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**ZYDUS
ON THE
GO...!!!**

According to a survey of the educational website-
“thelearningpoint.net” for the Top 100 CISCE/ CBSE schools based
on their class XII results and ranking 2015, our school was
awarded 5th Rank at National level & 1st Rank at Gujarat Level
(Published in July-2015 edition). According to “EducationWorld” - September
2015 issue, the school stands ninety-third among all boards in India. We are also the
proud recipients of **ISO 9001:2014 certification.**

Special points of interest:

- Educational trips for learning beyond campus
- Inter-school & State Level Competitions
- Drama & Music Club put up their first public performance
- Community Service – Students visit ‘Rampir No Tekro’



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Message from the Principal

Greetings to All !

E-Zen is back again with glimpses of school activity and accomplishments.

I congratulate the parents, students & teachers for all their efforts in making Zydus School For Excellence, Vejalpur; the topmost ICSE school of Gujarat . It’s indeed a proud moment for all of us.

Nevertheless, the responsibility to sustain the topmost position should be taken up seriously by the successive batches.

Aristotle once said “Educating the mind without educating the heart is no Education at all”.

I would like to exhort the students to be always modest, humble and disciplined, while being ready to expand the horizons of their knowledge and skills by dreaming big and working hard.

God Bless!

Ms. Alka Murthy
(Principal, ZSE-Vejalpur)

NYFF – Nehru Balsangh Short Film Documentary Competition



'MY DISCOVERY OF INDIA'

For National Youth Film Festival our school was selected for the screening on 5th – 7th December at GOA. 25 films had been shortlisted from more than 120 films received from 32 cities & 23 states. The participating team attended the festival as delegates. The idea of short film making was innovative and the competition an exciting one. Students as well as teachers & instruc-



Students during a workshop with Mr Subhash Ghai

tors at school were extremely thrilled at the idea of being a part of such a prestigious event as the NYFF. The combined enthusiasm of the entire team and support provided by the school management and Principal, Ms Alka Murthy led to the creation of this wonderful documentary.

CAST-

Class IX students:

Father- Aman Chainani
Daughters- Kanisha Shah and Muskaan Abichan-

dani

Friend- Tanya Asthana
Classmates- Vishal Motlani, Kalash Shah, Pranjal Dave, Kautilya Patel, Lance Soares
Reporters- Jashan Khandwala, Ayush Nihalani

Videography- Samyak Sheth & Jashan Khandwala

Educators- Mr Sagar Joshi (Photography Club) & Ms Jonali Patel (Drama Club).

Ruhee Parelkar shines again!

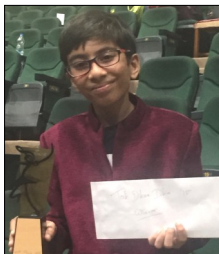


Ruhee makes it to the headlines once again with her literary talent. Her work, "Lanterns in the Sky," was featured in the Winter 2015 issue of Creative Kids. It was also

specially selected from among hundreds of submissions to appear as a featured piece on the Creative Kids website. This means your work will be read by

the thousands of dedicated readers and may even inspire newcomers to submit their work!

Achievements at 'Tak Dhina Dhin'



Hriday Rathi of class 7 had participated in "TAK DHINA DHIN" inter school musical competition held by the "THE SCHOOL POST" newspaper at Tagore hall on 6th Sept 2015. He played keyboard and won "THE BEST INSTRUMENT PLAYER" award in junior category.

He had to clear three se-

lection criteria to reach finals, namely school auditions, inter school auditions and semifinals. Instrumentalists from different city schools took part in the competition, playing instruments like keyboard, tabla, guitar, kongo, sitar, octapad, drums, harmonium etc. From about 15 instrumentalist in interschool audi-

tions, 7 were selected for semifinals and 4 for finals. In finals, the instrumentalist had to choreograph his instrument with many musicians playing in the background.

In another event– Inter-school Dance Competition, Thiya Sheth of class III won first prize in the Female Solo Category.



NWR Competitions

Kaivalya Raval & Ishani Bandopadhyay of class X won the Lawn Tennis tournament and will now represent school at National Level.

Bhavya Bodha of class VI won gold medals in 50m & 100m Breaststroke and a bronze medal in 100m Freestyle (Jr category) in the Swimming competition.

Ayush Gupta of class VI won a Gold medal in 100 mt Butterfly, Bronze medal in 50 mt Backstroke & Bronze in 50 mt Breaststroke.

