



Almost two years ago, around this time, our life suddenly came to a standstill in the wake of the pandemic. The schools were forced to switch over from in-person learning to virtual lessons. Undoubtedly, this fate of ours, with obstacles and adversity, like a silver lining, only made us more resolute.

Though my school days are now numbered, I am elated at the fact that after a long and patient wait, our campus is gradually coming back to life. With the new session round the corner, students will once again relish the experience of walking through the gates of our beloved school to the benches of our classrooms while witnessing the euphoria present in the corridors.

Shortly, I would be bidding farewell to this special place with which a lot of bitter-sweet memories of mine are associated. My heartfelt thanks to all the people, be it my teachers or friends, who are responsible for bringing a gradual change in me. They had always kept their faith intact and finally, I ended my school life with the most coveted position 'School Captain'.

My advice to all is, grasp any kind of opportunity that arises. Indeed, "You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get."

Md. Shahid Dayer,
School Captain, 12C

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Indeed, the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Another feather in our cap!

We are highly elated to share that M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth is conferred with IDS awards, the highly coveted **International Dimension in Schools** (formerly known as the International School Award) accreditation by the British Council India, for the period 2022-2025, for the fourth time in a row in a glittering Virtual International Dimension in Schools (IDS) Annual Certification Ceremony on 23rd March, 2022. However, this year's journey was unprecedented. With the pandemic looming large, almost overnight, most of the activities had to be restructured as per the need of the hour. Though filled with obstacles, it was a ride worth-taking, and ever so more, as the destination is so beautiful. The fact that our sister-school, Madhusthali Vidyapeeth won the award too, called for a double celebration.

We convey our heart-felt gratitude to our enterprising Management for always encouraging us to pursue the inconceivable; the students and teachers of our partner schools, **St. Gregory's Catholic College, Bath, UK**, and **Shree Janakalyan Secondary School, Nepal**; our IDS Coordinators, Ankita Singh and Subhechyya Chatterjee for coordinating such an impressive range of work and the IDS squad of teachers, parents and our beloved students.

Since day one, cross-cultural collaborations and global engagements have been an integral part in the MCKV way of life. Our receiving the award validates the fact that the school has been hugely successful in embedding internationalism in its curriculum and ethos by forging life-long partnerships with schools from all across the world, and nurturing global citizenship in our students.

We were thrilled to hear from our partner school in the UK.

"I am delighted to hear that MCKV has received the International Dimension in Schools award 2022-2025. This is a notable achievement, particularly given the challenges that the pandemic has brought over the last couple of years. I pass my sincere congratulations to you, your international project team, your colleagues and students, on behalf of all at Saint Gregory's, Bath. I will be sharing this fantastic news with our whole school community via our school newsletter, which will be issued later this week. Many congratulations, once again."

Orientation Programme - An introduction to the Foundational Stage



On 23rd March, 2022 an orientation programme for the parents of Pre-Nursery and Nursery was held to familiarize the parents with the rules, regulations, systems followed in the school at the Foundational Stage.

Priti Mall, the Academic Coordinator at Foundational Stage, welcomed the parents and applauded them for their unconditional support. Shri Neelkantha Gupta, Director, MCKV, in his address, encouraged the parents to go about their children's upbringing seriously and intelligently, and not entrust their evolution to chance.

The parents were made aware of their pivotal role in the upbringing of the children. They were also informed about ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education) being followed in

the school at the Foundational Stage. Guidelines, which need to be followed by the parents, were also elaborated upon. A short tour in the form of a PowerPoint Presentation on the infrastructure of the school and activities carried out in Pre-Nursery and Nursery was shown to the parents. The School Counsellors took the opportunity to acquaint them with the developmental milestones of the children at a particular age.

Parents were requested to fill in the feedback forms given to them. They were extremely satisfied at such a detailed explanation of the working of the school, and left being acutely aware of our expectations of them, essential for smooth classroom transactions. The overwhelming participation made the entire programme enriching and informative.

