



Gyan Buzz...

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DISCOVER THE joy OF LEARNING

The Principal's Desk..

Dear Readers,

Our Shreeyans and Shreegurus work very hard to bring this newsletter out on time. Some feedback from parents will go a long way and encourage the team to sustain their enthusiasm. Inculcating good reading habits, respecting the traditions of the land and honoring Shree gurus has been our focus this month. This will be evident in this issue. Do write to us at newsletter@gyanshree.in

Best Wishes,

Brinda Ghosh

Editorial...

How free are we really?

We often relate to the term "freedom" in official documents like The Constitution and Bill of Rights, but seldom do we ask ourselves in our daily routine how much we personally experience freedom. How often do we manifest the relation between the significance and meaning of one's personal freedom and its implications for one's choices that day?

Life is usually a kaleidoscope of myriad hues. By the time one pauses and takes a breath, everything is over. One's time had passed and no longer in one's prime, one is staring at a grey life, almost as blank as the artist's untouched canvas, possibly as a middle-aged corporate worker with an ever-expanding paunch and a receding hairline. Time is the culprit here; ennui is stubborn and does not dissipate easily. Happiness on the other hand, is elusive and fleeting, just a passing thing, that is here today and gone tomorrow. Our dreams lure us higher and higher into the web of materialism and blatant consumerism, further away from the feeling of being complete. One's dreams need to be the ones that are dreamt night after night as one lies there in darkness, not the ones that end up with one receiving a plastic award with a plastic smile from a stranger with a cold handshake a stranger who will disappear from the fabric of your life the moment the handshake is done, and as the applause dies down and you walk off that stage with mixed feelings of joy, pride and much more than one can define. The sweat of others has not watered the fruits of one's labour, so why not put all this effort into something one is passionate about doing?

Our success, is derived from how we experience and exercise our personal freedom. Let the world fade into the background and be lost in an enveloping silence of anonymity. Listen only to the sounds of life that throb incessantly in the very core of one's heart.

Signing off,

Student Editor

Riya (XI-B)



Pre – Primary Wing News



Special Assembly on Independence Day

“Many died for this freedom,

We are fortunate, we just have to preserve it.”

The 72nd Independence Day this year, our reason to be grateful and proud as we live and breathe in independent India. At Gyanshree School we believe in the importance of inculcating a sense of patriotism in our children. This was very visible on the 13th of August, when the children of the Pre-Primary wing celebrated Independence Day with a Special Assembly, conducted by KG E, displaying much vigour and passion. Children came dressed in the colours of our National flag, saffron, green and white, to mark the occasion.

The assembly began with the morning prayer followed by the prayer of courage. A few lines were spoken on independent India by the children. They performed dressed beautifully in the attire of the various states of India. They danced to a song “My name is Madhavi” by Usha Uthup, which truly depicted unity in diversity. All the Pre-Primary students then sang patriotic songs like “Hum Honge Kamyab” and “Sare Jahan Se Acha”

The school Principal, Ms. Brinda Ghosh, addressed the children and talked about the real meaning of independence and also wished everyone a very Happy Independence Day. The assembly ended with the National Anthem.



Educational Visit

As a part of the regular routine at Gyanshree School it is our constant endeavor to connect classroom learning to real life. In this context, the children of the Pre-Primary wing visited the Safal Vegetable outlet in Noida. As is the norm, prior notice was sent to the parents regarding the visit and their consent taken. The children arrived in school with eagerness to visit the vegetable shop. For most even the experience of travelling in the school bus was a novelty!

The children went into the Safal outlet with their respective grade mentors and were over-joyed to see and identify such a wide variety of fruits and vegetables there. They were given some fake money to buy any fruit or vegetable of their choice. The children then explored the whole outlet, selected some vegetable for themselves and paid for it with the fake money, at the counter. There was such a sense of achievement and delight seen on the faces of our tiny tots.

It was a wonderful learning experience for our Pre-primary Shreeyans.

Eid-Ul-Zuha Assembly

Id-ul-Zuha also known as Id-ul-Adha, was celebrated all over India this year on 22nd August.

The Shreeyans of the Pre-primary Wing conducted a special assembly on 16th August 2018 on Id-ul-Zuha, with great zest and enthusiasm. The hosts for the day were Shreeyans of KG-D and Nursery-A. They came in colourful traditional dresses to express their joy and excitement for this festival. The assembly commenced with the morning prayer after which the children presented a wonderful dance. They also offered prayers and sang songs to mark the occasion.

