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Principal's Message

Dear Parent,

I am honoured to lead Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar; the flagship school of Salwan Education Trust.

The history and the legacy of our school is very rich and varied. We must work in unison to carry it forward to perpetuity.

The Management, Chairman, Director and all my colleagues are committed to the cause of education. Excellence has multiple dimensions and it is our earnest endeavour to ensure that every child achieves personal, academic and organizational excellence.

Critical thinking, collaborative learning, communication and leadership skills are the four domains that we wish to hone in our students as 'Value Addition' skills to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

I thank you for reposing your trust in us and giving us the opportunity to unleash the potential of each student of this school.

Best Wishes for the Session 2014-2015

Dr. (Mrs.) Indu Khetarpal
Principal

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Training Programme for English Teachers as ASL Examiners

A two-day training programme to induct language teachers as ASL (Assessment of Speaking and Listening tests) examiners was conducted by the Master Trainers, CBSE at Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi. Representatives from about 72 schools from North India and abroad attended the training programme. Ms. Neelima Sharma, senior consultant CBSE apprised the English faculty about the need and importance of ASL. The programme was monitored by Mr. Harinderjeet Singh, the project manager from Trinity College, London.

- The language teaching fraternity shared practices to improve 'Listening and Speaking' skills of the learners.
- The effective transaction reflected ASL to benchmark English Language Proficiency.



CAER Programme

The Centre for Assessment, Evaluation and Research (CAER) aims to establish a Centre of Excellence. A group of 36 teachers attended the Workshop at Salwan Public School, Gurgaon.

- Module I was based on framing qualitative multiple choice items to assess scholastic skills.
- The second module focused on improving classroom assessment practice to meet the requirements of 'Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation'. Also, constructing 'marking rubrics' to fit the requirements of modern assessment theory was discussed.
- A deeper understanding and perspective into the theories and practices of standard referencing and school-based assessment was imbibed.



National Seminar on School Education organized by ETMA

Five teachers attended the workshop on 'Classroom Innovations and Leadership for Institution Building' organized by Education Technology and Management Academy. Awards were presented to ten teachers and three principals across the country for their innovative teaching practices. The awardees also presented papers on their 'Innovations'. The C.B.S.E Chairman Mr. Vineet Joshi, experts from IITs, IIMs, K.V Sangathan and other prestigious institutions presented their ideas on the theme. Entities from corporate world like IBM, Xerox and Intel also presented papers on the use of technology for classroom innovative teaching.

The teachers were facilitated to :

- Encourage students to think differently
- Develop a questioning mind
- Identify the strengths and weaknesses of each child while planning innovative practices



Supportive Interventions for children with learning and behavioural problems



The workshop on 'supportive interventions for children with learning and behavioural problems' was a five-day hands-on workshop conducted by one of the renowned government institutes NIPCCD, Lucknow (National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development). It was attended by Ms. Shefali Pandey (Special Educator) and Ms. Neera Bahl.



The objectives of the training programme :

- Enabled the participants to understand the challenges faced by children in the contemporary society and the role of schools in supporting their development
- Oriented them to the various learning and behavioural difficulties in children
- Enhanced the ability of the participants to identify early symptoms of learning and behavioural problems in children
- Apprised them about the strategies to promote emotional well-being and enhance achievement levels
- Helped to identify the three types of symptoms: internalizing, externalizing and psychosomatic through which problems become manifest

MOTIVATIONAL SESSIONS

Z Life Astronomy Sessions



The module started in the month of July with the session 'Introduction to Astronomy and Big Bang'. A total of nine sessions were conducted throughout the academic year 2013-14.

Students

- learnt about intricate concepts like 'Circumference of the Earth', Solar system and also prepared a spectroscope
- went for Night Sky Observation and the study of Constellations with the help of telescopes
- developed love for Space Science and its application in daily life

Talk Show on "Better Living through Green Chemistry"

Dr. Ram Mohan, an ex-salwanian who is now a professor in the Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, USA visited the school to give an inspiring and an informative talk on 'Better Living through Green Chemistry'. Green chemistry is a production process that would reduce pollution and protect environment.

