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Value-In-Focus

Discipline for me is about respect. It's not even about self-respect; it's about respect for life and all it offers.

Robert Downey Jr

Discipline and respect go hand-in-hand and was the Value-In-Focus for August and September respectively. The Early Learners practised simple acts of orderliness and discipline daily. The children ensured that they walked in a line while moving around the school campus, maintained silence when required, took turns to answer and watched others at work without disturbing them.

Conscious discipline thus translated to showing respect to others. Children demonstrated that they are able to regulate their behaviour and enjoyed being responsible for their actions.



















Independence Day

The Early Learners celebrated India's 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' on 11th August 2022. Children came dressed in tricolor and sang patriotic songs.

The craft activities around the National Flag and National symbols were done in class. The children made tricolour bands/rakhis and adorned it around their wrist. Teachers narrated stories of India's magnificent history, national leaders and freedom fighters.















Ganapati Bappa Moriya







India is a land of many festivals, one of them being Ganesh Chaturthi. The festival celebrates Ganesha as the God of New Beginnings and the Remover of Obstacles as well as the God of wisdom and intelligence.

The Early years children celebrated the festival with a lot of enthusiasm. The story of Ganesha was narrated to them. Children were awestruck as they watched a dough of yellow and red turmeric take the form of 'Ganesha'. They spontaneously sang shlokas and bhajans.









Onam Celebrations

The happy outcome of unexpectedly going online, was that the Onam celebrations reached the home of every Early Learner. The children attended the class dressed in traditional attire and actively participated in activities like, making pookalam, drawing, making a collage using coloured paper and so on.

In school, the Montessori children were encouraged make their own pookalam beginning with plucking the petals. The teachers also performed the Thiruvathira Kali dance as a part of the Onam celebrations at school.



















Topic of the month - Fruits & Vegetables

"Have fruits and vegetables if you want to lead a fruitful life." Fruits and vegetables form an integral part of every child's diet and are great as small snacks through the day.

Activities and discussion in Montessori were woven around the topic - 'Fruits and vegetables. The vegetable printing technique was used by Seniors to create different landscapes and by the Juniors to make a collage of fruit basket. Freshers used the block printing technique to make their craft colourful.

Other fun games included- 'Find the real me', 'The mystery bag fruit challenge', 'What is inside me' and the 'Fruit salad' game. Seniors were treated to a gustatory experience of tasting and identifying a variety of fruits while being blindfolded.













Extending the learning to home and beyond...

Parents happily extended the learning during their visit to the supermarket which gave the children real time experience of shopping for fruits and vegetables. Back in school, the children shared their shopping experience with their peers.





























Food We Eat

As a culmination of the topic 'Food we eat' KG1 children participated in various activities like quiz time, spin wheel , songs on fruits and vegetables. This was a great way to keep our tiny tots well informed and engaged in healthy eating habits.

Children were made aware that a healthy and balanced diet, not only safeguards our health but also keeps us active and energetic. Children ensured that healthy eating habits were promoted at home too.









Am 9 Living? Or Am 9 Not?

The KG2s conducted their 4th Learning Center for the EVS topic - Living and Non-living. The children demonstrated their understanding by completing the 6 different activities targeting different skills arranged at the Learning Centers.

For the culmination the next day, children spoke about their favourite thing and explained its characteristics. They also sang songs and participated in a game and consolidated their learning in a fun way.















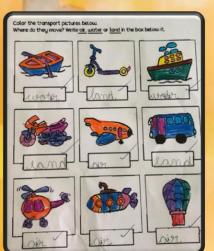
Topic for the month of September- Modes of Transport





Modes of transport was the topic chosen for the month of September in Montessori. Children were shown videos explaining the different modes of transportation, they played games, sang action songs and completed activity sheets on the same topic. Artwork was planned using the hand printing technique and creating modes of transport using ice cream sticks.













Parent Teacher Meeeting



The PTMs for Term 1 for the Early Years were conducted in August and September.

It was a good platform to share the academic progress and the growth based on classroom observations and assessments. The teachers discussed strengths, positive stories, anecdotes areas of needs and academic expectations.

PTM provided an opportunity for both teachers and parents to work for the betterment of the child.











Parent Talk - 'People who help us'





Our tiny tots were an attentive and eager audience during the interactive session with the invited parent doctor, dentist and police officer. They also spent time with the school nurse, the security personnel, the gardener and a representative of the support staff. The children presented all speakers with hand made cards, with a special thank note penned by KG2 children.

As a befitting end, teachers reminded the little ones about their role as 'Helpers' and how, even as children they can contribute in their own special way.











Show and Tell

The KG1 children had the culmination event on community helpers on 22^{nd} September. The day began with all children proudly walking in to school, dressed as the community helper of their choice.

The parent fraternity supported the school's initiative and prepared the children to speak about their chosen community helper. The children were a happy and confident lot as they expressed their thoughts and displayed excellent social skills as a patient audience through the 'Show N' Tell' session.























Dussehra Celebrations

In Karnataka, Gollu, the display of dolls and figurines is part of the Dussehra celebration. This year the Montessori department brought this element of our culture alive by setting up the Gollu display.

Children were actively involved in the week-long preparation where they strung flowers and made the 'thoran'. They brought dolls and the celestial figurines from their homes. Teachers narrated stories highlighting the victory of good over evil.

On 23rd September, children came dressed in traditional attire and were treated to a puppet show by the teachers. The children danced to popular garbha songs too.









Class Party at Kindergarten



The excitement on the last day of Term 1 in Kindergarten was palpable right from morning. With Dussehra round the corner, teachers used puppets to narrate stories from Indian mythology. The day was filled with games, dance and fun activities for the little Kindergartners.















Humour In Campus!!

The teacher was explaining the internal organs to the KG2 children. She elaborated that we do all the activities as instructed by our brain.

A child was observing another child who was busy folding his napkin, while the teacher was explaining. When teacher asked the child why was he doing so, the first child immediately replied, "Ma'am, he is folding his napkin because his brain is asking him to do so".

During the nature walk around the school, a Senior observed that there were 4 floors in the school, he asked "Ma'am how many sections are there in this school?"

The teacher said "May be 30"

Immediately the child replied, "But ma'am there are only 26 letters in the alphabets".



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We will be back with our next edition in November...