Kalgi Sheth stood second in the Senior Group at the Creative Writing Competition held at Mumbai. She wrote a story poem on- "Parents Today - Objects of Admiration or Embarrassment?"

Zainul Bandoorkwala and Siddharth Bhatt of class IX participated in the Quiz Competition and stood second as a team. This was held at JGIS in September.

Haneen Shafiq of class VIII participated in the Declamation event held at SGVP in ...September. She won the second position.

Other Sports Achievements

STATE LEVEL QUALIFIERS-

Sureena Joseph (IX) stood 1st in Discus Throw at District Level Athletics Tournament.

Manaswini Joshi (VIII) stood 1st in 100 mt & in 200 mt Sprint at District Level Athletics Tournament.

Anika Bandhopadhyay (VIII) stood 1st in Long Jump at District Level Athletics

Tournament.

DISTRICT LEVEL QUALIFIERS-

Sharan Kapoor stood 1st in Triple Jump and 2nd in Long Jump at Zonal Level.

National Cyber Olympiad

The 15th National Cyber Olympiad was held at our school on 8th October 2015. Students from standard 1st-12th grade participated with great enthusiasm. It was an MCQ based exam and the reading material was provided beforehand to the students. The marking scheme of this examination was revised and introduced the section wise cut off

scheme. Two students of grade 9, Yash Thakkar and Sarthak Jain were declared the class topper and received Gold medals. Vraj Dugar (11th) secured 4th rank at state level. Shailiny Mehta also performed well and qualified for the second round.



MaRRS Spell Bee

Students participated in the MaRRS Spelling Bee International Championship (2014-15). Six of our students qualified for the National Oral and International Written Competition which will be held on 13th and 14th February 2016 at Ernakulam, Kerala. The details are as shown here-

CATEGORY	NAME OF THE STUDENT
I	Shreelekha Pankaj Dhakar
III	Mihika Pritesh Chokhadia
III	Het Asit Selarka
IV	Sagnik Banerjee
IV	Shreya Saurabh Mittal
V	Maurya Devang Patel



SHAKESPEARE LIVES - State Level Inter-School Drama Competition

The L. P. Savani Academy, Surat celebrated the 400th Birth Anniversary of William Shakespeare by hosting an Inter-school Drama Competition- 'Shakespeare Lives' on 18th & 19th Dec, 2015. This event involved staging One-act plays from the dramas written by Shakespeare. Class XI students of Zydus School presented the famous courtroom scene of the drama- Merchant of Venice. It was an awesome performance by all the actors wherein two of them bagged the following prizes:

Best Supporting Actor- Female:
Shruchi Jaiswal (acted as Portia)

Special Appreciation in Acting:
Ahan Kayastha (acted as Shylock)

Students created a tense, gripping scene onstage that left everyone impressed. Other participants were Muskaan Mansuri as Nerissa/Narrator, Ishan Patel as Antonio, Viraj Patel as Bassanio, Vraj Kishan Dugar as Gratiano and Nipun Garg as Duke of Venice. Staging the performance out of town was the biggest challenge but the team showed great enthusiasm and came back with laurels.



AMALTHEA 2015

Amalthea is an annual techno-meet (not Competition) held at IIT-Gandhinagar. This esteemed techno-meet was held on 24th October 2015 and 25th October 2015. On 24th October 2015, a team from our school accompanied by Parth Sir and Sheetal Maam went to the new campus of IIT-Gandhinagar. Our team included Rishabh Shah, Meet Mehta, Chirayu Pandya, Kalgi Sheth, Rishabh Mehta, Amitabh Chauhan, Shalin Kaji, Pranav Kumar, Kaushik Ozha, Shubhaditya, Achintya Singh Baghela and Yash Thakker.

There were many competitions like SCMU Speed Cubing competition, Quiz-o-tech, In'Quizzed, Innovent, Robomilita (Robotics Competition), Seismism (where you apply simple science principles to create a building that can't fall due to earthquakes) and Falling Dominoes.

Yash Thakker and Rishabh Mehta took part in Quiz-o-tech, a science quiz, and secured the 2nd position in the quiz

and won excellence certificates, recognition letter from IIT-Gandhinagar and the best of all, a cash prize of Rs. 3000. **Rishabh Shah and Meet Mehta** of 12th standard participated in Innovent, with the theme 'Jugaad'. They won the 3rd rank for their automatic tweet coffee machine.

Kalgi Sheth, Chirayu, Pranav, Kaushik and Shubhaditya also participated in Innovent. Shalin Kaji and Amitabh Chauhan participated in Quiz-o-Tech.

