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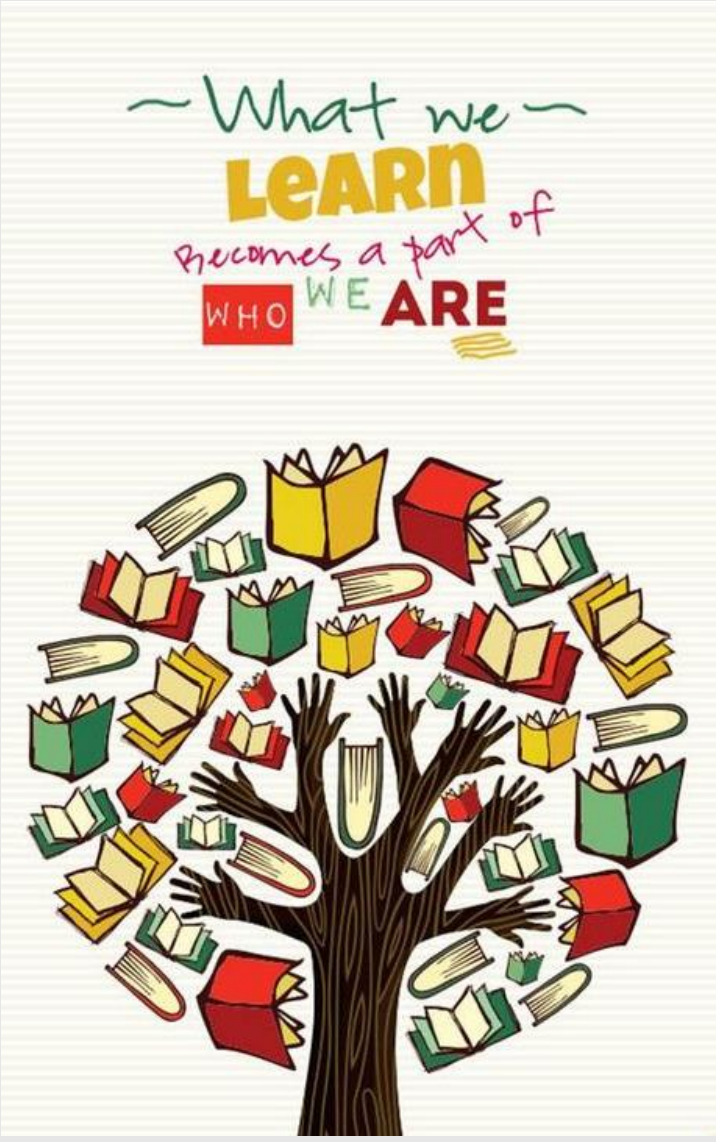

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TEACHER's DAY CELEBRATION

It takes a BIG heart to shape LITTLE minds.'

This year at JV Parekh International School, Teachers' Day celebration was nothing short of spectacular! Our talented clubs banded together to make the day a memorable one, with thoughtful performances and engaging activities that highlighted the bond between teachers and students.

The Dance Club kicked things off with a vibrant performance, featuring a medley of the teachers' favorite songs. The thoughtful song choices made them feel truly appreciated, and the whole room was buzzing with joy.

Next, the Theatre Club brought a Bollywood twist to the celebration with a hilarious dumb charade. Teachers and students faced off in a "guess the celebrity" competition, where participants mimed famous Bollywood actors. The room was filled with laughter as they channeled their inner superstars!

The Music Club turned up the fun with a classic game of Antakshari, pitting teachers and students against each other in a battle of melodies. It was a friendly, tuneful war as teams belted out iconic songs, trying to out-sing the competition. The nostalgia and excitement were infectious, making it one of the day's most spirited events.

In between all the action, our quirky Photo Booth gave everyone a chance to pose with fun props and capture some unforgettable memories. Teachers and students got creative, and the resulting snapshots will serve as keepsakes of the fun and laughter shared.

For those craving a little competition, the Sports Club had just the thing—an exciting round of Balloon Volleyball in one room and a Carom Tournament in another. Teachers and students battled it out in lighthearted matches that were full of camaraderie and good-natured rivalry. Whether spiking balloons or plotting the perfect carom shot, everyone enjoyed the chance to play and connect outside the classroom.

In the end, this year's celebration was a perfect blend of fun, laughter, and appreciation. It wasn't just about celebrating the teachers but strengthening the bond between them and their students, one smile, one song, and one game at a time!

UNIVERSITY FAIR

In the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

This month's University Fair at JV Parekh International School was an exciting and insightful event initiated by our University Liaison Officer, Ms Anudnya Irani, designed to help our A level and IBDP students make informed decisions about their higher education journey. From the engineering master class to UK universities to Global careers, each session offered unique opportunity to explore a wide range of academic programs, campus cultures, and scholarship options all under one roof.

