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### **Education at school means more..** Dear Readers,

The time has come to contemplate whether we can separate education from the culture and civilisation of this Country..... The very step of a child to seek education in a formal set-up need just "a lovely look" of an educator assuring the child with a happy directive...

"You are here to grow into your best, You need to be free to grow, To have the emotional room to breathe, To stretch and try your wings, to succeed, And especially, to fail."

The clouds of confusion disperse with this lively welcome and a general sense of being in control through understanding what is going on around increases..

A child is said to have a winning ticket if he/she is able to live out his/her childhood dreams. But the question arises: Do we create a world of dreams for them? Probably not. If a survey is done, the common answers we get from the maximum number of educators are: "We have no time....the syllabus to be covered within the stipulated time is huge." And "We follow the instructions of our authority and accomplish the tasks assigned to us sincerely." In the pursuit of covering the syllabus, we cause irreversible damage to their natural ability to perform.

# It is rightly said, " It is better to build a child than to repair a Man".

We keep on harping on holistic education in a world class infrastructure. On the contrary, the school campus imprisons the restless souls. Good that the children are changing and succeeding under any circumstance but it is sad that the educators and parents have given up on this to loads of learning!!

The role of educators is pivotal in turning education into an important issue. In fact Syllabus needs to be **'uncovered'** instead of being covered making it an effective tool to explore more than what great educators have charted out for the children to learn. Objectives and Goals of educating young learners must be precisely understood before any teacher takes the responsibility to nurture the young ones. In addition to help students learn how to learn, an educator to my mind must try to help them learn how to judge themselves. At the end of the day, we need to ask ourselves....'Did they recognise their true abilities? Did they have a sense of their own flaws? Were they realistic about how others viewed them? Most importantly, educators need to let them know how to judge for themselves how are they coming along.

The core purpose of education is not to encash brand names but to produce stalwarts of unique brands. The goal of education is to ensure that every child becomes the preserver of the soil in the best possible manner. Education in India existed even when there were no classrooms. It flourished and spread to the whole world carrying a philosophy of living a meaningful life. Of late classrooms started shaping lives. Teachers are not the harbingers of classrooms. If they create a synergy in atmosphere of informal learning, experiments under the open sky will yield amazing results.

The time has come to contemplate whether we can separate education from the culture and civilisation of this country. In fact, we need not go elsewhere to find a solution to this degradation of educational standards. We just have to delve into the past with an open mind and de-structure our curriculum and methodologies sticking to the ancient legacy which has been discarded by us without any rhyme and reason. Even if the four Upvedas are referred to earnestly, we can very comfortably shape young minds. We need to turn the pages of Ayurveda that became Vedic Science for living a healthy life. *Dhanurveda* teaches us the art of defence (Martial Arts), diplomacy and statecraft. Sthapatya Veda is core learning of directional science for proper orientation of building constructions and lastly Gandharva Veda is the basis of India'a great traditions of music, dance, drama, poetry and literature.

Do we really need more than this to groom our children? Let us all brood, contemplate and realise the real meaning of Education.

Let us join hands in making Anandalaya a seat of impeccable learning.

N. K. Sinha Principal

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Establishment of

**"GREEN BRIGADE"** 



# Alumni address on Nature Conservation



A talk was given by an Alumni on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 for students of classes 5 and 8. The aim of this talk was to create awareness about the environment by encouraging students to make recycled papers bags and sell them, and from the money collected thus, adopt endangered species. The students were also inspired to donate used books to Anandalaya Library and to collect stationery items etc., found in the campus to distribute to the helpers of the school.

**CBSE:IAPT Mathematics Olympiad** The Mathematics Olympiad conducted by CBSE-IAPT was held in the school on  $20^{\text{th}}$  July 2017 for students of classes 9 to 12.

