



JULY
REPORT
2019

Come July, the classrooms with freshly painted benches and polished corridors celebrate the much-awaited welcoming back of the St. Marians. The long break has all of us refreshed and revitalized to reach out for new dimensions in the ever-improving mindscape.

The stage is set, the band in place, the orchestra tuned in and bugles ready to roar. So let the music begin anew in pursuit of excellence.

Teacher Training Programmes

A series of workshops were organized for the teachers to expand their horizons and be the harbingers of change in their classrooms.

Enriching teacher training programmes were flagged off with an interesting set of activities put together by Mr. Richard and his team which set the pace for the forthcoming sessions ahead.



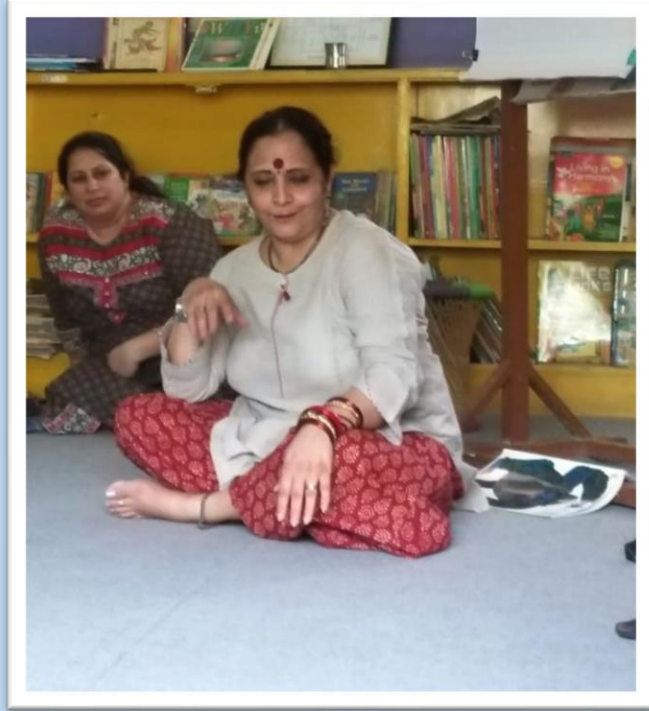
Ballsy!



Food for thought: A story of an inspiring teacher, we could all relate to.

The Art Of Storytelling!!

To rekindle our minds with innate love for stories, we had among us a Master Storyteller with a demonstrated history of working in the education management industry, Ms. Simi Srivastav from Kathashala. Effortlessly, she spun the magic of stories and showed us how learning could be made fun, interesting and creative through stories. Classrooms can be brought alive with the characters, dialogues, songs, rhythms and so on....



"Suno Baat Pate Ki"



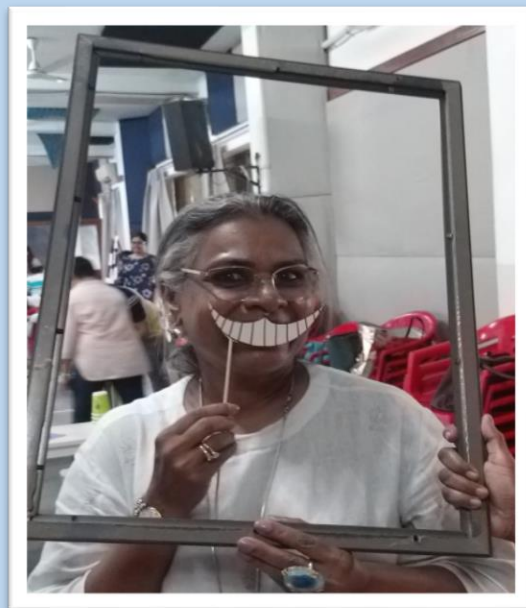
The Nautanki! :P

Fill My Cup

The much talented teachers came together to put up stalls which showcased their talents, brought back the childhood memories and got to catch up with each other after the holidays. It was an enriching experience filled with fun and frolic.



Hava havaaii..



The Cheshire Smile!

Artificial Intelligence: threat or tool?

Prof. Sidharth Joshi of the University of Notre Dame briefed us on Artificial Intelligence in Education and how AI powered adaptive learning technology could help teachers as well as students.



Rediscovering yourself

Workshop on "Rediscovering Yourself", conducted by Mr. Gaurav Shorey enabled us to realize that there is a need of practicing new techniques of redefining oneself. Keep alive the child in you and nurture the childlike qualities were one of the key points that were discussed.