To begin with Dr. Tim Craft, a Senior Lecturer in the School of Engineering at the University of Manchester and Undergraduate Admissions Tutor for the Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering programmes conducted a masterclass with our students interested in pursuing engineering, computer science and allied programs at University. The highlight of the session was showcasing the wide range of careers that

can be pursued by Engineers, and it also presented examples of the application areas covered by different engineering disciplines, together with some of the challenges in those areas that future engineers could find themselves working on.

Moving on Imperial College London, University of Nottingham, University College London and University of Bristol also visited our School to meet with the students regarding applications to these competitive Universities.

The month ended with an interesting series of Global Career Dialogues, wherein senior academia from Australia engaged our under graduate students in a thematic panel discussion on futuristic and connected career areas. The panel discussion featured industry leaders; Tony Cavoli (Digital Business), Stephen Ward (Creative Industries) and Tom Wycherley (Sports Science) who explored the evolving nature of international business, creative industries and sports careers emphasising how graduates can adapt to global education trends and succeed in these dynamic fields.

Overall, the University Fair for the month of September was an inspiring and well-

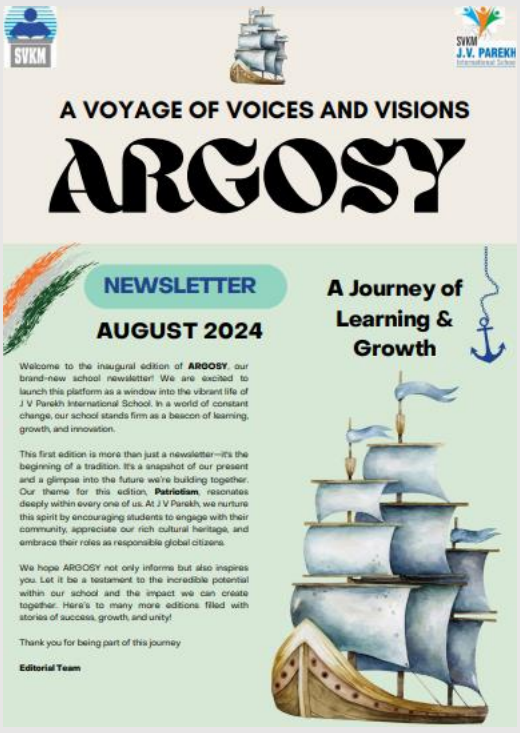
rounded event that empowered students with knowledge, insights, and opportunities to take charge of their educational future. It marked another successful initiative by JV Parekh International School to ensure that our students are well-prepared and confident as they embark on their journey toward higher education and beyond.

ARGOSY

Charles Mingus believes that, "Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, making mistakes and having fun"

With immense pride, JV Parekh International School launched its brand new school newsletter, **Argosy.** This monthly publication will be a platform for our talented students to showcase their creativity and writing skills.

Students are encouraged to submit their written work, monthly, based on a given theme, in all the languages taught in school, whether it be stories, poems, essays, or even artwork related to the theme. Our editorial team, encompassing enthusiastic students along with faculty, will then review the submissions and select the best pieces to be featured in the newsletter. This initiative aimed to foster creativity, improve writing skills, and build a sense of community among our students. It's offers a fantastic opportunity for them to express themselves and see their work published.



ONAM FESTIVITIES

"The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people."

JV Parekh International School believes in embracing diversity and staying connected to our roots. This year, the festive spirit of Onam filled our school with joy, colors, and a sense of unity, reminding us that our rich cultural heritage is something to be celebrated and appreciated.

In keeping with the spirit of Onam Sadya, the traditional feast was organised by the few staff members for the entire IB team. This communal meal was a heart-warming reflection of the festival's message of unity and togetherness.

The celebration of Onam was more than just a cultural event; it was a reflection of our broader commitment to honouring the diverse traditions that enrich our community. By celebrating Onam, we also celebrate the cultural mosaic that defines our school. It reminds us that while we come from different backgrounds, it is this diversity that strengthens our bond and fosters a deeper appreciation of one another's heritage. It is through such celebrations that we continue to nurture the values of unity, respect, and understanding that will carry forward into future generations.

COMMON WEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION

"In the face of adversity, let resilience be your greatest weapon and perseverance your guiding light"

At JV Parekh International School, the power of the written word has always been cherished, and this year's achievements at the prestigious Commonwealth Essay Competition reaffirmed our commitment to nurturing literary talent. Our students not only participated in this globally recognized competition but emerged victorious, bringing home both Gold and Bronze certificates, making our school community proud.

The Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing contest, offering young writers a platform to express their ideas on global issues, culture, and their personal experiences. It encourages students to think critically, write creatively, and use their voices to spark meaningful conversations. This year, the competition attracted thousands of entries from across the Commonwealth, and our students' remarkable performances truly stood out.

We are thrilled to announce that Shruti Gogri, student from IBDP 2, received a Gold Certificate for her essay, showcasing not only exceptional writing skills but also deep insight and originality. Her essay explored the theme of culture, explaining its core relevance with a fresh perspective, highlighting their ability to connect personal reflections with global issues. Additionally, Bhavi Naik and Natisha Chainani, both from IBDP 2, were awarded a Bronze Certificate for their compelling and heartfelt submission, demonstrating a strong command of language and narrative.

