

CBSE SEMESTER 1 NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's Desk

As we embark into a new academic year 2023 - 2024, I am filled with gratitude and excitement to welcome our students, staff & parents. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents for entrusting us your precious children. Your unwavering support and trust in our institution are the cornerstones of our success.

I want to remind you dear children of the incredible power that resides within each one of you. You possess untapped potential, boundless creativity, and the ability to shape your own destinies. Education is the key that unlocks the doors to this potential, and it is in your hands.

With great happiness, I wish to say that students embraced this new academic session with enthusiasm and determination. Students are in the process of learning that every challenge they encounter is an opportunity for growth. Their ability to persevere and learn from these experiences will define their path to success.

Manchester International School reminds students that in times when the path seems steep, they are not alone. Our school community is here to support them, and their fellow students are their companions in this journey. Together, students are a force to be reckoned with, capable of achieving greatness.

But beyond academic excellence, students are also made to focus on character and values, being kind, compassionate, and respectful to one another. In doing so, they not only enrich their own lives but also create a positive and harmonious environment for learning and growth.

We, the teaching community have utmost faith in students' abilities. We believe in students' capacity to overcome challenges, excel academically, and make a positive impact in the world.

With unwavering belief in your potential

Ms Lalitha P
Principal
CBSE

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

The new academic year started on June 12, 2023 with an impressive ceremony carrying the solemnity and serenity of a new beginning for grades 6-12. The Assembly was formally inaugurated by the Head of School, Mr. Rajesh Vasudevan and the academic heads along with student representatives symbolizing the co-constructed journey of education. It was a memorable day that left a lasting impression.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Back-to-School event for the Primary school commenced on June 14, 2023 with great pomp and merriment. Mickey mouse, Minnie mouse and Donald duck mascots were seen at the gates, and in pathways of the primary school floor, dancing and hopping with the students. They, in a jiffy, were transported to the world of happiness. The formal Assembly was inaugurated by the Head of School and the academic heads kick started the year of fear-free fun-filled learning. Music and Dance by the respective departments added delight and exuberance to the day and beyond.





SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



School assembly is conducted on the first Monday of every month. This assembly is presided by our Principal Mrs. P. Lalitha. It aims not only in the gathering of students and sharing directions but also sharing responsibility among the classmates and develops organizing skills. This assembly besides the formal programme comprises dance /skit based on the specific theme for assembly. The theme by Grade 11 was "Guru Purnima & Road Safety", Grade 9 was "Importance of Education" and Grade 8 was "First Aid".



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

This year's Leadership Development Programme was launched by the Head of School Mr. Rajesh Vasudevan on June 17, 2023. Students were walked through the LDP giving them the facets of 21st leadership competencies for creating a generation that will create 22nd century parents. The leadership curriculum co-constructed by the teachers and students is not a manual giving them instructions as to how to be and what to be; instead, it gave them tasks to ponder on "Why to be?"



YOGA DAY

Yoga day at Manchester international school was observed on June 21, 2023 in the most solemn ceremony. Students from grades 1-12, performed the sun salutation with so much accuracy and perfection, streamlining the body, the mind and the self. Yoga postures for enhancing concentration, for maintaining balance, both physically and emotionally were also performed with great devotion. Rhythmic yoga, extracting various postures and movement from the Indian dance was the highlight of the day.



WORLD MUSIC DAY



The vibrant and melodious celebration of World Music Day was held on June 21, 2023. Our school transformed into a hub of musical creativity, bringing together students, teachers, and staff to celebrate the rich tapestry of music from around the world. It was a day when our school resonated with the sounds of diverse cultures and musical traditions. We hope that this celebration has ignited or rekindled a love for music in the hearts of our students, encouraging them to continue exploring this universal language.

