



## THE LANGUAGE OF POETRY

It's not only words, it is the voice of the soul. Allow it to speak, and when it does, listen. We call it poetry. Some lucky children hear it from the mouths of their parents and grandparents as prayers, as songs, as rhymes, they cannot always understand but it seeps in all the same. Poetry has power. It is the language of wisdom and love. Sages don't know how to say it all, so they wrap up wisdom in a poem and let it float like a paper-boat on a current. Someone, some time, some place will catch it. Poems are sacred whispers. But we have stopped listening to them, there is so much noise around us and in us, that we have become deaf to the beauty of poetry.

Let's listen in... When you grow with poetry, you grow with possibilities of wisdom, of sensitivity, of imagination, of greatness. There is a seed in inspired words, we need to make sure it is implanted in the heart-soil of a child. But in an age of fast food, fast cars, instant money and click-click-click, anything that isn't instant seems useless. That is not so! We don't know where a poem may hit and what it may help to bring out. A poem is an essential part of good education. If you cannot bring a poem to your lips, you will be forever thirsty. It is a bridge that links to great people and sublime levels of consciousness, even when the world around you is not inspiring. An inspiring poem works like a magical incantation uplifting the human spirit when the tides are raging and the going gets tough.

To create space for poetry and its deep potential, the school is making small but sure efforts. The children are encouraged to learn poems and rhymes. To give it a greater thrust a 'Poetry Week' has been introduced so children make a celebration of poetry especially during this time in various ways. We have also created a blog ([www.poeticwonderland.weebly.com](http://www.poeticwonderland.weebly.com)) for teachers and parents, where some carefully selected poems with related activities have been posted. These can be shared with the children and they can be encouraged to learn such uplifting and sensitive poems.

- Harvinder Kaur (Director, ICIE, Sri Aurobindo Society)

### Work while you work

Work while you work,  
 Play while you play,  
 This is the way  
 To be happy each day.

All that you do,  
 Do with your might,  
 Things done by half  
 Are never done right.

By M. A. Stodart

### The Children Celebrate 'Poetry Week'!





# Developing Observation (PEP session)

PEP session is a parent enrichment program, a unique program conducted by the AMIS fraternity for the parents so they get an insight into the activities that are practised with the children.

One such PEP session was conducted on 26.10.13 for UKG parents. The focus was on observation. Some of the games played during the PEP session include:



**Spot the differences:** A well known game where two similar pictures were given and the parents had to spot the differences between them.



## **I spy with my little eyes:**

Objects are placed in and around the class. One of them says “I spy with my little eye” the object beginning with the letter, for example “E” and the parents had to name the object.

**Drawing:** A picture was given to the parents. They had to closely observe and replicate the picture.

**Bindis:** Bindis were arranged on the mirror in a sequence. Parents had to observe the colour sequence for a minute. Then the sequence of the bindis was changed and the parents were asked to identify the changes made.



**Colour Strips:** A strip of colours was given to the parents, after observing it for 30 seconds they were asked to arrange the colours according to their strips.

**Maze:** Maze was drawn of alphabets and then parents were asked to find its matching alphabets.

## ***To err is human...***

The pouch of a little girl was lost and it was her favourite pouch. She was very upset that she had lost it. Everyone was looking for it but it was not to be found anywhere. Where did it go? Could someone have taken it 'by mistake'?

Trying to find a clue to the problem and as the theme of the month was 'courage'. The didi interacted with the children about being courageous enough to acknowledge our short coming and find way to rectify them.

The next day the pouch was found lying in the class. The little girl was very happy. The didi appreciated the class for having the courage to correct a mistake.



# Peace and the Mahatma



Gandhi Jayanti was observed on the 2nd of October 2013 by the AMIS family. Flowers were offered and Bhajans sung in honour of the great Mahatma.

The significance of the day and the philosophy and principles of Ahimsa or non-violence followed by this great freedom fighter was highlighted by the primary children.

It was amazing to see the kindergarten children sharing anecdotes from Gandhi's life. They also enacted a small skit sending home the message to revamp our lifestyle.