The Shreegurus also gave an insight and shared the relevance of celebrating this festival. The enthusiastic little ones of Nursery A, dressed in traditional festive attire, danced to the song 'Eid Mubarak pyaare bacchhon...' Their performance was remarkable and energetic.

The assembly ended with the National Anthem.





Special Assembly - Rakshabandhan

The serene morning welcomed the little Shreeyans to the school Assembly area and soon the campus resounded with the school prayer, 'Om bhur bhuva swaha'.

A well-planned assembly was conducted by the Shreeyans of Nursery D on the festival of Rakshabandhan. It gave the little Shreeyans the value of looking after their siblings and staying together.

A traditional Indian festival that celebrates the special bond between brothers and sisters, Rakshabandhan has the sisters tying a sacred thread around their brother's wrist as a symbol of their love and in turn the brother pledges to protect his sister.

Guided by the grade mentors the assembly included a short skit showing care for your siblings followed by a dance performance on "Phoolon ka taaron ka and O Behna meri behna". The entire Pre-primary wing enjoyed watching the performances of our little Shreeyans.

The assembly ended with an inspiring and heart-warming speech from our Headmistress, Ms. Kashyapi Puri followed by the National Anthem.

Krishna Janmashtami Assembly

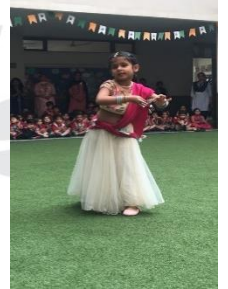
It was a pleasant morning at Gyanashree. The Pre-primary Wing gathered in Atrium -I for a Special Assembly on Krishna Janmashtami. It was conducted by Pre-Nursery B and Nursery E. The Atrium was decorated beautifully with a jhoola (cradle) depicting the birth of Shri Krishna and a board with a mesmerizing picture of Lord.

The Shreeyans of Pre-Nursery and Nursery looked adorable all dressed up in ethnic attire. As always, the assembly began with the Morning Prayer followed by the prayer of courage.

The Shreeyans of Pre-nursery B performed to the song 'Choti choti gaiyan, chotey chotey gwaal'. It was a soul rendering performance by our youngest Shreeyans.

Shreeyans of Nursery E presented a short skit on the birth of Lord Krishna. This was followed by a dance performance to the song 'Gokul ki galiyan'. All the performances were truly laudable.

To every one's delight, a solo performance by Saanvi of KG G was presented. She danced to the song 'Pyaara Kanhaiya'. Her movements were graceful and praiseworthy. The enthusiasm of Shreeyans was infectious indeed!



Cultural Melange

We Indians take immense pride in flaunting our unique and distinctive heritage. In a bid to familiarise our young students with India's rich cultural legacy, Grade 3 organized a 'Cultural Melange' on 27th July 2018.

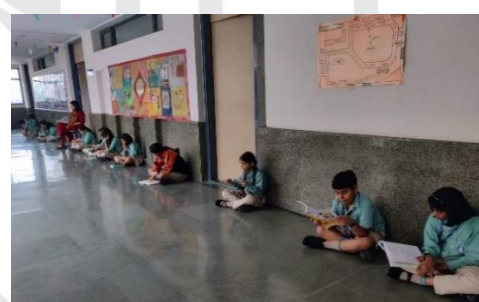
Adding to the charm was an array of traditional wear, cuisine, art, folklore, paintings, and handicrafts from different states of India. The young students were overwhelmed to see the richness of our cultural bank. The principal Ms. Brinda Ghosh encouraged the students to understand and embrace our Indian customs and traditions.



The 'DEAR' Programme (DROP EVERYTHING AND READ)

"Teaching a child to read is good, however, helping a child to develop a love for reading is much better as he moulds into a reader for life."

The DEAR Programme is aimed to instill that love of reading in our young students. The DEAR Programme saw every single person in Gyanashree School, from the Principal to the Janitors, drop everything and read. We hope the programme will make Shreeyans better readers, enhance their knowledge, build their vocabulary and equip them with better writing skills.



Safe Campus @ Gyanshree

On 30th August, a workshop on SAFETY was conducted by Ms. Somi and Ms. Neha which took a holistic approach to self defence, emphasising both physical and psychological strategies. The workshop was designed in order to improve one's awareness, personal safety, and self-confidence. Students were made aware about how vulnerable one is even on a bus stop and how alertness and being street smart is essential, while the workshop simultaneously developed the mindset to use self defence skills most effectively. All the students were motivated to spread this word with people around ENCOURAGE, EMPOWER AND INSPIRE others for the world needs a lot that within all of us.

