

BUNTS SANGHA'S  
S M SHETTY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE  
AN IB WORLD SCHOOL

# THE BUZZ

JUNE - JULY 2019

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# ANNUAL INDUCTION PROGRAMME

The Induction Day held on 6th July 2019, marked the beginning of the new academic year with new teachers and a new work environment. Principals and Management ensure that all teachers new to the school are promptly and effectively fraternized with the school culture. Chairman CA Shankar Shetty presided over the programme and warmly welcomed the employees. He acknowledged the contribution of all members in the development of the institution. Vice Chairman Mr. B R Shetty enlightened the employees by speaking on "the Concept of Induction and our Philosophy & Expectation".



Renowned Psychiatrist Dr. Harish Shetty spoke on the topic "Conflict to Compassion!" Building Inclusion amidst indifference.

The focus of the Induction Programme was to understand challenges faced by teachers, increase teacher efficacy, and student outcomes. The programme included presentations by Principals across sections. Principal, Ms. Mildred Lobo in her presentation 'Good To Great' motivated teachers to put in dedicated effort to take the school to extraordinary heights. The management encouraged teachers to interact on an open forum thereby establishing transparency and a positive work culture.

This year the concept of E-Magazine was introduced in our effort towards a more sustainable environment.



# INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2019



Investiture Ceremony for the year 2019 was held on 15th July, 2019 with great honour and pride. The newly elected student representatives were sworn in as office bearers for the school Council 2019.

The honours were conferred by Mr. B R Shetty, Vice Chairman, Powai Education Committee. The dynamic Student Council was elected to office after rigorous assessment of merit and determination to uphold the mission of our school.



Principal, Ms Mildred Lobo, addressing the student, expressed that we should ensure that students accept responsibility for their actions, become accountable for their results, take ownership of their mistakes and turn them into learning milestones.



Head Boy, Adrian John, Head Girl, Arya Nair and Sports Captain, Manvi Semitha in consultation with the Principal set up an agenda of a pragmatic plan that would encourage fine arts, community service and English Language development as a student led initiative for the academic year 2019-20. Mr. BR Shetty, Vice Chairman, Powai Education Committee appreciated the council for their concrete agenda and urged them to carry out their responsibilities with dedication, accountability and humility.

The large turnout of parents to support their children in their future endeavours went a long way in providing a flying start to the year ahead!



# GRADUATION DAY



The Graduation Day of students of Primary and Secondary Checkpoint was celebrated on 24th July 2019.

It was a grand occasion to applaud the completion of Checkpoint Years and the excellent performance in the Cambridge Checkpoint exams.



This year we have 5 students - **Gayatri Samudra, Arnav Kulkarni, Kiranmayee Lade, Devansh Patil** and **Aarush Bathula** scoring the perfect score of 6/6 in English, Math and Science. Every student was felicitated with a certificate and a trophy.

Parents expressed their appreciation towards the teachers for their continuous and dedicated effort in moulding the students. Students presented a song for their teachers as an expression of their love and gratitude.



**Gayatri Samudra**  
Primary Checkpoint



**Kiranmayee Lade**  
Primary Checkpoint



**Arnav Kulkarni**  
Primary Checkpoint



**Devansh Patil**  
Primary Checkpoint



**Aarush Bathula**  
Secondary Checkpoint

# INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

## EUMIND – EUROPE MEETS INDIA

The EUMIND exchange trip to Netherlands, brought about a fruitful culmination of the annual EUMIND student research programme that we undertake every year. Our students who hosted the Dutch school students in January had an opportunity to visit The Netherlands to connect with their "EUMIND friends".

The school had packed in several activities through the week from visiting nature parks, to museums, from beaches to barbecues, from a visit to the Indian Embassy to the popular city of Hague, from the world famous city of Amsterdam to

the busiest port of Rotterdam, from the City Square of Bergen op Zoom to walks around the by lanes - the trip was packed with memorable experiences.

Students learnt about the Dutch culture and made friends across borders who share the same heart of a united world that dreams of a cleaner, greener and more sustainable earth for the future.

The certificates of excellence and participation were received by the Principal, Ms Mildred Lobo and Eumind Coordinator, Mr Abhay Chitale at Chatrabhuj Narsee International School, Kandivali, during the EUMIND Annual General Meeting.



# INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

## EUMIND – EUROPE MEETS INDIA



It is a matter of great pride that five project groups received Awards of Excellence from the EUMIND international jury.

Junior category - **My Green Meal, Energy Saving at Home and My Water Footprint.**

Senior category - **LGBTQ Rights and Right to Marry**

# INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS



## PEER TO PEER

In our effort to imbibe international mindedness , our students interacted with children of Creative Talented Campers Summer Camp at Cairo through Skype. Students shared common interests, hobbies , school curriculum and information on culture. It was interesting to see commonalities in diverse worlds.

# EVENTS



## AUTHOR TALK

This third week of July was Author's Week at Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty International school and Junior College. We had the privilege and honour of having two authors interact with our students and guide them on writing their own original pieces.

On 17th July we had Ms Sakshi Singh author of Jalebi Jingles and several other books, who spoke to our Cambridge Primary students and read out funny poems from her book much to the delight of our kids.



On 18th July we had Vinayak Mittal, who can actually qualify as a child author, him being just 17 years, speak to our middle school students. He is the author of a trilogy, the third book yet to be published. Students enjoyed the description of his two book Crossroads and Crosstimes. He also shared tips and techniques for story writing and completely involved the students in his talk.

# EVENTS

## BONNE FÊTE NATIONALE

The students of SMSISJC celebrated French Day on 12th July 2019. For an hour, the whole school witnessed the French Culture, from French food to information on Cannes Film Festival to Quiz contests. Students enthusiastically participated in the celebration. With these celebrations, our students are developing intercultural understanding and international mindedness.



# HAPPY BASTILLE DAY

# ASSEMBLIES

The students of IGCSE 1 presented their assembly, "Importance of Friends" on 29th July, 2019. The focus was on how individual friends from different cultures influence us to explore customs, values, traditions outside of our own and thereby impressing upon the topic of global citizenship. The theme was beautifully presented and effectively expressed through skits, song and dance.



# COMPETITIONS

## HARRY POTTER QUIZ

It was Harry Potter mania on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019. It rained muggles and wizards and not to forget spells!!! It was an ode to the all time favourite children's author J K Rowling on her birthday. Our very own Harry Potter, Ron and Hermoine teleported us to the world of magic. The rounds were challenging, encompassing different aspects of the much loved children's book series. The questions ranged from knowledge of the characters to the dialogues to the spells and to the movies. The contestants of the four houses - Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff were well prepared for the quiz and almost answered all the questions that were thrown at them. The teacher's round was interesting too with teachers answering the questions with child like enthusiasm and energy.



Teachers donned the wizard hats and the magic wand which made the auditorium look no less than the Great Hall at Hogwarts. A surprise visit from the IBDP and A level students further added excitement to the quiz.

The winners were the participants of Gryffindor –  
Anika Narkar of CP V  
Joshua Fernandes CP IV  
Shyam Rajiv CP III

The runners up were the participants of the Slytherin house –  
Aashir Aalam CP V  
Adwait Sharma CP IV  
Ayan Garg CP III.



# Harry Potter



# COMPETITIONS

## NON FIRE COOKING

Students of CP I & II donned their 'Chef Caps' to exhibit their culinary skills in 'Non Fire Cooking' held on 24th July 2019. Children participated with full zeal and enthusiasm as they created nutritious and delectable delicacies.



# COMPETITIONS

## STORY TELLING WITH PUPPETS

Narrating stories is the best way to engage and engross students along with building up their value system. Narration of stories with puppets stimulates imagination. Keeping this in mind and to enhance speaking skills of the students an English Story Telling with puppets competition was conducted for the students of CP I & II. Each story concluded with a moral, highlighting different values of life.



Winners | Afternoon shift

- First position**  
Moksh Bansal CP IID
- Second position**  
Alisha Pagare CP ID
- Third Position**  
Sahasra K CP I D
- Consolation**  
Janay Mukherjee CP IE  
Saksham Gupta CP IID



Winners | Morning shift  
CP I

- Position 1** Triyambak Menon CP I C
- Position 2** Ilisha Sadalge CP I A
- Consolation** Harshil Sharma CP I B  
CP II
- Position 1** Zoe Jordan CP II A
- Position 2** Saanvi Gaikwad CP II B
- Consolation** Kiaan Kaul CP II B & Archit Panda CP II C



# COMPETITIONS

## FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

CP I and II had their "Fancy Dress Competition" on 24th June 2019 on the topic Favourite Cartoon Character. The children enthusiastically participated in the competition dressed up as their favourite cartoon characters like Chota Bheem, Chutki, Doremon, Spiderman, Ironman, Singham and more.



