

Workshops in May '13



A series of workshops was held in May to facilitate teachers and students of Amity International Schools.

Collaborative Learning

A workshop on collaborative learning was held by Ms.Arati Chopra, Principal, AIS 46 for teachers of AIS – Saket, Sec 43, Sec 46 and PushpVihar. The workshop highlighted how to make the process of teaching learning more effective by methods such as the three step interview, the jigsaw method, the pair-share method, the roundtable and the numbering method. It was meant for teachers of classes 9 & 10 of all the subjects and was highly interactive and appreciated by all the teachers present. Ms. Chopra also highlighted the various perspectives through which a problem could be assimilated. She also exhorted the teachers to develop lateral thinking among children.

The latter half of the day had the workshop which was held by Ms.Brar, a communications expert and she stressed on the need to have a clear cut communication for better relationships. The workshop involved role playing a make believe situation and discussion on how effective or ineffective can communication be at times.

Language, Social Studies and Interactive Teaching

The day saw an array of workshops held at different venues at AIS 46 Gurgaon. English workshop involving speaking skills was held by AIS 43 while learning English through activities was held by AIS46. The activities involved Listening as well as Speaking skills. A social studies workshop stressed on using audio-visual aids for teaching while Sanskrit/German/French workshops were given tips of using multi-media to prepare teaching resources and how to make audio visual presentations.

The workshop by Mr.Suraj Prakash, an inspiring and a talented person was well received by the teachers. The topic of the workshop was 'Interactive teaching'. During the workshop, he reiterated constantly on the need to have passion for the profession as well as the subject, give tailor made learning solutions to the children as well as nurture them to grow to be a giants in their own field in the future.

Effective Teaching and Communication

The first workshop was held by Ms.Arati Chopra, Principal AIS 46 on identifying multiple intelligences among children and using the same for an effective teaching learning outcome. She elaborated on six effective ways to attain this – the linguistic, the kinesthetic, the interpersonal, the intrapersonal, the

musical and the visual-spatial technique for a better understanding of the lesson. She also stressed on the need to identify different abilities of the children and make the teaching-learning more effective and enjoyable.

The second workshop to be held was by Ms.Vipula who stressed on good communication for better learning outcome. The session had few group activities which focussed on the need to be vigilant yet remain calm during all the working/teaching hours of the school. The workshop also had teachers from all the Amity schools review the question banks of all the subjects of classes IX and X.

Project –based Learning and Value Education

The workshop of the day was held by Ms.Shalini Mishra, CBSE resource person. She has years of experience in the field of education and is an expert strategic planner and resource organizer.

The first session of the workshop dealt mainly with how to make the CCE mode of curriculum more effective through the use of project based learning. Ms. Mishra dealt at length with the comparison of traditional method of teaching as against the modern way of teaching. She emphasized on the need of the day to motivate children to self directed learning activities.

The post lunch, the session was focused mainly on value education in the CCE for all the subjects. The workshop was interspersed with various fun and learning activities. Ms Mishra stressed on the instilling of sound values in the gadget driven, materialistic generation of today. It was well appreciated by the teachers of Amity schools who were present at the workshop.

Science, English and Question Banks

The final day of the workshops saw a few workshops in the field of Sciences and English. They were taken by teachers of AIS, Sector 43 for Science and AIS, Saket for English.

Thereafter, the teachers divided themselves into subject associated groups and worked on either the PSA question papers or the editing or alterations to be done in the question banks. The day ended with teachers editing the question banks, organising it for the maximum benefit of the students.



Cyber Crime Awareness Campaign



Amity International School, Sector 46, Gurgaon organized a cyber crime awareness campaign to create awareness among school children about rising cybercrimes, as well as educate them about basic net etiquettes, as part of the Cyber Safe Campaign initiated by the Gurgaon Police. Our respected Principal, Mrs. Arti Chopra welcomed Mr. Rakshit Tandon, advisor to the cyber crime unit of Uttar Pradesh Police at Agra and the faculty- lecturer at Dr. B.R Ambedkar Police Academy- Moradabad (U.P) and Haryana Police Academy- Madhuban, Karnal. He was accompanied by Mr. Suresh Kumar SI Gurgaon Police.

Introducing Mr. Rakshit Tandon to the students, the Principal, Mrs. Arti Chopra announced a separate session for parents in the second half, where the eminent speaker and cyber expert Mr. Tandon, who has been involved in spreading awareness about cyber crimes, would speak to them, hoping that it would be a greatly beneficial interaction.

The list of cyber crimes includes crimes like bullying, blackmailing, hacking, Phishing, stealing bank or credit card Ids and cyber porn, computer viruses among others. Stressing upon the importance of children knowing what they were getting into by sharing information on the internet he outlined measures that should be taken to prevent crimes such as cyber stalking and harassment, further stating that, "Today youngsters are tech-savvy but there is a risk of them falling prey to cyber crime. Such campaigns will help them"

The students were told what needed to be done and what needed to be avoided when online. Not only did he advise students to use smartphones so that their data was not shared by hackers and stalkers, he also asked children to use true caller.com, use right options, go to third party application then allow the call. He guided them on how to use credit cards and buy only on COD, also guiding students on how often to change the face book password and not to accept request from unknown people.

The students heard the speaker with rapt attention, admitting the mistakes they had made and asking questions on how safety could be ensured in the future. Even going as far as interviewing Mr. Rakshit Tandon, the students asked questions on why he had chosen this area of expertise, how one could pursue cybercrime detection as a career, what legal options are available to complainants as well as the fact that hackers leave footprints which cannot be erased. Further questions spoke of the safety of business mails, antivirus software and the role it plays, importance of installing firewall protection to protect all communication and how to make passwords more secure.

The informative session aroused great interest among students who not only thanked the guest with sincerity but also informed him that they would look forward to many such sessions with him. The students also thanked the Principal for organizing such an important session for them, given its relevance in present times. The parents left the premises not just grateful for what they had learnt but

also surprised about the many facts that were disclosed during the session. The session will surely result in a more secure and safer use of the net.