Montessori training workshop

Montessori training workshop by Ms. Kumud Bhist, one of the pioneer Montessori trainers in Delhi took us through various theme-based activities which would be effective for our students. Her wise tips will go a long way with us.



Dekho...hum pehle objectives sochte hein!!

Theatre workshop

A Theatre workshop by Mr. Rahul Sharma- an eminent theatre artist from Arpita Theatre- allowed us to discern ourselves with a different outlook, making us realize that we are all actors in our own unique ways. He took us through various activities that can work wonders on our students too.



Yeh haath mujhe dede Thakur!!



Hum saath saath hain...Reloaded!!

Welcoming back!!

"Fill your life with adventures, not things. Have stories to tell ..."

The empty school campus came alive with the chitter chatter and stories and it was a treat to see the kids eager to meet their ma'am and friends. The handshakes and warm hugs welcomed the smiling faces back to class.



We are gonna rock it!!



My Little Hugsy <3



Welcome back!

Circle time

Vacation stories filled the circle time and it was interesting to know how they spent their holidays. They were surprised to hear and learn the new term "staycation". Their stories made them connect with each other and journey back in time.



Our Circle of Life...

The month of July gave us the opportunity to bond with each other.



Community singing

"Music touches us emotionally, where words alone can't."

— Johnny Depp

They say that the best way to learn and remember things is through singing. Ruben Sir's all set to welcome the children and impart lifelong inspiration and joy through music. The juniors listened intently to the short rhymes like "Are You Washing?", "Close the Tap after Use" and sang along with some actions, absorbing the underlying message to practice the same in our everyday lives.



The Jazz Man!!



Back in action



Morning Prayer



Poets in the Making

Class 4 students got the opportunity to have a session with Ms. Sabah who gave them an insight on poetry writing. The budding poets were able to soak in the nuances of poetry writing. Travel was taken as the theme and the students were impressed at their own abilities as future Wordsworth and Keats!!



Poetic bend





Train Travel

One day, as I travelled from
Delhi to Mumbai and I
was baffled with the sound
of wind whistling.

But when I reach there I
saw apple and guava trees
the birds were flying as well
as chirping.

There were many food courts
from that my tummy tumbled and mouth
watered.

Pradnya Tosh

MY SESSION
OF POETRY WITH SABA MA'AM

Reporting

Today Saba ma'am told us
some points about writing a
poem she taught us that the
poem has to be short and
crisp she told us to use
our vocabulary and also poem
should be written nicely
and with rhyming words.

PRADNYA JOSHIYA

Lasting Impressions!!



Tree adoption

"Learn character from trees, values from roots and change from leaves."

-Tasneem Hameed

The junior St. Marians were on an adoption drive wherein each class identified the tree they would like to bond with.

A series of activities have been planned for recognizing the significance of trees in our lives and augmenting various skills which would enhance their scientific temperament.



I looked up at my family tree
and found out that I was a sap.:D



Being grounded. :P

Mango festival and Assembly

The International Mango Festival is held annually in Delhi during early summer. It is a two-day festival -held since 1987- showcasing more than 550 varieties of mangoes.

Students of class three presented an informative assembly to apprise us all about the International Mango Festival. It concluded with a Hindi poem on mangoes. Last, but not the least, to celebrate this festival in all its grandeur, our Aam lovers kicked off with a recreational Mango Eating Activity -eating it in the authentic way! - in their classrooms.



AAM Bacha Party!!...



Vote for AAM



Rass - Bhare Aam..kitne meetthe...



PRESENTING.....The King of Fruits



Recital for the love of mangoes.

Reading directions

Class 2 students were able to mark directions with the position of the Sun and learned mapping after identifying landmarks in the school. The activity gave them an insight on the significance of landmarks and keys in a map.



That's where the canteen is...



This gate opens to the butterfly garden

Newspaper activity - Class 3

On ground grammar works' in progress with a newspaper activity, wherein the students were asked to read a paragraph from the newspaper they carry every day. Let's learn Current Affairs with Grammar!!



