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The Horlicks Wiz Kids 2010

The Children put in a lot of effort to get themselves ready to participate in the Horlicks Wiz-kids event held on the 13th of August at Air Force Auditorium in Delhi.

Excelsiorites participated in this event for the first time. Excelsior was one of the 30 schools of Delhi/NCR to have taken part in the competition. Our students made us proud and the following are their achievements:

The School Band secured second position. The children who formed the school band group were Urvashi Obroi(Grade VII), Vibhor Rohatgi (GradeVII), Shreya Jain (Grade VII)& Mihir Rohatgi (GradeV). The children played a musical composition which is

what made it unique.

Well Done children!

Urvashi Uberoy (Grade VII) stood first in English Creative Writing and second in Mehendi Art. She competed with the students of Grade VII-XII and achieved the title of the Horlicks Wizkid 2010-Delhi. Urvashi will now be preparing a project and is now entitled to compete in the National finals with All India par-

ticipants in Bangalore.

Urvashi also earned the title of the Taller, Smarter and Sharper Kid in the competition in honor of the fact that she had won through maximum number of individual challenges. Urvashi's accomplishments are more than praiseworthy; she has made all of us very proud.



Congratulations!

We also congratulate Ms. Parul Wahi (Section Educator-Grade IIB) for being awarded as the best dressed teacher.)

Reading Moms Program

We thank all our parent volunteers who come in the week to hear the children of Kindergarten to Grade 1 read. The program has truly benefited the children and we have planned to extend the initiative up to Grade III children as well.

“Every man who knows how to read has it in his power to magnify himself, to multiply the ways in which he exists, to make his life full, significant and interesting” (Anonymous)

The Radio Jingle

“Youth for Gandhi”- a Delhi based Organization held an inter-school competition on the 15th of September to create awareness among the youth of today towards the Father of The Nation-Mahatma Gandhi.

Excelsior students from Grade VI - VIII participated and contributed in making a Radio Jingle on the theme –“ Gandhi and his ideology in sports”.

Well Done to Saadat Khan (Grade VII) , Nimar Singh Sagoo (Grade VII) , Shreya Jain (Grade VII) , Vibhor Rohatgi (Grade VII) , Nandini Yaduvanshi (Grade VI) and Urja Ummat (Grade VI) for their achievement!

“What children need most are the essentials that

Seeds of Change

Excelsior students were part of an endeavor to experience and stretch their sense of compassion and empathy towards society at large. Over 2 lakh schools participated worldwide in “The Seeds Of Change” under the aegis of The Riverside School, Ahmedabad from 16th September to 1st of October. Our students de-

signed worksheets for the children of the workers who are constructing our school building and those of the near by slums. They also visited their homes to teach the children for an hour every day. Those children also visited Excelsior to get an exposure to a different educational environment. The children enjoyed

dance, music and clay modeling lessons. It was an enriching experience for all. We thank Raghav Gupta (Grade VIII), Urvashi Uberoy , Shreya Jain, Nimar Sagoo & Vibhor Rohatgi (Grade VII), Nandini Yaduvanshi & Sanjana Sharma (Grade VI) for their participation and initiative.

Working with the Slum Kids



Learn From Me : 22nd Sep -24th Sep

It's a unique concept in which parents get an opportunity to take part in their child's learning process. Parents were invited class-wise and were allotted 15 minutes each to spend time with their children in their classroom. Children demonstrated the functioning of a true Montessori class-

room with a lot of pride. Parents enjoyed and were amazed to see the precision with which the children worked with the materials. They also spent time with the children on their work table. Children effortlessly cleaned their work area with a broom and the dust pan. The parents got a bet-

ter insight after having had a glimpse of their child's daily schedule. A truly successful experience for the parents, the children and the entire pre- primary team.

Elementary Presentation



The Elementary Presentation took place from the 29th of September to 30th September by all the students from Grade I upwards.

Children presented their work and skills like Reading, Drawing, Skits, Power Point Presentations in an endeavor to showcase both their talents and comprehension skills to their parents.

Well Done children!