Welcoming children of Classes 1 to 4

'Sometimes we do not realize the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory.' This seemed apt for the students of the Foundational and Preparatory stages who returned to the school campus after studying online for two long years. Innocent smiles on the faces of the pupils, brimming with confidence, were a witness to the long wait they had experienced before returning to their second home again. Children were ecstatic and they immensely enjoyed all that had been meticulously planned and organised for them. They relished the long-awaited face-to-face interactions with their class teachers through 'Circle Time' which was followed by crafts and games sessions for the students of Classes 1 and 2. Even the students of Classes 3 and 4 had a great time through their computer practical periods, dance lessons, games and musical JAM shows.

It was indeed a beautiful start to the new normal, as the jubilant expressions of the educators and children enveloped the school corridors with warmth and contentment.



Bridging the Learning Gap



The students are returning to their classes, the silent corridors are once again abuzz with the laughter and chattering of students, but for an educator this period possibly poses one of the most daunting challenges of her career: assessing the learning loss among the students and to ensure that it is appropriately mapped and proper steps are taken to bridge the learning gap. Keeping this in mind, the school organised 'Bridging the Learning Gap', a learning programme especially crafted for the students of Classes 5 to 8 in the two core subjects of English and Mathematics. The basic concepts were reinforced in these classes which were conducted from 9th March, 2022 to 22nd March, 2022. A structured syllabus was followed keeping in mind the relevance of the topics in the next class. The classes started daily with a meditation session followed by a positive talk by the Class Teachers and Assistant Class Teachers focusing on the need to inculcate certain key aspects like patience, anger management, importance of a daily routine and discipline.

However, this was not the first time that the students returned to



their favourite place. Soon after the government declared the re-opening of schools, the school gates were opened to welcome the students of Classes 5 to 8 from 3rd February, 2022, onwards. The school made extensive preparation and planning for making returning to school safe, and a special timetable was prepared to make the students' gradual return to the normal routine a seamless one. Provisions were made in the timetable for various kinds of activities like circle time, yoga, music, dance as well as a few academic subjects. As usual, in-class instructions provided students with face-to-face teacher-led learning, and peer engagement which would gradually lead to the social and emotional well-being of each child, decreasing the feelings of isolation. At the entry point, students were heartily welcomed by their class teachers and each student received a token of our love and affection with a personalized welcome kit comprising their preferred chocolates, a pen and a mask – the most important accessory to recent times.

Merry-Go-Learn



The joy of returning to school increased manifold for the children and their enthusiastic parents, when M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth organised a week-long Pre-Summer Camp named Merry-Go-Learn from 21st to 25th March, 2022 in the school premises. It comprised multiple fun-filled activities specially designed for the students of Classes 1 to 5.

The main attraction of the event was 'Zumba Dance', which was meant for the children and their mothers. This was followed by 'Rediscovering Creative Minds' which dealt with 'Tangram Treats' and 'Robotics' for the creative geniuses. The 'Art Hub' encouraged the young artists to indulge in various forms of art like dot painting, expression mask, Mandala art, etc. Under the skillful guidance of the facilitators, the children played an active role in 'Synapse' wherein they performed age-appropriate science experiments. 'Sporty Beans' was a welcome treat which enabled the children to revisit adventure games and they absolutely cherished the experience of outdoor games in a safe environment. Finally, the master chefs also got an opportunity to try out their newly acquired culinary skills through non-fire cooking activities.

Enthusiasm needs to be the driving force for a new beginning. M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth has successfully taken the initiative to lay the foundation for a fresh start.

Indeed, it was an interactive and a fun-filled learning camp for all.

The Ethos of Spring



MCKV is a melting pot of different cultures, and taking part in Holi celebrations encourages everyone to blend in even further. Celebrating Holi, always rings with the spirit of joy. On 17th March, 2022 the Management, the teachers and other staff members, celebrated Holi with a splash of colour.