Winners – Morning Shift

CP IA

1st - Varun Srivastav

CP IIA

1st- Vidney Shewale

2nd – Simrat Pantliya

2nd – Zoe Jordan

3rd- Anika Satish

3rd – Arnav Khandewal

3rd – Jevika Jain

Cons- Neerja Parab

CP IC

1st – Triyambak Menon

1st – Aahana Tolani

2nd – Driti Kothari

3rd - Prarthna Thayyil

CP IIC

1st – Aishani Dadheech

1st – Moksha Gupta

2nd – Vanshi Tiwari

3rd - Abhir Ghalke

Winners afternoon Shift

| CP ID                           | CP IE             | CP IID          |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| First position<br>Moksh Bansal  | Saket Krishnan    | Mitaansh Dohare |
| Second position<br>Sierra Bane  | Tejashree Satpute | Swara Shirkar   |
| Third position<br>Rainn Rebello | Eshani Sawant     | Janay Mukherjee |

# COMPETITIONS

## MONO ACTING COMPETITION

On the 26th of June, 2019, the students of Grade (CP III to V) participated in the Mono Acting Competition. The Topic for the same was 'Humour'. The participants were judged on the criteria of Voice Modulation, Confidence, Expression, Acting Skills and Connect with the audience.

Winners Morning Shift

CP III

- 1) Abbas Beg
- 2) Naishha Gandhi
- 3) Anshul Bathula

CP IV

- 1) Ethan Fernandes
- 2) Aarav Rathore and Manan Rai
- 3) Adwait Tiwari

CP V

- 1) Saisha Kotian
- 2) Anushka Jayant
- 3) Anika Narkar

Winners Afternoon Shift

Ist Aanjaneya Navin CP III

IIInd Aarna Shetty CP III

IIIrd Reva Joshi CP IV





# COMPETITIONS

## HANDWRITING COMPETITION

Handwriting competition was held on 24th July 2019 for students of CPI-IV. The winners were selected from each class.

### Winners Afternoon Shift

CP I D  
First - Tejashree Satpute  
Second - Aliya Chaudhary  
Third - Kush Dodia  
Consolation - Eshani Sawant

### CP IE

First - Suryansh Gulrajani  
Second - Janay Mukherjee  
Third - Swara Shirkar  
Consolation - Asthma Choudhary

### CP IID

First - Moksh Bansal  
Second - Zara Shaikh  
Third - Swara Kelkar  
Consolation - Kanak Mishra

### CP IIID

First - Aanjaneya Navin  
Second - Devyannsh Singh  
Third - Aarna Shetty  
Consolation - Shashank Kanade

### CP IV E

First - Laxman Saran  
Second - Sarakshi Rane  
Third - Chris Lucas  
Consolation - Dhruv Ballal

### Winners - Morning Shift

CP 1A  
First - Ilisha Sadalge  
Second - Anika Satish  
Third - Aradhya Nabir

### CP 1B

First- Saisha Lad  
Second- Shaun Theodore  
Third-Harshil Sharma

### CP 1C

First - Svava Nandgirikar  
Second - Driti Kothari  
Second - Prarthna Thayyil  
Third - Aryan Hotkar



## GENERAL QUIZ COMPETITION

An Interhouse Quiz Competition was held for the Checkpoint Years, on the 1st of July, 2019 in the school auditorium. Students were selected through preliminary audition rounds. There were three rounds for each class- General Trivia, Science and Sports. All the houses competed to assert their place in the competition. The Spring house bagged the winner's title for the quiz. The competition was directed to building the quizzing culture at all levels so that we are in the continuous pursuit of information and knowledge.



# QUIZ!



# COMPETITIONS

## SOLO SINGING COMPETITION

The S. M. Shetty International School organized "Solo Singing Competition" for CP III, IV & V on 17th July, 2019. Students sang a variety of songs with enthusiasm and confidence.

