Mentors’ Magic GE Visit

It was a perfect New Year Gift. They came and swept the students away with their charm the GE mentors visited the GK kita, Bridge Course centre on January 6. They came loaded with New Year wishes, visions and gifts. Yarnali, Yogita, Vipul, and seven other mentors from GE enthralled the students and appreciated their work. Mentoring is a participatory process for developing a sustainable and empowered work culture and GE excelled. Thank you GE for walking the extra mile! VIDYA is grateful for the wonderful gifts and generous donation for warm jackets for the students.

Bal Vihar, New Delhi

Ready to Read

With the aim to improve the children’s reading capability, a workshop on ‘Developing Reading Skills’ was conducted in January. As a result, now in the morning assembly, each day one child is assigned a portion in English to read. This reading session is followed by an evaluation by the volunteers. Let each VIDYA child be enabled to read at least basic English.

Leadership Lessons

The 63rd Republic Day of India is an important milestone not only for the nation but also for VIDYA students. Every year on this day besides dancing and singing patriotic songs, a Head boy and a Head girl are duly elected in the school. This is an activity to teach the children that India has strong democratic roots and VIDYA too believes in electing its leaders. The elected leaders then select a council of students to run the school on the sacred national principles of Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.

The VIDYA School, Gurgaon

The New Year was ushered in with the good news that six students have qualified for the next round of Science Olympiad. VIDYA is proud of their achievements and wishes them success in the next venture.

Workshops

Some important workshops were held for the teachers during the winter break. Zal Darar conducted a session on Lesson Mapping on January 9. Raji Nambissoor held a session on Values on life-skills on January 11. Meenakshi Roy organized a workshop on Differentiated Teaching Techniques on January 12. Earlier in the last month, Meenakshi Roy and Raji Nambissoor attended a workshop for leaders in education. The topic was Transformational Leadership conducted at IIT Delhi in partnership with EdExcelence.

Visitors

Peter Simon from the Monsoon Trust was given a traditional welcome by the students when he visited the school on January 16. He planted a tree and went around interacting with the students briefly and appreciating the infrastructure. He has assumed to be in touch with VIDYA with his guidance, suggestions and possible sponsorships.

Nathalia and William Comfort visited the school on January 23. We are grateful for their regular visits and support.

Chris Harrison from Leaders’ Quest visited the school to know more about VIDYA and its operations. We look forward to hearing from Harrison soon.

English Olympiad

An English Olympiad was held on January 19. This is a first at VIDYA and 108 students participated.

Celebrations

Lateni, a festival marking the new harvest season was celebrated in all VIDYA schools with fun and frolic. The children enjoyed a feast of popcorn, groundnuts and sweets on January 13.

Munirka Community

A Health Camp organized by Cancer Patients Aid Association on January 18 was a great success. The community women and children participated wholeheartedly. VIDYA is grateful to Dr. Neelima Batra for bringing health awareness in the community regularly.

VIDYA Mumbai

Get Set Go!

Mumbai Marathon

VIDYA was once again a proud participant in the ninth Standard Chartered Marathon held on January 15. The all-girl contingent representing VIDYA set the tone for the ‘Year of the Girl Child’ at VIDYA Mumbai. With over 49600 participants from India and all around the globe, Mumbai Marathon provides an outstanding platform for NGOs to raise awareness and funds for the marginalized.

IOJCI Prudential and BACI ran for VIDYA by fielding corporate challenge teams for the second year in a row. Air India, Capita, Deloitte, HDFC and other corporate partners also supported in the VIDYA cause to Educate-Empower-Transform the less privileged. Team VIDYA thanks all the friends and well-wishers.

VIDYA Bangalore

Bhavathy Aan has continued to make great progress in its program at Gottigere High School. Along with regular academics and computer curriculum, great emphasis has been on career counseling for the students by the Red Compass team.

In a field trip to Agape Foundation in Koppam, Andhra Pradesh, the students learnt about different medicinal plants and environment. It was an amazing trip for the school children where the highlights was a shower in the bathroom!

They also built models of the wind powered cars. VIDYA is grateful to Gyan, Uday, Kupali and Venna for making this Koppam visit memorable.

Feedback

“We love it, your newsletter looks great, it is so regular and informative”. GE Team

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