Dr. Mohan :

- shared his view-points on the positive and negative aspects of the use of chemicals in our lives
- talked about his research on the use of Bismuth as a non-toxic catalyst in various organic reactions of fundamental importance
- gave various examples of how non-toxic chemicals, when used instead of toxic chemicals could help to improve the quality of human life and also make human progress eco-friendly by decreasing the risks posed by chemicals to a bare minimum



Workshop on Adolescent Parenting

A workshop on adolescent parenting to enhance life-skills was attended by the school counsellor, Ms. Malti Naidu. The workshop was organized by NIPCCD at its Khel Gaon Campus.

- Role play and a lot of discussions centering around real life experiences gave an exposure to a number of adolescent issues.
- Participants were introduced to a few current assessment tools.
- The need to establish an emotional bank was felt; and to raise children, parents needed to raise themselves as responsible and iconic personalities.

Education Exchange Programme



Three students Raghav Bhatia, Sejal Gupta & Sparsh Bansal from SPS, Rajendra Nagar visited Choice School, Kochi

- Visited Mittradham -India's first energy renewable centre for Energy Conservation
- Devised the fundamentals of Conservation to be implemented in daily life
- Visited Thumbormushy river gardens and Heritage sites like Athirapally Falls, Vazchachal and Fort Kochi



Students from Choice School, Kochi visited Salwan school along with their vice-principal and senior science teacher

- Visited the science laboratories and saw various models and activities being conducted
- Students from Kochi also shared the initiatives taken up by their school for the betterment of society
- Science exhibits and activities gave them the idea of scientific pursuits



Educational Exchange Programme with Seymour College, Australia

Students of Seymour College gave performances highlighting the plight of the underprivileged and reiterated to extend voluntary cooperation. Through their beautiful song, they appealed to the audience to be proactive to improve their current state.

Highlights

- Outreach initiatives were undertaken by Seymour College i.e. Visits to Nursing Homes and Community Service.
- Eco-friendly initiatives by the Salwanians for environmental conservation were shared. Delegates were made aware of the eco-friendly initiatives like i.e Flash Mobs, Camps, Nature walks and Workshops for the conservation of environment and protection of wildlife.
- Stressing on Inclusive Education, Brother Steve of St. Columba's School, Delhi sensitized the young learners on the deplorable plight of the under- privileged sections of society through the thought-provoking "Nine is Mine" Project.



MOMENTOUS EXPERIENCES



A Tribute to the Founder

December 5, 2013 was observed as the Founder's Day to commemorate the 112th Birth Anniversary of the Founder Father, Late Pandit Girdhari Lal Salwan.

Chairman SPS, Dr. Prasad V Medury

- Focused on the Founder's vision : to 'aspire and achieve' excellence in education
- Shared the rainbow agenda : to emerge as confident global citizens with sound values
- Emphasised that our attention should be directed towards the continuity of the profound and noble thoughts of the Founder that would indeed be instrumental in triggering a chain reaction



Salwanians resolved to emulate his ideals to make a difference

Alumni Meet

SPOSA Reunion Dinner

SPOSA-Salwan Public Old Students Association Reunion Dinner was held on 11th January, 2014 at Woodlands, Delhi Gymkhana Club, Safdarjung Road.

- The evening was a wonderful opportunity to relive school days. A joyous confluence-of around 350 Salwanians with Mr.Yashpal Sharma and Mr. Sarabjeet representing the first batch of 1969 and Harsh Malhotra representing the 2012 batch-marked the celebrations.
- Director HRD Major Kohli along with his wife Dr Kohli, Principal Dr. Kheterpal, Vice-principal Ms. Sonia Verma, Head Primary wing Mrs Anuradha Mathur, Head Afternoon Mrs. Mukul Jha, Mr. Naveen Jain, Mrs Pallavi, Mr Vibhas, Mr Rajpal and few teachers who had retired-Mrs. Astavans, Mr. Chopra, Mr. Chawla and Mrs. Indu Rehan, graced the occasion.
- The major highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the SPOSA logo.
- The silver jubilee of 1988 batch which had the maximum representation was marked by the cake-cutting ceremony.



