

## Grade 1-5 IB Newsletter - July -2022

## JAUNTY JULY

Dear Parents!

Greetings from Vista International School!

This month, the students delved into their academics and ensured they give their very best for the PT1 exam. Moreover, the serious academic pursuits were interspersed with some engaging and invigorating intraschool competitions to ensure that the students get a healthy dose of 'fun'.

Quote of the month: "Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value" – Albert Einstein

#### GRADE 1

Academic Activities:

**MY FAMILY HAS MY HEART! – F**amily is a big support system for an individual. They are the people who love us for who we are and are always there by our side. We learn the meaning of 'love' from them and they are the first people whom we learn to love. Students took part in this amazing 'Family Heart Activity' where they expressed the various reasons why they love their family.





**WHAT MAKES A FRIEND?** – Friendship can mean different things to different people. We all have our own version of 'what makes a good friend' in our mind – and we usually gravitate towards people who come closest to our version of 'friend'. Students engaged in a beautiful 'Friendship Hand Activity' where they listed out the qualities that they feel a friend should have.







**YOU SAY, WE DO:** Students took a rather interesting approach towards understanding 'verbs' by exploring the concept through an energetic round of 'SIMON SAYS..'



**PUT US IN A LINE:** Students solidified their cognition on the concept of numbers by arranging them on a number line.





TWO ORDERS OF FRIES, PLEASE – The understanding of proper and common nouns is extremely important to establish a solid foundation for learning the English language. Students found an interesting way to explore this concept by placing the proper and common noun 'fries' into their respective boxes.



**A STEP AT A TIME:** To understand the concept of Ascending and Descending order of numbers, students participated in making a number staircase where they arranged numbers in an order.











**BARAHKHADI:** Students taking Hindi as their second language took firm steps towards learning that language by writing the 'barahkhadi'









**LET'S START AT THE VERY BEGINNING:** To learn any language, you need to start from the 'a,b,c's. Students opting for Telugu as their second language got to know the language better by making the Telugu alphabet or 'Varnamala'.









#### **Classroom Activities:**

**CIRCLE TIME:** Students of Grade 1 kickstart their day with an invigorating song-and-dance style circle time activity.



#### GRADE 2

#### Academic Activities:

**THE NUMBER ORDER:** To have a better understanding on the concept of ascending and descending order of numbers, students engaged in an interesting activity that helped them explore this topic with a huge dollop of fun.











**YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT:** The earlier one adopts a healthy lifestyle, the longer and healthier their life would be. And having healthy food is key to having a healthy life. Students engaged in an interesting activity where they took part in a group discussion sharing their inputs regarding the benefits of having healthy food. They further discussed the various food types and planned a healthy menu for the day.



**THE FOOD PYRAMID:** Students gained an in-depth knowledge about 'food pyramid' by engaging in an animated discussion regarding the topic and by finding out which food should be consumed in larger quantities to ensure the proper functioning of a healthy body and mind.



**WHO IS THE ODD ONE? –** To get a better grasp on the concept of 'Odd and Even numbers', the students used blocks and made towers of odd and even numbers.



**RUN FOR THE ORDINAL:** The knowledge of Ordinal numbers is extremely important in mathematics. To help the students understand the concept better in a fun and engaging way, they were involved in a 'running' game.



**WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME:** Students collaboratively unpacked the central idea of the theme 'where we are in place and time' and correctly identified it to be about 'landforms.'



**COMPOUND WORDS WITH A TWIST** – It was an invigorating sight indeed to watch the students enthusiastically take part in making a flapbook for compound words, thus solidifying their cognition of the topic.





**OF NOUNS AND GENDERS:** As a part of their Hindi class, students gained an insight on the topic of nouns and also tested their cognition on the concept of gender.





#### **Classroom Activities:**

**CIRCLE TIME:** As a part of the class Circle Time, students of grade 2 shared their opinion on the topic, 'What can be done with rainwater?'