Participation in the Commonwealth Essay Competition offered our students more than just an opportunity to win accolades—it challenged them to think beyond the classroom, broaden their perspectives, and engage with the world around them. The competition allowed them to step into the shoes of global citizens, reflecting on themes such as equality, culture, and the environment.

As we celebrate this success, we are reminded that competitions like the Commonwealth Essay inspire a new generation of thinkers and storytellers. The power of the written word can transform thoughts into action and dreams into reality, and our students are well on their way to making their mark on the world.

JOHN LOCKE ESSAY COMPETITION

"The only limit to your learning is your own belief in your ability to learn."

This year, students from JV Parekh International School participated in the prestigious John Locke Essay Competition, and their dedication to critical thinking and philosophical inquiry paid off in spectacular fashion. It is a momentous occasion as after months of rigorous research and writing, one of our talented student, Ms Bhavi Naik, from IBDP 2 not only made it to the shortlist of this globally recognized competition but also travelled to London for the final round—returning home with a Merit Certificate in hand.

John Locke Institute
OXFORD PRINCETON

2024 Global Essay Prize in History

This certifies that

Bhavi Naik

has been awarded

Merit

in the John Locke Institute Essay Competition
on this day, the Twenty-First Day of September, 2024,
at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, Mayfair.

Jamie Whyte Ph.D. (Cantab),
Chairman of Examiners

Martin Cox M.A. (Oxon),
Director General

The event kicked off with an inspiring welcome speech from Martin Cox, Director of the John Locke Institute, and Dr. Jamie Whyte, the Institute's Academic Director. Their opening speeches emphasized the importance of creative thinking and the power of youthful intellect in shaping the future. The atmosphere was charged with curiosity and excitement as finalists from across the globe gathered, creating an enriching environment for discussion and learning.

Moving on, they had a whirlwind of academic stimulation, with a series of enlightening talks delivered by renowned speakers; Lord Hannan of Kingsclere, a member of the House of Lords, Dr. Ash Ranpura, a leading neuroscientist, Pavlos Eleftheriadis, Oxford barrister and Public Law professor, Alex Bird, the Bertrand

Russell Professor of Philosophy at Cambridge and Scott McDonald, Executive Director at the British Council. The diversity of topics and expertise presented left the room buzzing with conversation.

Beyond the academic sessions, the event provided an excellent opportunity for networking. Finalists from around the world, united by a shared love for learning and critical thinking, engaged in meaningful discussions about their essays, ideas, and aspirations. The John Locke Essay Competition was more than an academic event—it was a life-changing experience for our student that reminded her the power of ideas and their potential to shape the world.

We are incredibly proud of her accomplishments and the example she has set for her peers. The journey from drafting essays in the classroom to winning international recognition is a testament to her hard work, intellectual curiosity, and the strength of our school's academic community.

As we celebrate this milestone, we are reminded of the value of competitions like the John Locke Essay, which encourage young thinkers to push boundaries and engage deeply with the world of ideas.

GUEST LECTURE

"Innovation is the ability to see change as an opportunity, not a threat." – Steve Jobs

JV Parekh International School conducted a guest lecture by Mr. Sreekrushn Gangurde, an expert in poultry farming, in what promised to be a collaborative, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary session. This session dived into key areas of Biology, Business, ESS and Digital society(technology), with a special emphasis on sustainability. The lecture was insightful as it connected classroom theories with real-world applications and critical thinking processes.

Moreover, the session explored the biological aspects of poultry farming along with the business component that focused on market dynamics. Furthermore, the role of IT in enhancing farm efficiency through real time monitoring, automation, data management, and software applications was also discussed. During the session, the

importance of Environmental Studies (ESS) as a subject was discussed, particularly in understanding the environmental impact of farming practices. Mr. Gangurde emphasized sustainable farming methods, ensuring minimal harm to the ecosystem while maintaining farm efficiency.

Beyond the technical aspects, Mr. Gangurde, who is also a parent in our school community, exemplified how parents can actively contribute to building a stronger school community by sharing their expertise and supporting the holistic development of students.

Through incorporating visible thinking routines students were guided through a reflective process of thinking critically about sustainable practices in agriculture. Students were encouraged to use the "*What Makes You Say That*?" routine to support their observations with reasoning and evidence. This routine encouraged deep thinking and connected theoretical knowledge with practical, real-life examples. This was followed by an extensive Q & A session that served as a powerful tool reinforcing learning, engagement, and connecting real-life applications with the interdisciplinary content discussed in the lecture.

This lecture also marked the beginning of an initiative where parents like Mr. Gangurde actively engaged in student learning, bringing real-world expertise into the classroom. This guest lecture was an enriching experience for all and it provided an engaging, interdisciplinary exploration of poultry farming, linking it with sustainability, business practices, and IT innovations.