



Monsoon Mania at Harshgiri

The much-awaited Harshgiri trek finally took place last week, on Saturday 23rd July, 2011. The day started with a lot of enthusiasm and excitement among students as well as teachers. We all assembled for the Morning Prayer followed by the distribution of snack packets. Then we were all dispersed to our respective buses.

The two-hour journey was a fun-filled event by itself with children singing songs, cracking jokes, eating snacks and enjoying the beautiful view outside.

The trek to Harshgiri did what John Muir has said.

“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves”

Like agile, experts at adventure, the GICL family trekked to the tip of Harshgiri. Valiantly wading through streams, using accurate calculations to cross rocks and willfully adapting to changes in body temperatures, our students subconsciously prepared themselves to win all challenges in life. Each and every trekker had only one goal, to enjoy every moment to the fullest. New sights like farmers working on paddy fields and experiences like crossing small hurdles, walking beside the lake were greeted with squeals of fun and excitement! Gush, swoosh, the rain dance sublimed the pain of aching legs and combat the heat thus energizing and rejuvenating everyone. With great reluctance and a lot of persuasion, children were led to having their lunch of delicious pavbhaji. Post lunch students went to a garden for free play. The question that haunted our students on the return journey was “When can we have another trek?” Now need we say more about our student’s experiences?

. Family Funtertainment

Dr. Abdul Kalam has said:
“Educationists should build the capacities of the spirit of inquiry, creativity, entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students and become their role model.”

Keeping this in mind, the fourth graders have embarked upon yet another inquiry related to family histories. During a brainstorming session organized to delve into the information about ones ancestors, religious or family practices, beliefs and other related things we stumbled upon many questions. This led to a discussion on what would be the best way to find answers to these questions. Children came up with the idea of interviewing their parents. They took it upon themselves to do what was needed..... Framing a list of questions to ask their parents, making an invite, a thank you card....

The parents’ enthusiasm too stumped us!!!!!!!. We saw excited, enthusiastic, motivating parents taking time out of their busy schedules to help their children bridge the gap. What was more encouraging was the warmth with which they handled the students interviewing them, who were not their own children! The discussions following the interviews revealed how students have a natural tendency to inquire, compare, contrast and crystallize their learnings.

True then that “Doubt is the incentive to truth and inquiry leads the way,” Hosea Ballou.



Happenings in Preschool

Out in the open this Friday, our little ones went out to play. A fun-filled day where children thoroughly enjoyed playing outdoors. After the outdoor activity they settled in one of the classrooms for the dramatic play which was enacted by teachers. A thought provoking discussion where children put forth their views and ideas. Wow! What an interactive session it was **Adventures of the 'Alphabet river crossing'**

Who said crossing a river is a difficult task? The little ones of Transition 1 experienced river crossing with the letters of the alphabet. Out in a flash.....they stepped on the letter mentioned and were very vocal about sharing their word skills, giving examples like 'S' is for stone, 'P' is for paste. Children shouted with glee, waiting for their turn.

Hurray! What a way, the sounds we got to say, a fitting finale to our Fun Friday.

To mess about is what children love to do. An open ended messy play where children of Transition 2 had fun, with their hands exploring their finger dexterity and actually messing up happily with various colours for their activity. They shouted, they laughed and had a great time with their friends.



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Results

Grade 7 and 8 (Girls)

1 st Position	Vidhi Kishore Manek	Grade 8 Percival House
2 nd Position	Urvi Umang Dedhia	Grade 8 Arthur House
3 rd Position	Shibani Subhash Parui	Grade 7 Percival House

Grade 7 and 8 (Boys)

1 st Position	Arham Praveen Bapna	Grade 8 Arthur House
2 nd Position	Kunal Vijay Kalange	Grade 8 Percival House
3 rd Position	Parthesh Divesh Savla	Grade 7 Tristram House

Grade 9- IBDP (Girls)

1 st Position	Zeel Bharat Mehta	Grade 9 Arthur House
2 nd Position	Nirjari Premal Kamdar	Grade 9 Percival House
3 rd Position	Rajvi Rajendra Shah	Grade 9 Arthur House

Grade 9- IBDP (Boys)

1 st Position	Priyansh Bhawarlal Jain	Grade 9 Lancelot House
2 nd Position	Orie David Moses	Grade 10 Tristram House
3 rd Position	Karan Saurabh Tamboli	Grade 9 Percival House

Forth coming events:

**31/07/2011 POGO
channel to shoot an
event with our
students**

**1st. August:
Apple Mac workshop
to be attended. By
Ms. Lalitha and MS.
Swati.**