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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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AUM AMRITESWARYAI NAMAHA

Dear All

As the academic year draws to a close, let me say it proudly that we had a very fabulous year, in spite of the odds. Students though they were confined indoors, had a great opportunity to excel in many fields, whether it was academic studies, arts, music, yoga etc. Though I was personally present in a number of events, conducted in the school, it was wonderful to see the achievements of our little young minds. As students, we should always aim higher and better our mark year after year. We should challenge ourselves for setting higher standards to achieve our ambitious goals. Just like Arjuna the great archer, was eyeing the eye of the parrot, we too should aim in improving upon our skills in the fields of our pursuits.

Be assured, if we are sincere and honest in our life's quest, Amma will always be there to protect us and handhold us in guiding towards our destination.

May Amma shower Her Divine blessings on all of us.

THANK YOU

NAMAHSHIVAYA

BR. VISWAMRITA CHAITANYA

A FEW MUSINGS FROM THE HEAD TEACHER'S DESK

DR. SEETHALAKSHMI VISWANATH, PRINCIPAL



As the first year of our PYP programme draws to a close, it is time for us to reflect and rejoice. The feedback received from our parents and learners has been extremely positive and encouraging. There has been recognizable exhibition of learning outcomes on the part of the learners which remain indicative of the movement from one level to the next one. There has been visible expression of confidence on the part of the learners in collaborative discussions, in participation in Inquiry through student questions that are asked at every grade level; the teachers working as a team, have exhibited great collaborative skills, research-based approaches to teaching and learning, and evidenced higher standards of education through their transdisciplinary approaches and inquiry based interactive teaching.

The present newsletter highlights the documentation of both events and activities that nurture learning. The celebrations organized at Amrita International Vidyalayam in the online mode reveal our conscious efforts at integrating understanding of our cultural values which are unique to our country with the global value systems and cultures. Talents at various levels have been identified and encouraged; multi-lingual, multi-cultural presentations are featured and become evidence of meaningful cooperation between parents and teachers.

Yes, this is the first step we have taken. We are aware that we have a long way to go. Yet, the road before us is exciting and inspiring making every member in our team dream of taking those steps which are needed to make this institution grow like a banyan tree, spreading its branches wide and deep, and offering solace and guidance to thousands of learners who seek its shelter to learn and evolve.

EDITOR'S NOTE

P SREEJA NAIR, PYP COORDINATOR, CHIEF EDITOR

It's amazing to see how quickly time flies, we are almost at the end of the academic year 2020-21! This has been a very unusual school year; it did pose tricky challenges but it has also taught us to transform every challenge into a new possibility and to be optimistic under all circumstances.

We are delighted to release our Newsletter, Edition 2 - A collage of memorable events and achievements co-created by our fantastic team of faculty and our students. Every event has provided a platform to our students to evolve into confident, refined and thinking individuals. Over the months, our student cohort is definitely displaying strong learner agency by willingly participating in their learning process and exercising their voice, choice and ownership.

I thank all our stakeholders for the support and confidence placed in us. This inception year has built a strong foundation that will take the school to much greater heights in the years to come.

Thanking the almighty for bring all of us together as the AIV family and for the wonderful partnership we have shared this year. I look forward to welcoming a promising tomorrow.



ART CORNER

HERE'S A GLIMPSE OF BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK OF OUR FUTURE PICASSOS IN THE MAKING



Abhaa - PYP 4



Mayukh - PYP 1



African Tribal Art By PYP 1

Dhaanvi - PYP 3



Harshiv - PYP 1



LANGUAGE CORNER



HINDI

In the unit 'Every country has its own cultural identity that makes it unique', Grade 1 Hindi language children dressed up as various Indian National symbols and spoke a few lines about it, in Hindi. National symbols are very important to national identity. These symbols can be used to instill pride and unity in a nation's population. With the intention of instilling that sense of pride in the tiny tots, the activity was conducted.

SPANISH

Our students have come a long way from just watching videos in Spanish to making their own. Upaasana from PYP 3 has made a beautiful video of her house and is giving us a tour of the same in Spanish.

