



# PGP International School

## *Nurturing Global Leaders!*

### **PGPIS News - Bimonthly – June – July 2013**

We are very glad to bring to you our first issue of bimonthly newsletter. The last two months were filled with lot many events. Every day at PGPIS is power packed with new, innovative and breakthrough events to boost the scholastic and co-scholastic talents of the students. To make possible all these the management has brought in a new team of educators, who are experienced and exposed to CBSE environs at different parts of the country. Under the visionary guidance of Mrs. & Dr. Palani G. Periasamy the School is leaping ahead to help the Namakkal community to provide their children a world-class education at their doorstep at a very affordable cost. Here is a brief report of the school activities for the last two months.

#### **Scholastic Area:**

- **Staff Induction Programme:** New academic session has begun for the educators on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2013. The school has organised an Induction Programme for six days (27<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013) for all the academic staff to abreast them on the PGPIS Vision, Mission, philosophy, teaching pedagogies and CBSE's CCE pattern. In-house and outsourced resource persons addressed the educators on different days. Mr. Ganapathy, CD, PGP Colleges; Dr. Mohamed Sheriff, Principal, PGP College of Education and Mr. Radhakrishnan, Principal, PGPIS were among the dignitaries who guided the educators on these days. On the final day of the induction programme Mr. Loganathan, CEO, briefed the educators on PGP policies. Induction programme culminated with the distribution of schedules, duties, staff appraisal formats and SOPs to the educators.
- **Curriculum Planning and Intensive Content Preparation & Micro-teaching:** When the Tamil Nadu government postponed school reopening date to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013; we got one more week to sharpen the saw. We resourcefully used 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June for curriculum planning. Subject and language teachers prepared their respective lesson contents and even involved in micro-teaching to rectify and polish their facilitating skills in the classroom. All these exercises helped to build rapport and team spirit among the existing and new staff.
- **Reopening Day:** On 10th June 2013 School reopened for the students. A small programme was presented in the morning assembly by the educators and was well appreciated by everyone. Principal has addressed the assembly and welcomed the students and teachers. In his speech, he has briefed the various scholastic and co-scholastic programmes the school is planning to launch in the coming days. He spoke at length, the need to dream and the paths to succeed. He congratulated the toppers of AISSE March 2013 exam toppers who scored 10/10 CGPA. In the afternoon Scholastic and Co-



**Opening Day - Welcome Shot!**

scholastic programme schedule for the month of June and July was distributed to the students.

- **First Formative Assessment:** To improve the paper-pen test skills and also to gauge the comprehension level of the content part taught, class tests, open book tests, multiple choice question tests and unit tests were organised in the month of June & July. The process of first formative assessment will continue and end in August. Students' scores in these tests were pooled and analysed and wherever necessary remedial measures were planned and executed. Focus of questions asked in these tests were not at all for presenting by-hearted answers but for honing the essential skills of analysis, critical thinking, problem solving, creative writing and choosing the best alternative.
- **IIT-JEE – Foundation Test Series:** Keeping in mind the highly competitive world of entrance exams our students have to face after Grade XII, PGPIS has designed its own integrated teaching strategies and contents to train and prepare the students for IIT-JEE. Weekly mock/practice tests were conducted for all students' right from Grade VI to XI. Scores of these tests too were recorded and analysed for understanding the progress of the students. Many new books related to IIT-JEE and NEET were procured and included into the PGPIS Library reference stock for the students to borrow.
- **Second Formative Assessment:** This assessment focuses on multi-tasking skills of the learners. While the lessons are in progress teachers have to use different tools such as seminars, discussions, open forums, field trips, model making, ICT, web quests, quizzing, music, dramatics, dance, sports, art and craft, interdisciplinary projects and assignments to make learning and assessments easy and stress less. Here assessment is not for 'finding fault and branding', but for resolving the problems students face while the learning is in progress. As part of this assessment PGPIS has undertaken an interdisciplinary project called



Submission of nomination forms

Voters out of the polling booth



'Election system'. Through various activities all subjects are interlinked to the main concept. Project began on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013, with the announcement of election schedule by the School Election Commissioner, followed by nomination, electioneering, polling, exit poll result, interviews, debates, street plays, poster making, result declaration, result analysis, investiture ceremony and ended on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013 with the formation of School Council. Finally students are told to write and present a complete report on the same. All students very actively and enthusiastically participated and enjoyed the whole process and brushed up their multiple intelligence skills. Teachers observed each and every activity organised by the students and evaluated the students' calibre in

various areas without their knowledge and diagnosed the areas where rectification is needed in the coming months. This assessment will progress in the month of August too by using some other evaluation tools like field trips, model making, cultural evening, etc.

## Co-Scholastic Area:

- **Individual Talent Time (20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June):** This was organised in three stages.

