



École Mondiale World School Newsletter

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From the Principal's desk....

Dear parents,

Yesterday I had the pleasure of accompanying four of our students who went to Amby International School, Amby Valley, to participate in the **Second International Schools of Maharashtra Short Story Competition**. The students were: Sana Khan (G9), Shraddha Khanna (G9), Neel Shah (G8) and Arnav Ghosh (G7). I am delighted to tell you that we **retained the trophy**, having won the inaugural competition last year. **Sana Khan was the outright winner**.



The response to my letter last week re on-line courses and the possibility of hosting a **Summer School organised by AMSAT** was met with a most positive response. I will send details of the Summer School in a separate letter later today. Please ensure you inform me through Admissions, if you are interested or planning to register your child/children.

Finbarr O'Regan

From the Primary.....

Dear parents,

The end of year will be here before we know it. The Grade 5 students have been working towards their exhibition which will take place on the 20th of May. I have had the opportunity to learn from the students all about Mumbai and what it has to offer and the areas we need to be working on and improving. Do put this date in your calendars and come along and see the work the students have been doing. Listen to their ideas and opinions, see their passion.

For many weeks Mr. Ashutosh and I have been taking swimming lessons for Grades 1 and 2 after school. This week we finish our lessons. The progress the students have made is excellent. We have some excellent young swimmers. I must thank Mr. Ashutosh for all his help and support. Please remember to take your child swimming so they can keep practising the skills they have been taught.

Thank you to all the parents for your support for 'No Hats No Play'. We have most of the students bringing a hat to school and this is great. It is so hot outside we must be Sun Smart.

Jo Williams
Head of Primary

AARGH the Pirates of Nursery Beetles



'Pirates' was our theme for the Nursery Beetles Parent Assembly.

Children came dressed as pirates and each shared some information about the artifacts used by the pirates i.e. the pirate flag, hats, tattoos, their pets – parrot and monkey, compass, telescope, cannon balls, treasure map and pieces of eight (gold and silver coins). The children danced to the songs Pieces of Eight and Hi 5-treasure...Hee-i- ho the way we go! Hee-i- ho the way we go! All the students joined in the songs, and they and their parents enjoyed the Assembly thoroughly.



Ms Uttara / Ms Deepali
Teachers—Nursery



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winner of the **International Schools of Maharashtra Short Story Competition**.

Name : SANA KHAN
Grade : 9

The Invoices for the Academic year 2010-2011 have been dispatched. Please contact the Admissions office, if you have not received the invoice. Kindly make the payment of fees on or before 1st June 2010.

Dates to Remember

- ⇒ **1st May**—Holiday (Maharashtra Day)
- ⇒ **4th May**—DP Exams begin
- ⇒ **28th May**—Last day of classes



A Saturday to Remember

The Interact Club of École Mondiale has executed several CAS initiatives, keeping service to humankind at the forefront of its activities. March 27th however, is a day that will stay etched in our memories forever, as it was an atypical but most enriching day for our student lives!

Thirty of us Grade 11 Interactors and some Grade 12 students, set off at 7 a.m. for Chandurwadi, a village located near Karjat, with the aim of volunteering to build homes for those without a roof over their heads. With the prior guidance of our CAS co-ordinator Mr. Francis and Interact Club coordinator, Ms. Kavita Sukhani, we decided to contribute our time and effort towards this worthy initiative by partnering with Habitat for Humanity India, which has provided 29,000 shelters for the homeless and aims to build 50,000 more.

When we reached Chandurwadi we were astonished to realize that the site had no electricity or water and the villagers need to travel a couple of kilometres on foot or by bullock cart to fetch water in utensils or drums! To add to this was the challenge of having to work under the sweltering sun, the temperature being around 40 degrees Celsius.

After a thorough briefing on the work expected of us and safety procedures, we started off by mixing mud, water and cowdung - it was most heartening to see our teachers Mr. Nitin Padte and Ms. Kanchan Sethi, not only supervise and guide us, but actually join us and work hand in hand alongside us. Some of us chose to do the brickwork, whilst others painted walls of structures that had already been constructed. Working in groups like this taught us the value of co-operation and teamwork and made us appreciate the significance of each one's role in the larger picture.

The beneficiaries and their children worked with us too, thus contributing in terms of sweat equity. Though tiring and challenging, as it was the first time we ever did such laborious work, the expectant faces of the villagers and their children kept us going, in the knowledge that they would soon have a place to call 'home'. We returned late in the evening, exhausted but very deeply fulfilled! And whilst we learnt a lot about structures and construction, we also learnt that a small contribution from us can result in a life-changing impact for another - most importantly, we learnt to be grateful for life's blessings each day. It is often the most basic things that we tend to take for granted.