- Riya Agarwal



Janamshtami

The primary wing celebrated Janamashtmi with much fun and fervour on the 31st of August 2018. A special assembly was conducted by the Shreeyans of grade III, which they commenced on an auspicious note with the chanting of shlokas from the Bhagavad Gita.

The little ones then spoke about the origin of the festival of Janamashtmi and a quiz was conducted on the same, much to everyone's delight. The Shreeyans went on to perform melodious 'bhajans' or religious songs, folk dances, and a skit about the life and teachings of Lord Krishna which left the audience spellbound. The skit which showed how Lord Krishna had protected his people from the wrath of Lord Indra, by lifting the Mount of Govardhan on his little finger, focussed on the valuable lesson of setting aside one's ego. The morning ended on a positive note with the Principal speaking to the gathered assemblage. In her address, she urged all staff and students to not only enjoy the holiday, but also respect the spirit of strength and goodness, that the festival stands for.

Secondary Wing News

Independence Day @ Gyanshree

With a patriotic spirit surging in our hearts, we celebrated Independence Day at Gyanshree with much pomp and show. The national anthem was sung zealously, followed by a spectacular music and theatre performance. Shreeyans walked away with their hearts filled with the spirit of patriotism and pride at being Indian. The inspiring words of our Director and Principal enriched us and left us with food for thought. We were instilled with a deep love for our nation and a realization of the struggle of our freedom fighters to attain freedom for our motherland. - Riya



Model United Nations Conference @Shiv Nadar School

A delegation from school participated in the Model United Nations held at Shiv Nadar School (August 2 -4). The three days that followed were filled with exhaustive work, and Shreeyans got a fabulous exposure through the conference of the international arena. Speeches had to be delivered, support had to be gathered and resolutions had to be made. Shreeyans participated with zest in every aspect as delegates. Friendships sprung upon, bonds were forged and priceless memories that would be treasured were made. This was an MUN that will not be forgotten in a hurry.

We are grateful to our Principal, Mrs Ghosh who hosted an intensive workshop for the participants and other aspiring MUNers at school.

Our MUN team won two awards

1. Samarth X-B - Outstanding Delegate
2. Keertika XI-A - Delegate's Choice Award

- Riya and Samarth



Student Teaching Program @ Gyanshree

"We LEARN by teaching"

The student council along with other Shreeyans have initiated a Student Teaching Program. The program involves Shreeyans of grades IX-XI volunteering to teach subjects like Science, Maths, Social Science, and languages like French, Hindi and German to the junior classes. The project is a great opportunity for Shreeyans to interact with their peers and get to know about the efforts a teacher takes before she comes to teach a class. Being in a front of a class full of students to teach can be intimidating, but the experience one gets is worth the efforts one takes. One might find an interest in pursuing teaching as a career in the future. As aptly said by Srdner J. Haris - *The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows*, in my opinion, peer teaching is a great opportunity for anyone and everyone. Through the coordinated efforts of our Headmistress, Mrs Sunita Mehta, Shreegurus and student teachers, the Student Teaching Program has been a great success.

-Swarali



MUN Workshop @ Gyanshree

In an authentic simulation of the United Nations system by learning about the UN System, the skills of debate, conflict resolution and negotiation, Shreeyans spent their day with Mr. Hisham and Mr. Vansh Naithani. It was indeed a wonderful experience as the learning wasn't confined to public speaking or MUNs but also exposed the students to the working of the world diplomatically through the lens of current affairs and global issues.

- Riya

Inter house Recitation Competition

A line of nervous participants representing every house walked up to the podium to replicate great poets' works. Shreeyans exhibited their flair for reciting the compelling words in a range of languages- Sanskrit, Hindi, French and German. Shreeyan Abdullah, one of our enthusiastic participants, left the audience dumbfounded when he recited a self-composed poem, "Aisa Desh Hai Mera". Shreeyan Esha, challenged herself by reciting a poem in German, a language she was unfamiliar with. Picking out a winner was indeed a tough decision, but the competition demanded it. The results of the event are as follows:

Kaashvi, VIII A, secured the first position in German poetry recitation

Jessica, VII B, secured first position in

Sanskrit poetry recitation

Abdullah, IX B, secured the first position in Hindi poetry recitation

-Riya





Shreeyans Explore Sustainable Water Conservation practices @ Gyanshree

Learning is an intensely sensory experience and our Shreegurus constantly strive to make learning relevant and meaningful. Ms. Sheetal Katoch, Head, Department of Science and Ms. Supriti Debdas, Subject Mentor with logistic support from Mr. Vineet from the administrative department, took the students of grade VII on a tour of the school to teach ways of water conservation. Shreeyans explored the practice of Rain Water Harvesting and found that the school has 11 rain water harvesting pits of radius 2m and depth 4m. The capacity of each pit is 50,000 litres. This network of pits helps in maintaining the water table of the area. They also learnt about conservation of water released from the RO plant in the school campus. The RO water released is conserved in the swimming pool. Certainly, Shreeyans would remember their lessons for life!!

- With inputs from Ms. Sheetal Katoch,
Ms. Supriti and Mr. Vineet

From the Editorial Board...

Farewell to unaccountable legacy

Politics has undergone a tremendous transformation in India. It has become shriller, hostile, and confrontational. The idea of "winning at all costs" has replaced the more accommodative approach. Social media (and even the visual media) have only deepened the fissures, with political animosities extending to the personal space. In just 10 days, India has lost three giants of dignified politics. These men hailed from the polar opposites of the Indian political spectrum, but rarely bore ill-will against rivals.

The stalwarts

A three-term prime minister, **Vajpayee** passed away on Aug. 16, leaving behind decades of legacy in nation-building. Vajpayee led the country through some tumultuous times and fragmented polity and was known as a consensus-builder—a reputation sealed by the fact that he led the first Indian coalition government to complete a full term. Three days before his death, on Aug. 13, an equally illustrious colleague of his breathed his last. **Somnath Chatterjee** was a highly respected leader of the Communist Party of India (Marxist). If a member of a legislature happens to be a quintessential constitutionalist endowed with sagacity, a liberal worldview, humanism and an unflinching commitment to justice, liberty, equality and fraternity, the House of which she/he is a member is bound to benefit. And if such a member gets to steer the functioning of the House, it is certain to reach great heights of glory. This is exactly what had happened to the 14th Lok Sabha, when one of India's brightest and most outstanding parliamentarians, Somnath Chatterjee, held the office of its Speaker. His tenure was replete with people-centric parliamentary innovations. Tamil nationalist **Karunanidhi**, who passed away on Aug. 07, perhaps, had the most sweeping of political journeys among the three. On the 15th of August, **Ajit Laxman Wadekar**, an ex-cricket captain of India, breathed his last. It's quite fitting really.

As the rest of India celebrates freedom and the legacy left behind of those who fought for our country, Ajit Wadekar finished his 77 year old legacy and gained eternal Independence. Sir Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul, famously known as **V.S. Naipaul**, passed away on the 11th August. He has said once that, "The world is what it is; men who are nothing, who allow themselves to become nothing, have no place in it." And we will all try to find guidance in his words.

Also, The United Nations has lowered its flags to half-mast as world leaders mourn the death of former secretary-general **Kofi Annan**. Mr Annan, one of the world's most celebrated diplomats and a charismatic symbol of the UN who rose through its ranks to become its first black African secretary-general, died on Saturday. He was 80. The statement remembered the Nobel Peace Prize winner as "radiating genuine kindness, warmth and brilliance in all he did". It is indeed a farewell to an unaccountable legacy.

"We hope the world will act in the spirit of enlightened self-interest." - Atal Bihari Vajpayee

-Samarth and Riya

5 Reasons why.....

Importance of Pets in our Lives

'When I look into the eyes of an animal, I do not see an animal, I see a living being, I see a friend. I feel a soul.'

Pets are a great source of love and friendship. They make great companions and fill our hearts with warmth with small adorable actions. Pets are also great stress busters. There are many benefits of being a pet owner. Being a pet owner, not only increases your self-esteem but also inculcates several educational values in both adults and children, they teach us how to be responsible, grow trust with each other and so much more. Scientific Research also suggests that pets also give us many health benefits by reducing stress and anxiety, lowering blood pressure and also preventing strokes. Moreover, playing with pets increases brain activity and enhance tranquility

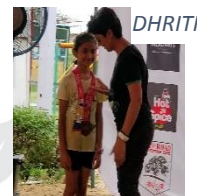
Pets give us everlasting love and become a part of our family by growing into our hearts. They are loyal to their owners and are intelligent enough to understand human emotions and make them feel better. Pets give us unconditional love and make our lives way better and all they ask for is your affection and care in return, these beautiful creatures deserve an owner who takes care of them, feeds them and treats with love and affection. Adopting a pet can make your life brighter and euphoric. Hence it's well said, pets are man's best friends.

