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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Science Park @ Wadala
- ◆ International Space Conference in Haryana, Panchkula
- ◆ Preparing for Excellence Day
- ◆ First Pre-Board commences from 15th Nov.
- ◆ Recitation Competition
- ◆ Asset Exam from 24th - 26th Nov' 2010 [Grade :III - X]

Communiqué from the Principal's Desk

This newsletter has opened all the vistas of my schools. We have tried to touch each and every sphere of development that has been done wholeheartedly on this campus. The top ten news at the foothill enlighten the facts briefly. Within a short span of one semester, we have succeeded to cross a few frontiers which include the ISC affiliation and establishment of Bio-tech lab. Presently the Common Wealth Games 2010 is the buzz word of media. We have also successfully organized *Ashoka Krida Mahasangram* which became the talk of the town. Our tiny-tots are strengthening the foundation by always doing colourful and cheerful activities. A taste of it is given to the readers. Our R & D cell happens to be the blockbuster of this semester which is functioning like the ice-berg of the institution and has started strengthening its roots slowly.

Our school atmosphere in this semester is bubbling with excitement as our team has received a guiding star in the form of our newly arrived director Shree Bisawajeet Mukherjee, which is a prominent feature.

In a nutshell, it gives us immense pleasure to put forth our portfolio of teamwork in the form of this newsletter. We have tried to cover maximum but still a few activities remain untouched owing to the paucity of space which our wise readers can consider it as "*unheard melodies that are always sweeter*".

Top 10 News

1. Affiliation for ISC Science, Biotech, & commerce.
2. IIT JEE through video conferencing.
3. Establishment of Research & Development committee.
4. Krida Maha Sangram @ AUS, 100 schools participated.
5. Coaching of NTSE by best faculty of Kota.
6. "Say no to Plastic" an innovative step by Chandsi.
7. Establishment of Bio-tech & Commerce Lab.
8. Laurels by the student by enticing 4th, 7th & 8th position in 'Marrs Maze Word Competition' at Thrissure.
9. Establishment of Eco Friendly Kidz Zone @ Chandsi.
10. Grand success of 'Inter School Hindi Divas Competition'.



Red Day Celebration



The Red Day celebrated on 30th June 2010 was a marvellous event. Our tiny tots made 'The Ashoka House' look awesome by wearing the red coloured clothes and added enormous charm to the programme. To make the programme look more charismatic, a slide show was presented by the educators followed by some interesting activities like colouring, sponge painting, thumb painting and collage.

"There is no way to peace, peace is the way."

Field Visit

Jr. K. G. students visited Dairy Farm to learn about animals, young ones, their shelter and importance of the dairy products.



Not only toddlers but our Grade I & II students visited a Nursery to know about the plants. Same way Grade VI & VII students visited EMU Park and learnt about the birds EMU and OSTRICH.

ENVIRONMENT DAY

A programme on environment and different food activities was organized by Ashoka House on 9th July 2010.

The children were dressed up in diverse attires viz trees, animals, birds and butterflies and a knowledgeable skit was presented by the children and teachers to explain them about the importance of trees and how to preserve the same.



Peace Day



We overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth and hatred with love. The best way is to live in peace and harmony. To imbibe this value of peace and love in the students of AUS we organized an activity by the name Peace Day on 5th August 2010.

The full ambience was white in colour spreading the message of peace everywhere. The backdrop for the programme reflected the symbol of harmony. To add some flavour to the programme, we had a Patriotic singing competition for the students of Jr.K.G wherein they showcased their singing talent.

We concluded saying
"Peace and love can conquer all things".

Janmashtami Celebration

"What we are is God's gift to us.
 What we become is our gift to God."

Our little Makhanchors and gorgeous Radhas added vigour and beauty in the premises of Ashoka House.

The celebration started with Ganesh Aradhana sung by a student Miss Jiya Unawane, followed by an energetic dance performance by the students of Jr.K.G. Everyone present there was mesmerized by the devotional song sung by Miss Shruti Boob of Sr.K.G. in praise of Lord Krishna.



Kid's Kitchen

The next interesting step was the Food activity wherein tiny tots of Nursery enjoyed preparing lemonade, the Jr.K.G kids made tasty Bhel and the young chefs from Sr.K.G prepared yummy fruit salad with their own little hands.



Kidz Zone

Language Zone: - LSRW skills for kids through play way methods

Creativity Zone: - Develop fine creative motor skills that involve the abilities to manipulate small objects, write, and paint and play musical instruments.

Number Zone: - Interesting mathematical games to develop numerical abilities.

Physical Activity Zone: - Sports and physical fitness corner for tiny tots.

Environmental Sensitivity Zone: - Learning facts related to Air, Seasons, Plants, Animals, Soil by performing experiments on their own.