### Winners -Morning Shift

First Prize : Ayati Kaul CP IV E

Second Prize : Aanjaneya Navin CP III D

Third Prize : Sarakshi Rane CP IV E

CP III:

First Prize : Anishka Karthik CP III A

Second Prize : Kiyara Khedekar CP III C

Third Prize : Ira Kale - CP III A

CP IV:

First Prize : Ira Kale CP IV C

Second Prize : Aarav Rathore CP IV B

Third Prize : Raaga Kulai CP IV C

Consolation Prize: Khushi Krishna CP IV D

CP V:

First Prize : Megan Salian CP V C

Second Prize : Dhvani Shroff CP V C

Third Prize : Aashir Aalam CP V B

### Winners Afternoon Shift

First Prize : Ayati Kaul CP IV E

Second Prize : Aanjaneya Navin CP III D

Third Prize : Sarakshi Rane CP IV E



# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

In our endeavor to sensitize students towards the environment school invited **Mr. Shrikant Parab – Director of Asia Affairs, Mentor of Clean We Go NGO** to speak to students about the importance of segregating waste.

The presentation on the ill effects of dumping and inaction towards the cause encouraged students to follow the 3 R's **Reduce, Reuse And Recycle**



## TALK ON MANGROVE CONSERVATION

A special talk was organized for the students of CP V on the occasion of International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove ecosystem. The resource person Mr. Hemant Kharkhanis, who works with Godrej Mangrove and wetland management department, spoke to the students and told them about the importance of mangroves and how its conservation is immediately required.

Students were shown pictures of the Asia's largest privately owned mangrove ecosystem found in Vikhroli East. Students asked many questions which were addressed by the speaker.



## GLOBAL GOALS COMPETITION

The Green Ninjas from S M Shetty international School received achievement certificate from Global Social Leaders for reaching the semi finals of the competition. Their work towards the UN Sustainable goals was well appreciated.



# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## COUNSELLING CENTRE WORKSHOPS

The institution's Counselling Centre conducted its annual Orientation in June'19 with the teachers and coordinators of all sections, about mental health services, the structure of the Counselling Centre, the referral process and behavioural/academic issues to look out for in the students. In addition, section specific session on Developmental Milestones was held by Psychologists Ms Natasha Mehta and Ms Sushreeta Sule with IEYC and CP teachers, while psychologist Ms Divya Nair engaged the Checkpoint and IGCSE teachers with the ABC of Adolescence. Psychologists Ms Radhika Kulkarni and Ms Sushreeta Sule introduced themselves as counsellors to the CP students of both morning and afternoon shifts, through their session on "How you Doin'?" with exciting interactive games and helped them get in touch with their emotions.



Head of the Counselling Centre, Pratima Bhandarkar's conversation starters with AS and A Levels triggered enthusiastic and candid responses from students to the question **"What's on your mind?"** The students requested more of such sessions!



Psychologist Ms Divya Nair presented real life scenarios and elicited rejoinders from IG 2 students on **'Relating to Relationships'**. Her session focussed on emotional literacy, identifying personal strengths and fostering positive gender relationships.



# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## COUNSELLING CENTRE WORKSHOPS

IB 1&2 students see themselves constantly battling with time to meet academic deadlines. Ms Pratima's session with them on "Eat that Frog" helped them address procrastination with practical tips to eliminate distractions, getting organised, breaking assignments into smaller chunks, and maintaining an exercise-diet-sleep routine.



## CAREER DAY

Career Day is an opportunity to explore different career avenues and explore areas of interest. On 31st August, 2019 Ms. Meenachi Mehta - Admissions Manager Russell Square visited our campus to brief students on the Undergraduate programmes offered by the University. The presentation covered topics such as educational requirements, job opportunities and potential for advancement and growth.



# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June the school auditorium. Students across grades along with the teachers performed Yoga to promote Yoga as a mental, physical and spiritual exercise that embodies the unity of mind and body.

The session began with meditation followed by different Yoga postures like Padmasana, Parvatasana, Yogamudra, Paschimottanasana, Tadasana, Chakrasana, Padahastana, Vrikshasana and culminated with Pranayama and Meditation.



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# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## MATHELETICS 2019

In its effort to promote Mathematics the school has initiated a programme –MATHELETICS. It was conducted on 22nd July 2019 in commemoration the Pi Day.

MATHELETICS is a platform for students to showcase their mathematical abilities in the form of various competitions and activities.