Achintya took part in SCMU speed Cubing Competition. His record timing for 2 by 2 was 13 seconds and for 3 by 3 his record time was 53 seconds. He reached the semi-final in 2 by 2 and in 3 by 3 he reached the quarter-finals.

Overall our school gave a power-packed performance and won many respectable positions. Participating students feel that Amalthea is very interesting and a good ground for gaining exposure and all interested students must take a part in it.



UNITED WORLD - State Level Inter-School Competitions

United world School of Business had organized ‘**United Minds Junior- A Quiz Hunt**’ which was being conducted in 100 cities. The preliminary rounds were held in our school premises on 22nd Jan and 8 teams had participated in it. The **3 final teams** of 1)Sanjan Padmanabhan & Moksha Shah (std 11); 2) Mit Shah, Spandan Shah, Aman Kurseja ; 3)Sarthak Jain, Sattva Vasavada and Manas Mhasakar, had gone on to represent our school at the **Grand Finale** at UnitedWorld Campus at Gandhinagar. **Sanjana Padmanabhan and Moksha Shah of Std 11 got the 1st runner up prize out of 45 teams.**

The other competition, titled ‘**Heal The World**’, was organized by **UnitedWorld Institute of De-**

sign and the students were asked to either write a poem or essay or create a 3D model from waste or make a poster/ painting or redesign a product. They had to select a particular topic out of those mentioned like E-Waste, Green Earth, Water Pollution, Air Pollution, Solid Waste Management .

The events in the school were coordinated by Ms Sheetal Sharma and Ms Nivedita Choudhury.

The following students were short-listed to represent our School at the final Round at UID in front of a Jury on 23rd Jan.

Poems by Sana Lokhandwala and Kratam Yadav;

Essays by Aditi Kotak and Heer Shah;

Posters and Paintings by 2 teams:

1) Aeshna Khandwala and Trisha Patel and Team

2) Megha Patel, Muskaan Mansuri and Yashvi Shah

3D Model by 3 teams :

Team 1) Srivinayak Nair and Tirth Shah

Team 2) Nirja K Gajjar, Sanjana Thakore and Aayushi Parmar

Team 3) Riva Shah and Prajval Pathak

RESULT:-

Nirja, Aayush and Sanjana (Std 9) got the **1st Runner up** award while

Srivinayak and Tirth (Std 8) got the **2nd Runner-up** award for 3D Model

while Aeshna and Trisha (Std 9) got the **1st Runner-up** award for Poster

designing. **Moksha Shah & Sanjana Padmanabhan won the 1st Runner**

Up.



National Safety Science Quiz

The National Safety Science Quiz was conducted at the preliminary level at Ahmedabad centre.

The quiz was held at Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum, Bangalore. There were

participants from Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Assam, Chennai and Kolkata. There were 28 finalists out of which 4 were from Ahmedabad. The quiz was on Roads, Food,

School and Transit Safety. Participants also got the opportunity to visit the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) whose safety certification is accepted internationally.

"I got selected for the Nationals after standing 3rd out of 900 students who participated from the centre.

I could make it to the quarter finals. I gave a presentation on

Gujarat in the traditional attire and a small interview of me and three other students was aired on the radio. I was also given the opportunity to talk about my experience in a short video that they filmed." says Ayushi.

The quiz was held from 29th to 31st October 2015.

Report by-

Ayushi Sinha (Class X)



IGNITED
MINDS

COMPASSION

The sun shines bright in the sky today,
The clouds do their best to cover the rays.
But have you ever wondered what happens to them,
The tiny ones who shelter from clothes to hems?

The ones who loiter around on the roads,
The ones who have no place to call as 'homes',
The ones who are humane, the ones who care,
The people for whom we have no time to spare?

But do not think of it as a task,
This is not all that you are being asked.
They don't need your pity, please understand,
But just a caring and helping hand.

What they really need is not your sympathy,
But to understand them, to show some empathy.
To maybe shine a light on the dark way home,
To make them believe that they are not alone.

The least you can do is to help them believe,
That they are strong enough to take the 'Big Leap',
That you will be there if they were to fall,
Let's urge the world, "Love all, serve all!"

Swastika Bhattacharya (X)

FRIENDSHIP NICE

Friendship is our whole life
It can be with brother, sister or wife
Without friendship you feel alone
It's like a body without a bone
Dedicated to Jiya , Bhavya ,Shreya, Aarohi, Simran
Without whom I am no one
Who does not want a friend ?
Think without them where our life will end
Friends walk hand in hand
Without them life is like a barren land
Dear friends you are my inspiration, you are my dedi-
cation
Life with you is always a vacation
May we be forever
And part our ways never
Remember life is only friends
They are the ones who be in touch till life ends.