# CBSE Gyan Sarovar Sahodaya Complex Workshop- primary and secondary level

Teachers across classes 3 to 10 participated in the CBSE Gyan Sarovar Sahodaya Workshop held on 22nd July 2017 at different venues in Vadodara. The workshop was aimed at enriching the teachers' knowledge, encouraging good practices and methodologies adopted through an interaction with teachers from various CBSE schools. The workshops were conducted by subject experts from various CBSE schools.

### **Seminar on Passionate Parenting**

A series of seminars were held for parents by the Principal Mr. N.K.Sinha. The enriching seminars were conducted from  $21^{st}$  August 2017 to  $30^{th}$  August 2017 for parents of classes Phuhar to  $5^{th}$  and from  $11^{th}$ September 2017 to  $16^{th}$  September 2017 for parents of classes 6 to 12.



Anandalaya's newest initiative, the Green Brigade, was established formally by the Principal and the teacher members of the brigade on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The initiative has been very well received by the students and the parent community. The chairman of NDDB, Mr. Dilip Rath flagged off the move of the Green Brigade.



On 6<sup>th</sup> December the members of Green Brigade (parent members) were honored by giving them caps as a token of membership. On that day the no hunger campaign were flagged off by our principal Mr. Nishesh Kumar Sinha. 20 packets of food were distributed to the needy in the streets on that cold day. They were very happy to receive the same.



The Green Brigade launched a novel tree plantation and paper bag distribution drive with an aim to create awareness about the need for greening the vicinity and reducing the use of plastic.

-Twenty five girl cadets belonging to 4 Gujarat Girls Battalion participated in an NCC Parade on the occasion of Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Participation in the parade instilled a feeling of patriotism among the students.

A quarterly magazine of Anandalaya, Oct– Dec, 2017 : Issue - 2 Celebration of 29<sup>th</sup> School Foundation Day - BEATS



29<sup>th</sup> School Foundation Day - BEATS (Blissful Evening with Anandalaya's Teachers and Students)

The School Foundation Day was celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 with approximately 100 students from classes 9 to 12 availing of the opportunity to showcase their talent through the medium of performing arts. A variety of programmes ranging from clap dance to classical Bharatnatyam to cupsong were presented by students at the T.K.Patel Auditorium.

### **Celebration Of Vishwa Bhasha Gujarati Diwas**

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Vishwa Bhasha Gujarati Diwas was celebrated on 24th August 2017 for students of classes 5 to 8. This celebration aimed to develop interest among the students for the regional language and to make them familiar with third language of their curriculum through word chains and reading of works of various writers and poets of Gujarati literature.

### Intra-School Science And Mathematics Exhibition

An Intra-school Science and Mathematics Exhibition was organised in G- Block on 28th September 2017. It was inaugurated by Mr. Y.Y. Patil, ED, NDDB. This exhibition aimed to provide a platform to exhibit the innovative ideas of students of classes VII to IX in the form of working models , charts and through Power point. Many parents visited the exhibition. Two schools namely Haneefa School, Borsad, and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Narsanda, visited the exhibition.

# Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Vidya Mandir Inter-School Competition

An Inter-school Competition was held on 14th September 2017 by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Vidya Mandir on the occasion of Hindi Divas. A total of 6 students from classes 4 to 9 participated. Hiya Shah won the third prize in Kaho Kahani, Rushil Patel and Madhav Rathi stood 1st in Prasnotri based on Ramayana, Mahabharata and Hindi Grammar.

### **STeP Inter School Dance Competition**

Eight students of classes 7 to 9 along with teachers and parents participated in STeP Inter School Dance Competition organised by DPS, East Ahmedabad, on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The group exhibited a strong bonding between students, teachers and parents and secured the runners up trophy.

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Janmashtami Celebration



Celebrations for the joyous festival of Janmashtami were organized for the students of classes 1 to 5.

**Christmas Celebration** 



To acquaint students with the varied cultural heritage of India and to inculcate the value of secularism, the festival of Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ in the school.