Creative Writing workshop titled - Breaking the Block- was led by our Head of School on June 22, 2023. The session was for Middle School students; the need for such a workshop, as highlighted by the Head of School, was to bring them back from a culture of distraction to a culture of thinking, reflecting and creating. The interactive session was full of questions to our Head of School, who reiterated the fact that writing as a skill has long disappeared. He urged the teachers to allow the students to be more open minded, creative and inquirers in their process of learning.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP "BREAKING THE BLOCK"





NATIONAL DOCTORS DAY

A Greeting Card Making Event was conducted for grades 6-8 on Saturday, July 1, 2023 to express their gratitude for the untiring efforts of Doctors. Doctors play a pivotal role in our lives, providing medical expertise, care, and comfort during times of illness and distress. A video on the biography of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy was screened to the students. National Doctors' Day acknowledges the sacrifices doctors make and the significant impact they have on public health and well-being.



WORLD PAPER BAG DAY

The World Paper Bag day was celebrated on July 12, 2023 to spread awareness about pollution and encourage the use of environment-friendly alternatives. Paper bag making competition was conducted for Grades 1 to 8 under the theme "If you are 'fantastic', Do Something 'dramatic' To Cut The 'Plastic', Use 'Paper Bags'." The participants took part in the competition to show how much they love nature, focussing on the SDG Goal 13 - Climate Action. The day came to an end with positive energy.





“GO GREEN” RALLY

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On July 11, 2023 the Grade 2 students of MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL organized a vibrant and inspiring rally with the theme "Go Green." The aim of this rally was to raise awareness about environmental conservation among the students, staff, and visitors on the school campus. The event was a significant step towards fostering a sense of responsibility and encouraging sustainable practices in the young minds of the school community.

The dedication and enthusiasm displayed by the students showcased their commitment to preserving the planet and highlighted their potential as future environmental stewards in the upkeep of SDG Goal 13 - Climate Action. Through their creative initiatives and thoughtful messages, the grade 2 students effectively conveyed the importance of individual and collective actions in creating a greener and healthier world. The rally's impact will continue to resonate within the school community, fostering a culture of environmental awareness and responsibility for years to come.

120th Birthday celebration of Karmaveerar Kamarajar



The 120th Birthday celebration of the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Karmaveerar Kamarajar was celebrated on July 15, 2023 to make the students know his contributions to education, social welfare, and the overall development of the state. It was a great experience and exposure for the students to learn about a great leader of our country. The celebration incorporated various activities and initiatives that highlighted the values and principles advocated by Kamarajar. Grades 6-8 students participated in various competitions such as Elocution, Essay Writing, and Drawing as part of the celebration. Grade 8 students enacted a skit to bring out Kamarajar's service which helped in commemorating the great personality.

Intramural Literary Events held on July 18, 2023 brought great enthusiasm to the minds of learners. The younger students, from grades 1 to 5, took center stage with their vibrant and heartwarming poem recitations. Their choice of poems ranged from the whimsical to the thought-provoking, showcasing their emotional depth and artistic expression. Students from grades 6 to 9 left the audience spellbound with their captivating narratives. Each storyteller spun a tale that transported the listeners to different worlds, offering a glimpse into their boundless imagination. Declamation refers to the act of delivering a passionate, eloquent, and often dramatic speech or oration, typically before an audience. grades 11 & 12 participated in the declamation competition and have covered a wide range of topics, from social issues and political matters to literary works and personal experiences. The enthusiastic youngsters contested in these competitions, which paved the way for their next level of learning.

INTRAMURAL LITERARY EVENTS



PARENTS TEACHERS MEETING

The Parents-Teachers Meeting (PTM) for grades 1 to 12 was held on August 5, 2023. Parents from grades 1 to 12 attended the meeting for this academic year and discussed the academic progress and overall development of their ward. An exclusive PTM was conducted on September 7, 2023 for grades 10 & 12 to discuss the study strategies, important dates, and the significance of board exams in determining future prospects. Parents were encouraged to share any concerns or challenges their children were facing. Teachers provided solutions and strategies to address these concerns, both academically and personally. Parents were appreciative of the guidance provided by teachers and expressed their commitment to support their children's education.