Mili Jetly (VII)



DESTINY

1983

“I wish I would have spoken the truth”, cried Caira. Caira was an eighteen year old grown up. It was just yesterday when all her family was celebrating her birthday. Everything looked like a beautiful dream but just in one day her whole life was ruined. Her family was in the hospital. Her sister had already died and her parents were about to die. One lie had brought her to this situation. Naushin, Caira’s best friend was there to console her. She had somehow managed to make Caira sleep.

2003

Twenty years had passed and there was a new environment around Caira. She had her own family now. Caira had buried her past deep inside her heart; somewhere she could not locate but she knew that it was there. She had neither told anyone what had happened on that night when her entire life had taken a turn, nor she was going to. She could go to any extent to hide the truth but **DESTINY** wanted something else.

Luna, Caira’s daughter had a science project coming up next week. She was searching for things that would come in her use. After searching a lot she came across a drawer which she had never seen or maybe never noticed. She opened it and there was letter inside it. Dust had accumulated on the letter which showed that it was quiet old. The scientist in Luna made her open the letter and she read....

“I, Caira David Brown, want to disclose my secret. 12th may 1983, the day which still shakes my hands, the day when I lost everything just because of one lie. It was my birthday and I did something that I did not even dream of. I killed my own sister. There had been a grudge in me for her since my childhood. I don’t know why but I always thought that my parents loved her more than me. Maybe I was jealous but I don’t know when this childhood jealousy turned into rivalry.

There was a lavish party on my birthday and I was the center of attraction for all. There were many games to play, many songs to dance on and most importantly many gifts to gather. We played passing the parcel and when I got the parcel; my sister dared me to act like a clown. I tried to act but I slipped and that laugh still rings in my ears. I don’t know but that laugh made me too embarrassed. People should have understood that I was a teen and at that stage of life it becomes very difficult to handle situations. Everyone laughed at me and this was all because of her. I could not take it anymore. I made a plan to teach her a lesson. I called her in my room and I was so infuriated that as soon as she entered the room, I picked up a vase and hit her with that.

She lay still and then I realized that she was dead. I ran out of my room and acted normally till the party ended. My parents asked about her and I told them that she had got a call from her friend and she had gone to her friend’s house which was near white pole and then events took a drastic turn, we got news that white pole had been bombarded and the victims’ bodies were being shown on the television. My parents hurried to white pole in search of her. I was totally blank and in fear of being caught I took another car, put my sister in it and drove to white pole.

There were dead bodies all around. I tried to act as if I was putting my sister inside the car so that no would ever doubt on me but then I saw something that was unbelievable. I saw my parents’ body among other people. As soon as they’d reached the site, there had been another blast and my parents had become victims of it. Thankfully, they were still alive and were being rushed to the hospital. I too, rushed to the hospital leaving my sister behind and she was later brought to the same hospital as an unknown body. And then came Naushin who consoled me.”

The letter ended with few dried marks of water. Maybe they were tears, thought Luna. She kept the letter back safely and never spoke about it. She never wanted her mom to recollect all those memories again. Maybe she thought that her mother had already got her punishment. Now the question arises that was Luna correct in not telling anything to her mom. Was she repeating the same mistake that Caira did 20 years ago?

-Haneen Shafiq (VII)

The sweet surprise!!!

4th May: I got up 6am in the morning. I was in 4th standard. My summer vacations were going on, and it was my birthday. To start my day with learning, I first decided to complete my homework and other stuff. While reading my English lesson I observed that no one wished me. I felt really bad; I can't just ask them to wish me deliberately. I thought it was my worst birthday ever. But around 8 when my mother told me to eat breakfast, my mother and sister were happily standing and they were whispering something and didn't want to share it to me. Even I forgot for a moment that it was my birthday.

I love nature, so I thought 'at least I can enjoy the day with nature.' I also called few of my friends of my apartment. Around 4pm, I decided to do cycling with my friends. Around 6pm I decided to come back home.

As I entered through the door, it was pretty dark and after about 5 min the lights of the living room turned on. I was shocked to see my family and my school friends and they all said '**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**' I asked 'You all remembered? What an amazing surprise!' We all played and enjoyed the party and my sister hurriedly went down to call my friends from the apartment. I also got amazing birthday gifts.

