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Dr V Datta presenting a memento to Ms Sanaya Nariman

S 1 ORIENTATION

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School Orientation Programme for the parents of the upcoming batch of the students of S1 was organised at Modern School, Barakhamba Road, on Thursday 28th March 2019.

The event started with an enlightening talk by Dr Sanaya Nariman, Member of the Governing Body, Miranda House, University of Delhi. She enlightened the parents with the modus operandi that will

lead to the positive development of a child's personality. To realise the child's full potential and comprehensible growth is a task, which should be executed by parents and teachers alike, was strongly stressed by her.

Mr Pavan Duggal, Advocate and Founder Chairman, International Commission on Cyber Security Law, spoke on the perils of technology and made the parents aware about the possible threats of cyber bullying and social media.

Mr J.P. Singh, Sr. Advocate and Mediator, introduced the concept of mediation/ negotiation i.e. problem solving methodology amongst students, without any help



from an elder. The parents were motivated to inculcate conflict resolving skills in their wards.

Our Principal Dr Vijay Datta, formally welcomed the grandparents and parents present at the event. He



Principal Dr Vijay Datta with Dr Sanaya Nariman, Mr Pawan Duggal and Mr J.P.Singh

He further said that the students ought to be inspired to be strong and resilient, believing in the power of one. He elaborated on the idea of holistic education. In his riveting presentation, the School's ideals and numerous activities were elaborately showcased. Dr Datta also explained the variegated parts of life skills which are an integral part of a child's growth at Modern. The concept of Emotional Intelligence was highlighted along with the incorporation of scientific attitude in academics.

The event also witnessed a remarkable musical rendition by the students of the Western Music Club, 'Synchronicity' who played 'Eye of the Tiger' and 'Wavin' Flag' – a fusion where rhythm and melodies met the soul. The Orientation Programme culminated with a Vote of Thanks, at the end of the session. The parents were appreciative of the event and complimented how it would help them to be a good parent to their kids.

PEER PROGRAMME

The Peer Programme held at Modern School, Barakhamba Road on 22nd March 2019, emphasised on the concept of 'Conflict Resolution' by means of mediation amongst the students. The Principal Dr Vijay Datta, spoke about the challenges of living in an unequal society. He spelt out the topic for the workshop and introduced the guests.



Dr Vijay Datta with the esteemed guests

Ms Shivani Kaul, former teacher Raghubir Singh Junior Modern School, spoke about the concept of 'Mediation,' which lays emphasis on resolving various conflicts amongst students through mediation or negotiation. She stressed on the idea of making students



self reliant in assessing their conflicts and finding resolutions.

Taking the idea further, Ms Sadhana Ramachandran, Advocate and Mediator, elaborately introduced the concept of negotiation. She spoke about the importance of learning skills to deal with problems and to communicate with others to find good and happy solutions that suit each and everyone. Ms Ramachandran also elaborated on the legalities and technicalities of the Right to Education Act.

Sr. Advocate and Mediator, Mr J.P. Singh, rightly pointed out that mediation should not be equated with counselling. He pointed that the mediation skills should be inculcated in the students at an early age to help them arrive at solutions themselves.

Ms Veena Ralli, Advocate and Mediator, spoke about co-existence and introduced the 'Pilot Project,' comprising role-play as one of its parts. She emphasised that communication is very necessary to resolve our problems in a fair and effective manner. She also stressed on the pivotal role of teachers' supervision to assess the problem solving methodology in students in a comprehensible manner.

Mr Sumit Chander, Advocate and Mediator, further stressed on the teaching methodology and said that it should be a continuous endeavour that children employ conflict resolving methods. The programme also had a 'Q & A' round, where the teachers presented their viewpoints and also cleared their doubts to execute the 'Peer Programme' of mediation in the most effective manner amongst students.

TRIP TO CHENNAI AND PUDUCHERRY

The School organized a trip for 41 students of S1 from 23rd to 27th March 2019 escorted by teachers and guides to Chennai and Puducherry in Tamil Nadu. In Chennai, the children enjoyed at the famous Marina Beach. The next day, the children reached Puducherry where they got an opportunity



S1 students with their teachers in Chennai

to enjoy the beauty of the town. Besides surveying the masterfully constructed intricately carved temples and shopping at the markets, the students also visited the beach, the French Colony, Auroville and the Aurobindo Ashram.



On the final day, the children were taken to the historic township of Mahabalipuram where they learnt about the history of the Pallavas , marvelled at the majestic *rathas*, the interesting and one of a kind boulder architecture, as well as the ancient tales of Gods and rulers of the region. The trip was truly exciting and provided an enriching experience for our children.

TRIP TO JAIPUR AND SARISKA

Modern School, Barakhamba Road organised an educational tour to Jaipur and Sariska for three nights and four days for students of Class S2 from 24th to 27th March 2019.



S2 students and teachers in Jaipur

The trip started with a fun filled bus journey accompanied by five teachers: Ms Anuradha Bhatia, Ms Priyanka Saini, Ms Mansi Kumar, Ms Dale Sharma and Ms Megha Darira. On reaching Jaipur students headed for the famous ‘Chokhi Dhaani’- a unique village resort that offers a blend of traditional and modern amenities in the ethnic environment where students relished their meals in Rajasthani style. Students also visited the famous Amer Fort, Jantar Mantar and the City Palace. Their experience at the Fort and Palace was rewarding and educative. They explored the city markets and its varied milieu. Their next destination was Sariska, located in the Alwar district of Rajasthan. The excitement amongst the students was palpable despite the scorching heat. Fun activities were organised for children post lunch followed by an adventurous day.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Jungle Safari organized for them the next morning. They saw several magnificent creatures like crocodiles, peacocks, spotted deer, Nilgai, Sambar deer and snakes. It was a trip to remember where memories were made and bonds were created.