### Annual Sports Day (Phuhar & Phulwari)



The Annual Pre-School Sports Meet was formally opened by hoisting of the school flag, taking of the sportsman's pledge and lighting of the torch by the principal. Children enthusiastically participated in a variety of fancy races and sprints. This was followed by an overwhelming parent participation in special races organised for them. All the winners were awarded medals and a cap and participation certificate were given to each student.

**Grand Parents Day** 



Mrs. Ushashri Rath graced the occasion. Children presented a mesmerizing cultural show before the gathering. The Principal addressed the gathering and inspired the grandparents to become the torch bearers of the family. They were happy to be taken around the school and admired their wards' work on display.



Students of class 11 Tarang and the staff of Anandalaya, established Anand Vihar, a centre for skill enrichment of the underprivileged children on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Anand Vihar was established under the aegis of ASR (Anandalaya Social Responsibility).

### Math Mania"-Inter School Quiz Competition

"Math Mania"-Inter School Quiz Competition was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at Navrachna International School, Vadodara. Seventeen Students from classes 6 to 10 had the opportunity to enhance their critical thinking and decision making skills. Seventeen schools participated in this event. Students from classes 6-8 in group C achieved Third position and students from classes 9-10 were Runners up in group D.

**St. Basil School -Inter School General Quiz** Inter-School General Quiz (history, geography, science, sports personalities, current affairs) was conducted by St. Basil School on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Shaswat of Class VII and Aum Pandya of IX participated in the Quiz competition.

### Felicitation of Green Olympiad Winner

The winner of the state level Green Olympiad examination 2016-17 Master Riju Dutta of class 8 Tarang was felicitated for his achievement. This examination aims to create awareness about the environment and the need to conserve it. A quarterly magazine of Anandalaya, Oct– Dec, 2017 : Issue - 2 **Teachers' Day Celebration** 



Teachers' day, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary, was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with the students of classes 11 and 12 stepping into the roles of various teachers from KG to class 12 levels. A cultural programme was also organised with teachers presenting various programmes.

# MGM School- Science Quiz (Junior And Senior Categories)

MGM School, Vadodara conducted Science Quiz for Junior and Senior categories. Sahil (VIII) and Rushil(VI) from Junior team secured first runners up position and won cash award worth of Rs. 1000 each. Tattvam (XI) and Vedant (X) from senior team received participation certificates.

### Morning Assembly

The morning assembly based on the theme 'Mathematics with Fun' was presented by class 5 Tarang on  $1^{st}$  July 2017. Unique items like a mathematical song, a tangram dance accompanied by interesting facts about Mathematics enriched the students' knowledge along with entertaining them.

### **TCS-ICT Quiz Competition**

An ICT quiz organized by TCS was held in the school on  $1^{st}$  August 2017 for students of classes 9 to 11.

### **OEEP to Vanachal**



On  $9^{\text{th}}$  September 2017 a trip to Vanachal was organized for students of classes 1 and 2 and batches on  $9^{\text{th}}$ September 2017 and  $11^{\text{th}}$  September 2017.

Under the OEEP programme, a trip to Vanachal was organized for classes 1 and 2 on  $9^{th}$  September 2017 and for classes 3 to 5 on  $16^{th}$  September 2017.

### **Orientation Programme on Robotics**

An orientation programme on 'Robotics' was conducted by technicians of Riple Academy, Vadodara for students of classes 4 to 7 on 18th November 2017. The aim of the programme was to develop scientific temperament in students. Simple models of robots were shown by the experts.