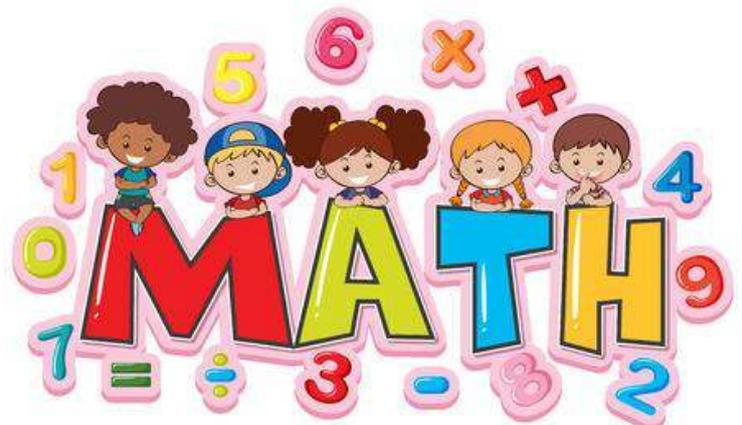
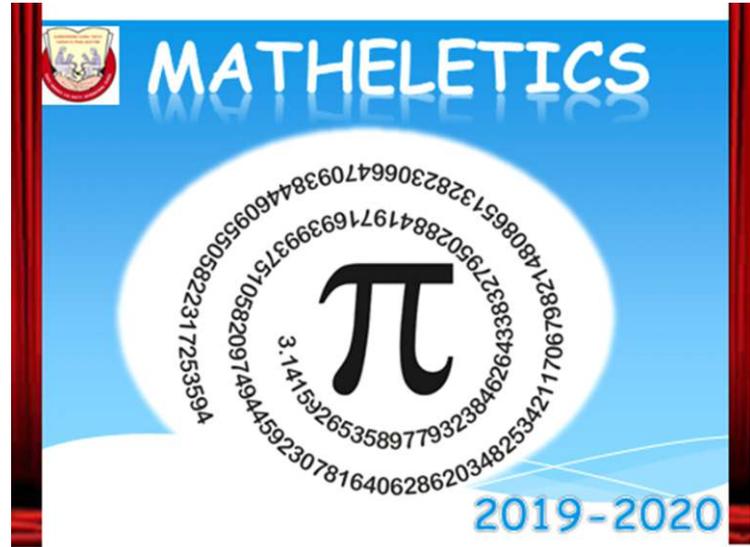
Quizzitch being the first such inter house competition was conducted by the Mathematics Department.

The students from IGCSE, A levels and IBDP participated for their respective houses in this competition.

The Quiz Master Ms. Sharanyaa Nair from IBDP year 1, was at her best in quizzing the students.

The competition promoted the problem solving & the application skill of the students. The audio visual round was entertaining and engaging.

The WINTER house secured the first position followed by the AUTUMN house securing the second position.



# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## CALLIDO SESSION

The Callido learning session for Extended essay for IBDP students, was conducted on Saturday, 29th July 2019 by Samrudhi Thakur (School Success Manager, Callido Learning).

The session focused on research and covered the following points:

- Research Methods, Analysis and Evaluation
- Scaffolding documents to help them understand the literature review
- Revise the online modules to learn research methods, analysis, and evaluation

The session was conducted using Callido learning app that had videos and other simulations. The students have moved beyond basic to advance research methodologies and applied this foundation knowledge to larger and more complex investigations.



# FIELD TRIPS

## VISIT TO AAREY MILK COLONY

Students of IBDP2 visited Aarey Milk Cattle unit, Goregaon (East), on Thursday, 4th July 2019. The purpose of visit was to study Animal Behavior and Hormonal Composition of Milk which comes under the topic Animal Husbandary and Neurobiology and behavior of IB Diploma program. The students were accompanied by Head of Biology Department Ms. Tahira Pasha.



## TREE PLANTATION

Students of AS and IBDP I participated in a "Tree Plantation Drive" on 26th of June, 2019 at "Ambrosia garden" in Powai. The objective was to create awareness that even a small contribution will make a big difference in conserving the environment. The students found the experience enriching and vowed to continue being responsible citizens.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## IEYC

Kyra Bhamgara of IEYC III secured 6th rank in MaRRS Play2Learn, National Prelims.