The afternoon was devoted to witnessing an entertaining drama, a mellifluous performance of rhythmic songs to the strums of guitar and a melodious mélange of soulful songs accompanied by dance performances - all on the theme of 'Basanta' (Spring). The day's events came to a close with a delectable spread of fritters and 'thandai', and the staff members smearing colours of hope and happiness on one another.

Lending a Helping Hand



On 12th March, 2022, the Interact Club of MCKV, in collaboration with Friends of Tribal Society, a non-governmental organisation committed to working for the upliftment of the rural and tribal people of India, organised a fun-raising event consisting of a sale of old garments, shoes, bags, accessories, toys and other items to the underprivileged section of the society at a subsidized rate. The fund collected will be used for the noble cause of imparting education to the students of Ekal Vidyalayas, single teacher schools set up in remote villages to provide basic education to hundreds of children who do not have the liberty and exposure or scope of studying in a school. We hope that at least some children will be able to benefit from the assistance provided to them and create a better life for themselves.

This small initiative on the part of the MCKV Interact Club has extended a helping hand to those in need, thereby contributing toward a world of harmony and solidarity.

Women Power of MCKV



On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Power Women's Cell of the Entrepreneurs' Committee of Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized a Power Women's Quiz on 26th February, 2022 to salute the spirit of womanhood and to honour the beauty and the brains.

Indeed, it is a moment of great pride for all of us as Puja Somani, Assistant Teacher, received a certificate of Appreciation and a Bronze Medal for securing the third position in this Quiz Competition.

Heartfulness Education Teacher Training Programme



'Heartfulness is the path that facilitates us to continually empty our hearts of complexities and keep filling them with purity, light and love.' - Daaji

The Heartfulness Education Trust conducted a three-day experiential workshop for the teachers of M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth from 29th March, 2022 to 31st of March, 2022. The sessions were based on heartfulness practices and techniques essential for self-management, heartfulness, heart-centered learning pedagogy, inquiry-based learning, and essential life skills that would enable the educators to create a joyful, activity-based learning platform in the classrooms.

Each day began with a guided relaxation technique through which the attendees were made to relax in order to relieve themselves of all stress and tension. Thereafter, they were made to 'Connect with the Self' with the help of yogic transmission (Pranahuti) with a suggestion to feel the presence of divine light in their hearts. The sessions became all the more interesting through the various practical exercises, activities and demonstrations that the teachers were made to do. The three-day training programme reached its culmination in distribution of certificates to the participants.

Overall, the workshop not only showed the educators a simple pathway to live a balanced, purposeful and a happy life using heart-based practices, but also equipped them to contribute towards sustainable school reform and community citizenship.

Women's Day

Women's Day 2022 was observed with great zeal in Malay Manch, the school auditorium, the gentlemen colleagues of both M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth and MCKV Institute of Engineering to honour their lady colleagues.

The lady colleagues of the institutions, clad in shades of purple, ushered in the auditorium amidst resonating conch shells by the men. The cultural events spicing the day were a medley of songs, a humorous skit with a powerful message, a heart-wrenching recitation and a fun quiz.

The golden words by Shri Partha Sarathi Chakraborty, the CEO, on the strength and resilience of a woman struck a deep code with everyone. Shri Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, the Chairman, MCKV group of institutions, conveyed his heartfelt wishes to all the women educators and also encouraged them to be the flag bearers in all their endeavours.

A short video, featuring the 21st century empowered women faculty of the MCKV family, was an excellent watch.

The event also saw the unveiling of the revamped website Smt Mallika Mukherjee, the Principal, M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth. Our goal, with our upgraded site, is to provide our visitors with easier access to the MCKV world. It also aims to establish it as a source of reliable and updated information. The improved website has been designed to be more creative, interactive, informative and user-friendly. We, at MCKV, are fortunate enough to celebrate Women's Day every single day of our lives as we are cherished and treasured for being great individuals, rather than a man or a woman.



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