Farewell to Padma Sharma, Member of the Hindi Faculty



A touching and an emotional farewell was given to Mrs. Padma Sharma on 30th November, 2013. The august gathering comprised of Chairman Trust Mr. Sushil Salwan, Director HRD Major Kohli and the members of Mrs. Padma Sharma's immediate family. To acknowledge her exceptional involvement in helping SPS reach great heights, she was honoured with a memento and a certificate. It was certainly a poignant moment for her and the entire faculty.

Kids For Tiger



Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi felt highly privileged to host the inter-school 'Kids for Tiger' Festival, in partnership with Aircel and Sanctuary Asia. The environmental education programme for schools across India was launched by the Sanctuary Asia magazine in the year 2000. This year the theme for the festival was 'LEAVE ME ALONE' – the voice of the Tiger.

- The programme generated awareness among children about India's biodiversity, the relevance and urgency for conservation of the tiger through 'edutainment' workshops, tiger fests, nature walks, audio-visual shows and distribution of tiger information kits.
- It gave the children a public platform to not only voice their concerns about environmental issues, but to exhibit their conservation-related work too.
- Non-competitive activities included creating a 'tree of hope' with 'green' messages; writing postcards to the Chief Minister of Delhi voicing their concerns towards environmental issues of Delhi; and signing a scroll to be sent to the Prime Minister of the country.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP

INSPIRE Internship Programme

Gen Next Scientists

Students and teachers attended INSPIRE Internship Programme at D S Kothari Centre for Research and Innovation in Science Education, Miranda House, University of Delhi.

- The focus was on Youth 'development and leadership'.
- Lectures were delivered by eminent scientists and professors.
- The opportunity to meet Nobel Laureates, Sir Paul Maxim Nurse and Dr Venki Ramakrishnan proved inspirational.
- Scholars learnt about different concepts in Biochemistry, Forensics and Robotics. They witnessed some interesting science tricks and activities during the session by Dr. Dinesh Tripathi.



Workshop on Orientation for Chinese language

Three professors from Beijing along with CBSE Coordinator, Mr Halal interacted with forty students from SPS, Rajendra Nagar and SPS, Gurgaon.

- The students were acquainted with the Chinese language.
- The interactive session resolved the queries of the students on the relevance of language, future prospects and cultural aspects.



Visit To Edison Convention

Eleven students attended EDISON CONVENTION 2013 organized by -The Physics Society & Astro Alpha of DPS, RK Puram on December 21, 2013.

- The event was organized to promote logical & rational thinking among students and explore new horizons in the field of Physics. The chief guest, a renowned Professor Dr. Saumitra Mukherjee from JNU gave valuable information about Cosmic Rays & its perturbation on Environment.
- The event had four categories viz. Quiz, Debate, AD-Dict, and Demonstration. The students were adjudged the best in the Demonstration category where they displayed their mastery on the principles of physics through activity-oriented presentation.

Visit to Mehpa village

Eco club students from the Primary Wing, were taken to the Mehpa Village near Meerut with NAVDANYA, on 7th December 2013. It was a one day educational excursion to Navdanya's Organic vegetable farms and vegetable seed bank.

- Children observed brick kilns, sugar mills, farmlands and canals
- Students got the opportunity to observe the farming practices, methods and how to harvest certain vegetables directly from the fields.
- Fascinated by the sugarcane fields, the children got to relish sugarcane juice.



SUCCESS DYNAMICS



Adventure Camp

Students of Classes I, II, III, IV and V were taken for an Adventure Camp to Village Bakhtawar. It was organized by Rocksport.

- The students experienced the Zorby, Zip line, Wall/Rock Climbing, Gorilla Cave, Potter's Wheel, Laser Beam act, Commando Act River Crossing, all under the careful supervision of trainers from the 'Rock Sport Team'.
 - Students enjoyed delicious and hygienically prepared meals and learnt the nuances of working as a Team.



Excursions

The students of classes VI to X visited 'Adventure Island' and 'Botanix Nature Resort'.

- The students enjoyed their favourite rides and various adventure sports like Burma Bridge, Balance Walk and Commando wall.
- A plethora of fun-filled activities provided a unique and a rejuvenating experience to the students. They took to dancing at the foot tapping beats of the Disc Jockey.



