

## **ANNUAL REPORT of the**

### **THE CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME 2017-2018**

***This year we launched an independent website of The Indian School Citizenship***

***Programme [www.thecitizenshipprogramme.com](http://www.thecitizenshipprogramme.com)***

***The site offers details all our events and activities. It also contains videos of skits and short films presented by students. Thus far the website has had over 1,60,000 hits! The site is also linked to our Instagram account and Facebook page.***

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Earth Day had our students decorate paper bags with pictures and messages on ways to preserve Mother Earth. This exercise was enabled in collaboration with some prominent shops in the vicinity of our School which handed out these attractive bags to customers with their purchases.

In July 2017, we conducted a workshop to empower over 15 underprivileged trainees at the Dakshinpuri Centre of the Delhi Council for Child Welfare, with the skill of crafting tea lights for sale. The girls and our students together prepared over 1,000 tea lights!

In November 2017, we revisited the Dakshinpuri Centre and conducted a workshop with 20 girls to teach them how to prepare scented jar candles for sale at their stall at the American Embassy School Fair.

A collection drive for used text books of our students, yielded substantial resources for donation to the Sri Guru Nanak Girls' Inter College, Ghaziabad, at the beginning of the academic session.

In October 2017, we again received a generous response to our appeal for a collection drive for garments, food items and utensils for Palna at Parent- Teacher meetings held around Diwali.

### **SPOTFIX**

Through the academic session, we participated in 8 'spot fix' sessions to help restore and beautify our city. The areas covered were vandalised spaces beneath the Moolchand Flyover, at, Amar Colony, the Ashram Flyover, at Andrews Ganj, the Sapna Cinema bus stop and the metro pillars near Lady Sriram College. Students of classes 6-11 actively participated in these events.

### **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AT NEARBY MCD SCHOOL**

The teachers of our junior classes put together worksheets and a syllabus in Hindi as curriculum, to teach good Citizenship at a nearby MCD school in Andrews Ganj. Students also visited the school to conduct a lesson on 'Unity in Diversity' for classes 4 and 5. We distributed toothbrushes to the children as part of the personal hygiene class.

In November, students of our School presented a nukkad natak-' SAY NO TO CRACKERS' at a special assembly.

The Foundation School similarly presented a nukkad natak on the values taught by Gandhiji.

Students also conducted an effective campaign, ' SAY NO TO CRACKERS' at various neighbourhood MCD and SDMC schools before Diwali.

### **WORKSHOPS BY GUEST SPEAKERS**

On 1st September,2017, a talk was organised for students of classes 10 and 11 on the legal implications of misuse of the social media. Lead speaker, Mr. Sumit Nagpal from the organisation, SPREADLAW, spoke at length about the consequences of even casually posting, 'liking', commenting or sharing information on the social media. Students were informed about relevant articles of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and penalties under the same.

A motivational talk by Ms. Vanshaja Shukla was held on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Ms. Shukla described her life as a cancer survivor. She said the ' lows' 'in life reveal the true strength of one's character. We often lend too much significance to what is past or what the future holds-that in between we miss out on, mostly.

A workshop on air pollution control was organised by New Delhi Nature Society for classes 4-8 on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. Mr Verhaen Khanna ( alumni of our Dchool) and 5 volunteers visited our School to spread awareness on how students can contribute to better air quality especially during Diwali.

On Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018, a talk was conducted on the topic, “Preservation and Conservation of Delhi’s Heritage” by Mr. Ratish Nanda, famed conservation architect and CEO, The Aga Khan Trust for Culture. He was accompanied by Ms. Sangya Chaudhary, Director, The Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development.

On Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018, students of classes 8 and 9 witnessed a soul stirring performance by 24 students of the Dramatics Society of Lady Sriram College on a subject that has drawn a lot of attention recently – body shaming.

### **SHRAM DAAN**

The spirit of Shram Daan is to support a worthy cause, not with charity but by a loving contribution of personal time and effort.

With the guidance of the teachers of our pre primary teachers and the chemistry lab, year round activity transpired- teaching students to craft Shram Daan products like candles and Diyas especially at Diwali time. Students mastered the techniques of producing candles, tea lights and earthen diyas, packaging them and managing their quality control. All the items were on display and for sale at the Shram daan counters. These came in for special appreciation by parents. We gifted these products packed as hampers to our guest speakers and special guests at School through the year.

### **CLASSROOM CURRICULUM**

In addition to class syllabus, children of classes 6-11 were shown videos on the following topics followed by a discussions.

**A boat carrying 500 refugees sunk at sea – The story of two survivors by Melissa Fleming**

**How we are using drones to deliver blood and save lives in Africa by Keller Rinaudo**

**A talk on mobile phone addiction by Sandeep Maheshwari**

**Britain does owe reparations by Shashi Tharoor**

**Arunima Sinha – On top of the world**

**A broken body is not a broken person by Janine Shepherd**

### **COLLABORATION WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SCHOOL 6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

The Indian Studies Department of The American Embassy School (AES) invited The Citizenship Programme of our School to host the opening assembly of their ANNUAL INDIA WEEK on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Students and teachers prepared a power packed performance and showcased it to an audience consisting of parents and students of The American Embassy School. In the following week, our students and teachers worked with junior classes and put up a joint show at the closing assembly on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018. This was a memorable occasion and the programme left a lasting impact on the students and teachers of The American Embassy School.

We expect to work on other projects on social causes, jointly with The American Embassy School in the next academic session too.