Ilisha Sadalge, Shaun Theodore and Arjun Rane now in CP 1 secured 7th Rank in Nationals of LogIQids – An IIT-IIM Alumni Venture.

Aahana Ruikar, Driti Kothari, Mallesh Mansharamani, Saisha Lad, Aishani Chatterjee secured 8th Rank, Yuven Kothari 9th Rank, Ojas Goyal 10th Rank.

Neeva Sofat, Pearl Jain, Harshil Sharma, Anika Shetty, Janay Mukherjee, Kimaya Jain, Charvi Aggarwal, Jenika Jain, Kayaan Parekh, Nishita Jain, Ayeshakhan Pathan, Shrishti Amin, Kavya Parab all are rank holders between 11th – 20th position.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## MASTERMINDS - NATIONALS

The little ones of IEYC brought back laurel by holding ranks at Mastermind Championship, Nationals 2018 - 19. Dhriti Kothari - Now in Cambridge Primary I secured 3rd rank in Maths and 8th in EVS at Sr.Kg level. Arin Patankar now in IEYC III secured 20th rank in English and Ojaswi Karkera secured 20th rank in EVS at Jr. Kg level.



## SUMMER PROGRAM

We are proud to share that our IBDP student Ravij Lade, participated in a 2-week summer program at the prestigious Johns Hopkins University, USA.

These programs offer a great balance between academics and recreation. This experience was enriching for Ravij and prepared him to take on the challenges of life ahead - academics or otherwise.

The specific course that he undertook was part of Discover Hopkins theme- Introduction to Lab Research. This seemingly basic sounding course though put him on a fast pace to cover the entire gamut of theory and practicals around DNA replication and gene extraction of plant. Summer programs at such large universities offer a wide range of comprehensive courses, in the field of sciences, arts, and engineering, designed to enhance learning and widen perspectives.



# TEACHER OPPORTUNITIES

## MISA CELL MEET

MISA Cell Meets are organized to give teachers an opportunity to share best practices with fellow teachers across country. It also provides a platform for teachers to form networks and build connections. Our teachers were invited as facilitators to lead these cell meets and share their expertise in their respective subjects. Sixty-two Teachers across grades and subjects attended these workshops and greatly benefitted from these experiences.



Ms Yogita Wamanse – Facilitator IGCSE Math



Ms Tahira Pasha – Facilitator AL Biology



Ms Ruchi Steven – Facilitator IGCSE Economics



Ms Aditi Basu – Facilitator AL Economics



Ms Ruchi Steven – Facilitator IGCSE Economics



**BALLOON DABBING IS SO MUCH FUN**



**COLOURFUL ACTIVITY**



**DESIGNING OUR CHART**



**EXPLORING MOONBEAM'S ROCKET THAT CRASHED**



**LET'S RACE**



**I MADE A CLAY SNAKE**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOONBEAM**



**PARTY TIME**



**LITTLE ASTRONAUTS**



**WE LEARNT ABOUT BOUNCY BEN**



**HAPPY CHOCOLATE MAKING AND EATING DAY**



**WORLD YOGA DAY**

AND THE BEAR HAS HIBERNATED



HELPING OUR PET DOG PLUTO TO BE DRY WHEN IT RAINS, BY BUILDING HIM A STRONG HOME



CHOCOLATE DAY WAS THE BEST



ESSENTIALS TO PACK ON A TRIP TO A SUNNY PLACE



SETTING UP A POLAR SNOW MOUNTAIN



DANCE DANCE DANCE



EXPLORING THE MODEL OF HEART & ITS 4 CHAMBERS



I WAS NOT SCARED TO SHAKE HANDS WITH HIM

FRENCH DAY CELEBRATION



RUNNING & RACING ON THE GROUND IS OUR FAVOURITE



A GOOD PARTY NEEDS GOOD FOOD

SOMETIMES CHILLING IS REQUIRED



# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

## PARENTS LETTERLAND WORKSHOP

Parents of IEYC attended a seminar 'From Learning to Read.....To Reading to Learn' conducted by Ms. Hemangini Babla -specialist in Letterland Phonics on 20th July.

- read, write and spell with stories.
- transform plain black letter shapes into child-friendly pictogram characters.
- help their child to learn how to write with music without holding a pencil.
- help develop speaking and listening skills, word building and vocabulary through pictures.