-Jasmine Bajaj

Laurels

Ultimate Track Warrior @ Gurugram

Dhriti Jain, VI A stood First in the Kids Category & her overall rank amongst all adults was 6th position.



Soul to Soul Chess competition

Aryamaan Tyagi won 5 out of 7 matches

Riya won 4 out of 7 matches

Aditya won 4 and 1 was a draw

Ishan won 4 out of 7 matches



ARYAMAAN



RIYA



ADITYA



ISHAN

Swimming Championship @ Cambridge School

Koushiki Singh IX A Won the Individual Championship with:

2 gold medals in 50mtr breast stroke (U-14) & 25mtr butterfly (U-14)

1 Silver medal in 50mtr freestyle group in (U-14)

Kanishka Sirohi, X-A received a bronze medal in 50mtr back stroke in (U-17)

Kushagra Gupta, secured the 3rd position in heat in 50mtr freestyle in (U-14)



Tennis tournament @ Greater Noida Deuce Tennis Academy

Sarea won the aptitude award



SAREA

1st Speedo BGN Sports Club Invitational Championships - 2018

Taanish Nanda bagged 2 golds and 1 silver in 50mtr breast in Boys Group 5, 50mtr breast in Boys Group - 6 & 50mtr freestyle in group-6

Yatharth Dev Panda bagged 1 gold and 1 silver in 50mtr breast boys Group - 5 & 50mtr freestyle in Boys Group-5



TAANISH



YATHARTH

10th Noida swimming competition-2018 @ Noida

Taanish Nanda bagged a gold medal in 50mtr free style Age group -6

Yatharth Dev Panda bagged 2 silver medals in 50mtr butterfly-Group - 5 & 50mtr freestyle in group 5

Aarush Rastogi bagged a bronze medal in 50mtr butterfly group-5

AARUSH



MUN @ Shiv Nadar School, Noida

Samarth Kumar, X B was awarded the Outstanding Delegate in UN Environment Programme Committee

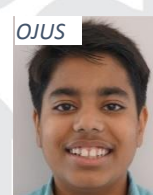
Keertika Goel, XI B was awarded Delegates' Choice in the International Organisation for Migration Committee



SAMARTH



KEERTIKA



OJUS

MUN @ Salwan School, Noida

Ojus Sharma, X B received a Special mention as a delegate of USA

Inter House Hindi, German, French and Sanskrit Poetry Recitation @ Gyanashree

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KAASHVI



JESSICA



ABDULLAH

✦ DABS Badminton Tournament, 2018

Aaryan Sethi of Grade IV-C, won Gold in under 11 boys category



✦ Dance Competition @ Ghalib Auditorium, ITO

Vritti Nagpal of Grade IV-A, got 2nd position in Solo Sub-Junior category.



✦ Tennis Tournament @ Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathak Sports Complex, Greater Noida

Varnika Dixit of Grade IV-A, was awarded the 'Best promising player award' of the tournament under 10 and 12 girls' category.



✦ Inter-School open roller skating championship @ DDA Chilla Sports Complex

Parth, Grade I-B won a gold medal,
Vrinda Anand, Grade II-A won a bronze medal,
Daksh, Grade III-B won a bronze medal,
Anant Ahuja, Grade IV-D won a bronze medal,
Naman, Grade IV-A won a bronze medal,
Atishay Raniwala, Grade IV-C won a bronze medal.

PARTH



VRINDA



DAKSH



ANANT



NAMAN



ATISHAY



✦ Interstate AIMS Sports Competition, Haryana, Palwal

Aryaveer Sirohi, Grade II-A participated in Swimming under 6 category.
He won 4 silver medals in 50 mtr breast stroke, 50 mtr free style,
50 mtr back stroke and 4*50 mtr free style relay.

ARYAVEER



School News

'Welcome Aboard'

Gyanshree School welcomes our new faculty members,
Congratulations and welcome to Gyanshree family!



Mr. Akashdeep

Coordinator - Senior Secondary Wing
He brings with him over 20 years of
experience in Teaching and Administration.



Ms. Sumanpreet Kaur
Grade Mentor I -B



Ms. Ena and Ms. Sangya
Art and Craft Faculty

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