Then one of friends told me that she had to go because it was almost 8:30pm. Then I took my mother aside and asked 'my party is almost over but what about return gifts?' She answered me 'I already bought them, now give them the gift.' Around 9 everyone went to their own homes and I thanked my family. And it was "my best birthday ever!!!"

Ipshita Bhattacharya (5A)



"God's Jinx"

If we do well to the community and the environment, God rewards us with a better living and healthy life. But if we harm the community and the environment, God punishes us with bad health and unhappy life. As we know natural calamities are a curse upon us – "The God's Curse". Every year in India there are massive floods. There were massive floods in Uttarakhand, which caused colossal destruction and took lives of hundreds of people. Only because of we humans, the other creatures on this magnificent planet called earth are being endangered

This is like a lesson to us that God is a very strict teacher, he tests us first and then gives us lessons. The society has changed the nature's jungles into huge concrete jungles. There are handful of environmentalists who are trying hard to spread the message of environment conservation. The ill effects of ignoring the environmental issues is reflected through recurrent floods, uncertain monsoons and global warming.

The urban children of the 21st century have never experienced the joy of climbing trees or playing around them. Their entire time is spent in the comfort of their homes, playing video games or watching TV. This has reduced the warmth of the children towards environment and its importance to them. Most of us don't care about it and it is reflected in our day to day activities. Hardly anyone of us has thought of planting trees or spending our free time in activities like gardening.

So I conclude that it's we the children who can and will make the difference to the environment. To secure our future it is important that we start working towards it from now and today. We children need to be friendly with the environment and do our little bit for the cause by planting more and more trees

Shreya Mittal (VII)

Sleep, Little Girl

Sleep, little girl
Close your eyes and dream
Of a world with magic and bliss
Of acceptance and tolerance
Of smiles and laughter
Of a happily ever after.

Sleep, little girl
And forget your sorrows
The day will come
When the happy moments
will cover up and heal the sad
When your pretty little smile
will be real and true and completely you.
Sleep, little girl
And I will be your protector
So close your eyes and begin to dream

And when you wake,
make this world a place to laugh
And learn and hope and live
But on the way
if you glance around and I'm not there

Look up
at the clear sky
And beyond the white clouds hiding me from view
I will be
smiling down at you.

Sanjana Padmanabhan (XI)

To My Buddy

My buddy,
Who has always been steady,
To you, I write this piece of prosody
In place of studying.

You have always been on my side,
Whether it's high or low tide,
Our friendship is something I'll never hide,
With you I can enjoy even the most boring ride.

Life is all about ups and downs,
Together we have been during sinisters and clowns,
Your companionship has proved to be more than any crown,
And without you in the pool of obscurity, I would surely drown.

If there comes a day,
When I will have to go away,
Keep me in your heart
There I'll always stay.

And as forever comes by,
I'll think about our friendship that never died,
Maybe it was my destiny
To find a friend in thee!

-Sanjana Shah (IX)



THE LOST PLANET

One day a rocket in which thousands of astronauts were going to Mars, came in the path of a meteor. It was coming towards them, but the pilot didn't know. The meteor collided with the rocket. All the astronauts got split of which three were thrown somewhere in space. They thought that if they are alone, then they should find a place or a planet to live for some days. While looking for a planet, suddenly, a strong gust of wind blew and they were thrown somewhere else in the universe. They were very scared. But again they soon found a planet. They swam in the air towards it. One of his fellow astronauts told them that this is a lost planet, its name was 'Heronia', but it had no oxygen in it, but it had a lot of water. One of his astronauts told them that they had oxygen tanks in their bags. They opened it and went on the planet. The planet was orange in colour, there was lot of greenery on it, but there was only CO2 gas on it. It was very cold. Still, they lived there for some days and made a space shuttle with the help of wood, sat in that and went to the earth. When they reached the earth, they were welcomed by U.S.A., they were rewarded with the award of bravery, and they were rewarded 20 crores by the President of U.S.