InterClass Rakhi Making Competition

Inter Class Rakhi making Competition was held for the children in school primarily from Grade III upwards on the 23rd of August. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in it and experienced their own artistic and aesthetic acumen. The following are the results of the Rakhi Making Competition:

Child's Name	Grade	I	II	III
Aryaman Gupta	IIIA	*		
Ahana Singh	IIIB		*	
Kaveri Uberoy	IV			*
Reet	V			*

It was a pleasure to see the effort the children had put in.

Congratulations to all the winners and stars, and to all the children for doing their best!

India Robotics Olympiad

Excelsior Robotics Club participated in IRO; a National Event on the 28th of August, 2010. The school competed with 40 other schools from NCR; the students were from Elementary section of the schools. We look forward to further future participation of our students in such events.



XIX Commonwealth Games 2010



The children were very excited about The Commonwealth Games. Rightly so they realized that it was a matter of great honor that the country was hosting the games. The children also experienced the delays to school before the commencement of the Games that were caused due to road blocks. There were times when the Childrens' School Bus dispersal time had to be preponed for the same reason. We thank all the parents and the children for their cooperation.

The children got a very good opportunity to do an in depth research on the Games for their Elementary Presentation. In the process children learnt various facts such as the number of countries participating, new games being introduced etc. The children's enthusiasm and mood in Excelsior at that time is reflected beautifully by the following feedback :

Commonwealth Games Feedback from children of 1B

- *Players from different countries will come to play.*
- *All the roads are blocked and there is so much traffic.*
- *Some players are not coming because the bridge has fallen in Khel village.*
- *They will participate in different games. Games like racing, gymnastic, hockey, kabbaddi.*
- *Three Children were happy to have tickets to go for the common games.*
- *The opening and closing ceremony are really important.*

Well Done Children! For understanding The significance of Commonwealth

Games and the role of sports in individual lives and also for being a Powerful vehicle to maintain healthy bilateral and multilateral relations with each other.

The School remained closed from the 4th of October to the 17th of October to honor the Games. We are sure most of Excelsior students must have experienced some of the Games live.



*Shera : The
Mascot of the
XIX Com-
monwealth
Games*

*"Sports do not
build
character.
They reveal
it."*

-Anonymous.

School Exhibition at Epicenter



The 28th & 29th of August were very significant days for the school. Excelsior participated in the Exhibition held at Epicentre where we maintained a stall displaying children's work in all fields of the school curriculum. It varied from children's art

work to Creative writing Skills, Clay modeling models, snapshots of children actually working in the classroom during Club time, Circle time and Work Time. It was a forum through which we

reached out to parents and invited them to the school while the school was running. A brief on the school philosophy was given and the need to pay the school a visit to see and understand the school's philosophy in practice was emphasized to get

the full picture for the parents to make a conscious and aware decision with regard to their child's admission. The little children who visited the Excelsior stall were extremely happy getting badges and a lovely tattoo by our art team.

We also thank the Excelsior Team for coming together as one spirit in the endeavor to promote the school's philosophy.

"What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life. And, most importantly, cookies." - Rudolph Giuliani

Elementary Grandparents Day Celebration

Grandparents Day was celebrated with great excitement and happiness by the Elementary Children. It was lovely to see Elementary children's faces light up when their grandparents arrived in the room. Two children were at the door to welcome the grandparents with teeka in their respective classrooms. Some children also welcomed them with garlands, roses, sweets and drinks.

The Elementary children's program on the day varied from Yoga, singing the school song, different games in different classes/grades were played, like "Cover Me Up", "Spot The Differences", "Designer of the world" (an eco-friendly game), "Your touch makes me come alive" (a blind fold game), "The Laughing Game" in which anybody who lost was treated to

laddoos (Indian Sweet); there were tie breaker moments as well in the games.

Children also held an Antakshri Competition in some grades among the grand mothers and grand fathers in which the children got to hear some of the old songs of the golden era. This was won by the grand mothers!! Story telling session by the grand parents was the hallmark of the day. The children narrated some of their favorite stories and jokes; the grand parents too shared some special incidents and jokes with every one.

Each child shared his/her feelings about his/her grandparents. They expressed beautifully why they held so much regard and love for their grandparents and what they loved

doing together with them. The grandparents were gifted with souvenirs, flowers and cards made by the children. Children in turn showed the presents they had received from their grandparents. It was an extremely touching experience.

