SVKM J.V. PAREKH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER– (2022-2023)

Brief about SVKM J.V. Parekh International School

SVKM J.V. Parekh International School was established in 2008.The School is committed to nurture an inquiring, thinking, enterprising, informed, open minded, principled and compassionate generation empowered to meet local and global challenges. The School endeavour's to draw out the best in its students by facilitating holistic and lifelong learning through meaningful opportunities and creating an environment that encourages creative thinking, free expression and conscientious action; making them global winners. SVKM J.V. Parekh International School is a Nursery to Grade XII International School implementing a holistic curriculum over six hours a day, five days a week, graded for various age groups. It offers the Unique "Pre Cambridge-Curriculum" for Pre-primary Section, CAIE Programmes starting from class 1 to class 10 followed by IBDP and 'A' Level programs for classes XI-XII for 2 years.

PRE-PRIMARY SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

75th INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY"- AZADI KA AMRIT UTSAV

The children were engaged in interesting art and craft activities which were used as decorations for the classrooms. The children took pride in their project work and through this understood the significance of swadeshi. The sr.kg. children performed a 2 minute dance on patriotic songs, while the jr.kg. and nursery children sang 2 line songs and called out slogans. All children were delighted to play various group games related to the tri-colour flag and national symbols.

"INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY"- ALL ALONG THE SEA (PIRATE THEME)

On the occasion of the "8th International Day Of Yoga", the pre-primary section celebrated "All along the Sea : A Pirate Yoga Day" wherein the children dressed up like pirates and did some simple yoga asanas (poses) to stimulate suppleness, strength, concentration and relaxation. The children were also overjoyed to play games like treasure hunt and catch the fish.

CELEBRATION – BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Children enthusiastically participated in the Book character day and 'Dressed up as a Story Character Event'. Parents used their creativity and dressed their child appropriately relating to the particular character. Children enjoyed narrating the story in front of their peers. They used various props, costume, backdrops etc. and enacted as their favourite character from the story given by the homeroom teachers. Each child was given the Bookmark as a take away

FIRE STATION VISIT

Pre-Graduation Photo Shoot

The children of Sr. Kg had their Pre-Graduation Photo Shoot on Saturday, 1st April'23 in their complete school uniform. Children wore their stole and Graduation hat and enthusiastically participated in the photo shoot by giving various poses in different set-ups.

Research Skill Development – My Weekly Schedule

As an extension of the mathematical concept of clock reading, the Sr. Kg Children prepared their own weekly planner specifying their schedule of each day in the form of timetable. They drew/stuck pictures and wrote the name of each activity that they did, in the mentioned timeslot, just like in a daily schedule and presented in front of their class on 17th April ' 23.

Open House – Term 2

The pre-primary section had the open house on Saturday, 29th April, 2023. The parents received the report cards for Term II.

PRIMARY SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

PARENT ORIENTATION

Parent orientation programmes for Grades 1-5 (Primary Section) were held on Thursday, 9th June 2022, in the school auditorium, for individual grade levels.

This was the first opportunity for the school members to interact with the parent community face-to-face, post-pandemic. The orientation programmes were opened by the Principal- Dr.Swaminathan, following which the Coordinator of Primary Section- Ms. Archana Nagpal Manyal took the parents through the important administrative and academic norms which are followed by the primary section, in addition to introducing them to the team of faculty members who would be handling the particular grade level for that academic year.

SCHOLASTIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME (Grade 1 to 5)

The scholastic engagement programme is a key feature of the school's primary section for highlighting its academic standards.

During this programme, the parents are actively involved in induction-, application- and consolidation- level engagements to understand the way teachers deliver concepts and develop skills in the learners.
For the first term of Academic year 2022-23, Scholastic Engagement Programmes were conducted individually for Grades 1-5 in the week of 25-28th July, 2022; during which the teachers and coordinator explained the expected learning objectives of the core subjects of English, Mathematics,

ELOCUTION FINAL ROUND

The much-awaited Final Round of the elocution competition "Eloquence-The Speech Craft" was held on Monday, 01/08/22.The enthusiastic participants had passed three grueling rounds- Qualifying Rounds 1 and 2 and the Semi-finals, to reach the finals and were eager to deliver their EXTEMPORE speeches (format for this year's elocution) based on sensory stimuli in front of their peers and judges.
The IBDP faculty, Mr. Deepak Dhingrani (Design & Technology and French) and Ms. Sapna Nair (English Literature) were a part of the esteemed panel of judges along with Ms. Archana Nagpal Manyal (Coordinator- Primary Section). They were appreciative of the confidence, vocabulary and public speaking skills of the little participants and felicitated the winners with certificates and trophies.