Neitaant Desai (IV)

What's it like to meet a ghost



Everyone believes that ghosts are dangerous and scary but sometimes this is not true. There can be good ghosts like there are good humans. Let me tell you a story about a very good ghost I met. Once I visited Assam. I was trying to find my way back to the hotel and chanced upon a lonely street. When I reached the street it started raining. I was quite drenched as it was raining cats and dogs, plus it was chilly. I ran towards an empty warehouse. Now it was said that this warehouse was haunted! Whoever went near it would be pulled in! Naturally I didn't know. I went inside trying to stop my shivering. Suddenly, I heard a faint crying! The voice was little. With a lot of courage, I went to see who he was. To my utter surprise it turned out to be a pret! A pret is a North Indian ghost they say. There are rumors it is a mischievous ghost, but this one looked very nice to me. I thought to go and talk but I dared not to. Luckily he saw me and drifted towards me. I asked him who he was, the pret told me he was the child of a worker and that he became a pret after a large and heavy piece of iron bar fell on top of him. I was still shivering so the pret lit a fire. Soon I was okay and asked him why he pulled people in the warehouse? So he answered that he felt very lonely there and wanted someone to play or spend time with him. I felt very sorry for him and told him that I would play with him. First we played hide-and-peek. It was very easy for him to find me and as for me, I was having a tough time finding him. After a blissful half an hour of playing and chatting it was finally time to go back. I did not want to leave him but I had to. He teleported me to my hotel. I told him that he could visit me while I was staying there. I even gave him my Ahmedabad home address so that he could visit me any time. Soon we became very good friends! So wasn't this ghost good?

Saagnik Banerjee (IV)

LEARNING NEVER
CEASES

“SAMVAD”- “Social Awareness Mission for Vibrant Adolescent Programme”

School organised SAM-VAD in association with Academy of Pediatrics, Gujarat on 24th October wherein the students and parents of Classes VIII – X participated.

The event was all about discussing and coming up with a proper solution to the concerns related to teenage parenting.

Mr. Nishchal Bhatt (Hon.Secretary, AOP Gujarat, Co-convener, SAM-VAD) and Dr. Satish Pandya (Sr. Practicing Pediatrician, Vadodara; convener, SAMVAD) handled the parent interaction.

Dr. Hiral Naik (Pediatrician, Ahmedabad), Dr. Parikh Pandya (Counselor, Vadodara) &

Dr. Preeti Hemani (Pediatrician, Ahmedabad) handled interaction with girls.

Dr. Bakulesh Chauhan (Pediatrician, Vadodara) & Dr. Ali Raza (Pediatrician, Ahmedabad) handled interaction with boys.



Plant Tissue Culture Workshop

The biology students of class 11th and 12th got an opportunity to attend a Plant tissue culture workshop held by the biotechnology department of St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad on 10th of October. They were given hands on training on procedure for tissue culture which was organized by X-plant. X-plant is a commercial manufacturer of plant cultures which

are ornamental and used for gifting. The children were pleased to meet Mr. Robin Saji, the CEO of X-plant who briefed about the procedure of culture preparation. Children got to know and perform the various parts of the procedure like preparing the media for the culture, autoclaving, adjusting of Ph using a pH meter followed by inoculation of the tissue

in sterile conditions in a laminar flow machine.

The cactus house of the campus was also shown to the children. They were awarded certificate for training and a X-plant culture model. The children were happy to indulge into these practical aspects of biology.

Biodiversity Awareness Programme

The biology students of class 11th and 12th had attended an informative programme on biodiversity awareness which was held at Serenity Library, Gandhinagar on the 19th of October. Dr. Pratiksha Patel was the mentor for the programme.

The place was quiet and peaceful. The children got to see various species of plants and animals, land and pond ecosystems and various methods of pollination as they strolled through the huge campus of the library. A presentation regarding reptiles and the poi-

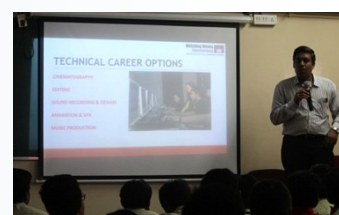
sonous and non-poisonous snakes was shown. The herbarium was the highlight of the visit. They were taught how to make a herbarium. The seed library was also shown to the students. The trip proved to be memorable for the students.

Career Seminar on 'Media & Entertainment Industry'

This seminar was conducted by Whistling woods International. Students of Classes X & XII

attend the seminar. Students were made aware of different avenues available in fast growing media

and entertainment industry in India.



Engineering Aptitude Test

This test was conducted by Marwadi Education, Rajkot on 26th October. Class XII (Science) students

gave an online engineering aptitude test and got an opportunity to know their aptitude in sub fields of engineering like Chemi-

cal Engineering, Automobile Engineering, Software Engineering etc.

Talk on 'Stress Management'

Talk on 'Stress Management' was organised for the students of classes 10th and 12th on 21.1.16. Dr. Talati, Dr. Poonam and Ms.

