

Let's put On a Play

“The world is but a canvas to the imagination.

---by Henry David Thoreau

The world of imagination came alive with the unit 'Let's put on a play' for grade 3. Enacting stories has a positive influence on children. This develops their communication skills, helps in improving their diction and expression.

This unit had an excerpt from the play HEAD IN THE SAND written by famous children's author Julia Donaldson. The students of grade 3 understood the era of the story by integrating it with history and geography. Students then divided in groups had an uphill task of writing the play script from where the passage ended. Students had to choose interesting vocabulary to set the scene, decide upon the characters, setting and plots. The ultimate goal was to enact the play as a team taking notice of stage area in the classroom, characterization, props and costumes not forgetting the director's vision to perform the scenes. Students were free to let their imagination fly and write their own story with the characters given.

The students enjoyed rehearsals and focused on dialogue delivery, voice modulation and expressions. Teachers also gave their valuable inputs during rehearsals which further developed their confidence. Thus apart from language enhancement through a play, our kids learnt important life skill lessons of team work, and being open minded. We were amazed to see their acting skills and confidence!!! This is a perfect example of **learning by doing!!!!**



The Aqua Splurge

2014 is the year of sporting activities in TIS(CIE), on 21st November we dived into - The Aqua Splurge swimming competition, which took place in our school's beautifully maintained swimming pool. Students from grades 3 to 9 participated in this event and swam to give their respective houses a head start in the year's sporting activities. It was

definitely a splishy -splashy morning that has left its mark in our pool of school memories. The races were categorised into the free-style, back-stroke and the mixed relays. The non- participating students sat by the pool cheering wildly for their houses. The judges at the finishing line had a tough time deciding who came first, second and third as most of the participants were winning by mere fraction of a second. The tension and drama was nail biting and the house mistresses nearly fell into the pool cheering for their teams!

The winners were awarded at the end of the day where certificates were distributed. Sashank Shankar and Vedika Joshi bagged the fastest swimmer titles in the senior and junior categories respectively; this special prize will be awarded to our swimming champs at the Sports Meet on 6th December 2014.



Maxx English Wizard Competition



This is based on Maxx English, an online program focused on spoken English. Maxx English is powered by global players - British Council, UK and Stanford Research Institute, USA to help students improve English fluency and become confident in using the language. The competition for our school has started and all registering students can register for the Maxx English program for free. As the program is available online, students will be able to access the program as per their convenience, using a desktop computer or a laptop.

Students will be able to login any number of times and complete multiple activities and units and earn "stars". Students, who will achieve an overall score of "400 stars", will be awarded a **Maxx English certificate**. Students achieving 400 stars or more will also have a shot at a draw to decide winners of loads of exciting weekly and monthly prizes.



Students have been given the competition cards. Parents may kindly help them with registration and continue with the activities. Every week there is Rs. 100,000 worth of prizes available for the students. We hope students will make the best use of this platform to improve their English Language Skills.

Children's Day Celebration

Students from grades 1 to AS level had the fortune of watching four 3D movies: First Man on the Moon, Chotu Dinosaur, Our Universe and Queen Fish, created by children across the world. These movies kept them entertained. Over and above, the children had a foot-tapping post lunch dancing session. The preschool parents recapitulated their childhood and enacted, danced and sang for their children. That was really amazing. The children were enthralled to see their parents performing for them. May be, we could extend this feature to some of our classes in the primary section next year.



Principal's meet in D.G Khetan School

Principal Ms. Lalitha Rajgopal and Coordinator Ms. Bijal Adhiya attended the University admission conference organized by Univariety along with CIE. The conference focused on the formalities and procedures for the University undergrad programmes across countries. Univariety will soon be interacting with our IGCSE and "AS" level students to give guidelines for admissions to undergrad programmes.

All the World is a Stage

As part of the English Language unit: All the World's a Stage, students of Grade 9 presented two self-scripted plays. The first play with Sarah Shaikh as the team leader (director) was named 'The Mysterious Killer'. The second play titled 'The Notebook' was directed by Saakshi Shah.

The class was divided into two teams - Suspense and Romance, the rehearsals were as dramatic as the plays, students realised how difficult it is to manage big teams and the importance of prioritising.