Budding Journalists

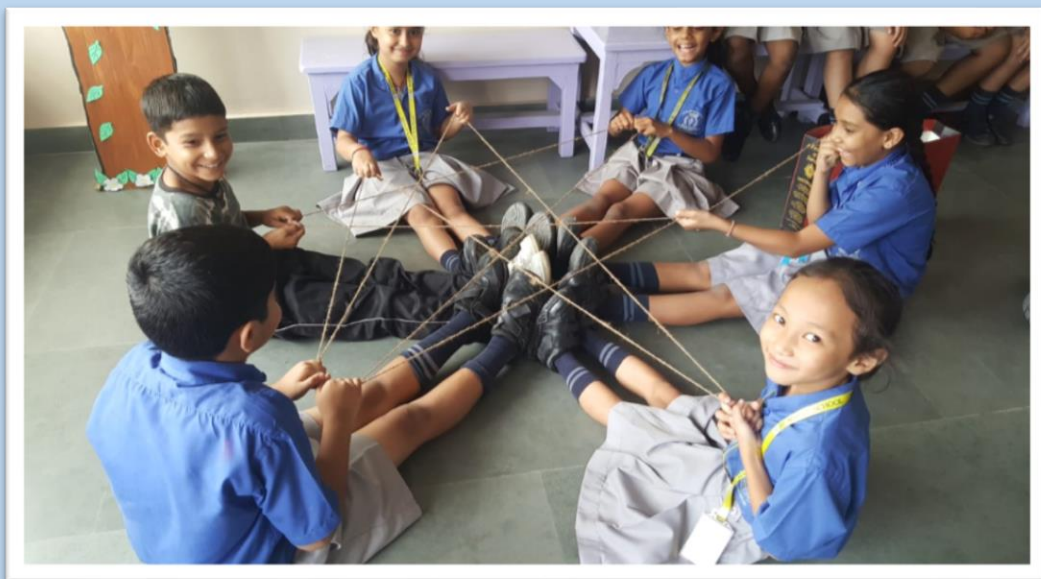


Spin a yarn class 3

By letting the students' imaginations run wild as they explore the realm of tall tales and "spin their own yarns", they created a narrative with unbelievable elements, but told in a way that made it seem entirely true!



"I believe that the yarn we spin is capable of mending the broken warp and wool of our life!" - M. Gandhi !



Our Body

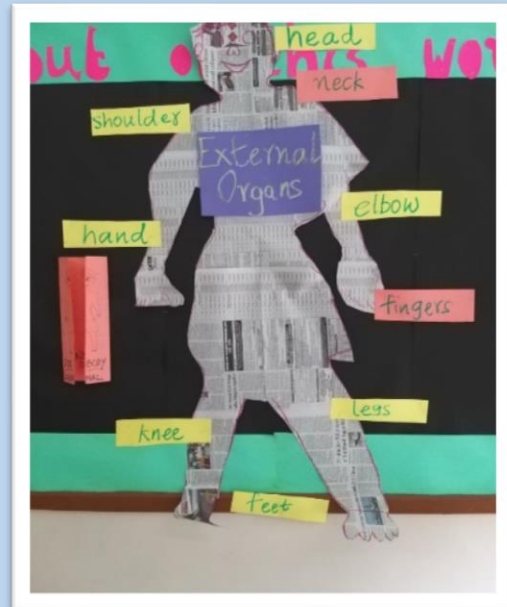
Traced, identified and labeled... That's how our class 2 students have mastered the external organs of human body. Getting to know "Our Body" by students was done by tracing out their peer and identifying the external organs...



Traced



Identified



labelled

Abacus activity class 3

Who could hate Math when it is made fun? Class three students brought steel glasses and spoons from home and sitting in groups of four, represented the numbers called out by the teacher. This was followed by the bindi activity, wherein students represented different numbers on the abacus -drawn in their notebooks.



Toh ho jaaye ek pyali? :P



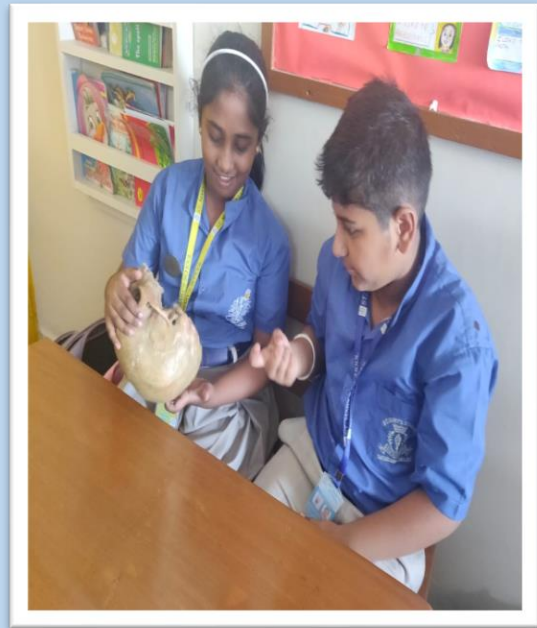


Bindi activity -learning Abacus



Date with bones:

A live date with bones gave an insight into the human skeletal system which inspired our kids to research and find out more interesting facts. Some were hesitant initially and were relieved to know these models are not mere ghost riders!!