Clay Modeling

Maximum Students of Class VIII to X participated with full enthusiasm in the Ganesh making competition which was organized by Urja Uva Pratisthan. Students created very attractive and innovative moods of Lord Ganesha with the use of **eco friendly** material including eco friendly colors. The idols were created with the help of **Shado Mati**.



Prizes received by →

1. Dhananjay Suryawanshi
2. Krishna Madhurkar
3. Kaveri Raka

Celebration of 63rd Independence Day

It was celebrated with the spirit of freedom and patriotism. The chief guest Chairman AUS - Shri Ashok Katariya and the guest of honor Shri Nandkumar Teni of Lokmant and Shri Nandkishor of Deshdoot received the Guard of Honour.

A cultural programme was organized by the students of Grade I & II. A skit was presented by the students who had played the role of our famous national leaders.



House wise patriotic song competition was organized on the occasion of Independence Day & the Aspiration House stood first.

Video Conferencing

Ashoka Universal School loves to provide Hi-Tech facilities to its students. Ashoka Universal School has started High Resolution Video conferencing facility for its Junior College students which give the training for IIT-JEE. Interaction with different schools not only in India but also abroad is possible through video conferencing facility. The best faculty from Resonance Kota caters to the needs of AUS students. It is indeed true amalgamation of Technology and information which is the cream of the crop in entire Maharashtra.

ENVIRONMENT DAY

"When we heal the Earth, we heal ourselves."

"Love nature, save Nature."

"The task of protecting the environment begins with ME. Even in my small actions, I have to be sensitive to the possible effects on the environment."

"Nurture Nature

for
*"Nurture Nature
Better Future."*



With this objective in mind, the tiny ones of Grade I & II, along with their educators celebrated the Environment Day on 9th July 2010.

ISC Affiliation

: Ashoka Universal School was awarded ISC affiliation and is permitted to admit students who want to take ISC curriculum for their 12th examination. Students are enrolled under the Indian School Certificate Examination. Ashoka Universal School has started its science stream for this academic session and will be launching the commerce stream next year. A unique Biotechnology laboratory is set up in the school. Students enrolling next year will get added advantage of Biotechnology as a major subject in their curriculum.

Chemistry Symposium

Science club organized a Chemistry Symposium on 18th Sep 2010 for the Class VIII – X, to understand the basic concepts of chemistry and to make them aware of the non-belief and superstitions in and around the society. Our honorable guest Dr. Sudhesh Ghoderao (M.Sc, Ph.D in Chem.) had beautifully performed different experiments in front of the children rather we can say that he had revealed the magic tricks used by Baba's and fake Guru's.

The following demonstrations were shown:

1. Lighting the lamp by using water
2. Turning water into milk.
3. Removing black magic from the person by turning lemon juice into blood.
4. Removing black magic from the person by turning red kardoda into black.
5. Identifying the things with closed eyes.
6. Identifying the black magic by sweetening the fingers.



It was proved that there is nothing but only & only Chemistry behind it.

Nature club..... Wow! What a thrill

5th July, 2010 saw the birth of the much awaited Nature Club under the guidance of our H.M. - Nandita Ma'am. The members of this club are - Mrs. Archana Yeole, Mrs. Manjusha Dixit, Mr. Mahesh Kawade and Mrs. Sangeeta Singh and the representatives from Grade IV to VIII.

The objective of this club is to gain an understanding of the environment and to be physically & spiritually involved with nature. The first activity conducted by this club, on 24th July, 2010 was a "Rain Walk" around the school as our school is situated in the heart of the nature surrounded by beautiful mountains, trees and maritime climate. All the primary students participated enthusiastically in this event. The children enjoyed scavenging during this walk and brought back various things collected by them such as - stones, leaves, shells, snails etc.

The club has planned many interesting activities during the rest of the academic year like waste management programme, basil plantation, leaf quiz contest and bird watching programme.

The club hopes to educate the children about Nature and imparts a sense of belonging to them.

Be mature and respect Nature!!!

**"Each one
plant one."**

To create an eco-friendly environment, each one of us was dressed in green, with green plants around and also a tree with beautiful birds and the rising sun to mark the occasion.

LIVE FUNGUS SAMPLE

On 28th June 2010, live sample of fungus Rhizopus was kept under the microscope. Using the wet-mount technique of the slide preparation, students of Grade I to VII could reveal complete morphology of the fungus, which exactly resembled Rhizopus species. Hyphae, sporangium, sporangiophore, and spores could be clearly seen.



LIVE BRACKET FUNGUS



Live bracket fungus was collected by the Science Department on 26th July 10 from Pandavleni and same was kept in the Science Lab from 27th July 10 onward for one week continuously. Photograph of the live bracket fungus is shown above.

