

JIGYASA: STIRRING THE CURIOSITY IN YOUNG MINDS

To whet the curiosity of the young minds and quench the thirst for knowledge, was accomplished through an experiential learning program-JIGYASA organized at the Amity International School, Sec-46 Gurgaon. The program not only aimed at enriching the students but also to inculcate values in them. It was showcased by the students of classes 3 to 11 through different class presentations on a variety of topics. To motivate and encourage the enthusiastic student's parents were invited as an audience.

An enthusiastic series of performances by the students made the audience sit up and think on the sensitive yet burning issues. In the first of the classroom come alive shows presented under the theme of 'Jigyasa', students of class 3 presented a skit on the issue of child labour. The skit was accompanied by scintillating dance performances and soul-stirring songs, which evoked the empathy for the children of the poorer sections of the society. 'Amitasha', school for the underprivileged girls propelled by Ritnand Baldev Education Society is a milestone in leading these children to the road of success. Parents too pledged to contribute to this cause by doing their bit.



Students of class 4, not to be outdone put up an equally enthralling show, based on environmental concerns. A strong message to protect our environment was felt by the audience. The show beginning with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Respected Principal Mrs. Arti Chopra and the Shloka recitation was followed by the welcome address along with the Annual report of the achievements made by the students of the Primary section. The show began with 'Sur – Tarang', an orchestral presentation which was followed by a thematic skit. While the musical talents on display found favour with the listeners, the creative work done by the children throughout the year was also exhibited in the Art Gallery 'Alankriti'.



The students of class 5 bettered the efforts of their juniors and were delighted to find that their presentation was graced by the Chairperson of Amity Schools, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan whose benign presence encouraged them and whose sagacious words enlightened the children and motivated them. The musical talents of the students brought out in ‘Sur – Tarang, their orchestral presentation and their dancing skills depicted through ‘Saraswati Vandana’ – a solo dance performance which drew appreciation from the audience. A captivating gig was showcased to create an environment where animals live in harmony with humans and creative work done by students throughout the year was also exhibited in the Art Gallery ‘Alankriti’.

Messages from the Founder President of School, Dr. Ashok Chauhan were read out at these shows to inspire the students in an effort to connect the students with the principles the school rests on. The students’ enthralling and thought provoking performances were enough to draw spontaneous applause from the audience.

The students of class 6 organized a sensitive musical drama on the topic “Stop Cruelty Towards Animals”. They enacted various animal characters and beautifully conveyed the message of the importance of merciful treatment towards them.



The students of class 7 dramatized some heart wrenching yet inspiring parts of “The Mahabharata” and enacted the Bhagwad Gita in a nutshell. They brought out the essence of this great Epic and translated its values into practical terms for all.



‘Our fundamental Rights ‘was the theme of the class presentation of class 8 portrayed through street plays. While children honed their dramatic skills, they also learnt about their rights and duties in fun way.



Religious issues and challenges faced by World leaders were discussed in a very unique forum- 'CONFLUENCE' - The World Parliament of Religions, organized by the students of class 9. The parliament saw spiritual leaders belonging to different religions present their views on difficult issues and give practical solutions to the problems. It was a program in which an active and alert media had the liberty to ask questions and seek answers.



A career fair 'DISHA' aimed at a career by choice and not by chance, was presented by the students of Class 10. The students shared their knowledge about different careers. The highlight of the programme was the segment called 'The Big Search' a question- answer session conducted by the students with experts in their chosen professional fields. The students researched and shared information about careers. The students put in all their hard-work and creativity as they researched in making impressive profiles. Parents of students, experts in their own fields shared their valuable experiences and advice with students.



'Powered by intellect, driven by Indian values' was justifiably the motto of class 11 presentation as it was an opportunity to blend together value based education, intellect along with personality development in an effort to showcase the talents of the students.



The whole concept of 'Jigyasa' was the brainchild of the new, dynamic Principal of the school, Mrs. Arti Chopra, a voracious reader herself. While addressing the students she emphasized on different kinds of minds and that how important sincerity, ethics and discipline is in our lives .The concept so unique in itself, was conceived and executed in a very short time, leaving the parents spellbound and the students empowered. While each presentation was characterized by Amity values and ideals, followed familiar patterns, each one was also uniquely different from each other. Amity International School, Sec-46 Gurgaon has started the New Year with great zeal, raising the bar of education to a new level altogether.