FIELD TRIP

Field Trip: Mumbai Darshan

Educational Field trips are an integral part of the curriculum at our school. Field trips are organized to broaden the horizons of the students. Children of Grade 1 were taken on a field trip on 20th September 2022, (Tuesday) to explore their city Mumbai by means of Mumbai Darshan and visited places like Bandra Worli Sea link, Bandra Sea Face, Chowpatty, Marine drive, Nariman point, CST Station, Rajabai Clock Tower, Gateway of India, Taj Mahal Hotel, Hanging Garden and were made aware about the above places. This field trip and excursion provided a right combination of learning and fun. Children also experienced a panoramic view in the Hanging Garden and understood more about the Research theme- 'My City-Mumbai.

Food Carnival – Adopt-a-Cause initiative – Grade 1:

Students of Grade 1 identified the problems faced by the stray animals living in Mumbai city. The children had visited WSD INDIA NGO based in Sewri Mumbai a few months ago and hence could relate with the work done by this NGO. In order to support work done by the NGO, children of Grade 1 along with their parents, helped organize a Food Carnival on 10th April, Monday, 2023, in the third-floor foyer of the school to show their solidarity with this organization and raise funds to help its cause.

Overall, the Grade 1 carnival was a wonderful example of how young children can make a meaningful difference in the world. By working together and supporting important causes, they can learn valuable lessons about empathy, compassion, and community involvement. Grade 2: Skit on Importance of judicious Water Mnagement in the State of Maharashtra The young learners of Grade 2 whilst working on their Research Theme- My Home State

Sync With The Rhythm

Celebrating Learning (2022-23) - Euphoria 3.0's ***Sync with the Rhythm*** was one of the most anticipated events of the year. This event gave the children an opportunity to showcase the dance and music vocals and instrumentals they learnt through the year. The parents of the Primary Section attended the event in large numbers, which was held on Wednesday, 26th April, 2023 in the school's auditorium.

Sync with the Rhythm was a platform to showcase the children's talents, remove stage fear, and teach them the importance of teamwork. It also helped build confidence, develop personalities, and enabled them to express their opinions. It was also one of the ways to discover the hidden talents in our children.

The children prepared for the event for weeks under the guidance of the inhouse Music faculty and dance instructor. One child from every class was also selected to be the compares for the show and were trained by the English teachers.

Children enthusiastically participated in the run through on Monday, 24th April, 2023 and the dress rehearsal on Tuesday, 25th April, 2023 before the final show on Wednesday 26th April, 2023.

The afternoon commenced with the compares greeting the audience and inviting the dignitaries and our school's Principal Dr. Swaminathan to light the lamp and bless the proceedings of the afternoon. Afterwhich, the show began.

Parent Teacher Meeting - Term II

Parent-Teacher Meeting plays a very important role in a **student's development and academic success.** As it gives parents and teachers an opportunity to exchange observations of a student with each other. It's a **two way communication for the welfare of a student.** It is also a great opportunity for parents and teachers to develop a healthy and strong relationship for the **holistic development of a student.**

The **Second Term Parent Teacher Meeting (Open House)** was conducted on **Friday, 28/04/2023** for **Grades 1-5.**

The teacher present gave **feedback regarding the student's overall progress and suggestions to improve further.** She also gave her **valuable insights** regarding the student's experiences at school. Parents also shared their experiences, struggles and other observations with the teacher. Based on this, strategies or ways that can benefit the student to perform better were discussed.

