

Past month Highlights
Project -Past Civilizations and Empires

Class: 6A and 6B

03rd September- 27th September 2019

Highlighted activities of the Month

Environmental Studies

As a part of the project, students shared what they understood about historical evidences, existence of river valley civilizations and how human being evolved from wandering to settlements. Students conducted extensive research on various archaeological sources and found mummies interesting as it involved incredible pyramids! Students enjoyed learning about the Egyptian Civilization, the societies existent in this period, their gods, monuments, lifestyle etc. They compared the religious beliefs, Gods, city planning, buildings, occupations of Egyptian and Indus Valley civilizations. They also discussed the spread of civilizations in light of new reports of Indus valley civilization. The project ended with a beautiful culmination admired by one and all.



Mathematics

Students learnt the concept of operations on integers and researched on major events during the four main ancient river valley civilizations. They marked the civilizations on the time line and calculated the age of these events using the knowledge of integers.

Students demonstrated their understanding of duration of different civilisations by constructing bar graphs.

They observed angles in their surroundings and classified them. They also learned how to draw bisectors of angles. They also calculated the measure of angles formed by various daily life objects, for eg. Hands of the clock, fan regulator etc.

English

The students enjoyed reading the book "The adventures of the missing dancing girl", with new note taking techniques. The grammar concept of Subject Verb Agreement was revised through recapping various rules of the same and practicing in the worksheet. The students were then asked to write an informal letter as their performance task, after recapping the format and the purpose of the same.

Hindi

During the chapter 'Bharat ki Vastukala' the children were very curious to know about 'Kala' and specially about the Indian Vastukala. They researched for various monuments like Ajanta and Alora, Tajmahal, Minakshi Temple and many more. Children wrote their own poems, essays and made models.

Gujarati

The children read the chapter - 'Thaga Thaiya karu chhu.' They learnt samanartha, viruddhartha, shabda samooch mate ek shabd. They drew a picture of the bird and wrote related sentences.

ICT

Students learnt to manage files and folders in a computer and to search an unknown file. They were taught about file extensions. They learned advanced formatting and features of MS word, they enjoyed creating birthday cards and learned how to send it to many people with the concept of mail merge. Students also learned to create address book and source document in MS Excel.

Co - Curricular Activities:

Celebrations:

- Teacher's Day
- International Literacy Day
- Hindi Divas
- International Day of Democracy
- International day of Peace
- World Car free day
- World Tourism Day

Sports:

- **Football:** Controlling the ball- It is related to passing the drills but focusing only on controlling the ball with foot (inside foot, outside foot lays part), thigh, chest, head. Children did it in pairs and in group of 3's and 4's by passing the ball and following the pass.
- **Athletics and games:** Children practised 100 m sprint with the help of starting block. They also practised long strides for 100 m race.
- **Yoga:** Children practised for different asanas to get agility, balance. Yogic stretching exercises were also done by children.
- **Karate:** The students learnt upper and lower punches. They also learned front kick and groin kick.

Visual Arts: Children were divided into groups and they themselves discussed to make different models such as Egyptian pyramid, seals, the mummy, etc. They were guided to complete their models. They showed lot of enthusiasm while making their models.

Performance Arts:

- **Music:** The students learnt different scales and focussed on G, C and D scale in guitar and C scale in keyboard. They also practised C major, G major, A minor, E minor and G7 chords in guitar and EM minor and A minor in keyboard. Keyboard children applied their skills by playing national anthem and 'Happy Birthday'. Children in vocal practised their skill of singing by learning to sing German songs.
- **Dance:** Children were introduced to different Indian dance forms like Manipuri and Kathak. They also learnt dance steps like 'villebounce' and 'ponderiver'.
- **Drama:** The students created a role card of their characters and learnt to create a script by writing the dialogues for their play.

Extra-curricular Activities:

Self enrichment - Students culminated their module on 'Smarter Ways' by setting goals for themselves to develop healthy habits. They began with their new module 'Challenges in growing up' where they were introduced to the topic of puberty and the physical, social, and emotional changes which puberty leads to; they also discussed various strategies to deal with these changes. Students also explored the concept of gender roles, its impact on their everyday life, and their ideas and thoughts associated with the concept.

Enrichment Cluster:

- **"School Marketing Project"**- The children of this cluster are now learning to collect data to understand the marketing approach followed in their own school. The children also researched by conducting interview of different types of parents. With these collected data, the students were ready to analyse the data by doing SWOT analysis. SWOT analysis enabled students to understand strengths and opportunities of Redbricks school. It catered to their understanding as how useful this framework is for analysing the organisation's threats and also taking the greatest possible advantage of opportunities available to the school.
- **Block Printing:** Children traced their final designs on the given foam sheet and created the block by cutting it with paper cutter. They found it bit challenging to understand which part is to be retained and which part is to be discarded. They came up with really good designs and were then ready to print on their final products.

- **Financial Literacy:** The students were given some real life experience of budgeting. They were also taught about investments and savings and importance of the same. The children geared up for the village visit to take the interview of the villagers to understand their literacy about the finance.

House Activity:

As the part of the Janmashtami celebration, the students participated in an inter house pot decoration competition, where they decorated the pots and at the end they were displayed.



Students reflection:

- **Aditya:** "The religious practices are so similar in all the three civilizations."
- **Hiya:** "The medical science in ancient Egypt was even more advanced than present times."
- **Harshil:** "How people used to survive in ships for months and what they used to trade? "
- **Pratyush:** "Why do we study history? Why it is so important to know?"