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A teacher takes a Hand, opens a Mind and touches a Heart

The BEST teachers teach from the HEART, not from the book.

A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning.

Ever Garrison

TEACHERS DAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

CELEBRATION

ST MICHAEL’S DAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

“Thank you, Archangel Michael, for protecting, clearing, and shielding me, my loved ones, and keeping our world safe.”

Doreen Virtue

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

-Amen
**MATH ACTIVITY**
Clock Making
Through this Activity, children understood the practical use of time in their daily routine.

**ENGLISH ACTIVITY**
A fun based activity where children learnt how to use cut vegetables and block print on the T-SHIRT.

**SPELL BEE COMPETITION**
The children were encouraged to spell and learn new words. This enables the children to enrich their vocabulary and develop self-confidence.

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SECOND GRADERS are busy Experimenting!

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
The children came dressed in their favourite Disney characters. This helped them to overcome their stage fear, gave them a platform to build their self-confidence and explore their inner strength.

CANTEEN DAY
It was indeed a joyful learning for the students. The students prepared different colourful dishes under the guidance of the teachers and put them up for sale.
The Third Graders exhibit their Talent

**DRAMATIZATION**
Drama is a strong medium of communication. In order to develop dramatic skills and promote the acting ability among students, the school conducted an Inter House Skit competition.

**EVS ACTIVITY** *(Guess The Spice)*
Students were asked to guess the spice which was wrapped in a piece of cloth with the sense of smell and touch. This activity helped students to identify the spices with their other sense organs.

**DEBATE**
Debate is a competition where students enhance their communication skills, by analyzing and synthesizing views and arguments, and also conversing, disagreeing and resolving conflicts.
Creating and giving forms with their own little hands brings sheer joy to children. They made small clay Ganesha idols to spread the awareness for an eco friendly Ganesh Chaturthi.

Dramatization:
The students dramatized and brought to life Indian Folklore. The enactment of different characters helped them to understand the importance of the characters in depth and helped them to develop their acting ability. In the process new values were also learnt!

Debates help students understand the importance of critical-thinking and presentation skills. It gives students the opportunity to weave their thoughts and views together and present justifiable arguments to refute their peers.
The FIFTH GRADERS are busy with Activities

DRAMATIC COMPETITION
In order to develop dramatic skills and promote the acting ability among students, the School conducted, the Inter House Dramatic competition.

Children actively participated in FORMAL and INFORMAL COMMUNICATION Activities.

Science Activity
The students involved themselves enthusiastically through the Group Discussion on the topic: ROCKS & MINERALS.

ENGLISH ACTIVITY
Activity on washing hands to keep us safe from diseases
Teachers Day:
The students joyfully put up a wonderful show for the teachers with a skit, speech and dance. They really surprised the teachers with their brilliant performances.

Story Reading (Gr I & II):
Students of Gr I and 2 participated in story Reading competition. Each participant exhibited his/her reading skill with proper pronunciation, Pitch, Pace, Pause and above all expression.
**Onam Celebrations:** The great festival of Kerela was celebrated with festive flower patterns (Pookolam) dance and a message about the importance of Onam which was dramatised.

**Orphanage Visit:** The Students visited an orphanage - St. Jude India Child Care Centre where cancer affected kids are housed. The students donated a few useful items to them. They also interacted with the kids in a friendly manner.

**St. Michael’s Feast:**
We paid homage to our patron Saint, St Michael. We highlighted the importance of St. Michael by depicting his might in the form of a skit and also sang the School song asking Him to protect and guide us.
Activity:- Spell Bee competition was held for class 6 students to enhance their vocabulary which helps them to excel in reading and writing. The winner was Ronika from class 6F.

Telugu Activity:- The telugu teachers took the initiative of teaching the class the basic letters in the language. The children have learnt to identify and pronounce the letter. The children recollected and enjoyed writing Varnmala and the list of words starting with the letters of the Varnmala.

English Activity:- A lesson in English 'The Festivals of Northeast India' was integrated with Social Studies. This lesson was conducted in the form of group discussions. Each group had to enact, dance, sing and share the importance of each festival celebrated in Northeast India. Children really enjoyed participating in this activity.
GRADE 7- ACTIVITIES & ACCOLADES!