Inclusive Cultural Fiesta



Eleven students participated in the Annual Inclusive Fiesta at Laxman Public School, Hauz Khas.

- They were involved in activities like Folk dance, Best out of waste, Fun at the party, Cooking and Painting that gave them the opportunity to showcase their nascent talents.
- Megha Khandelwal and Soumil Kapahi bagged the second best position in 'Cooking and Painting' competition; Shivansh was adjudged second best in 'Fun at the party' category.
- The participation boosted their self-esteem, self-confidence and encouraged holistic development.

Paryavaran Mitra Award 2013

Paryavaran Mitra is a nationwide joint initiative of Centre for Environment Education and Ministry of Environment and Forests. A Paryavaran Mitra school is the one that provides support, time, and space for students and teachers to be actively engaged in learning-by-doing.

- CEE shortlisted 13 schools from Delhi for the final presentation. The jury comprised of eminent personalities from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, CBSE, Jamia Milia Islamia, Arcelor Mittal and CEE.
- Salwan Public School won the Best School and Best Teacher award along with two other schools from Delhi. The three schools now represent the Delhi State and compete for the award at the National level in Ahmedabad.



Salwan Ties Up With 'Jaagruti' for Waste Paper Recycling

Waste to WEALTH – In the past, all the waste paper (newspapers, chart papers, question papers, worksheets etc.) of the school was sold to the local "kabadiwala" at the rate of Rs. 10 per kilo. This year onwards Salwan has tied up with "Jaagruti" an NGO which collects the waste paper from the school and sends it to Khanna Paper Mills in Amritsar for recycling.

- For every 1 tonne of paper given to the NGO, the school gets 70 rims of A4 sheets. Our first collection in the month of November amounted to more than 1300 kg of paper for which we received 100 packs of A4 sheets.
- This collaboration with Jaagruti is economically beneficial to the school.
- It helps in reducing our carbon footprint and increasing our handprint by using recycled paper in school.



Flash Mob by Salwanians

The enthusiastic Environment Club students of Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar organized a FLASH MOB at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi on 22nd Dec 2013 in collaboration with TERI, Tetra Pak Cartons and Department of Environment-Government of N.C.T of Delhi. The prime objective was to sensitize people, to be conscious consumers and responsible decision- makers for protecting the environment.

- The flash-mob aimed at creating awareness about effective waste management by following the 4R's – reduce, refuse, reuse and recycle.
- Salwanians made the spectators aware about the importance of waste minimization and waste segregation.
- Salwanians inspired the people at Dilli Haat to take a step towards a change for a sustainable future.



SKILL ENHANCEMENT



Aero Modelling Workshop

AERO Modelling Workshop was conducted by Peagle Edu Solutions in association with IIT Delhi.

- The students designed the Rubber Band Aero model.
- They interacted with the women pilots and learnt about the careers in IAF/Aviation sector.
- The objective was to improve the percentage of existing women pilots in this field.

Commerce Workshop



Students of Class XII attended a workshop by Mr. Manoj Sharma, a Professor at the National Broadcasting Academy, Delhi.

- He gave a presentation on 'Pattern of Communication in business organizations' followed by an interactive session.
- The potential of the participating students was identified and recognized through the 'Teddy' Story.

Mathematics through Origami

A mathematics workshop was conducted at the Girls School Hall by Salwan Public School. It was attended by 38 teachers from 19 different schools of Delhi.

- Mr.V.S.S.Shastry, a renowned origamist enriched the gathering about different topics like Tessellation, Pythagoras Theorem, multiplication of Integers, Triangular numbers and square number patterns.
- Various topics were explained with the help of paper-folding activity. Area of a triangle, parallelogram, quadrilateral and trapezium were explained vis-à-vis area of a square. Making of Icosahedron with the help of Origami was undertaken as a group activity by the participants.
- It was a novel way of demonstrating the different concepts of mathematics. An insight into this innovative teaching practice catalysed skills for vibrant and creative outcomes.



Upcoming Events

- Visit by the Director, IIM, Ahmedabad : Dr. Ashish Nanda
- Interface with Parents in the Classrooms