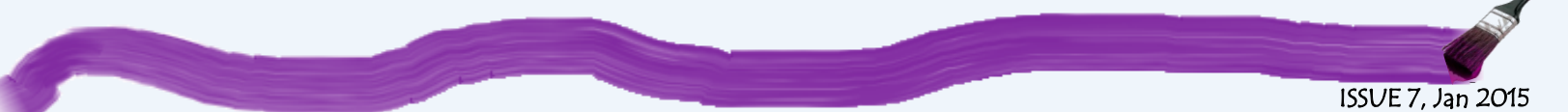
Often the wave of change helps, it unsettles the dust, it throws up forgotten aches that need healing, it washes a dusty window and we connect to a wider world. But it is our vision we need to visit and revisit. We can't see a more beautiful world by putting make-up on our eyes, but by touching the subtle invisible layers in us through which we view the world and live our lives.

As parents and teachers we strive constantly to do the utmost for our children, to ensure a safe, happy, nourishing and stimulating environment. Yet, perfection is a tantalizing horizon that forever seems to slip our grasp. We wonder are we doing enough to give a happier world to our children...

I often wonder if are we striving as much to open the deeper, truer vision in our children. It is there that the power lies - the power to change what is both inside and outside. We may perhaps always fall short in our eyes as providers (mom, dad, didi, bhaiya, grandparents!). But if we can help our children to see truly, with a clear vision, with a broad mind, with an open heart, we are true 'givers'. As adults we don't have to have a bag of tangible gifts, but help children to understand the world – both its beauty and that which hurts – and from there move forward. We may not be able to hand over a perfect world to our children but we can help to facilitate a clarity of mind and purity of heart, that with skills courage can help to change the world.

Yet we cannot gift a vision we don't have, we can't help to clean a window with a dusty cloth! The privilege of raising children lies in that opportunity to grow anew with our children. It is an invitation and chance to renew our own vision, to turn on the vipers and wipe off the dust that may have gathered for long, to welcome the rain and its gifts... Happy New Year friends!

*- Harvinder Kaur, Director, ICIE.*



# C E L E B R A T E

# DIWALI



AMIS celebrated Diwali with great fervour and enthusiasm, cause its the day of light and joy. The children were dressed in colourful ethnic attire, which added a traditional touch to the event. The beautiful rangolis made by the didi's in the school campus made the celebration more colourful and special. The children of the primary classes spoke about the significance and relevance of the festival and made the day more memorable by singing a melodious song followed by a classical dance. We enjoy good things in life, when we are healthy and safe, to get the message across, children presented a small skit on

things that should be done before, while and after bursting crackers. Small diyas were beautifully painted and decorated by the children, which they took home to brighten up the special occasion. The celebration ended with the distribution of ladoos.



It is a familiar sight during summer in many urban areas. A municipal water tanker trundles into a neighbourhood, which has not received water in its taps for days. A mass of people promptly converge on it carrying buckets, pitchers, drums - anything that can carry water. While the rest queue up, amid much jostling a few athletic types clamber on to the top of the tanker and send water down using rubber pipes.

It happens because there is just not enough water available for the ever growing population. But the situation can be turned around by conserving water and stop wasting water. Hence, it was important to create awareness about Saving Water. To lay emphasis and to create a consciousness AMIS on 10th September, 2014, observed the Save Water Day.

Didis and students discussed the importance of saving water. They stressed on the fact that water is precious and avoid its wastage. They also discussed the importance of collecting and using rain water. Children pledged to not only follow this but to imbibe it all throughout and the children also followed it in action the entire day in school.



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Entire India celebrates 15 September as Hindi Diwas, like a festival. Since, this year, 15 September fell on a Sunday, Auro Mirra celebrated it on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Every child should understand the importance of this day. So, to get the message across, we began the program with the conversation between two kids, where they discussed about the history of Hindi Diwas its importance and how our entire Hindustan celebrates this special day. The tiny tots of pre-primary captured everyone's attention by reciting beautiful Hindi

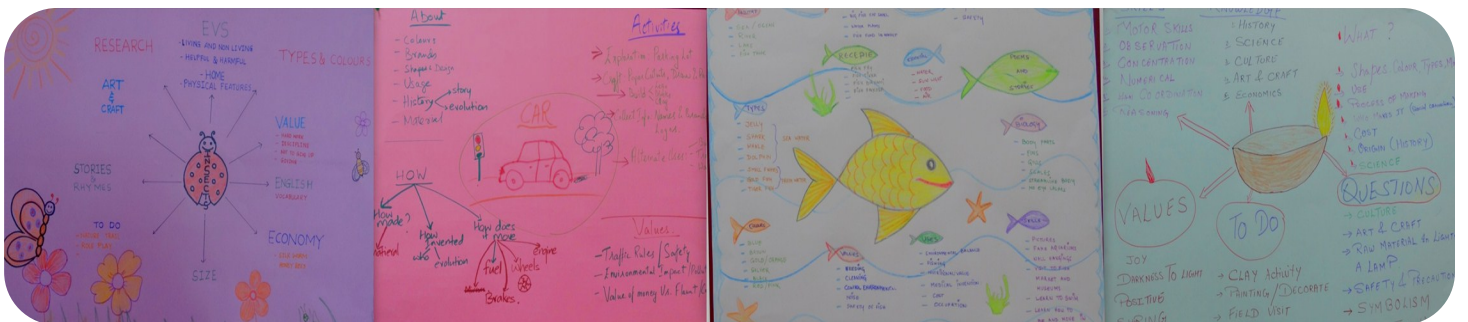
rhymes on vegetables, fruits, moon, etc. Children from Mari-gold, Rose, Aster, Daisy and Spathyphyllum group presented soulful hindi poems. Children from Catharanthus presented an

interesting poem called 'Mera Sapna'. Children of Calendula and Alamanda group rendered a foot tapping song 'Sahaj' which raised everyone's spirits. In the end, didis presented a skit where each didi was representing a language and they argued, "I am the best language". Enters the language Hindi and explains that, "All the languages are important and the best in their own right but, we should live together in harmony and peace", leaving behind a message for the children to think about and absorb.

## PARENTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



Yes, every Parent Enrichment Program is unique and always offers something for the parents to take home and ponder over. Harvinder didi conducted an intense two day workshop on Integral Project Method, which involves the activation of different parts of our brain, emotions, powers within, we never knew to exist. Parents enjoyed the session and understood how effective it is, when it is exercised with the children. The enriched parents took home with them and promised to nurture the powers within, which is well within their reach.





The sheer excitement of seeing balloons and streamers adorning the campus set the spirit of Children's Day. Children eager to get hold of balloons had to be told that there are many more surprises awaiting them. The curtains unfolded with the melodious music of sitar by Pratima didi followed by Mallapa bhaiya who dressed like Jawaharlal Nehru, addressed the kids. The children were taken to a different journey of music by Primary didi's who danced to the tunes of balle balle with the star attraction being Harvinder didi who joined us. The proud faces of children who cheered for their didis who looked stunning with their costumes and make-up were the capturing moment. A warm welcome by the Mickey mouse to the puppet show further added to their zest and captured their attention as they laughed to hear the puppets hiccupping, snoring, hissing, mooing, jumping subtly leaving a message "Where there is a will there is a way" was absorbed by their receptive minds. The flute played by Harvinder didi followed by beautiful songs sung by didis calmed their spirits. The football fever was transmitted through the dance of Pre-primary teachers which left the children singing and dancing "Come on India, let's football". Dianas were happy to enter the children's world and leave a SMILE on their happy faces.

# ENIGMA

Quiz is often viewed as the pursuit of knowledge, it encourages students to achieve academic excellence and increase their awareness of the world around them.

At Auro Mirra the quiz was conducted with great enthusiasm. An elimination round was conducted to shortlist the finalists. Students were then selected and grouped into four teams with names based on the theme of the month (Gratitude). The Quiz comprised of various rounds with a mixed bag of questions relating to topics like Science, Literature, Current affairs, Sports, Campus etc. There was a healthy competition amongst all the four teams. It was a great learning experience for the children as they enjoyed the quiz very much. The participants were very nervous but the audience cheered them on.

The final round was a nail biting one with three teams vying for the winners place. The tie breaker determined the winners.

# FUN DAY



Inspite of a chilly winter morning on December 12<sup>th</sup> the children of primary section were all geared up and ready by 7 a.m waiting in school for the bus to depart to its destination that's Srirangapatna, an historical place where various schools visit. This historical monument belonged to the great ruler of Mysore who is also known as the tiger of Mysore, Tipu Sultan.

Children enjoyed the long drive singing and dancing



in the bus. The first stop was Sri Ranganatha Swamy temple, the right way to begin the day with the blessings from the deity. Later children were taken to the much awaited place Tipu's Summer Palace. The view to the entrance and the well maintained lawns of the summer palace was breath taking. As it was time for lunch the hungry children devoured their food with relish and sauntered into the palace to look at the intricate work, weapons, artillery etc displayed at the palace.

Soon we halted at Dariya daulat, children looked at the Samadhi with curiosity and soon questions popped out regarding the remains, other people who were buried, why one of the Samadhi was open and so on. We also halted briefly at the Sangam, museum and other nearby places. The long but informative and fun filled journey ended at 8.30 p.m. The tired but happy faces eagerly looked for their parents to share all that they enjoyed.



# SPREADING LOVE, JOY AND PEACE



**CELEBRATION DAY** brings anticipation and excitement to all the didis, children and parents of AMIS. With a month long preparation and hard work by every one, every aspect was looked into right from the design of the invitation cards (which were hand made by children themselves) to costumes.

The programme started with a welcome song followed by a dance to invoke divine blessings. A variety of programmes followed which kept the parents glued to their seats. It was mesmerizing to watch some of the performances. As the programme came to an end an audio visual show of GLIMPSES of the children through out the entire year was presented which the parents enjoyed thoroughly. The children were delighted with the opportunity to dress in colourful costumes and perform on stage. Parents returned home with great memories singing in their heart.

## EXPERIENCING ART



On 7th and 10th of November, the children and diyaas of Auro Mirra spent the days thinking about shape, structure and forms. We all got the opportunity of experimenting with the wonderful tactile medium of clay. The children were all overjoyed to touch and feel the clay and the technique of the potter's wheel, fascinated them! To top it all, each one got to create a personalized moments, out of the clay and potter's wheel.



**Nishat Rehman, an artist from Delhi was our guest and visiting faculty. The children and staff were happy and fortunate to have her interact with the children during her stay. She led the children through glass painting and also beautified the campus through her own art work.**