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From Director's Desk

“Successful people live well, laugh often, and love much. They've filled a niche and accomplished tasks so as to leave the world better than they found it, while looking for the best in others, and giving the best they have,” said Ralph Waldo Emerson.

I read these words when I was a teenager but have never forgotten them and it is precisely these words that inspire me to try and “make a difference” to my own life and the environment I live in. As the world struggles to fight the Covid menace for the last one year, a great many lessons have been learnt by all of us and the biggest one being to cohabit peacefully with nature, to stop destroying the environment for our selfish pursuits. Let us all be kind to living beings around us and stop destroying the balance

of the nature's ecosystem. I pray and hope that we will make a very conscious effort in this new decade to keep our life styles simple and close to nature. Let us restore the blue skies, the clean rivers and the pure air. Let us leave a beautiful world behind for our generations to come.

God bless! Stay safe! Stay healthy!



Ms. Geeta Sachdeva
School Director



A Tassel is Worth the Hassle!

Despite the pandemic stopping the world and bringing it to a standstill, it was unable to prevent Excelsior's eldest students from passing out with flying colors and moving into their future. This year's graduation came with a twist—it was completely virtual, with teary-eyed alumni receiving congratulations from both students and teachers alike. We will miss all our students after we gave them a last hurrah!

Coding Masters

Congratulations to Rudransh Ojha, a student from Grade 1, and Taksh Sandarbh, of Grade 5, on becoming certified game developers!



Janmashtami Celebrations

After an online assembly spent delving into the colorful tale of Lord Krishna’s birth, students attended online classes—dressed in traditional garb! They spent their day decorating earthen pots at home.



Gandhi Jayanti

This Gandhi Jayanti, students celebrated our nation’s father by designing colorful, imaginative posters and hosting an online, virtual assembly in which they delved into his greatest strengths.

Congratulations

IGCSE Scores

The fated day was on August 14th: IGCSE scores for the batch of 2020 were released. Two years of hard work finally paid off, and special distinctions were given to Khushii Gupta, Natasha Rohilla and Soumya Saral for scoring A’s and A*’s in all their subjects. At long last, the anticipation came to an end and the students could finally relax again.

Ingenious Brainiacs

Excelsior’s annual science fair was hosted virtually this academic year, but was no less enjoyable for it. Students celebrated the sciences, creating projects based on personal areas of interest, and explained their ideas in videos broadcasted during an online assembly.



World Origami Day

What better way to occupy oneself during lockdown than engaging in the creation of origami figurines? This World Origami Day, primary and middle school students delved into the cultural significance of origami as an art form and created marvellous models at home.

Harmonious Melodies

This academic session, our IBDP students got an opportunity to collaborate virtually with tens of IBDP students internationally for a virtual world choir organised by Mr. Harold Molina of Costa Rica. Together, they created a video performance singing one of the most celebrated songs of unity, “We Are the World”.



Virtual Festival of Light

Excelsiorites celebrated a safe, Happy Diwali with a virtual special assembly celebrating the culture behind the colorful festival. Primary students also tried their hands at craft, creating wonderful hand-made decorations for their homes.



Delicious Delicacies

This academic session, students dipped a toe into the vast field of culinary arts, dishing out charming platters filled with striking flavors of food that made their parents proud.

Spooky Season

Excelsiorites celebrated Halloween at home with gusto and enthusiasm, wearing petrifying costumes and masks. Some of them even managed to create social distancing bags for trick or treat!

UCAS Registration of the School

On November 9th, 2020, Excelsior American School registered under Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS) - a UK-based organization whose main role is to operate the application process for British universities. This is a huge step for all of us, and we are proud to announce that the school will receive monthly newsletters from UCAS, giving you news, insight, and up-to-date information about the application process. Our students will now benefit hugely from applying to the UK, as the school will be viewed as a trusted source of applications by universities and colleges.



Virtual University Fair
Twenty universities from all around the world came together and showcased our students the world beyond school life. The fair provided an opportunity for all the students to interact with experts and get the assistance they needed to build the roadmaps needed to achieve their dreams. They were also able to learn more about these universities; from the majors they offer to prospects of scholarships.



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Number Ninjas

This National Mathematics Day, the tiny tots of Excelsior paid homage to the esteemed Indian mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan, by trying their hands at interesting math activities.



Craft-Master Varanya

Congratulations to Varanya Garg, an Excelsiorite of Grade 3, on winning first place [SRS1] in the Craft Competition at Expressions 2020!



Learners & Educators

As Richard Feynman once said, the best way to learn something is to teach it. This is a mantra followed by all of the teachers at Excelsior, and our vice-principal, Ms. Sarabjeet Kaur—who is also a Theory of Knowledge (IB) examiner—recently sharpened her skills when she was picked as a co-facilitator at a Theory of Knowledge Job Alike session held by the South Asian IB Schools Association (SAIBSA) in November last year.



Clause for Celebration

Excelsior's Christmas celebrations were hosted virtually this year, featuring cheery carols sung by our adorable primary students and a bonus skit by our teachers enacting the birth of Christ.

Christmas Funday

Excelsior's funday, held a day after Christmas, gave its pre-primary students a complimentary access to the premises' indoor play area. They had a lot of fun!



Investiture Ceremony

Although slightly delayed by the pandemic, Excelsior carried out its annual student council elections virtually. We offer our heartiest congratulations to the elected council, who carry the baton of responsibility on proud, deserving shoulders.

The Apollo 2020

Congratulations to Aryaman Bhutani and Abhishek Yadav, Excelsiorites of IBDP, on winning silver at The Apollo 2020! This was a national math competition, hosted by Christ Junior College (Bengaluru), that featured participants from twenty-three schools.

Credits for the newsletter-

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