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UOI WORKSHOP

Dr. Swati Sawant and her team of Pre School and Primary and teachers conducted a workshop titled “ Unit of Inquiry: A Glimpse” on Saturday, 27th August 2011. The workshop was conducted in two sessions – Session I for parents from Transition 1 to Grade 2 and Session II for parents from Grades 3 to 6. The aim of the workshop was make the primary school parents familiar with the school’s Programme of Inquiry and the method in which it was implemented in the classroom.

Various games and strategies such as Passing the Soft Toy, Fire on the Mountain ...Run... Run... Run..., Catch a Question Quiz, Think-Pair- Share etc. were used to make the parents acquainted with the needs of the 21st Century Education, that is Inquiry based learning .

Later, students and teachers of Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 demonstrated very impressively how they had explored their last Unit of Inquiry. This was achieved by using the informal interview technique where in the teacher questioned the students about their learning and experiences from their last unit. The best part of the whole exercise was that the students were randomly chosen by using chits and were not trained for the session. Their explanation was supplemented by a power point presentation, which displayed photographs, samples of learning engagements, surveys, interviews, reflections and other work done in the classroom. The students of Grades 2 had also exhibited the action component of their unit, which was appreciated by all present. At the end of Session I, the parents unanimously agreed that changing our school’s curriculum from CIPP to PYP was the need of the 21st Century. To this Dr. Swati Sawant promised to look into the matter very seriously and convey the parent’s sentiments to the Management.



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Happenings in Preschool “Ramzan ID”

Students of T1 and T2 were told stories of Ramzan Id and the way of Praying and different Religious Rites followed by the Islamic Faith. This was done keeping in mind the learner profile “ Open Mindedness”. Children were also told about the need for tolerance for every one’s religious practice. They were shown the video clippings of “Mecca” and the group prayers offered there. Of course, they were told about the fast for 1 month and the delicacies enjoyed on the day of celebration.

“Ganapati Bappa Morya”

We wish all our parents Happy Ganesh Chaturthi. Our little ones visited the Ganesh Pandal at Garodia Nagar. The children were thrilled to see the ganapati decorated in festive colours . They sang songs, offered prayers and were happy to get Prasad.

The stories of Lord Ganesh will be narrated and enacted the following week.



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Forth coming events:

5th Sept : Students of secondary classes to put up a show for teacher's Day.

10th Sept Growth Centre will begin with the follow up work of the Psychometric test.

6th Sept: Dwanit from Grade 5 will begin his practice for the National Handball tournament in Vibgyor High school Malad.