History Activity - Mughals
Enactment of stories about Akbar & Birbal

Science Activity - Demonstration of indicators
With the help of this activity, students could differentiate between the acidic and basic nature of a few substances, such as, lemon, vinegar, soap water, turmeric powder, etc by using red and blue litmus paper.

Civics Activity - State legislature
Students prepared charts to show the functioning of different ministries like Education, Health, etc.

Yoga Competition
We are very proud to say that our Grade 7 students participated in the 33rd Greater Hyderabad Inter School/College Yogasana Competition held at Sarojini Naidu Vanita Mahavidyalaya at Nampally exhibition ground on 26th and 27th Sept, 2019. In the finals Keerthana Reddy of grade seven won the 1st place.
It was enthralling to see Mruthik Manjunath’s creation of a micro MP3 player. He was inspired to make it during the completion of the Chapter on “Sound” in Physics.

Come September, and one finds students clamouring to clarify their doubts, what with the first Terminal Exams round the corner. Grade 8 students took the onus of preparing the topics and sharing it with their peers in the class. It helped them to reinforce concepts and also to get set to tackle the exams.

“I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand”... Science practical on Physical and Chemical properties of metals and non-metals helped students have a better understanding of chemistry.
St. Michaels was abuzz with a lot of activity on 16th of September as the enthusiastic 9th graders presented their special assembly on 'Literacy'.

The day commenced with a prayer followed by a plethora of programmes all woven by the magical powers of a 'Genie'.

The song, dance and skit all showcased the what, when, where, why and how of literacy.

The highlight of the day was the celebrations to honor our esteemed Founder Director Mrs. Mathew on her birthday. Beautifully decked students in traditional Kerala ensemble, set the stage on fire. The day ended with congratulatory messages from the management that will be remembered by as always as cherished memories.
PREVENTION OF SUICIDE

The session conducted by the Roshini Foundation, laid stress on the fact that when dejected and distressed there is still hope. The speakers emphasized on how each person is limited by boundaries – gender, emotional, physical, etc. The students were grouped and each group put together an interesting presentation on the various boundaries. They were also given a help line that they could call if they wanted to talk to someone.

Expressions of Gratitude

The exhilaration of the tenth graders knew no bounds when they were given a chance to put up the assembly on the occasion of Teachers’ Day. The assembly comprised of a special prayer for the teachers, a melodious rendition of songs, a hilarious skit to showcase that a teacher is irreplaceable and a compilation of a poem penned by a few students. The teachers were enthused and enthralled at the show of gratitude of the students.
Literary Club

Word Flash- Group Activity

The main aim of this activity was to introduce and review vocabulary. Students were divided into groups. Each group consisting of students of grade 6, 7, 8 were given a set of words. With the help of the dictionary, students were asked to arrange the words and their meanings in their own creative way. Students thoroughly enjoyed this activity.
Activity Report Of Interact Club

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CONTENT OF GENEROSITY

20 students of four groups visited different Orphanages to distributed Onions, Potatoes, Rice, Toilet Soaps. Through this community service the students learned the values of love, care and share.

PROJECT A:

A visit TO UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL THIMAJPALLY (GAD WAL DISTRICT) on 26th August 2019. Our endeavor to bring smiles on the faces of little children! By distributing T-shirts
Teachers Day was celebrated with pomp and grandeur at our new branch at Suchitra. The teachers were dressed in their best attire. The management organised live music and classic peppy songs that made everyone dance and have fun. The ramp walk received a lot of applause followed by an interesting game of Tombola with lots of cash prizes! A sumptuous spread at the end of the programme and a nice gift for each one made their day. The Educators were grateful to the management for making Teachers’ day a memorable one. It was indeed a day filled with laughter and merriment!
The workshop conducted by teacher.in started with a panel discussion by eminent educationists and a moderator who threaded the entire discussion. The essence of the panel discussion was to bring 'External' learning at the classroom level. The emphasis was on the importance of integrating arts, games, values into the main stream subjects. One of the speakers pointed out why physics is called a lab subject when in reality Isaac Newton discovered the law of gravity under a tree? Let’s not classify science as Lab subjects because learning can happen in a garden, a local canal (chemicals floating) or any other place.