**DECORATING THE BULLETIN BOARD:** Students took their class aesthetics under their wing by getting actively involved in decorating their bulletin board on the theme 'Reasons to be happy'.



#### **SCHOOL EVENTS:**

**SESSION BY DIETICIAN:** To have a better understanding of a concept, regular revisits are important. To ensure that students keep having a firm understanding regarding healthy meal, a session was conducted by a reputed dietician who took them through the nitty-gritties of healthy diet and meal planning.



#### GRADE 3

#### **Academic Activities:**

**MY SCHOOL, MY ALLY –** The students attended a session conducted by Principal Ma'am as the guest lecturer for the day. Students were made aware of how the School as an organization supports the students and helps them enjoy their 'right to education'







**FIND YOUR ALLIES:** Building on the theme of 'Children's Rights' students engaged in research work, finding out organizations that work and advocate for child rights - locally, nationally and globally



**SHOW 'EM WHAT YOU GOT –** To showcase their takeaway from the topic of 'Child Rights' students presented a marvelous 'nukkad natak' (street play) about the rights and responsibilities of children.





**ROUND ABOUT THE ROUND OFF** – Students were taken through a captivating session regarding 'rounding off numbers' in an exciting manner using the 'play way method'.



**OF LADDERS AND SNAKES:** Students used the all-time favorite 'snake and ladder' game to gain a better insight into the number system.







**CREATIVE LINGUISTS:** The first step towards learning a language is learning its grammar. And for probably all the languages, grammar starts with the knowledge of 'nouns'. Students took part in an interesting activity where they listed the types of nouns in an intriguing way.



**PACK AND UNPACK** – To unpack the central idea of a theme, students explored a range of synonyms taking the help pf a dictionary and using their skills of inquiry to the full potential and came up with the words that bound all the other words shared – MIGRATION.





**..AND.....ACTION! –** Students explored the world of 'verbs' or 'kriya' as it is known in Hindi as their 2nd language class activity.



#### **CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:**

**DECORATING THE BULLETIN BOARD:** Students took their class aesthetics under their wing by getting actively involved in decorating their bulletin board on the theme 'We are In-Charge of our Happiness'



#### **SCHOOL EVENTS:**

**INTRA-SCHOOL ART COMPETITON –** Students took part in the Intra-School Art fest, 'Artsy Craftsy' and gave wings to their artistic proclivity by making an urban park using clay dough.





GRADE 4:

#### **ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:**

**THE 'MODEL' BODY:** Students actively participated in making models of the various organ systems in the human body ensuring that they are completely aware of their system – inside out.





**SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW:** Further building on their activity of making the model of a particular organ system of the human body, the students presented their thought to the entire class.



Students explored the functions of the internal body systems, and were left to find out how they are dependent on each other by creating their own 3-dimensional models. The matter of whether the model could actually work was left to the groups to decide independently, thus developing the IB attribute of Learner Profile-Inquirers.



**MAKE ME A PYRAMID:** Connecting the Line of Inquiry, 'Impacts of lifestyle choices on body', students learned about the types of food, food groups and made a food pyramid.





**WHAT DOES THE WEIGHT SAY?** - Students learnt about measurement of weight, conversion factor by measuring their bag weight and volume in bottle through the measuring activity.





**Unit-2:** Where we are in place and time.

The students have started inquiring into past civilizations and their relevance to the present life. Students display their research skills by finding out information about some evidence of past civilization (culture, development, traditions, buildings, norms, laws, or values) from different kinds of civilizations.