The **time slots** given to the parents for interaction were:

01:15 pm - 03:15 pm - Roll Nos. 01 - 15 collected their report cards and assessment papers from the Class Teacher from their respective classroom and met the Subject Teachers (if required).

03:30 pm - 05:30 pm - Roll Nos. 16 - 30 collected their report cards and assessment papers from the Class Teacher from their respective classroom and met the Subject Teachers (if required).

SECONDARY SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

International Music Day.

International Music Day or World Music Day is annually observed on 21 June to honour musicians and singers. The day also encourages young and amateur musicians to give a live demonstration of their talent to audiences. Students of IB year 2 celebrated this day in the most unique way by collaboratively engaging with the underprivileged tribal children (Adivasi) from Duggad village. The kids enthusiastically participated in cultural activities wherein they sang and danced merrily to songs. Participating in these collaborative activities foster

empathy among our learners and make them open minded individuals as they are able to appreciate other perspectives and ideas.

Monsoon trek – 30th June 2022

“The world reveals itself to those who travel on foot.”

IB year 2 students had a fun filled and energetic morning as they decided to connect and be more close to nature. Walking on the uncharted paths was engaging as each student learnt to believe in themselves and trust their classmates to ensure that they reach their destination together. They learnt to delegate, share, and take responsibility for their actions.

Students went on a monsoon trek near the Duggad village wherein they also committed for a sustainable lives, thereby planting trees and being more responsible towards nature.

INTER -CLAN ART COMPETITION

“The purpose of arts education is not to produce more artists, though that is by product. The real

purpose of arts education is to create complete human beings capable of leading successful and

productive lives in a free society.” -Dana Gioia

We at SVKM J V Parekh International School have always believed that giving responsibilities to children will help build not just their confidence but also successfully make them shed their inhibitions, experience freedom of expression, promote peer learning and equip them with leadership qualities thus preparing them for the challenges of the 21st Century.

SVKM International School held an Art Competition on the theme of Sports for Peace on 5th December, 2022 which saw a huge confluence of art work by Grade 6 to Grade 9 students who were given Clan wise themes based on UN sustainability goals.

Apollo	Poseidon	Demeter	Zeus
Grade 6 – Rhythmic nature	Grade 6 - Peace for Animals	Grade 6- Peaceful world of nature	Grade 6: Good health & well being
Grade 7 - Peace through music	Grade 7 - INDIA - The symbol of peace and Harmony	Grade 7-Street art to promote peace	Grade 7: Quality Education
Grade 8 - In harmony with self	Grade 8 - Sports for unity	Grade 8- Peace within	Grade 8: Partnerships to achieve the goal
Grade 9 - Sports diminishing boundaries	Grade 9 - Face of globalized world	Grade 9- World without borders	Grade 9: Gender Equality

Sports Athletic Meet -2022-23

The more difficult the victory, the greater the happiness in winning." – Pele

Sports Day is an opportunity for students to assess their fitness, competitive team spirit and learn to develop sportsmanship. The Annual Sports Meet 2023 celebration was a much awaited event after 2 years of pandemic and SVKM students enthusiastically participated in the Sports Day on 23th December, 2022. and the show entailed a big success from parents and Management.

Peace is needed for societies to be resilient to shocks, manage disputes and adapt to changes in their environments, and hence our Mascot for the event was mascot of peace named Pax Avis. Our art teacher Ms. Namita handed over to Vice Principal Mam and chief guest Ms. Neha Sapte to release it and to declared the sports meet open along with Mascot and balloon.

CELEBRATING LEARNING

NEURO COMBAT-2023

"The science of today is the technology of tomorrow." – Edward Teller

On 25th February 2023, SVKM JV Parekh International School celebrated National Science Day on an exuberant note. This event was termed as NEURO COMBAT- BATTLE OF THE MINDS. The theme for National Science Day 2022-23 was Global Science for Global Well-being.

The stir was created when all the students attempted the quiz competition. The quiz was based on the learning in their classrooms. The winners of the quiz then participated in the Quiz Competition held on 25th February 2023. Simultaneously, amalgamating English as a subject, students from Grade 6 to 9 performed on a Ballad. Moreover, Art competition was conducted. Students from Grade 6 to 9, drew a painting based on the themes allotted to individual Grades.