Brave hearts!!



JAWS-2 (Disney edition :))

Lab visits

Junior Section visited the Bio lab to observe, explore and research about the various sense organs and internal organs. Microscopes and slides, models and charts caught the attention of tiny tots and the curious minds were filled with questions.



Maam, ye heart itna chota kyu hein?



Meet the Human torso!!



"Is that a microscope, ma'am?" Rajdeep asked excitedly.

The students of class 3 had an opportunity to observe the onion cell using its membrane under the microscope. This fun activity helped them to learn about cell structure and how plant cells have more regular, distinct shape.



A peek into the cellular world...

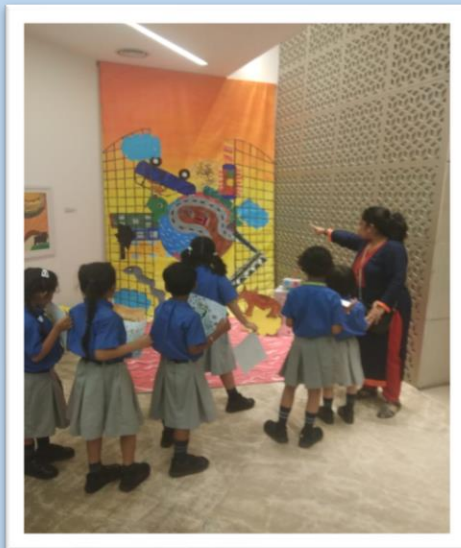


Visit to Kiran Nadar Museum

The tiny tots of class 1 were exposed to the dreamy world of Art by visiting the Kiran Nadar Museum. It was interesting to note how they perceived museum etiquettes at such a young age. As a follow up activity, a story telling session on Scarcity of Water was conducted by Shefali, a faculty from the museum.



Don't go by our looks...It's the calm before a storm...:P



Dekho Dekho..Kya who ped hein??



Interactive audience.



Pondering moments



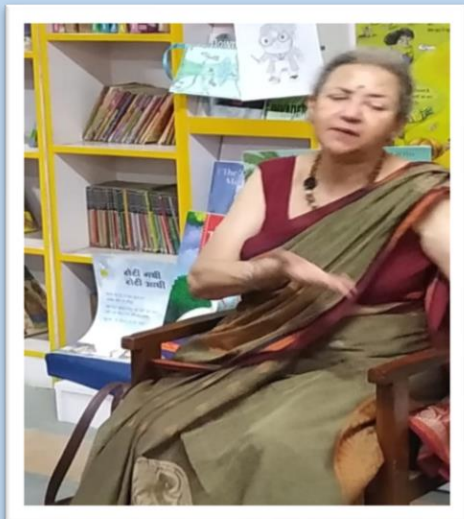
Mein toh artist ban gaya!

Storytelling session by Ms. Anupa Lal

"We are all story tellers. We all live in a network of stories. There isn't a stronger connection between people than storytelling.

- Jimmy Neil Smith

Anupa Lal, an eminent author of children books mesmerized the kids of class II with her exclusive style of storytelling. Her unique style of storytelling drew the children of Class II to her leaving them spellbound and asking for more. The stories were simple and easily relatable. Children found it really interesting and were engrossed in the stories of "The Rabbit and the Fox" and "The Boat Man and the Magic Hat" which was told to them with creative gestures and facial expressions.



Once upon a time, in St. Mary's...

Shradhanjali Diwas Assembly

"We'll miss you forever, like the stars miss the sun in the morning skies."

In commemoration of our founder, Madam Sara Mathew, the junior school observed Shradhanjali Diwas on 24th of July 2019.

We gathered together in the Heritage Hall to express our deep love and gratitude towards our founder. We began with a short assembly, followed by a heartwarming prayer. The students were previously asked to read page 1 in their almanac, from which a short quiz was asked about Sara Ma'am.