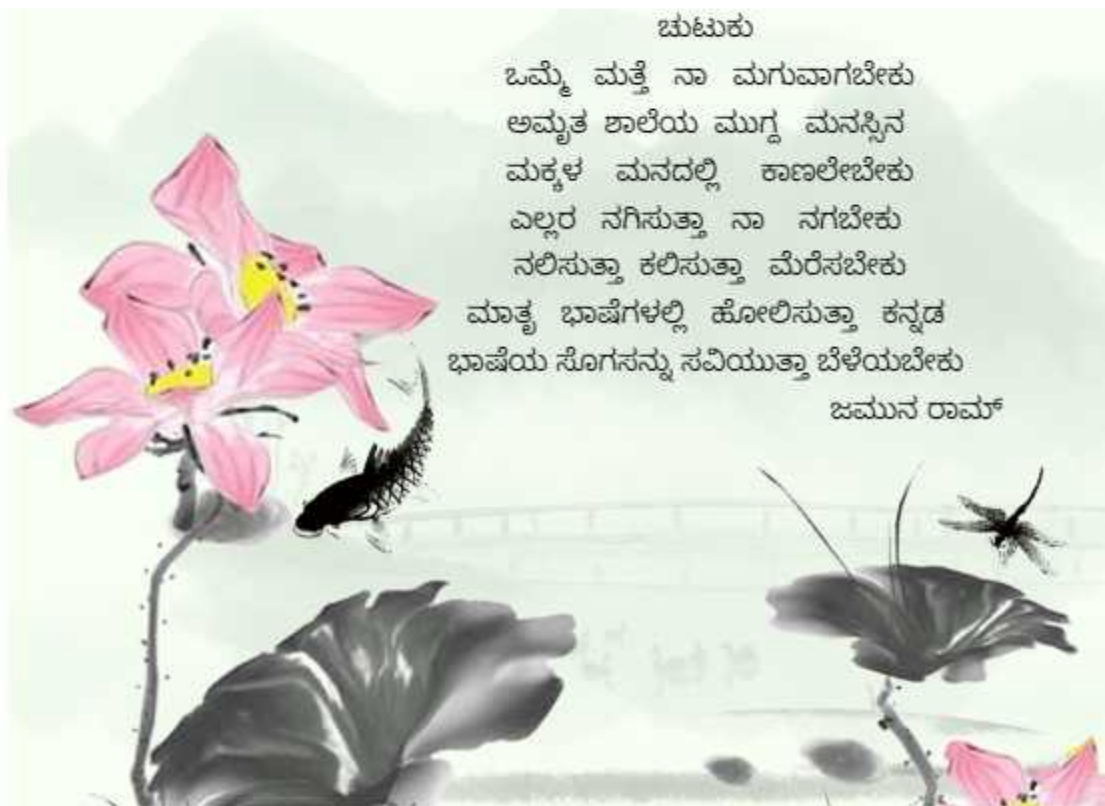


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KANNADA

Languages have a power to bring the learning community closer and overcome boundaries, both local and global . Our students are exploring the power of Kannada language in a fun manner through various activities that encourage them to develop linguistic and cultural knowledge



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FRENCH

C'est le week-end

Lundi dit à Mardi
Aujourd'hui c'est Mercredi ?
Non, c'est Jeudi,
dit le Vendredi !
Alors, c'est le week-end,
Samedi et Dimanche
Alors, C'est les vacances.

It's the week-end

Monday asked tuesday
Is today Wednesday ?
No, said thursday
It's Friday !
Then it's week-end,
Saturday and Sunday.
So, It's a holiday.



ACTIVITY CORNER



INTERACTION WITH OUR GUEST

Virtual interactive sessions were held with different community helpers for EYP II students for the third Unit of Inquiry, Community Helpers. This unit broadened the children's horizon and helped them learn about the world beyond their homes and their local community. Number of meaningful interactive sessions and activities happened throughout the unit.

Students were excited to meet Dr. Vipul (Gastroenterologist) during their online class. They inquired about a few details of his profession (like uniform, tools) and about healthy eating habits. They also toured his hospital virtually.

Students also met Dr. Shabnam (Dentist), learned a few techniques to keep their teeth clean and healthy. Students also met a tailor and a baker, saw their tools, asked them a few questions related to their jobs. These interactive sessions helped them to understand better about these professions.

A NOTE FROM OUR GUEST

I, Dr. Vipul Kandewal, recently got the opportunity to interact with the students of Amrita International Vidyalayam, Bangalore. I was amazed to see the interest of the students.

Everyone in the class, even the kids in the junior classes were interactive. They asked questions that amazed me. I could feel that knowledge has such power and our new generation is powerful.

I had an interesting Q&A session with a child named Aabha. God bless the child.

Overall, I felt happy, and I have strong appreciation for the efforts and dedication of the staff and teachers that reflected in the personality of the students.



STUDENT REFLECTION

Navika's Reflection on Unit 3

Favorite Activity:

Making a frog, Christmas cap, making the planets using the clay, narrating the stories in class.

Wow Moments During The Unit:

Making a Japanese fan activity in Art class.
During germination of plants activity, when the plants sprouted - I felt WOW!!!

What do you want to know more about?

I want to know more about plants and hear stories.