## Kannada Rajyotsava & Diwali



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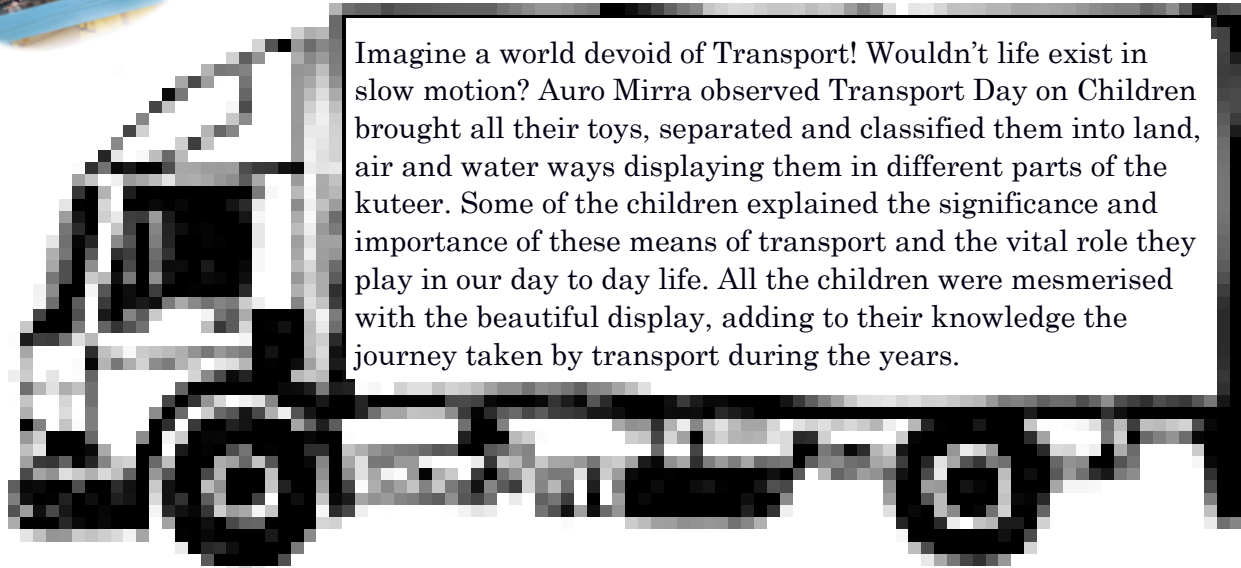


The significance of Rajyotsava Day was shared by the primary children followed by the celebration of the festival of lights "Diwali". Children at Auro Mirra International School celebrated Diwali with great enthusiasm. The bright colourful attire of students and didis, the lighted lamps made by the children lent itself to the occasion. The significance of the day was brought out by a skit, sections of which were hilarious adding to a new twist in the story! Kaju bhurfis further enhanced the sweetness of the occasion!





# A 'Transporting' Experience

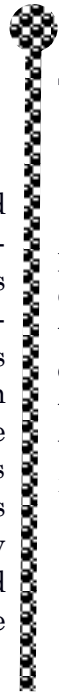


Imagine a world devoid of Transport! Wouldn't life exist in slow motion? Auro Mirra observed Transport Day on Children brought all their toys, separated and classified them into land, air and water ways displaying them in different parts of the kuteer. Some of the children explained the significance and importance of these means of transport and the vital role they play in our day to day life. All the children were mesmerised with the beautiful display, adding to their knowledge the journey taken by transport during the years.



## Guru Nanak Jayanti

Guru Nanak Jayanti was celebrated with simplicity at Auro Mirra International School. Guru Nanak Devji was the symbol of love, tolerance and compassion. Primary children shared his teachings with the others. The children on this day resolved to rededicate themselves to his noble teachings which are of eternal relevance. This auspicious occasion was an opportunity for us in AMIS, to spread love and bring warmth as well as care to the needy and suffering.



## Under standing Challenges (International Disabled Day)

Auro Mirra International School is compassionate about the differently abled souls. To extend their hands of compassion and recognize the heroic efforts of those brave ones. AMIS observed the International Disabled Day, One of the didi shared the heroic deeds of Girish Sharma who overcame all disabilities to win the gold medal of the Para-Olympic.



Hi! Have you checked out our school's video on our 'News & Events' Page on the school website?



<http://auroschoolsulsoor.org/news-and-events/news-and-events-2school-video>





# Children's Day



Cha Cha Nehru saw in children the future of India. To celebrate his love for children 14<sup>th</sup> November is celebrated as Children's Day. On this day the school was echoing with joy and didis wishing the children. There was a program conducted by the didis exclusively for their fond ones. It was a sight to delight and touch the heart as the children cheered their didis performances. The program ended on a sweet note with the children sharing sweets with a smile on their face and winking eyes.



## SPORTS DAY



Auro Mirra International School has always laid emphasis on the overall development of a child - be it physical, mental, spiritual and emotional. It focuses on developing key faculties so that a child grows up with not just information and training but becomes a total individual who goes into a life long journey of evolution and growth. Keeping this in mind the theme for the Annual Sports held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013 was "Fun & Fitness".

The school campus buzzed with the sounds of the parents and children. Parents waited eagerly to watch their children bring out the best in themselves. Sporting a blue T-shirt and jeans the didis encouraged the children to create new records.

The day ended on a happy note with the children walking away with certificates accompanied by their parents with a message in their heart and a resolution to carry it forward thereafter.

# International Tolerance Day



The International Day for Tolerance is a time for people to learn about respecting and recognising the rights and beliefs of others. The virtues of tolerance is immense that goes beyond saying.



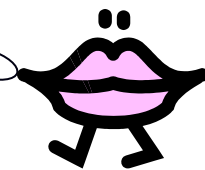
A live discussion was held on this day, focusing on how various forms of injustice, oppression, racism and unfair discrimination have a negative impact on society.

A skit was performed by the didis to explain the meaning of tolerance to the little ones of AMIS and the adverse effects of it.



## Sweet Talk

The theme of the month was 'Peace'. The didi was trying to explain to the little ones what peace means? When a small girl all of three, exclaimed with twinkling eyes, "Didi I like peas very much!"



**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**