# A quarterly magazine of Anandalaya, Oct– Dec, 2017 : Issue - 2 AMIP (Anandalaya Model Indian Parliament)



AMIP (Anandalaya Model Indian Parliament) Inter School event was organised on 8<sup>th</sup>-9th September 2017 to help students of classes 8 to 12 gain insight into the workings of Indian Parliament and the dynamics of national issues. They were provided the opportunity to assume the roles of the various representatives of Indian parliament through the medium of debate. They gained important social skills such as teamwork and group cooperation, conflict resolution, negotiation and developing leadership and organising skills through this event planned, organised and conducted entirely by students. The Principal Mr. N.K.Sinha and Mr. Deepak Manjrekar, provided constant inputs and guided students in the organization and successful conduct of this event.



celebrate Gandhi Javanti and Lal Bahadur To ShastriJayanti, on 2nd October, 2017, students reported to school at morning 5.40 a.m. for Prabhat Pheri through the NDDB Campus and IRMA Campus. Mrs. Jignasha Jani and Mr. Sourabh Daniel led with prayer songs and Dhun.Guest Speakers Dr. Manjulaben Kantilal Patel and Dr. Survakant Nathabhai Patel gave ceremonial speeches on the occasion. A Nukkar Natak was presented by students of class 10 on the theme of Gandhiji's 'Fourth Think Monkey: Think Good, Positive Think . Scientific'.Mrs. Shobha Sinha gave a speech on the occasion of the centenary of Champaran Satyagraha. The Principal Mr. Nishesh Kumar Sinha expounded on the theme of Gandhiji's fourth monkey.

# **India Post Letter Writing Competition**

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India Post organised a Letter Writing Competition on 3rd November 2017 for students of classes 8-10. Bhakti Jain (class 10 Lehar) stood 1st and Elish Baraiya (class 9 Lehar) stood 2nd in which 40 students participated. The theme for the competition was 'My Vision- Corruption free India'.

**Children's Day Fun Activities** 



Children's Day Fun activities were organized on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 for classes I to VI. To make students experience that learning takes place even through informal activities, games like one minute game (understand the value of time and develop team spirit), create scrap music (develop creativity), treasure hunt (understand the importance of team work, quickness or spontaneity) and science & maths activities were organised.

### Anandalaya Sports Academy Established



An Inter-House Football Tournament was held for the under-14, 17 and 19 levels under the aegis of the Sports Academy established on  $2^{nd}$  September 2017 in association with Football Academy, Baroda.

### **CBSE PRMO 2017**

The CBSE PRMO 2017 exam was held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017. It was an opportunity to compete with students of all over India. As there was no specific syllabus related to RMO and the questions were not repeated, students had to think out of the box and prepare themselves. Fifteen students qualified for RMO.

**Participation CBSE Athletic National Meet** CBSE Athletic National Meet 17-18 was organised by Allons Public School, Bemetara, Chattisgarh on 20th November 2017. Ten athletes from our school participated in the competition. A quarterly magazine of Anandalaya, Oct– Dec, 2017 : Issue - 2 NAVFEST 2017- The Bubbling Cauldron



An inter-school festival was organised on 11-12 November 2017 on the occasion of Navrachana School, Sama, celebrating 50 years of its establishment. Eight students from classes 7 to 12 participated in 7 different competitions like elocution, art relay, science experiments, dance and sales and tourism. Rajvir A. Vyas (9 Tarang) secured 1st prize in Meri Awaaz Suno (Debate Competition), M.S.Yashaswini (12 Tarang) and Diya S. Trivedi (11 Tarang) secured 1st position in Pitch Perfect (Product designing and marketing) and the school secured the Champions Trophy (senior category).

**CBSE West Zone Badminton Tournament** 



CBSE West Zone Badminton Tournament was organised by A.N. Public School, Chomu, Jaipur on 11th September 2017. Students from classes 7-10 participated in the U-14, U-17 boys and girls level. All the players got the exposure and motivation through their participation in the tournament.

**CBSE Kho-Kho West Zone Cluster Tournament** CBSE KHO-KHO west zone cluster tournament was held on 25-9-2017 at Bhakt English medium school, Godhra. Students from 7 to 9 from Anandalaya U-17 boys team had participated. Students got the opportunity to showcase their talent and got the exposure while playing with other school teams.