Nayanika's Reflection on Unit 3

Favorite Activity:

Talking with the Dentist and the Baker, wearing my favorite police uniform.

Wow Moments During The Unit!

When I said 'hands up!!', all my friends and teacher raised their hands.

What do you want to know more about?

I want to learn more about Police work as a profession.

PARENTS' FEEDBACK

"We are confident that Amrita will help our daughter in becoming a great citizen. The experience of interacting with the Principal and the teachers and understanding the vision of the school has amazed us. I am both surprised and happy to see kids sing Bhajans along with other co-curricular activities like dance, yoga, arts etc." - Atira's Parent



"Amrita International Vidyalayam has helped her in developing her character, talents and skills, not only academically but also in yoga, arts and crafts. We are very happy and grateful to AIV for playing a vital role in our daughter's transformation." - Anya's Parent



"It's been 5 months that my daughter is enrolled in the IB curriculum, and I must say there has been greater interest and involvement towards studies, all thanks to Amrita for enabling this. Learning here is not limited to books and syllabus but extends to the importance of Slokas and Gita Chanting. Positivity is seen in her efforts to outdo herself in every activity performed." -Dhanvi's parent



"We have enrolled both our girls Gayathri Bestha (PYP 1) and Nayanika Bestha (EYP 2) in Amrita International Vidyalayam this year. We are thankful to the teaching staff and the management for our girls' progress. We would like to highlight that kids here know well about our Indian culture and value system."



CELEBRATIONS AT AIVB

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents are the link between the present and the near past. It is through them that our heritage, traditions and culture are handed over to the next generation. Keeping this in mind, virtual Grandparents' Day celebration was organised in Amrita International Vidyalayam to express gratitude to grandparents for their contribution in maintaining culture and tradition and passing our unique and deeply rooted value system to their children and grandchildren. It was held on September 19, 2020. The grandparents and great grandparents of our learners participated with great enthusiasm and they showcased their talents through dance, music, culinary skills, and story-telling sessions. Heartfelt performances coupled with valuable words shared by Swamiji made the occasion memorable.



AMMA'S BIRTHDAY

"Love is our true essence..."

-Amma

Amma's Birthday, the much-awaited celebration of the year was held virtually in Amrita International Vidyalayam with great enthusiasm on 26th September 2020.

The students, parents, and teachers came together online to be a part of it. The occasion was graced by the presence of Swamiji, Dr. Viswamrita Chaitanya, the Director of the school. The day began with lighting the lamp by our Swamiji. The release of our first Newsletter on this day made it even more remarkable.

The children showed their love and gratitude to Amma by making beautiful greeting cards for Amma. Parents of EYP & PYP made creative posters on Amma.

The celebration was further graced by melodious bhajans and insightful speeches delivered by our young learners.



DUSSEHRA CELEBRATION



The first Dussehra celebration at Amrita International Vidyalayam was conducted virtually on October 19, 2020.

The celebration began by lighting the lamp to seek blessings of the Almighty. It was followed by sharing of wonderful insights on Dussehra by Swami Viswamrita Chaitanya, the Director of Amrita International Vidyalayam. Swamiji highlighted the importance of belief in God and the strength of chanting Slokas, through a beautiful story.

Our Principal, Dr. Sitalakshmi Viswanath, shared some sapient advice on acquiring good habits with the learners. Ms. Sreeja Nair, PYP Coordinator wonderfully highlighted the significance of feminine energy associated with the festival.

Various competitions were held on this occasion. It was an immense pleasure to watch the performances of the young learners as well as their family members. Skit competition on the theme Ramayana and Panchatantra was held for the students of PYP 1 to PYP 4. Fancy dress competition was also held for our tiny tots from Nursery, EYP1 and EYP2, in which they dressed up as Shri Ram, Sita, Ravana, Hanuman, Garuda and Goddess Durga. Parents also recited devotional songs that signified the festival and its importance.

GITA JAYANTI AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The PYP students of Amrita International Vidyalayam hosted a virtual celebration of the Gita Jayanti and Christmas on December 24, 2020. The students excitedly shared the meaning and importance of Gita in our lives. The life values from Gita were chanted in the virtual celebration. The history and significance of celebrating Christmas all over the world was also highlighted by the students during the celebration.

The students of Amrita International Vidyalayam in true sense demonstrated international mindedness by exhibiting sensitivity and acceptance of all cultures and beliefs



PARENT CONNECT SESSION

A virtual Parent Connect Session was held on the 3rd October 2020 to apprise the parents of the students regarding various activities, events and updates of the school.

Conscious Effort Habits Chart was shared with the parents to ensure development and sustenance of good habits in our students that not only help them in their academics but also in general well being, and development of a good personality and strong character. Details regarding the progress card of the students were shared with the parents during the session. Winners for MindSpark and Raz-Plus Term I were also announced.