The hall echoed with melodious voices, singing in tune to Sara Ma'am's favourite songs "Make me a Channel of your Peace" and "Dil ka Darwaaza Khula Hua" to revere her and pay homage. How we wished to have experienced her warm smile, once again.

To our Dear Ma'am in Heaven,
You will always be our guide and inspiration. We promise to uphold the values you passed on to us and keep the light of love shining.



Connecting to the roots



Knowing our dear Sara Maám...



Bridging the gap - past to future...

Cleanliness drive

The Junior green school was in full form this month with the school doing away with the dustbins from the classes as a policy. It was decided in junior school that each child would carry his/her own swachh bag in which they would carry their dry waste and the wet would be carried in their lunch boxes back home. The green warriors of the school met for a short meeting where they reaffirmed their duties. Children of class 4 were given the duty to conduct a survey in which they would go to each class of junior school and check how many children were carrying their swachh bags. A tally is being maintained on a monthly basis and an award would be given to the class carrying the most swachh bags.



Green Warriors are all geared up!!

Visit to National Philatelic Museum class 4

The students of Class 4 along with their teachers got an opportunity to visit the National Philatelic Museum, New Delhi, on 23rd, 24th and 26th July 2019 respectively, and got an exposure to the world of stamps. The trip was organised to make the students aware of how people used inland, postcards, envelopes and airmail for communication. They were curious to know when, where and how the stamps evolved.



Stampede at the stamp museum!! :P



Stamped!!

Visit to National Gallery of modern art- class 2

Art gives a chance to connect, understand and explore perceptions and feelings and galleries provide a space for learning experiences, inspiration and enjoyment. With that thought in mind, students of class 2 were introduced to the idea of the visit through pictures of the gallery and a discussion on the why's and how's of it.



A little detailing into how an Art museum functions.



That's my favourite!



Painter's gallery

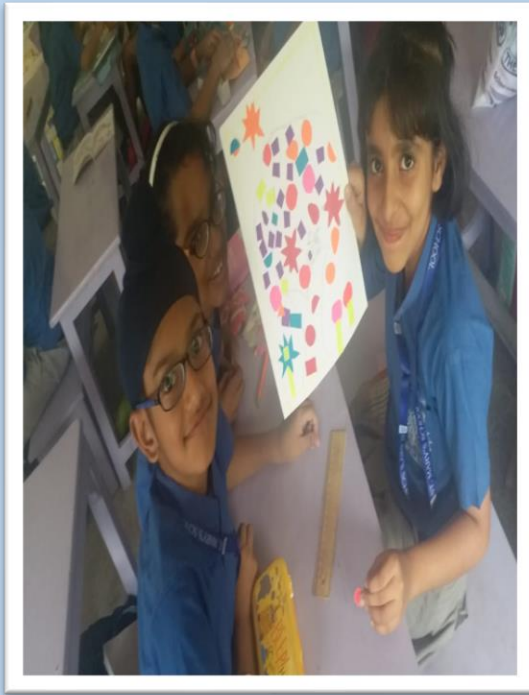


The artists after a hard day's work!

Fun with shapes

Junior section was at their creative best and had great fun with shapes.

Mountains to cars, clouds to trees, patterns all were geometrically aligned. The observation. Identifying shapes, creativity and team work were evident.



Patterns by class 3



Creativity well shaped out...

Holiday Homework Presentation

"Humanity is the new endangered species".

The Junior Marians went on an awareness drive exploring all about the endangered animals. The Holidays were well utilized in sharpening the exploratory and research skills. As they say family time is the best time to learn from each other and with each other.

This was highlighted in the Holiday H.W showcasing which had "gone wild!" Each student took pride in presenting and sharing their treasure of knowledge with the parents and friends.



Tiger - the feisty cat!!



In danger...so endangered...

The classrooms came alive with the woes and cries of the endangered animals and the students were sensitive to the rapidly declining animals on Earth. The role of human beings in the endangering of animals was brought to spotlight. The aware and sensitive generation surely holds a chance for the wiping out of animals from the planet.



The Polar Bear from the Artic



Our young enthusiasts along with their parents utilised the precious time creating some wonderful memories and displayed them with pride.



Engaging with parents



Namaste sir..



Do you know why sparrows have become endangered?



Creative game challenges for the parents



Itne saare facts?!



Khatte angoor..



As we settled in to prepare ourselves for the monsoons, the month of July provided coolness in the form of gratitude, discovery, exploration and kindness! The month was dedicated to wholesome fun, as we celebrated the stories of our children.

Summer always ends with good memories!!!!

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