

SCHOOL VOICE 3

Namaste Parents,

We are almost at the tail end of the academic year. The year which was full of many “new ventures” like the CBSE affiliation, visits by experts like musicians, dancers and writers and the “Samovar”, a meeting which gave us a spiritual experience. It was heartening to see all participating, listening attentively and maintaining the ambiance created by the positive atmosphere. Of course, the different flavours of tea added to the serenity. We received wonderful feedback from some of the parents which assured us that the event has struck a chord deep inside. We would definitely want to organize more such meetings.

The other major highlight of the month were our outstation trips. Children have shared some amazing experiences with us and would only be too happy to share more. This trip was a practice of their life skills like team work, adjustment and adaptation, tolerance, tenacity and so on and they have come out with flying colours!

You will be able to see all the major events of the same at the exhibition that we are organizing on the 1st of April in the form of images that our children and mentors have captured i.e. on the day of PTM and witness the nostalgia as kids take you down the memory lane!

You will also get to read articles about the Pachmarhi trip by [Pooja, Madhura and Dorothi Mams.](#)

PROJECT BASED LEARNING is a tool which helps children get a well-rounded view of things. It helps children analyse things and then also synthesize them in order to see them as one. Some of our senior teacher stalwarts like Urvee ma’am have been conducting PBL for the last few years and would like to share her experience of it. [So, do read more about the PBL in her write up on our SMIS blog.](#)

The YPC exam for the prep section was a great learning for students as well as mentors. Here is the write up by our senior expert mentor [Bhavisha ma’am](#) about her insights of YPC.

The year always ends (unfortunately) with the exams. Exams are a tool for assessment not only for the students but also for the mentors as well as the school. Only to that extent, exams have their importance.

In our school, exam is not something children should be worried about, as they go through continuous assessment all year round. If a child is stressed during exams, the focus shifts from performance to marks and this in turn affects the performance. Children often complain of aches and pains, are irritable or eat too much or too little. These signs and symptoms are a cue for us to know that something is bothering them. Have a little chat with your child, go for a walk, put on some soothing music, etc. to calm the nerves.

Most important is to assure the child that *“Whether you score less or more in exams, we will still love you the same way as before”*. There are many other areas in which children’s work is observed and

sometimes these observations may bring to our notice amazing and surprising talents in children, which can then be further developed.

Recently we came across an article; the article was about the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' but the incident narrated by the writer says a lot about the ['image' that people outside India have about Indians.](#)

As we welcome the New Academic year, we look forward to more meaningful and fun-filled activities. The school, the parents and the students team up and make it yet another memorable year!