Mehek Premjee, President, Interact Club of École Mondiale (Grade 11)



Trip to Kanheri Caves

On Saturday, the 24th of April, the Heritage club with the help and support of teachers organized a field trip for the students of seventh grade to the Kanheri Caves. Mrs. Anita Rane, an experienced professional of caves in Maharashtra accompanied us on the trip. She is the head of the Ancient Indian Culture in St. Xavier's College in Mumbai. Kanheri Caves are rock cut caves situated in middle of lush green forests of Sanjay Gandhi National Park at Borivali.

The word "Kanheri" has been derived from a Sanskrit word, *Krishnagiri*, meaning black in color. These caves have been made out of gigantic Basalt rock.

Indeed Kanheri is an excellent illustration, which portrays the rise and fall of Buddhism in India. The Kanheri caves were built here since there was excellent rock available as also there were trade routes along the way. No less than a hundred inscriptions have been found here, in the Brahmi script. One prayer or meeting hall called Chaitya has some defaced woodwork on its roof. By the time this region was taken over by the Mauryan, and Kushana empires, Kanheri became a major centre of university. While walking up the Kanheri caves we came across many water-courses that revealed the great ancient water system. At this time Buddhism was split into Mahayana and Hinayana. A great way to identify Hinayana caves is to see if they had beds. Mahayana caves would never have beds for monks.

During this great trip we were informed that there are 1200 caves in India out of which 900 are situated in Maharashtra. We practised meditation in the caves as also we were taught the Brahmi script.

This trip to Kanheri Caves was definitely an interesting one, especially the sight of ancient structures and the scenic beauty of Sanjay Gandhi National Park.

**Sayasha Saigal
Grade 7 (student)**



Canteen Menu

MONDAY

Snacks: Peas Poha, Batata Wada, Cereals With Hot & Cold Milk **Early Years :** Peas Poha, Fresh Fruit, Milk Shake **Lunch :** Veg Dum Biryani, Aloo Mutter, Chapati, Fried Papad, Mix Veg Raita, Rice Kheer **OR ITALIAN MEAL –** Spagetti Neapolitan, Veg Cheese Pizza, Carrot Muffins **Early Years:** Veg Dum Biryani, Aloo Mutter, Chapati, Plain Curd, Spagetti Neapolitan, Rice Kheer

TUESDAY

Snacks: Stuffed Idli, Dahi Batata Puri, Cereals with Hot & Cold Milk **Early Years:** Stuff Idli, Fresh Fruit, Milk Shake **Lunch:** Toss Salad, Corriader Rice, Dal Tadka, Paneer Makhnawala, Ghobi Mutter, Paratha, Banana Sheera **OR SOUTHINDIAN MEAL -** Masala Dosa, Medu Wada, Sambar/Chutney, Banana Sheera **Early Years:** Corriader Rice, Dal Tadka, Paneer Makhnawala, Ghobi Mutter, Chapati, Banana Sheera

WEDNESDAY

Snacks: Cheese Veg Pizza, Bhel Puri, Cereals with Hot & Cold Milk **Early Years:** Cheese Pizza, Fresh Fruit, Chocos & Milk **Lunch:** Beans Sprout Salad, Plain Rice, Moong Dal Tadka, Chana Masala, Bhindi, Chapati, Sewaya Kheer **OR MEXICAN MEAL -** Mexican Rice, Nachos, Cheese Sauce, Chokolade Pastry **Early Years:** Plain Rice, Moong Dal Tadka, Bhindi, Chapati, Chana Masala, Sewaya Kheer

THURSDAY

Snacks: Masala Uttapam, Veg Cutlet, Cereals with Hot & Cold Milk **Early Years:** Veg Cutlet, Fresh Fruit, Fresh Juice **Lunch:** Chana Chat, Steam Rice, Dal Fry, Rajma Masala, Corn Mutter Palak, Chapati, Doodhi Halwa **OR CHINESE MEAL -** Veg Hakka Noodles, Shezwan Fried Rice, Hot Garlic Sauce, Veg Clear Soup **Early Years:** Steam Rice, Dal Fry, Corn Mutter Palak, Chapati, Veg Hakka Noodles, Doodhi Halwa

FRIDAY

Snacks: Veg Chatni Sandwich, Chinese Bhel, Cereals with Hot & Cold Milk **Early Years:** Bread Butter Jam, Fresh Fruit, Milkshake **Lunch:** Green Salad, Pav Bhaji, Steam Rice, Yellow Dal, Kala Jamun **OR AMERICAN MEAL -** Veg Burger, French Fries, American Beauty Salad **Early Years:** Pav Bhaji, Steam Rice, Yellow Dal, Kala Jamun, Butter Milk