PLAYING WITH STETHOSCOPE

A stethoscope was placed in the science lab for one week from 20th to 27th August 2010 in order to guide the students and help them hear the sound of their own heart beat.

KNOWLEDGE ENRICHMENT

In the science lab one green colour box has been designed and kept for the students. The purpose of this box is to enrich the students with what they want.

Student who have questions, drop the same in the green box. This box is regularly opened and the questions are passed on to the respective subject teacher. Educators answer the students in their classes.

AUS' advice - "Divorce plastic and marry paper!"

27th September, 2010 was a memorable day for Nashikites! The students and educators of Ashoka Universal School, Chandsi took a step towards fulfilling their resolution made on Teachers' Day. A massive, colourful gathering of Ashokites from Chandsi was seen in the enclosure outside Suyojit Trade Centre on Sharanpur Road, on Monday morning. The centre of attraction was an interesting street play performed by seven educators. The play was performed using the traditional and popular folk theme of "Powada"! The play highlighted mother earth's plight on having been smothered by plastic over the years and provided a long term, workable solution to rid her of her affliction.

The students being enthusiastic visited each shop, distributing paper bags and politely requesting them to use the same!



Grade I & II

Laurels achieved by Ashokites:

Skating (Group 4-6)

- Shubham Puniwala 3rd position
- Ritika Kulkarni 3rd position

Quads (Group 4-6)

- Siddhant Swan

Inline (Group 4-6)

- Aditya Somavanshi 1st position

Karate

- Kaustubh Patil (Gold Medal)
- Ishan Jawale (silver)

Chess

- Om Kulkarni 1st position
- Swati Joglekar 1st position
- Nishigandha Sawale 2nd position

Ashokites prove their talent

Ashoka Universal School secures National Level Ranks in **MARRS Maze of Words** Competition held at Thrissur, Kerala on 2nd & 3rd Oct'2010.

Mast Tejas Chordiya secured 7th rank at the National Level in their respective categories.

Miss Isha Shukla of Grade III secured 8th rank at the National Level.

Miss Lakshmi Ganatra secured 8th rank at the National Level.

Miss Aditi Das and Mast Arnav Vaishnav reached the final round and made the school proud.

The Judo ChampionState Level

Nashik District Inter School Judo Competition was organized by District Sports Officer at Chatrapati Stadium. from 4th Oct 2010 to 6th Oct 2010. Pallak Nimani below 41 weight had performed very well and has been selected for the State Level. She won the gold medal for the Divisional Level.

Divisional Level.

Nashik District Inter School Judo Competition was organized by District Sports Officer at Chatrapati Stadium. From the U14 girls team Pallak Nimani Below 41 weight, Sakshi Handge below 23, Preksha Jain Below 40 had performed very well and has been selected for the Divisional Level.

Achievements

Athletic Champs of Ashoka shine in Inter School AthleticsUnder 14 groups

Mast. Anand Samdhadiya bagged the Gold Medal in Shotput, Discuss and High Jump & Mast. Sairaj Magar won the Bronze Medal in Long Jump held in Nashik at Bhosala Military School from 4th Oct to 6th Oct 2010.

Under 16 group

Mast. Gaurav Mandlecha won the silver medal in 100mt and 200mt and Bronze medal in 400mt run.

National Level News

Riddhi Dutta football goal keeper is selected for National Level Football U17 group, which will be organized at Chandigarh. The training camps for the same will be held at Goa.

Inter School Hindi Elocution Competition

We also promote students participation in various competitions organized by other schools. An Inter school Hindi competition was organized by Kishore Suryawanshi School. The following students had participated in it:

Class	Name	Prizes
VI	Ayushi P	--
VI	Anvi R	1 st
VIII	Kajol B	2 nd
IX	Rahi M	2 nd
X	Swapnali T	--

IIO EXAM

Our twinkling stars of grade I & II appeared for the International Informatics Olympiad on 7th Oct 2010.

