

ACC Training

The ACC Annual Training of the students of classes IX and X was held this year from March 31 to April 05, 2013, as is customary, at Amity Education Valley, Manesar. This was a week long camp, requiring the students to stay on the premises for the entire duration, for which the resource persons were Col. N.K. Khambata and his team - Capt Sawai Singh, Capt BK Singh, Capt Mahabir Singh, and Sub Jorawar Singh.

The camp was begun with the general instructions being imparted to students, along with the expectations from them being outlined and a visit to the herbal garden of Amity Education Valley. The students were informed about their daily schedule which included a march past ,PT drill and a few exercises a must every early morning followed by a list of activities during the day. While the camp provided the students with some hair raising experiences through activities such as rappelling, firing, shooting, para sailing, river crossing amongst others, they was also a session on disaster management, accompanied by mock drill for hands on experience of the task.

The camp included a dog show where dogs displayed their training under the supervision of trainers, and ended with a closing ceremony in which the ceremonial parade saw the salute being taken by the Principal of the school, Mrs. Arti Chopra. The future leaders were also presented with certificates after the ceremony which was also witnessed by their parents.

The participants took home cherished memories of this unique adventure which included living in tents, camp meals and physical activities which will be fondly recollected in the future by them.



ANNUAL DAY – JUNIOR SCHOOL

Amity International School, Sector 46, Gurgaon celebrated its junior school annual day on the 16 March, 2013, on the school premises. The chief guests, Mr. Kuldeep Sharma, the Honourable Speaker of the Haryana Legislative Assembly and Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri, Nobel Laureate and illustrious scientist from TERI graced the occasion.

Celebrating the year 2013 as the year of water conservation, the theme of the function was WATER, its origin, its importance in our lives and its conservation for the future. The school band welcomed the audience while SurTarang – the 120 member strong orchestra entertained those assembled. The Principal - Ms. Arti Chopra gave her welcome address which was followed by the 9th Annual Report.

The cultural programme performed by almost 1650 children from classes KG – IV, was a visual feast with the spectacular mythological dance drama, including the dance of Lord Shiva during ‘Ganga Avataram’; dances depicting the five major rivers of the world were staged. A

special song sung by the students of Amitasha, an initiative by Dr.(Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools – for the underprivileged girls, also captured the imagination of the audience. There was a victory saga for students who had won accolades in inter school competitions. The anchors of the show kept the show alive with their engaging narrative. An exhibition – Jaladhi was put up by the children of class V, showcasing the available resources of water and how this precious resource should be used prudently.

The chief guests lauded the children for all their hard work and efforts. The chief guest Mr. Kuldeep Sharma spoke of the students raising hope for the nation, its most valuable asset. Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri the Presiding guest of the evening stressed on “Vasudev Kutumbkham”. He further expressed his views that earth has abundance if we learn to share. They further thanked the Principal, Ms. Arti Chopra for hosting such a wonderful show aimed at bringing greater awareness among children regarding water.

The respected Chairperson Ma'am praised and blessed the students and also appreciated the efforts of the principal Ms. Arti Chopra, the family of Amity – 46 in making the Annual Day a show to remember.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY – 2013 – 2014

With heads held high and many promises to keep, in marched the young, newly appointed council members, of Amity International School Sec 46 Gurgaon, to the beautiful beats of the School Band, on the occasion of Investiture Ceremony, held in the school premises. The event began with the lighting of the lamp followed by a very inspiring speech by the school Principal Ms. Arti Chopra. Her exemplary knowledge of leadership inspired the students and teachers alike. The outgoing Head Boy and Girl bid a sentimental adieu to the school in their respective speeches.

The newly appointed council members were decorated with sashes and received the flag from the Chief Guest Col. Ahluwalia and the school Principal Ms. Arti Chopra. Col. Ahluwalia in his speech emphasised upon the importance of discipline and dignity of the individual and the school. The new Head Boy and Girl, Vathul S and Anshika Tyagi promised a definite change for the better with great confidence. The entire council then took a pledge to do their work with sincerity and fulfill everyone's expectations. A constitution was released by the eminent guest Mr. R.P.Singh, Col. Ahluwalia and the school Principal. The whole stage became vibrant with the flags of different colours and the event reinstated the faith in the caliber and leadership of the future generation.



LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

A three day leadership workshop was organized in the premises of Amity International School, Pushp Vihar, and New Delhi on the 25th, 26th and 30th of March, 2013. Commencing at 9: 00 am every morning, the first day of the workshop began in the Traditional Amity way, with the inauguration ceremony where a lamp was lit in perfect symbolism of light that represents learning as well as leadership and a formal welcome by the Vice Principal of the school.