At the end of the program children sang Grandma and Grandpa Songs. Children were very happy and proud, so were their grandparents! The children thanked their Grandparents for sharing such special and precious moments which will always be cherished by them.

All the grandparents after the function had refreshments that had been especially prepared for them by the school.

Hindi Diwas

हमे गर्व है कि हिन्दी
हमारी मातृभाषा है।

आओ हिन्दी अपनाएँ, भारत का सम्मान बढ़ाएँ।

Excelsior celebrated Hindi Divas with great zeal. On the occasion Hindi Poetry competition was organized for Grade III along with advertisement competition for grade IV & V and a game called “Just A Minute” for grades VI, VII & VIII .

The following are the results for the Hindi Poetry Competition:

Child's Name	Grade	I	II	III
Simran Patel	III A	*		
Ahana Singh	III A		*	
Mriggya Sharma	III A			*
Sanskriti Kohli	III B	*		
Angel Pari	III B		*	
Maanya Aggarwal	III B			*

The following are the results for the Advertisement competition:

Child's Name	Grade	I	II	III
Kaveri Uberoy	IV	*		
Maria Mancheno	IV		*	
Hrridhaan Yadav	IV			*
Amiya Jain	V	*		
Riya Sachdeva	V		*	

We congratulate Shreya Jain (Grade VII) & Urvashi Uberoy (Grade VII) for their participation in the game “Just A Minute”.

The students of grade VI, VII & VIII also visited a slum area situated in DLF Phase IV where our children taught alphabets to the children they visited.

Well Done Children for your achievements and spirit of participation!

PrePrimary Grandparents Day



17th of September was a very special day at Excelsior. Children were excited as they were waiting for their grandparents in the school. They were truly looking forward to see them.

Pre-Primary Celebrating Grandparents Day

parents.

The event was held class-wise. Teachers had planned some fun filled activities involving children and grandparents together. Grandparents took great pleasure in singing

The grandparents were greeted with a teeka inside the school as well as in their grandchild's respective classrooms with great enthusiasm. Children were ready with beautiful cards and gifts which they made specially for their grand-

rhymes, lullabies, enacting, doing cat walk for their grandchildren.

They were immensely pleased to spend golden moments with the children.

A truly enriching experience where everyone felt blessed by their grandparent's presence. All the children thanked their grandparents for all that they have done for them.

Preprimary Parent Teacher Interaction

The Pre-Primary Parent Teacher's Meeting took place on the 3rd of September. A day in which a holistic interaction took place about the children's ongoing growth and progress. Parents had an opportunity to discuss their concerns about their children and conscious progressive decisions were arrived at on issues that needed addressing. The section educators handed out the children's Report cards as well to the parents.

Kid O' Mania

Excelsior participated in the Kid O' Mania Competition held by Scottish High School on the 31st of August. Excelsior won second prize in the non-fire cooking section.

We congratulate Ms. Veena (Section Educator – Grade IB) and Ms. Swati (Section Educator- Dinosaurs) for their creativity and original idea in which they made a delicacy honoring a nursery rhyme.

The presentation was excellent, the food was healthy and delicious.

Independence Day Celebrations



Independence Day Celebrations at School

Excelsior celebrated India's Independence Day with a lot of zest and spirit of fondness.

The following Competitions were held on the 12th of August on the topic-“What Freedom Means to Me?” to honor the occasion:

The children as always did their best and we are very happy to share the results.

Grade I & II Drawing Competition Results:

Child's Name	Grade	I	II	III
Milan	IA	*		
Aisha	IA		*	
Anayza, Fia	IA		*	
Bonija	IB	*		
Dhanisha	IB		*	
Zenya&				
Aditi Badde	IB		*	
Shefali	IIA	*		
Vedika	IIA		*	
Ishaan Mohan	IIA			*
Sarita	IIB	*		
Urja &				
Bhavya	IIB		*	
Nihaar&				
Sashank	IIB			*

Grade III (upwards)- Creative Writing Results:

