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## In Gratitude



**In Gratitude with love**

September 5, VIDYA bows to all the teachers for their love, energy and dedication, bringing an inspiration to VIDYA students and making their impossible dreams a possible reality! "Teachers' Day" was celebrated all across VIDYA school in Delhi, Gurgaon, Mumbai and Bangalore in reverence with flowers and cards. It was indeed a day to articulate the "Gurus" to honor their commitment and remembering how the following feet of children became steady with the warm grasp and guidance of the teachers.

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

### The VIDYA School, Gurgaon

#### • Switch On...

September 3, The first session of Test-Ted-Jed (TJ) was held under the guidance of Kamal and Satya for the students of standards V-VIII. Almost 100 students were provided electric switches with instructions to explore without external assistance. The students enjoyed this hands-on (fun filled) activity truly in line with the spirit of TJ which is basically ultimate creativity of exploring and learning.

#### • Write On...

September 10, It was a great pencil exchange session. Representatives from the famous Nippon Pencil Company replaced hundreds of used pencils under the unique exchange programme encouraging students to write on.

#### • No Games, No Sew...

September 11, Welcome Eric Meyer, the charming Advisor to Soros Foundation and Challenge Group, O.I.A. This Foundation is actively involved in combating HIV/AIDS, hunger & poverty and championing the cause of human rights and further stem cell research. VIDYA is strongly nurturing the following sapling planted by Meyer at the entrance and awaits his return to see it bloom!

Meyer went around the school accompanied by the Principal and other officials. He interacted with the students and was overwhelmed by their cultural values, creativity and curiosity to learn. VIDYA's Chief Operating Officer, Pramila Ashoka got up a presentation on VIDYA's journey so far. Chandan Ray, member, governing board and some other board members were also present on the occasion.



**Welcome Sir,  
Mrunalini Ray, Principal with Eric Meyer**

#### • Award Fellow

September 11, Arshita Kumar, IIT, 'Award Fellow', an NGO that coaches the children aspiring to study engineering and medical sciences after standard 10, visited the school. He was impressed with the school infrastructure and student enthusiasm.

#### • KPMS Calling...

September 12, An art workshop and a reading session was conducted by the volunteers from KPMS organization. All KPMS volunteers enthusiastically interacted with the juniors from nursery to standard 8. Making it a very fun filled and enjoyable experience for both, the students and the volunteers.



**How's that!**

#### • Pooj Plantation

September 12, It was another step towards going green in VIDYA. Thanks to Pooj (Aard) team of 12, a massive tree plantation drive saw 150 saplings being planted in the premises. The earlier plantation drive is already in full bloom.

#### • In Walk Move...

September 20-21, It was a campaign of "Steering to safety" an initiative by P&G consumer's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) wing called P&G Next. The objective was to sensitize students towards road safety.

Standard 7 juniors visited the biodiversity park, enjoying a new learning experience.

A painting competition on Energy Conservation was conducted for the students of standards IV, V and VI and their parents, highlighting the need for saving energy.

Standard 7 students visited the Rail Museum to learn more about the train journey in India.

A health camp was conducted in partnership with Dental Life Omega Medical Centre and Quora International of DLF City for the mothers of the primary school students.

The first term examinations were held successfully while remedial classes are being conducted as per schedule.

#### • NIT Guides the Way...

September 26, The first batch of basic information Technology training has just been completed, courtesy National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) Foundation. This three and a half months training for the less privileged youth from the nearby slums provides a starting point for a bright future. 18 children were given certificates after being trained in basic courses of MS Word, MS Excel, PowerPoint, Internet etc. VIDYA thanks Amit Arora and Vinod Datta from NIIT Foundation for sponsoring and conducting the training.



**Certified NIIT Scholars**

### Raf Vihar, Delhi

#### • Activities Galore...

The juniors enjoyed creating Fruit Charts and learning more about various fruits. The seniors on the other hand, experimented with water and air. This all happened in the first week of September.

#### • Cooper's Kapoor

September 8, VIDYA is grateful to Deepak Kapoor, Chairman, Purowater House Cooper Pvt. Ltd. and his team for the hospitality and generosity extended to the students on the World Library Day. The team interacted with the students who were thrilled with the gifts received with the good word.



**In the honor of the Cooper Gurus**

#### • English English...

Special thanks to volunteers Mehak and Jayit for teaching students English, the right way, at the right time for their school exams.

## COMMUNITY ROUNDUP

VIDYA is proud to work towards achieving excellence and escalating all its programmes, concerns and caring for children, youth and women across the metro slums in Delhi, Gurgaon, Mumbai and Bangalore. All the activities were as per schedule.

### VIDYA Mumbai

#### • Read Aloud

To mark the occasion of the World Library Day on September 7 and 8, VIDYA collaborated with Pratham Read Aloud event across all programmes in Mumbai. Teachers, volunteers, professionals and students joined hands to read books in communities and schools for the less privileged. In these fun filled reading sessions, after the children ended with reading back to their friends. Wonderful sketches emerged from the stories, songs and drama. The Pratham community reading programme reached out to more than 300 children.

At the Shastriya Yash, the Read Aloud created joy to more than 700 children across the school.

### VIDYA Bangalore

#### • Bhagini @Mali

There is a tremendous progress in self confidence and English speaking in the first batch of women, started in July this year. Encouraged by this success, more women are approaching VIDYA for enrollment. A next batch with 20 women has already commenced on September 5. The first batch students welcomed the new entrants with warmth and organized a talent show.

Women have completed their Arts & Craft training received from Purowater, enabling them to independently handle their own requirements.



**Happy Teachers' Day, once again**

**Let VIDYA be the most significant force of change for India's less privileged.**

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