Manjri Joshi from Zydus Hospital were invited to talk on the kinds of stress, how to manage stress efficiently. Dr. Talati emphasised on the

importance of overall development of the students. Dr. Poonam taught students various stretching exercises which will help them to stay calm and relax during examination.



Counseling Activities

Administration and reporting of Personality Test -

A personality test for Class XII students was conducted by Madam Richa, the school counselor on 26th October. Their individual personality profiles were made, which will help them introspect.

Administration of Intelligence Aptitude and Interest test-

This test was administered to class X students from 27th October to 29th October. These indicators will help them make an informed choice about their streams in Class XI.

Student Outreach Program

This career guidance programme was conducted by Amity Global Business School, Ahmedabad for class XI & XII Commerce students, on 11th December. Stu-

dents received guidance regarding choosing Management and its related fields as a career.

“Art with Heart”

As a part of academic project called “School Enterprise Challenge” backed by British Council, Class 11 students of Commerce section, conducted an Exhibition cum sale of Art and handicraft products prepared by students, at Gandhi Ashram on 31st

October and 1st November.

The efforts put in by the entire team was lauded in the assembly and acknowledged by Principal Ma'am with certificates and mementos.



Industrial Visit

On 23rd & 24th August, the students of standard 9th and 11th (commerce) visited Asarva Cotton Factory. The students were explained and shown the entire process of cotton manufacturing which is divided into four basic steps: Spinning, ginning, dyeing and drying. In the

factory the cotton is separated from the cotton weed. The assistant manager explained the functions of the machine and the manufacturing process. After the cleaning and dyeing of the cotton it is transformed into the cloth.



RBI Visit

Class IX & X (Economics) and Class XI & XII (Commerce) students visited RBI. Mr. Sahu (Regional Head) introduced & explained about RBI – its function, its different sections, places of printing notes &

minting/recycling coins & Government financial schemes related to RBI.

He further briefed the students about the history of RBI, and that it has only one branch regionally in

the East, West, North & South of India.

Children found the part where they were explained the identification of fake notes from real ones, most interesting.

Campus Hullabaloo

External Examinations

Elementary Drawing Exam

This exam was conducted for the students of Classes V – VII on 10th December. 160 students participated

from Zydus –Vejalpur, Godhavi & St.Kabir School.

Intermediate Drawing Exam

This was conducted for the students

of Classes VI – IX on 11th & 12th December. 99 students had participated from Zydus School-Vejalpur, Godhavi & St.Kabir School



Alumni Events

Alumni Connect

On the 3rd of October, Alumni members had an interaction with Classes X – XII students regarding career guidance. Alumni members were from Medical & Law field, they shared their experiences.

Alumni Night

Members shared and interacted with the teachers during the annual Alumni Meet on 24th December, 2015.



Olympiads

IIO

Silver Zone Informatics Olympiad was conducted on 1st December.

IOEL

Silver Zone International English

Olympiad was held on 2nd December wherein 124 students participated.

International French Olympiad

It was held on 8th December where 16 students participated.

Joy of Giving - A Community Service Initiative

As a part of Community Service Club students collected clothes, stationery items and other usable things to distribute to the residents of "RAMAPIR NO TEKRO" the biggest slum in Ahmedabad, near Gandhi Ashram, Sabarmati.

Students sorted out and packed 86 cartons. Apart from this, the Transport Department, Non-teaching

and teaching staff collected an amount of Rs. 19,500. From this donation, 50 jackets, 20 sweaters and caps, 20 blankets and 8 shawls were bought for the under-privileged children. These items were distributed to the residents in the presence of the inmates of 'Manav Sadhana' on 18th December 2015.



ZYFEST - REVELRY



This annual Inter-School Meet was held on 5th November, 2015. "Revelry" meaning lively festivities & merry-making and that is exactly what it was. Nine schools from over the city participated with Red Bricks School making a new entry.

The event was conducted with some interesting, new competitions this year- like Mime, Quilling & Non-Fire Cooking.

The proud winners of the ZYFEST-REVELRY Rolling Trophy were Maharaja Agrasen & the Runners Up team was ZSE, Godhavi.



Garba Night (18th October)

In tune with the tradition, the entire school community came together on 18th October to celebrate the “Sharad Navratri– Garba Night”.

People danced enthusiastically to the foot-tapping and melodious music by Shri, Rajesh Acharya - Rushang Group.

The night began with the auspicious Aarti offering to the Goddess by Shri Prashant Sharma & Ms Geet

Sharma. The occasion was honoured by the presence of Shri Pankaj Patel (CMD, Zydus Cadila), Shrimati Priti Patel, Dr Sharvil Patel and Ms Megha Patel.