- On 20<sup>th</sup> June **Painting/drawing/labouring talent expo** was conducted. Being an open to all event there was mass participation and all the students tried and experimented their artistic skills. On 24<sup>th</sup> June results were announced and the prize winning paintings/drawings/labourings were displayed on the soft board for everyone to see and appreciate the winners. Drummer



Our Artists at work



PGPIS Budding Drummer

- On 22<sup>nd</sup> June **Cultural talent show in dance, solo song, classical (vocal), mono act, speech, instrumentals, recitation, action songs, etc.** were organised. This event too was kept open to all students. Students participated in different items as per their interest. We were forced to devote one entire day for completing this show. Many parents too came to the school to watch the events. And the show ended with a parent-teacher musical chair. Results of the show were announced on 24<sup>th</sup> June in the morning assembly by Mr. Jarish T. D, the Secondary School

Coordinator.

- The last and final stage of Individual Talent Show was organised on 29<sup>th</sup> June with **various indoor and outdoor sports events**. Different ball games, fun games, musical games, running races, skipping, water games, etc. were organised and all students participated according to their interest. Many parents too came to watch, enjoy and participate in the events. It was really interesting and thrilling to watch the cycle race organised for LKG and UKG kids. Results of the competition were declared on 1<sup>st</sup> July by Mr. Prasannakumar, Physical Education Director.



In Sporting Action



Sharing Thoughts on Reading

- **Inauguration of Certified Level-wise Reading Programme for Grade III to XI – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013.** A special assembly was conducted for the official inauguration of the programme. The programme was started with the welcoming address by Mr. Jarish, Secondary Coordinator, followed by presentation of the book, The Fantastic Mr Fox written by Roald Dahl by Miss. Nandana of Grade VIII and a speech on the

Importance of Reading by Master Anubhav Singh of Grade XI. Mrs. Ancy, Librarian, has given a pep talk on the programme and explained in detail about the objective, rules and the certification process. Finally, the programme was officially inaugurated by Mr. Radhakrishnan, Principal, PGPIS. In his inaugural address, he narrated stories and explained the need to read and make it a lifelong habit. He impressed upon the students to enrol for the programme.



Book Presentation – The Fantastic Mr Fox

- Investiture Ceremony – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013** – Interdisciplinary Project which started on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 related to Election system ended on 27<sup>th</sup> July with the Investiture ceremony and the formation of School Council. In the morning assembly elected representatives have taken charge of their respective positions, such as Head boy, Head girl, Sports Captain and Vice-Captain, Cultural Captain and Vice-Captain, Library Prefects and Class Prefects. After the Oath taking ceremony Master Mahesh, Head Boy and Miss. Susmitha, Head Girl addressed the gathering. Principal congratulated



Investiture Ceremony

the newly elected office bearers and inspired the gathering through a brief talk on Leadership. Immediately after the program our young journalists gathered around the new school council members and forced them for a brief news conference. The questions of the journalists and the answer given by the members were really thought provoking and awesome. For students, it was indeed, a day of confidence, fulfilment and leadership!



PGPIS School Council 2013-14

- Essay writing competition (English) – VI to X – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013:** To explore the creative writing skills and level of general awareness of the students an essay writing competition was organised. The topics given were 'Global warming', 'Environmental Pollution – Causes, effects and Solutions' and 'Ideal School'. Students are allowed to choose from these topics. The essays have really proved that students are very much aware and concerned about the world in which they live. Few used the opportunity to visualise and tell the current generation, what they really meant by the 'School'. The viewpoints put forward by them are worth pondering!



Honing their creative writing skills

- **Story telling competition (English) - I to V) – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013:** While the seniors tried to write, the juniors tried to express themselves through Story telling Competition. It was really a fun-filled event. Many interesting stories were presented by the children in their own style. Some of them started with a story and ended up in another story, especially in the case of Grade I & II. Still, they thoroughly enjoyed the event. It was very difficult for the judges to decide upon the best from among the lot many stories narrated by the young ones.



- **Story writing competition (English) – VI to X – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013:** This competition was a real challenge on the imaginative, creative and language skills of the students. More than eighty per cent of the students enrolled for the competition. Most of them could come forward with really interesting and enthralling stories. If we can forget about the spellings and grammar part, we can thoroughly enjoy some of these stories written by our creative story writers. Kudos to all participants!



- **Story Reading competition – (English) – I to V – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013:** This was a very innovative competition to explore the hidden oral skills of the students. To excel in this, the participant has to get deep into the story and read each and every word/line of the story with its original feelings and emotions. For that to happen, they have to comprehend the story well. Even though many of them were first timers for this competition, they have done well, beyond the expectation of the judges. Let us put our hands together to appreciate these young talented buds of PGPIS.



All these denote one point, not even a single day goes without an activity at PGPIS. Either a final event or preparation for the next event goes on at PGPIS. The uniqueness of our school, **‘children come to school with a simple smile in the morning and leaves in the evening with a beautiful smile’**. Every day is eventful, fun-filled, knowledgeable and lingering for a long time! We, the students, teachers and the non-teaching staff, thank Mrs. & Dr. Palani G. Periasamy for visualising and establishing

such an awesome school for all of us to be part and contribute! We take this opportunity to thank our worthy parents too for their cooperation and support. We, the PGPIS Team, promise to all stake holders that lot many breakthroughs are in the pipeline to take our students to the mountain top of success and glory!

**PGPIS Team, Namakkal**

**Grow, Glow and Be Great!**