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IBDP TEACHERS ATTEND SAIBSA MEETING

A candle cannot light another candle unless it continues to burn. Similarly, a teacher is always in the pursuit of new knowledge to keep and spread the light that is a by-product of learning. The SAIBSA (South Asian International Baccalaureate School Association) meet that was held on February 8th 2020 was organized by The Heritage School, Gurugram. The main objective of this event was to promote teachers to assist other teachers by way of resource exchanges, as well as enhancing teaching practices and understanding curriculum changes. As well as this, the event also helped to develop closer relations between many IB schools.



Annual Sports Meet

There is nothing that can get your blood rushing on a Sunday morning than proving your physical superiority over your friends because that is the way a sports day works. However, sports day is not only about displaying your tenacity but it is also about proving that you can work in a team environment, as an essential cog in one powerful, efficient machine. 100 m races, 200 m races and 300 m races all to test the endurance of not only the body but of the spirit. The beautiful and well-coordinated symmetrical human pyramid took weeks of blood and sweat. In the end the students were rewarded with well-deserved medals, heavy with pride and a sense of achievement.

Session on prudent investment in stock exchange by Varun Malhotra

Stock exchange has an important role in the world economy by serving as the anchor of the modern national economic system.

Varun Malhotra, a Warren Buffett follower and a stock market preacher, displayed his enlightened views and wide information on the same. The workshop was attended by grades 9 to 12 on 1st February. Our young learners were taught the importance and functions of stock market, how to invest, the pros and cons of investing and so on. Afterwards, students clarified their doubts and asked more questions to increase their awareness. The interactive workshop surely helped Excelsiorites gain a new perspective on this prominent aspect of our country's economy.





Inter - house quiz and debate

Inter-house Union Budget Debate:

Being part of an international school means looking and thinking about issues in a global context. However, this doesn't excuse anyone from being disconnected from the local happenings. On February 19th, Excelsior American School held their annual in-school union budget debate. Each of the 4 houses represented the different parties involved in the real union budget namely; The Ruling Government, The Industrialists, The Farmers, and The Common Man. All of the contestants used persuasive and argumentative techniques to get each of their points across to bring attention to the different problems plaguing their specific party. The heated debate was brought to a close by the moderator with great efforts

Inter-house IT Quiz:

In the world of technology, everything is constantly evolving at a rapid pace. It can sometimes be hard to keep up with this pace. However, what better way is there for the students than to hold an inter-house quiz and test their knowledge? The questions ranged from the history of computer science to important people in the history of information technology. The quiz was split up into three different rounds. The first round consisted of multiple-choice questions. The following second round had pictures relevant to IT and the contestants had to correctly name who or what it was. The final third round was full of long-ended and qualitative questions. This was followed by a very competitive tiebreaker to decide the winner.

Exam Fever!

Terror for some, exhilaration for some and boring for none, the mock exams arrived with a bang and moved every student in one way or another. Students and teachers alike worked as hard as possible to salvage as many marks as one can. Mock exams can be likened to a minor war before a major one. However rather than being hellish, it is a rather glorious war if one looks at it from a certain way. The finish line has been set, the students are tensed and ready, all they are waiting for is the gunshot that is the bell ring.

Field Trip to Aravali Biodiversity Park:

The students from Grade 1-5 visited the Aravali Biodiversity Park, Gurgaon on 18th February. The visit to the Aravali Biodiversity Park was a fun as well as an enriching learning experience. The students were given advice related to gardening and the correct procedure of planting during the interactive session. The Park spreads over an area of 153.7 hectares of land containing ecologically restored desert and arid land vegetation. Over 175 bird species are reported to inhabit this park. The trip was a once in a lifetime experience for the students as they got acquainted with the diverse and rich flora and fauna of the park. They learned that the main objective of such a kind of park is to conserve the biodiversity of the specific area and to maintain the genetic stock available therein keeping the species alive.



Field Trip to Post Office:

Excelsior students from Grade Culture to 2 visited the Post Office, Galleria Market, Gurugram on Feb 20, 2020. Educational trips such as these enhance the students' learning experience by providing ample opportunities to participate in activities outside their normal routine and immerse them in real world experiences. The students were all excited to see how letters were stamped, sorted and put into different pigeon holes as per the area they had to be delivered. The children were taken around to see various counters catering to the public. They were happy to meet the postman and see them with loads of letters to deliver. The trip was full of fun and excitement, and was an overall great learning opportunity for the children to know more about the post office in today's age of digital mails.

Trip to Reliance Fresh:

A visit to Reliance Fresh, DT Mega Mall, Gurugram was organized on Feb 24, 2020 for Grade 1 students by the school. Children were shown the various fruits, juices, vegetables, milk products and other household items that are commonly found in supermarkets such as these. Students were curious to know the weight and amount of each item available in the store. The children also saw the procedure of buying at a departmental store. It was a good learning experience for students and a hands-on to the concept of measurement and money taught them in school. They also observed the billing process and customer service of the store. This excursion not only gave an insight into the functioning of the store but also built up the confidence of the children to shop independently in the future. The trip was enjoyable and the children came back to school with fond memories and new useful knowledge to use.