'The Mysterious Killer' - was entertaining and the cast put up a thrilling performance, Sara as the nagging mother and Henisha as the widow who was in a relationship with the protagonist Abhimanyu (Hirav) were convincing. Karthik managed to make everyone laugh because of his impromptu lines. A special mention of Hirav for his very dramatic portrayal of Abhimanyu the mysterious killer.



'The Notebook' - had a huge star cast with Vanshika Gandhi and Chaitanya Shah in the lead role (Rose and Noah). The play revolved around misunderstandings, ambitions and forgiving power of eternal love, a classic rich girl poor boy love story. Jhanvi Shinde and Khushi Todi's performances as a concerned mother and a strict father, was very dramatic. Jhanvi Kathpalia and Harshil Kaswala's enactment of old Noah and Rose was also performed with a lot of grace. But Chaitanya stole the show with his very genuine performance and brought a tear and a smile to the eyes and lips of the audience. Through this activity students got a glimpse into how to put up a production, the difficulties and challenges of putting up a play on stage, the importance of prioritising and how the stage is another medium of expression of our written work.

Appeal to Parents

As we approach the grand event "The Sports Meet", we have special requests to the parents. Every child wishes to participate and exhibit his talents. The school has made a right choice of activities and events for the same. Some children have to miss out on the Sports Day since the family has made plans well in advance for outstation visits. Unless it is inevitable, parents should refrain from clubbing their weekend visits during mega events organized by school for children.

Projects in "The City Which Shocks"

In Science, students of Grade V, TIS CIE learnt about 'Electricity'. The topic incorporated information about the types of electric circuits, the components of a simple electric circuit and means of enhancing the usage of electricity in our daily life. While the teacher explained how electricity could be hazardous, she also wanted her wards to have a hands-on experience of preparing their own circuit so that the topic could evoke their scientific interest. So, she showed them how a simple electric circuit could be constructed with the help of wires, a small light bulb and a pencil cell. Further, she also aroused their interest by showing a child-friendly video wherein young children prepared an electric circuit in the form of an insect with small LED bulbs as eyes and wires as its antennae, keeping aesthetics and scientific criteria in mind.



Then she declared that students have a project to work on namely - Preparation of an Electric circuit, and students could explore the Net to get ideas. Students were allotted one month (from 10th Oct to 10th Nov inclusive of the Diwali vacation) to submit their project. Students came up with impressive ideas such as working of a buzzer, a windmill, lighting in a house and a game working on matching the country with its flag.

Football tournament

In the inter house football tournament held on 27th Nov 2014, Laurel House bagged the first position followed by Maple. Olive was third and Shamrock took the 4th position. Students played their best to increase their house points.

Do we speak Hinglish or English?

Students have been reminded on and off to speak in English so that once their spoken skills improve half the battle of understanding different subjects is won. However, time and again they speak in Hindi or a mixture of both. Predominantly it is the high-schoolers who are defaulters. We may have to impose penalty if situation doesn't improve.

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MaRRS products and services are designed to provide knowledge beyond the classroom, including skills and perspectives needed for advancing academic excellence in a competitive world. Maze of Words conducted by MaRRS group on 18th November 2014 consisted of five written and oral rounds. English language competitions are generally found to serve a very useful and progressive educational purpose. Students while participating in this competition will naturally develop important language skills like spelling, familiarity with a larger vocabulary, pronunciation etc.

13 students from Grades I to IX participated in the Maze of Words. Students are awaiting results.

Change of Counselor

Ms. Edna Fernades will replace MS. Beulah Toppo who had been working with us as the counselor. Ms. Beulah had been Edna's mentor in her college and she has trained Edna for a week herself. Edna's practices and procedures will be similar to that of Ms. Beulah. Parents kindly seek her help with prior appointments.

Parents you can make it!!!

When we held the PTA meeting to announce about the schedules of the Sports Meet, little did we think that the members would efficiently collaborate and gear up their friends for the proposed charity sports for the under privileged. We are surprised to see that parents have put on their proactive cap and have set to work. The gifts for the under privileged children have started accumulating in the school. Surely, your children will learn what it is to give to those who are unfortunate and inculcate the value of sharing.