The resource person for the workshop was introduced to the participants. She was Ms. Leah Sonnenberg, Project Director of Lead America's Leadership Conference held at Columbia University, New York. She is currently teaching in Pilgrim School, Los Angeles.

Ms. Sonnenberg stressed upon the importance of skill building for effective leadership. Distinguishing between the traditional proficiencies such as reading, writing and arithmetic, she stressed upon the 21st century proficiency needs such as critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. Citing relevant examples to corroborate her views, she stressed upon the high demand of these skills in current times.

The session commenced with the creation of the full value contracts where the entire set of 74 participants were divided into 6 groups for the conduct of the important activities. The participants were required to draw up contracts of self imposed rules which they were to follow to realize the full benefits of the workshop. The participants also served as the signatories of the contract, making it binding on them. The other activities included Traffic Jam, Tiny teach and Peer Watch. This was followed by the making of an action plan where the incumbent is required to achieve a preconceived goal through the accomplishment of a series of steps. The guiding word for this activity was SMART which translated in the context as - Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time Bound.

The participants were asked to detail their personal profiles through the completion of the Personal Profile Questionnaire which required informative input on specific strengths of the participants, their artistic abilities, concerns and environment and so on. The latter part of the day also saw the building of the action plan, its reviewing and the setting up of a common goal that the participants would strive for on the remaining days of the workshop. The participants were also encouraged to know one another through a name association game.

After a brief revision of the activities of the previous day, the session started with stress being laid upon the importance of all the points that would come in handy while drafting the action plan, the resource person stressed upon the need to remember and recollect all of the information shared earlier. The participants were then asked to rank 64 characteristics as they existed in their own personalities. The total count attained provided characteristics pertaining to animals i.e. Lion, Peacock, Koala and Owl. The participants were then divided into groups and provided two chart papers wherein they were to pen down characteristics, draw symbols and write down names of

personalities bearing those characteristics. The second activity focused on leadership values where they were asked to name professions that most required the characteristics they had named. An association was thus built between values and professions.

The next activity, the mind field action activity focused on the importance of the clarity of communication, a task where communication alone could help participants through the given task. Action plan part two was then formulated where participants listed out their desired goals.

Post lunch, the participants discussed their own strengths and weaknesses as felt during the mind field action activity, thus helping participants to diagnose their own positive and negative traits. The participants then did complete SWOT analyses of their own selves by enlisting their strengths, weaknesses, characteristics they would never have and those they were likely to develop in future. The participants were then asked to forward their views on the quote,

“If you want to test someone’s character, give that person power”- Abraham Lincoln



The fun filled learning activities of the second day spilled into the third day, with the resource person bringing out the importance of body language and how people can be judged by the way they conduct themselves. The participants were also asked to meet unknown people and to judge their impact on them thus illustrating the importance of ideal behavior on meeting people. Other interesting activities included pot of gold and peer watch where words of encouragement were offered to group members and action plans were presented.

The workshop concluded with the awarding of certificates and the students being addressed by Ms. Jyoti Arora, where they were informed of the vision of our Respected Chairperson Ma’am in ensuring that the benefits of the leadership program reached Amitians. The Respected Chairperson Ma’am, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan then addressed the students on importance of leadership & globalization and how it has become the burning need of the hour in the world today.

The workshop helped define ideologies, introduce new ideas, give shape and concrete form to hazy thoughts as well as sharpen intelligent leadership abilities in the participants.



SPICMACAY FEST

The Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture among Youth (SPICMACAY) organized a festival at the Amity International School, Sector – 46, Gurgaon on Thursday, the 25th of April. The celebrity invited to grace the occasion was the noted Odissi dancer Mrs. Geeta Mahalik. Roshni Ma'am introduced the noted artist, informing everyone that she had started her dance training at the age of five under the tutelage of Guru Deba Prasad Das and Mayadhar Raut.

Mrs. Mahalik, having performed in many parts of India and the world, this gifted dancer, trained well in the subtle and finer nuances of dance has been awarded many prestigious awards such as the Odra Pankaj Nrutya Award, the Guru Deba Prasad Das Award and the prestigious Sangeet Natak Academy Fellowship in 2009.

The dance recital presented in the school premises enthralled the young audience who were captivated by the sculpturesque grandeur of this soft and graceful dance. After the dance recital, they were encouraged for a one to one interaction with the performer, who explained to them the various facets of the dance and fostered in the young minds a greater understanding of the rich cultural heritage they were born to bringing the curtains down on the memorable event.