Prizes were distributed towards the end of the evening for all categories among children and adults. The Prizes included Best Costume, Best Performer and some couple prizes also. It was a vibrant and colourful night for one and all.



INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS

The entire month of October was a hubbub of activities as described in the table below. Besides these competitions, we also had the Annual Inter-House Sports Meet in December.

Name of Competition	Class Involved
Multit event (Face painting, Mehndi, Collage, Rangoli, Logo Design, Ad Mad, Poetry Writing)	VI - XII
Picture Talk	I & II
Spell Bee	III & IV
Decoration on paper plate	I & II
Rangoli	III & IV
Kho – Kho	VI – XII



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

Classes III to XII (Senior Sports Meet)-

Zydus School for Excellence organised its Annual Sports Meet on 21st December at the Godhavi campus. The meet was started with the march-past and Gyan House won the best march- past trophy. Various field and track events were organised wherein the students participated enthusiastically. Bhakti House secured 190 points and was the overall winner of the meet and Dharma House won discipline trophy for maintaining discipline throughout the sports meet.

The final House Standings are as follows-

SR NO.	HOUSE	POINTS	POSITION
1	Bhakti	190	1 st
2	Gyan	144	2 nd
3	Karma	128	3 rd
4	Dharma	97	4 th

The Best Athlete Awards go to the following students-

- Group D:** BOY: Kshitij Giri (5th A) - Gyan
GIRL: Kalgi Mehta (4th C) - Bhakti
- Group E:** BOY: Aryan Bhavsar (7th B) - Gyan
GIRL: Ria Shah (7th C) - Bhakti
- Group F:** BOY: Sharan Kapoor (9th A) - Karma
GIRL: Anika Bandopadhyay (8th B) – Karma
Manasvini Joshi (8th B) –Karma
- Group G:** BOY: Mriganc Mishra (12th A) –Karma
GIRL: Ishani Bandopadhyay (10th C) – Bhakti



ZYDAN OUTINGS

Anala Camp-Class VI

Come winter and the students excitedly start discussing and planning about their Anala tour. The Anala Anubhav for Class 6 was at Parvati Hills. The students and the educators left for 2 nights-3 days stay at Parvati Hills from the school on 7th January, 2016.

Situated at a distance of 125 kms. from Ahmedabad and at a height of 200 feet from the ground level, Parvati Hills which is rich in flora and fauna becomes the ideal spot for adventure and nature study.

The students tried various adventure activities like commando net, Burma Bridge, rope ladder, tyre chimney etc. They were able to brush up their knowledge of history and archaeology when they visited the Shyamalaji temple, Harishchandra ni chori and the tribal museum. At the dam on the river Meshwo they saw a number of birds like black ibis, large egret, kingfisher and pond heron. A night trek in the forest made the students more confident and removed their fear of darkness. They were able to observe a number of constellations like the Gemini, Cancer, Orion and Cassiopeia in the night sky. They also learnt to locate the Pole Star. In the morning a long trek through the forest made them familiar with various trees like Neem, Flame of Forest, Zanzibium, Planthana etc.

They had their share of recreation also with warm-up exercises and games in the morning and showing off their talents in the session of camp-fun.

By the third day the students had fallen in love with the place and did not want to return. But all good things come to an end and the students and educators returned to Ahmedabad on 9th January, 2016 with beautiful memories of the varied experiences.



Anala Camp-Class IV

Class IV students went on a trekking camp to Jambughoda on 21st January. Jambughoda is a city and a Tehsil in Panchmahal district in the state of Gujarat. The serene environment of the hills helped the children enjoy various adventure activities. They visited some sites of historical importance like the Pithora Paintings and Jama Masjid, which is now a world heritage. The most attractive part of the tour was the visit to the Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary. It is a habitat to many animals such as blue bulls, hyenas, jackals and occasional sloth bear. You have to be lucky to spot a panther or four-horned antelope. The camp was a rich, wholesome experience for the children.

Vananchal Resort, Jambughoda

On 18th January 2016, the students of Std 12th and 11th Commerce went for a picnic to Vananchal Resort, Jambughoda. The students reached the resort at 10:30 a.m. after thoroughly enjoying in the bus. After the breakfast the students started playing various games in the ground. There were other activities like flying fox, Zorbing etc which the students enjoyed. “It was the memorable, mesmerising and amazing trip” said Megha Patel the student of Class 11 B.



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