The parents also had some interesting feedback to share. They applauded the work done by the school in these dire circumstances by ensuring continuity in children's learning in the best possible manner. The parents shared their delightful experiences of having their children sing the bhajans at different social gatherings. They also expressed their deep appreciation at the work being done by the school, not only in academics but also in the co-curricular activities.



KARNATAKA RAJYOTSAVA

Karnataka Rajyotsava is celebrated on the 1st of November every year in Karnataka. This was the day in 1956 when all the Kannada language-speaking regions of South India were merged to form the state of Karnataka.

Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated with great enthusiasm as Kannada Diwasa in our school. The students got the opportunity to showcase their talent on this occasion and exhibited their love for the state. They enthusiastically participated in the virtual celebration that took place on the 11th November. The celebration witnessed children singing "Hacchevu Kannadada Deepa" melodiously along with some dressed as the great poets and famous personalities of Karnataka. We also had children put up a traditional dance performance of the state. The programme was concluded with the state anthem.

NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY

National Mathematics Day was celebrated virtually with great pomp and show on December 22. This day is celebrated across the nation to recognise and celebrate the works of Srinivasa Ramanujan.

We took this opportunity to educate our students about Srinivas Ramanujan and his contributions in the field of Mathematics, especially to the field of number theory. Our Principal, Dr. Seetalakshmi Viswanath, in her address, gave insights into the growth of Srinivasa Ramanujan as a student from a middle class family to the world famous Mathematician.

Our Guest of Honour was, Dr. Sarada Jayan, Assistant Professor of Amrita School of Engineering. She enlightened our learners about the puranas, the knowledge of the saints and rishis in mathematics and astronomy, and the coded scripts.

The tiny tots from EYP 1 & 2 exhibited their talents in counting through math rhymes. The learners of PYP 3 exhibited their knowledge in Vedic Mathematics through various presentations. Math Quiz was also held during the program, in which the learners participated whole heartedly. Gayathri Bestha & Harshiv of PYP 1 shared the first prize. In another category, Upasana Chatanya & Shreyansh Gupta of PYP 3 acquired 1st and 2nd position respectively. The celebration was concluded with everyone gaining valuable insights into the life and works of Srinivasa Ramanujan.



REPUBLIC DAY

Republic Day was celebrated with pride and patriotism at Amrita International Vidyalayam on 26th January 2021. The ceremony began with the hoisting of the tricolour, the pride of Nation by our Principal ma'am.

It was followed by the inspiring speeches on the significance of the occasion. India is unique blend of diverse religions, languages, cultures, faith, beliefs and practices which were portrayed by the small cultural program put up by the students including regional dance forms, parent-student skit on unity, speech on Dr. Bheem Rao Ambedkar, soulful patriotic- dance, song and poem. The power and energy exhibited by our young learners through their performances was spectacular.



INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

A special assembly was conducted on 22nd of February, 2021 to celebrate International Mother Language Day which is observed on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism. Our learners highlighted the significance of various mother languages through various art forms such as music and dance covering a multitude of mother languages, both national and international. The assembly also witnessed students giving speeches in their mother tongues conveying the importance of these languages as many of these languages are on the brink of moribund and the onus lies on each one of us to salvage the rich cultural and intellectual heritage of our mother languages. The assembly concluded with our Principal and Coordinator citing the significance of mother languages and encouraging our young learners to use mother languages to be multilingual in true sense.



SCIENCE FEST



"William Lawrence Bragg said, "The important thing in science is not so much to obtain new facts as to discover new ways of thinking about them. To ensure our students develop the scientific mindset and curiosity, the virtual Science Fest of Amrita International Vidyalayam Bangalore is scheduled to be held on February 27, 2021.

After the insightful address by our beloved Swamiji, our Principal, Dr. Seethalakshmi Viswanathan and PYP Coordinator, Ms. Sreeja Nair will highlight the importance of Science in our everyday life.

Children of all the classes are showing great interest in participating in the Science Fest for various science experiments. Live presentations are planned to be given by our PYP children. Competitions will be held for making posters, presentations, conducting role plays and musical skit.

Science spelling bee and science & technology trivia are conducted in the classroom as a part of the Science Fest. Winners and participants of the Science Fest are to be awarded with certificates. Mindspark winners will also be announced and awarded.

It's rightly said that all great things begin with a small step. We look forward to watching the young learners take their first step in experiential learning in the world of science. Children can see and create magic because they look for it. This Science Fest is going to be a platform to display their creative potential.



"Most people are concerned only with what they can get from the world, but it is what we are able to give to others that determines the quality of our life"

– AMMA

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