Child's Name	Grade	I	II	III
Sia Lee	IIIA	*		
Rima	IIIA		*	
Maecher	IIIB	*		
Ahana	IIIB		*	
Karanjai	IV	*		
Isabella	IV		*	
Hrridhaan	IV			*
Amiya	V	*		
Shivani	V		*	
Mihir	V			*
Urja	VI	*		
Camilla	VI		*	
Nandini	VI			*
Shreya	VII	*		
Nimar &				
Vibhor	VII		*	
Urvashi &				
Nabilla	VII			*
Prachee	VIII	*		
Hemangi	VIII		*	
Martin	VIII			*

Inter School Poetry Recitation Competition

Excelsior held an Inter-School Poetry Recitation Competition on 31st August. We had invited Ms. Tanuja Krishnatray, Ms. Romi Chawla, Ms. Kiran Batta (all being in the field of education) to judge the event. Eight schools participated in the event .

There were two age groups of children that were participating- 8-10 yrs and 10-12 yrs of age. The criterion of judgment were as follows:- Originality, Expression, Creativity and Diction.

Results :: Group A (8-10 yrs):

Child's Name	School's Name	I	II	III
Albana Khanna	Scottish High	*		
Kartikeya Sundaram	G D Goenka		*	
Esha M Pathak	Scottish High			*

Results :: Group B (10-12 yrs):

Child's Name	School's Name	I	II	III
Urvashi Uberoy	Excelsior	*		
Rishaya Khanna	Scottish High		*	
Garima Chaudhary	DPS Sushant lok			*



Scottish High School, Grand Prize winners, accepting their Prize.

Well Done to all the Children for their achievements!

Parents Corner : Reading to my Child

Reading to (and with) my child is perhaps the most special, bedtime routine I share with my son. He and I look forward to it every night. It's a time of the day when I have no chores remaining and I can share my undivided attention with him. It is just me, him and a journey through a wonderful, imaginary world of the story.

It is in this imaginary world of the stories where I feel most connected to him. He usually breaks out in the middle of the story and starts playing the storybook character himself. It is when I get to hear his priceless wishes, dreams, and imagination.

Our favorite reading books are Panchtantra tales. It is a deliberate and conscious choice. These tales share important lessons of life. Books on the lives and deeds of great men also make a great selection. I think he understands and appreciates the good values and their practice a great deal more through these books. Not surprisingly then, I find him often talking, and playing these important lessons out the following day.

I have also seen his attention span, listening skills, and vocabulary grow dramatically with reading. I also find his word recognition and reading skills have in turn improved his learning and comprehension skills.

Reading to my child has been and remains a very satisfying and rewarding parenting practice for me. It is also therapeutic in a way, as it unwinds and relaxes me. It takes a little effort to work it in a busy routine, but once it is baked in, it makes a great past time. I hope all parents share the same joy of reading to their kids.

Sonia Chanan

Teachers Day

Excelsior teachers were honored and cherished by the students on the 3rd of September in the school. The children had organized Quiz Competitions for the teachers to participate in which they delightfully did.

“This year, in our school, the children of Upper Elementary had organized a great show for Teachers. Teachers were invited to gather upstairs. The students had prepared a card for each teacher and they were given a great treat prepared by them. There was a talent show and a quiz for teachers. I was very impressed by the intelligent questions set by the students. Students’ efforts were evident and made the teachers very proud of them. Thank you students for organizing such a wonderful programme.”

Ms. Veena (Section Educator Grade-IB)

It was indeed a precious and

fun filled day for all the teachers. We Congratulate Ms. Meenakshi (Section Educator – Grade IIIA) for being awarded as the Smart Teacher and Peter Sir (The Soccer Coach) for being awarded in the Talent show by the children. We also thank all the parents who helped in volunteering to take care of the Teacher’s respective classes while they were participating in the event that had been organized for them. Our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Singh for guiding the Upper Elementary children as to how to organize the event. Excelsior values parents’ involvement in all activities and we look forward to further opportunities in which parent - school partnership strengthens.

It was on the 4th of September that all the teachers were handed over the beautiful sentiments that their students had conveyed in their writings for them. We all concluded the day with lunch for all the teachers.

“Good teachers have a special place, in every child’s heart.

*Because in this game of life,
They’ve helped them get their start.”*

-Anonymous.



Celebrating Teachers Day



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