The key speaker was Mr. G. Balasubramanian, Former Director, Academics, CBSE. He spoke on the future of Learning. He emphasized on the importance of upgrading and keeping in touch with the fast developments that are taking place around us. He also said that any information/discovery that we hear about is redundant after 3 weeks because something new crops up. So teachers need to constantly upgrade themselves.

He said “A teacher is like a chef who offers a variety and gives the freedom of choice to his students to eat well and be satisfied”.

He mentioned about the Happiness Curriculum where every teacher should spread happiness and should be called as a “Happiness Officer”. The teacher needs to bring energy into the classroom and turn it into synergy.

He spoke about the “Art of War” where you may not be interested in war but war is interested in you. It’s nothing but a constant demand of unlearning and adapting to the new concepts and ideas that keep springing up.

He also made a mention of the National Education Policy 2019 where in future the Boards of Education will be called as Boards of Examination. He spoke about the new changes that will be implemented in the semester patterns where there will be 8 semesters in 2 terms having 43 different subjects. A lot of new topics will be introduced for eg.

1. Knowledge of India
2. Languages of India
3. Current Affairs
4. Art Education
5. Digital Learning
6. World History

But he also emphasized that there is no need to panic right now because these new changes are still in the drafting stage and may or may not be implemented depending on the panel of experts who will take a call.

He concluded that “A happy teacher makes a happy student and this happy student can in turn be a happy teacher in the future”.
St Michael is one of the principal angelic warriors, protector against the dark of the night and the Archangel who fought against Satan and his evil angels. St. Michael’s Day is celebrated on 29th September all over the world.

Our school too celebrated the feast and paid homage to our patron saint and invoked the blessings of the Lord. The pre primary teachers performed a dance and our Managing Director, Mr. JP Reddy spoke on the importance of the day.

The celebrations did not just end there as our Educational Consultant Mrs. Manju Gupta’s birthday too was celebrated. The teachers read a poem and the entire school sang a birthday song for her. We wish Manju Ma’am a wonderful and blessed year ahead.
A TALE OF GRIT

It was in the year 1999 that I was enrolled into the very young St. Michael's School. Twelve long memorable years I had spent in this wonderful institution. Till date I feel that it was the best decision my parents ever made.

I was always the naughtiest one in the class and was quite frequently taken to the Principal's office for timely punishments. I wasn't a bright student at school, scored an average of 8.4 CGPA in my tenth board exam and I felt I conquered it all. Though I wanted to become a Commercial Pilot, financial constraints curbed my dreams. I decided to get into the Commerce stream and pursue Chartered Accountancy. I worked hard and scored ninety one per cent in my twelfth class and then went on to complete my CA. I applied in KPMG, along with hundreds of applicants and a mere three vacancies in the field of International Taxation. And before I could catch my breath after eight rounds of interviews, I was already working close to twelve hours a day in KPMG with some of the biggest clients in the country and was good at what I was doing. But the child inside me kept reminding me about my passion to become a Pilot.

I used to visit the airport everyday after work just to watch aircrafts take off and land. It was a spectacular sight! On 2nd January 2018, just like any other day, I wrapped up work by 11 p.m and headed towards the airport and on my way met with a horrific car accident on the PVNR Express Way. It was a near fatal experience with the car flipping thrice before turtling, leaving me hanging upside down in the crash. Though I walked away without a scar or injury, it took me a while to recover from the trauma.
It was then that I decided that I need to utilize this second chance that God has given, to do the things that I really love and redress my previous career decision. I started to glean information and draw my road map to becoming a pilot. Within a week I resigned from KPMG and started to work towards what I was really passionate about. The journey wasn't an easy one at all. I had to go back to school to study Class 12 Physics since I had taken commerce after my tenth grade. I cleared my medicals with the Indian Air Force, which governs the medical fitness of all the pilots in the country. I went through endless rounds of grueling interviews with Indigo Airlines. And all through this, the only thought that was running in my mind was to take the right seat in the cockpit. With over 6,700 pilot aspirants who applied, I was one among the mere eleven that were selected.

While the world around me reveled in schadenfreude during my hard times, it was the values that were taught to me at St. Michael's School that kept me sane and focused at what I was doing. I'm forever grateful to this institution that has shaped me into what I've become today and also for what I'm going to achieve in the future. Thank You St. Michael's. FOREVER A MICHAELITE!!!

I am Cadet Pilot Baba Ankith this is my story and these are the women who shaped my life.......