The event was graced by the two judges Ms. Rajkuamri Joshi, Faculty of IBDP and Drama and Theatre artist, Director of Ethiros Theatre Group Mr. Nishil Kamalan. The celebration was given a fun element by the French Students of Grade 9. The event 'Gourmet - Connoisseur of Good Food' had a vision to donate the money to the ancillary staff of the school. With this deed in mind, the students had meticulously set up stalls in the 3rd floor foyer which sold French cuisine. The food was devoured by students from Grade 6 to 9. Moreover, Students of Grade 6 and 7 had researched about the different foods in French Culture and presented the same.

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS:

The month began with the annual exams, where the secondary section appeared from April 10th 2023 to April 20th 2023.

MUSIC CADENZA:

It is the vision of our School to emulate and imbibe the theme and idea of '**Celebrating Learning'** and encourage learners to engage with a plethora of skills and empower them with attitudes for taking responsible action for the future.

Musical Cadenza celebrates this unique thought process of learning through music, drama, dance and art which provides a platform to showcase their talents and broaden the horizon of creativity and learning. A dash of multilingual skills further adds to the essence of the celebration, making them global learners.

This **Student Led Cultural Extravaganza** was to encourage them and to shed their inhibitions and experience freedom of expression, thus preparing them for the challenges of the 21st Century.

The students were the lead pioneers of the entire event looking after the creative processes with the teachers lending their helping hand, guidance and support. This event provided the students to explore and express the attributes imbibed, showcase their talent and exhibit an amazing display of confidence through their performance thereby **'Celebrating Learning'.**

DONATION DRIVE:

It is well said that charity begins at home. And once Mother Teresa said, "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."

Students of Grade 9th took this opportunity by organizing French Food Festival- 'Gourmet - Connoisseur of Good Food' had a vision to donate the money to the ancillary staff of the school. With this deed in mind, the students had meticulously set up stalls in the 3rd floor foyer which sold French cuisine.

GRADE 10th FAREWELL:

“Don’t be dismayed by the good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again.” – Richard Bach

And this brings to one of the most emotional celebrations of the year- Farewell. It was time to say goodbye to grade 10th students who have been part of the school for almost a decade. The theme of the farewell was **Sports** and the event took place on April 22nd, 2023 with the welcoming of the students and various performances by Grade 10 themselves and the teachers. Some Grade 10 students also took the opportunity and used the podium to show their gratitude to the school by their thank you speech.

The students were also given the momentos by principal sir as a token of best wishes from the school. Additionally, the motivational speech of the Principal gave students the mantra of being a lifelong learner and always be a great human being.

The farewell moved ahead with cake cutting and DJ. Later the students were taken to the ground to play various sports activities and relive their PE lecture. The sports activities were followed by scrumptious food and pen-fest.

IBDP

'The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you '

OUTSTANDING FRENCH TEACHER AWARD – WEST ZONE

IB faculty, Mr Deepak Dingrani, was awarded the Outstanding Teacher in French Language in West India by the French Language Teachers Association in India. The certificate was awarded by the Consul General of France in Mumbai at his residence during the International Day of French Language. It was a glorious

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

The patriotic fervor and zest was in the air as India celebrated its 74th Republic day. This day was collaboratively celebrated with equal pride and reverence in SVKM campus, where CNMS and JV Parekh International School hoisted the tricolor jointly. The celebrations was galore with patriotic song and dance, a speech in Hindi and followed by inspiring speech by the Principals of both the school. It was a day to remind the youth that this day our Constitution of India came into effect after India gained independence after a very long freedom struggle. It was also a reminder to respect the unity in diversity that the country and its people represent. It was also a reminder that the youth can lead our country towards a developed nation.

1. GRADUATION DAY

Barack Obama once said, "All those adults that you used to think were in charge and knew what they were doing? It turns out they don't have all the answers. A lot of them aren't even asking the right questions. So, if the world's going to get better, it's going to be up to you."

On the 15th of April 2023, the graduating class of SVKM JVPIS donned black robes to celebrate their achievement at the graduation ceremony. The event began with a solemn procession of students entering the hall with lit candles, symbolizing their passage from darkness to enlightenment.