RALLY ON BENEFITS OF CONSUMING NUTRITIOUS FOOD



A rally aimed to educate students, teachers, and staff members about the benefits of consuming nutritious food and the positive impact it can have on overall well-being was held in our campus organized by Grade 1 students on July 14, 2023. It focused on the SDG 3 on Good Health & Well Being. It was also to encourage students to make informed choices about their food.

Fancy-Dress Competition "Handloom- an Indian Legacy"



A Fancy-Dress Competition was conducted on August 7, 2023 for grades 1-5 under the theme "Handloom - an Indian Legacy", to create awareness about the weaving industry. Students dressed up as National leaders added charm to the event. The highlight of the competition was that it focused on SDG Goal 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth, and all the participants came dressed in costumes made from handloom.

QUIZ CONTEST

On August 8, 2023, our school organized an exciting quiz contest focussing on the theme of "Know Your Country" for students from grades 1 to 7 and Science, Technology, Sports, Literature & Current Affairs for grades 8, 9 & 11. Quiz encourages intellectual growth, teamwork, and constructive competition while attempting to enhance a student's general knowledge and cognitive abilities. The goal of encouraging knowledge, teamwork, and healthy competition among students was successfully attained, making it a resounding success.





ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

In order to mark International Literacy Day on September 08, 2023, our school has organised an essay writing competition under the theme "Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies" for students of grades 1-5 focussing on the SDG Goal 4 - Quality Education to raise awareness of the importance of literacy for individuals and communities. This particular day reminds us of the significance of literacy for one's dignity and it is the fundamental human right of every person to have the right to education. It also focuses on advancing the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society.

HINDI DIWAS

Hindi Diwas was celebrated on September 14, 2023 and holds immense significance in our country as it marks the day when Hindi was adopted as one of India's official languages. This day provides us with an opportunity to pay homage to our linguistic diversity and the unifying power of the Hindi language. Our students of grades 6-9 participated in this celebration and recited Hindi poems, delivered speeches, and presented skits showcasing the importance of Hindi in our daily lives. These performances highlighted the versatility and poetic charm of the language.



77th Independence Day



On August 15, 2023, Manchester International School proudly celebrated 77th Independence Day, marking 76 years of freedom. The official ceremony commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by our Correspondent Mrs. Priya Moorthy which was followed by the elegant March Past by members of the Chetak, Sarangi, Pankti and Kantaka Houses, and The School's Scouts and Guides. Primary school students demonstrating diversity were dressed in various Indian States costumes and they led the parade. The school choir and members of the Dance Club added grace and rhythm to the event.

ONAM AND RAKSHA BANDHAN

Manchester International School celebrated two festivals, Onam and Raksha Bandhan on August 25, 2023 which are an integral part of the cultural heritage of India. The festivities were conducted with grandeur and devotion, allowing students to experience a glimpse into a past era that they may have only read, heard, or seen in literature or media. These celebrations were organized to provide students with a chance to explore and learn about different cultures.



TEACHERS' DAY AND SRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI

September 5, 2023 was a busy day at Manchester International School! It is with great joy and reverence that we share with you the unique and spiritually uplifting celebration that took place at our school, combining the observance of Teachers' Day and the auspicious occasion of Sri Krishna Janmashtami. We aimed to reinforce the idea that education is not limited to textbooks but also encompasses the teachings of great spiritual leaders and philosophers. Both Teachers' Day and Sri Krishna Janmashtami underscore the values of knowledge, humility, respect, and devotion, which are integral to the holistic development of our students.



THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony of the Batch of 2023-24 was held on September 8, 2023, in the school auditorium, a momentous occasion that signifies the passing of the torch of leadership and the acceptance of responsibility among our students. The Correspondent Mrs. Priya Moorthi was the guest of honour of the day and the Head of school Mr. Rajesh Vasudevan presided over the session. The School Council led by Sri Gauranga of Grade 11 took an oath to uphold the values and principles of our school in the solemn ceremony witnessed by the members of the Parent Advisory Board, Faculty Members and Students from across the school.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS



PRESIDENT: SRI GAURANGA B (GRADE 11)
VICE PRESIDENT: TANISHKA K (GRADE 11)
VICE PRESIDENT - ACTIVITIES: UDHAYAA M (GRADE 11)
VICE PRESIDENT - SPORTS: AYDHA NAVAS (GRADE 11)

PROGRAMME REPRESENTATIVE:
GRADES 1-5: ANIRUDH KRISHNAN S (GRADE 5)
GRADES 6-10 : ADVIK VIJAY (GRADE 8)
GRADES 11-12 : DHANESHWAR N R (GRADE 11)

HOUSE CAPTAIN: VISHAAL M (GRADE 11)
VICE CAPTAIN: SHARAN S (GRADE 9)
JUNIOR CAPTAIN: JAIWANT A (GRADE 5)



HOUSE CAPTAIN: EPSIBA ANGELIN (GRADE 11)
VICE CAPTAIN: RITHANYA K (GRADE 9)
JUNIOR CAPTAIN: RAVYA (GRADE 5)

HOUSE CAPTAIN: MUGESH M (GRADE 11)
VICE CAPTAIN: THARIKA A R (GRADE 8)
JUNIOR CAPTAIN: PRAJAN G (GRADE 5)



HOUSE CAPTAIN: NATASHA GRACE MATHEWS (GRADE 11)
VICE CAPTAIN: UZMA M (GRADE 8)
JUNIOR CAPTAIN: AUDVIK G (GRADE 5)

INTRAMURAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Intramural sports have long been a cherished tradition at our school, offering an opportunity for students to participate in organized sports activities within our own community. These events are designed to be inclusive, providing students of all skill levels with the chance to engage in physical activity, build teamwork skills, and enjoy the thrill of friendly competition. The diversity of options allowed students to explore new interests and discover hidden talents. It was heartwarming to witness the camaraderie and support students offered to each other, whether they were celebrating victories or encouraging each other during challenging moments.



FIELD TRIP

GASS FOREST MUSEUM - VISIT



Field Trips provide hands-on, experiential opportunities to the students that help them connect their classroom learning with the real world.

To enhance the learning experience, our Grade 1 and Grade 2 students visited the Gass Forest Museum as a part of their curriculum on September 14, 2023.

Students were enthralled to visit the Museum as they could witness the exhibits of wildlife, insects, butterflies, wooden crafts, cultural artefacts, stuffed animals and some of the arms used in the ancient period. The students were fascinated by the preserved and stuffed animals, birds, and reptiles. This field trip proved to be an enriching learning experience.

TNAU BOTANICAL GARDEN - VISIT

Our Grade 3 students visited the TNAU Botanical Garden on September 15, 2023 for their field trip as a part of their curriculum. The trip proved informative as the students could learn more about Flora. Students witnessed a Bambusetum with 15 different varieties of bamboo, a rock garden with cacti, and a palmatum with various palm species. This garden includes a diverse and abundant flora collection, both native and foreign. The students enjoyed playing on the swings and colorful slides, which added flavour to the trip.





REGIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTRE - VISIT

Our Grades 4 and 5 students visited the Regional Science Research Centre, Coimbatore, on 19 September 2023. They explored concepts related to Force and Energy, such as Archimedes Well and Foucault's pendulum. The students also explored the simple machines related to "How things work". They enjoyed visiting the "Hall of Textile" equipped with the weaving machines from the olden days till now. The weaving process demonstration helped the students connect with the real world. The 3D show, Inflatable Dome Planetarium, Science Demonstration Corner, and the children's activity corner provoked the innovators in them and sparked learning with fun.

DESIGNING AND BUILDING THEIR OWN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Our Grade 8 students were tasked with a unique project: designing and building their own musical instruments for the "Sound" chapter of their Physics curriculum. This project aimed to help them deepen their understanding of how sound is produced, transmitted, and manipulated while fostering their creativity and problem-solving skills. Students utilized various materials such as cardboard, PVC pipes, strings, rubber bands, paper cups and recycled items to construct their instruments. Each student took the stage, proudly introducing their instrument, explaining its design and construction, and demonstrating how it produced sound.