Chandsi State Level

Event	Winners
ABACUS VISION EDUCATION FOUNDATION, PUNE	Shravan Nawandar(II), Harsh Sawlani (III), Nakul Pawar (III), Varun Dhirwani(IV) , Pranav Gangurde (IV), Atharva Jangada (IV), Siddhi Chajjed (VI)
Marrs Maze of Words	Rutuja Tadge (II), Shifra Bhorapkar (II), Rajan Salve (VIII), Tejas Chordiya (VIII), Yash Verma (VIII)
6th Zonal Roller Skating Speed Open Championship 2010	Hazel Sanghavi(I), Gayatri Ramchandani (IV)
Championship organized by N.D.R.S.A.	Hazel Sanghavi (I), Gayatri Ramchandani (IV)
Fencing Competition, Kolhapur	Shreya Shirwadkar (Qualified for State)

Chandsi District level

Events	Winners
District Level Skating Rink Race, Nashik	Gayatri Ramchandani (IV), Atharva Jangada (V), Riddhesh Chandwadkar (VI), Rushi Kedar (VI)
Skating	Gayatri Ramchandani (IV), Hazel Sanghavi (I)
Football	Prachi Khushalani (VIII), Tanvi Deshpande (VII), Siddhi Chajjed (VII) , Shreya Torne (VII), Aditi Fulfagar (VIII), Radhika Dahale (VI), Shreya Shirwadkar (VII), Shreya Mutthukumar (VI), Swaroopa Mutthukumar (VI), Kalyani Bhamare (VII)
Karate	Sahil Bramhecha (VIII) , Rushi Kedar (VI)
Mini Marathon	Sampada Patil (III), Anushka Kokate(III), Shriya Torne (VII), Rutuja Mundaware (VII), Rajan Salve (VIII), Shubham Kokate (VIII)

English Lab

Ashoka Universal School has always been pioneers in giving their students the best possible accelerated education. Our Language Centre has provided high-tech, student-friendly facilities to help students take a command over not only written but also Spoken English, which has been as important as shelter in this competitive world.

The lab enhances the listening, speaking, reading and writing abilities of the students. The ORELL software takes care of all these things in an innovative way, with the teacher console & students console system.

School Investiture Ceremony

July 3rd 2010 witnessed the Investiture ceremony. The Captains and Vice Captains together with the Head Boy and Head Girl finally received their symbols of Investiture. The newly elected students council had passed through various stages viz., the nomination, canvassing, election, counting and declaration of the results.

The Students' Council for 2010-2011 is as headed by: Head Boy - Ayush Shah and Head Girl - Akanksha Parakh

Hindi Inter School Competition

Hindi Inter School Competition organized on 18th Sept 2010 at Ashoka Universal School [Wadala] was a splendid success.

Huge participation from various schools made the program a memorable event.

Dr. Prahlad Mourya, Dr. Bharat Singh, Dr. Shailaja Jaiswal and Mr. Hawaldar Singh were honoured as judges of the program.

The events were :

- Poetry Recitation - IV & V
- Story Telling - VI & VII
- Elocution Competition - VIII & IX
- Hasya Pratiyogita - VI to IX

Kajal Bhattacharya, Rajan Ramesh Salwe won prizes.

BIO - TECH LAB

Ashoka Universal School believes in learning by doing. Practical implementation of the knowledge gained in the school will make good foundation of the students. Keeping the tradition of High-tech laboratories our bio-tech lab is well equipped with all types of biochemical and microbiological instruments. Biotechnology which is an applied field of biology is taught even to the school students. Students are allowed to perform practicals in the laboratory. Biotech lab is specially designed to conduct a research in biology and microbiology. There are various advanced instruments like autoclave, incubator and Laminar air Flow. It is a pioneering effort of AUS to start biotechnology as a subject for Grade XI students. It is a unique lab in the whole Nashik for the junior college students.

IIT- JEE SYMPOSIUM & WORKSHOP

Ashoka Education Foundation in alliance with Resonance, Kota organized a symposium and 7 days workshop for IIT-JEE aspirants. The symposium was organized on 3rd July 2010, at Ashoka Universal School, Wadala. The key note speaker was Mr. Jaydeep Deshpande, Marketing Executive, Resonance Mumbai. Mr. Jaydeep enticed the audience with various career options available in engineering field and guided the students regarding the preparation for IIT JEE.



Research and Development Cell

Research and Development Cell of Ashoka Education Foundation is an enthusiastic quality assuring cell with the following aim:

'To provide clarity of instructions at all levels through research and development for achieving set target in stipulated time by uniform documentation as per the SOP of the organization'.

The policies of the R & D Department are:-

1. Exploring all the areas with respect to target and competency of every individual vis –a –vis different departments.
2. Research of strengths and weaknesses of human resource.
3. Providing uniform procedure of reporting and documentation.
4. Fair and square analysis for continual progress.

It is headed by Mrs. Swati Mukherjee. Email- ms.swati26@gmail.com

Eminent Educationist

Dr. Ram Takawale visits AUS

Dr. Ram Takawale, the ex-vice chancellor of 3 universities (IGNOU, YCMOU & Pune) visited the school on 16/10/10. He discussed with all the educators on the future of 21st Century Education. Initially the education was industry based; now it is information based wherein Information & Communication Technology has created a revolution. The future education will be centered on INNOVATION & CREATIVITY.