The ceremony commenced with a speech from the Principal and Vice-Principal, who congratulated the students on their accomplishments and urged them to pursue their dreams with passion and dedication. This was followed by the speech from the Honorary Joint-Secretary of SVKM, who emphasized the importance of academic excellence and community service in shaping the future of the students.

One of the most eagerly anticipated moments of the ceremony was the announcement of the placements, which brought cheers and applause from the audience. The Head Girl and Head Boy then addressed their fellow students, expressing their gratitude for the support and guidance they received during their academic journey and inspiring them to pursue their goals with confidence and determination, oozing with nostalgia and humour.

Succeeding that, the music club then took the stage and entertained the audience with their melodious renditions of popular songs, followed by a mesmerizing dance performance by the dance club, which left the audience spellbound.

The ceremony concluded with the students taking photographs with their peers and faculty members, followed by a dispersal for lunch. It was a day filled with joy and celebration, marking the end of a chapter in the lives of the students and the beginning of a new journey towards a bright future.

2. UNIVERSITY FAIR

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

"The right fit", "the right course", "the right university for me", and several other baffling thoughts were all thoroughly answered during this enlightening university fair from the United States. A welcoming attitude by the cordial university representatives really gaged the students to put forward their list of questions without hesitation. Through the direct one-to-one conversation and interaction between the inquisitive students and knowledgeable university representatives, worthwhile discussions were made possible while timely inquiring about one's personal interest for the college. Analytical students meandered from one bench to another, and the noble teachers patiently expressed lucid information. Colorful leaflets describing the courses were provided handy to the youngsters for future reference. These insights with representatives, not only boosted their confidence to interact with new faces, but ensured children are fully aware of their preferred course, to make an informed and suitable decision.

Towards the end of the session, the boisterous classroom that was filled with queries was now successfully extinguished and advanced to an uncluttered mind. Students were delighted and felt relieved, some satisfied and confirmed with their university choice while the others trying to shortlist a few from their existing possibilities. This enthralling experience evidently broadened students' perspective, and bestowed a deeper insight into their distinctive career path.

3. PLOGGATHON

Conservation is the preservation of life on earth, and that, above all else, is worth fighting for. ***– Rob Stewart.***

On the 23rd of April, SVKM JVPIS School hosted an invigorating plogging event- '**Save the Ocean Drive - Ploggathon 2023'** at the Versova Beach in Mumbai. The primary goal of this eco-fitness event was to promote a healthy lifestyle and sensitize the community on Sustainability- a crucial aspect of our existence that demands attention and action. The maiden aim was to promote environmental awareness, to 'Save the Ocean' from plastic pollution and make plogging- picking litter while jogging a part of our lives consciously. As John K Kennedy once quoted, 'We are tied to ocean and when we go back to the sea whether it is to sail or to watch we are going back from whence we came.'

The event commenced at an early hour of 6.45 am, and participants, both young and old, arrived with high spirits to do their bit for the environment. The participants took part in the fitness activity of plogging, combining jogging and picking up litter, to enhance their physical fitness while keeping the beach clean.

Besides Plogging, this event also called for students to address plastic pollution in a unique way. Collectively, students from preprimary to A level & IBDP have collected plastic waste to create and repurpose them as eco bricks.

Moreover the younger kids participated in fun-filled beach activities such as races and ball games. Likewise, cricket and football matches kept the students entertained. The school awarded medals and certificates to recognize the participants' contributions.

The event provided an immersive experience for the participants by featuring a 360-degree camera selfie stand to capture memorable moments. To keep the participants refreshed and energized, the organizers served drinks and refreshments throughout the event.

We were fortunate to have our alumni. Mr Suchit Dodhia, Director of the Dodhia Group, who committed further to this process by upcycling these eco bricks into synthetic yarn to nurture the circular economy principles.

Overall, the Ploggathon event was a massive success in promoting a healthy lifestyle, environmental consciousness, and community involvement. The event's creative approach to combine fitness and eco-friendliness left a lasting impact on the participants, making it a memorable experience for all.