**SAY IT LIKE THE FRENCH:** Children learnt about nationalities, adjectives and to frame sentences using the verb ' etre' ( to be)



**MANAVIYA TANTRA:** Building on their knowledge about the human body systems, the students presented their findings in Hindi, during their 2nd language hindi class





**LETS PLAY WITH VERBS:** Students solidified their understanding on the topic 'verbs' through an exciting activity.



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GRADE 5: ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES: ON THE LAP OF IDIOMS: Idioms met creativity when the students displayed their comprehension on the topic through a creative Lap Book Activity



0 SEED, **GERMINA** TE: As a of part their Rhapsody Project work, students explored the topic of germinatio n of seeds.



**THE PRONOUN PIZZA –** Probably the healthiest option of Pizza in the world was this amazing 'Pronoun Pizza' created by students that gave them 0% trans-fat and 100% fun and knowledge.



**THE PAST THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS:** Students took part in active research where they found out more regarding the ancient explorers of the world



I HAVE VERBS AND COLOURS: Students worked with Avoir Verb in French ( I have) and Dessine et coloré ( Draw and Colour activity in French)



**GET GRAMMAR-READY! –** Students explored the Hindi language by comprehending various concepts of grammar – like nouns, verbs, tenses and pronouns.





**A FRACTION OF HAPPINESS:** To help students understand the concept of fractions, delectable bars of milk chocolate become the handy study aid – motivating the students to concentrate on the topic and keep their eye on the prize.



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## HALL OF FAME

Our Principal Ms. Mary Shanti Priya received the honour of being invited as a speaker at the 24th World Education Summit and Awards Program organized by ELETS Technomedia, where she shared her unique real-world experience in the world of education.





## VISTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL RECEIVES AWARDS AT THE 24TH WORLD EDUCATION SUMMIT AND AWARDS:

Vista International School has always remained steadfast in it commitment to deliver exemplary growth environment for its students – one that is achieved through a unique and balanced blend of academics and co-curricular activities. It was therefore a proud and joyous moment for the school when its efforts were recognized at the 24th World Education Summit and Awards organised by ELETS Technomedia:

#### Award for Excellence in Co-Curricular Activities:



#### Award for Excellence in Innovative Academic Practices.



#### **VEDANT GUNDU CREATES WAVES IN THE WORLD OF TENNIS:**

Vedant Gundu has been making a mark for himself in the world of Tennis as he keeps winning National and International Championship. His recent victory in an International Meet in Spain and a National Meet here in Hyderabad, has made us truly proud of his achievements.



**RECOGNITION IN CBIT TECH SUMMER CAMP:** Navaneeth of Grade 7B, received his merit certificate in CBIT Tech Summer Camp. The certificate was presented to him by eminent film producer Shobu Yarlagadda.





#### STUDENTS OF VIS MAKE THEIR PRESENCE FELT IN INTER-SCHOOL COMPETIONS.

Students of Vista International School took part in various Inter-School competitions where they have left a mark with their outstanding performances:



Students getting recognized for their outstanding performance in Cricket and Volleyball at an Interschool Sports meet.

#### STUDENTS BRING LAURELS TO THE SCHOOL WITH THEIR PERFORMANCE AT 'MERUTSAV':

Students representing our school at 'Merutsav' – the Inter-school art and literary fest organised by Meru International School – has brought laurels to the school with their outstanding performances. Here's a look at our amazing stars:

## Pranavi of Grade 10, secured the first place in yoga.



Swesha of Grade 8 secured the 2nd place in 'Chameleon'





Our school choir secured the 2nd place in group singing competition.





### SCHOOL UPDATES & UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

UPCOMING EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS:

- 05/08/2022 Holiday for Varalakshmi Vratham
- 06/08/2022 Finals for Artsy-Craftsy
- 08/08/2022 Holiday for Muharram
- 09/08/2022 Inauguration of The Savant's Voyage
- 11/08/2022 Holiday for Raksha Bandhan
- 13/08/2022 Manifesting Magnificence our Inter-School Visual and
- Performing Arts Fest
- 15/08/2022 Independence Day Celebration, Awards ceremony for

Manifesting Magnificence and Inter-House Patriotic Music Competition.

- 19/08/2022 Holiday for Jamnashtami
- 31/08/2022 Holiday for Ganesh Chaturthi

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