



Flying Birds

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Classroom Sessions

Regular teaching classes continued in 2019. The teachers conducted the teaching sessions as per the schedule prepared for Hindi, English and Maths. Computer classes were also conducted for the children every Wednesday and Saturday. The children in the older age group learned the basic computer skills while the younger ones enjoy watching educational videos and cartoon films.



Children were engaged in extracurricular activities like dance, painting, storytelling etc. which provided them an opportunity for their overall development

The children who learned basic literacy and numeracy were enrolled in the regular government school for further education.



Stationery Distribution

Stationery and other school supplies were provided to children from time to time. The stationery included the items like notebooks, pens, pencils sets, scales and other articles.

Shoes distribution

On 22nd January, new shoes were purchased and distributed to the children. All the children were taken to the market got the shoes for their individual size. The children were very happy after getting the new pair of shoes.



Sports and Extracurricular Activities

Sports play an important role in the life of a student to keep them fit and healthy. Flying Birds engaged children in different indoor and outdoor sports activities. Indoor games like, ludo, carom, chess and outdoor games like cricket, football were played by the children.

The children got involved in different extracurricular activities. Regular sessions were held on painting, craft, dance and sports and game activities. All the children enthusiastically participated in all the activities.



During the summers, art and craft classes were also conducted for children. All the children enthusiastically participated in all the activities.



Dance and Play classes

Mrs. Mamta Dhaundiya conducted the dance classes for children for a week. The children enjoyed the class very much as she emphasized on skills like posture, confidence, flexibility, coordination of steps and other aspects of dancing. The children also learned how to prepare for a drama and knew its technical aspects from Mrs. Dhaundiya.



Mid-Day Meal

Mid-day meal and refreshments were served daily to the children in the Flying Birds. Midday meal was also a reason for the regular attendance of the children in the school. Every day, nutritious and hygienic food was served to the children what they can't afford at their homes. Regular provision of healthy food at a fix time of the day not only supplemented the food needs of the children but also promoted gender and social equity among them.



EVENTS

- **Birthday celebrations**

Every 15th of the month, birthdays of the children were celebrated in Flying Birds. The birthday cake was cut in presence of the all the children and teachers. The parents of the children were also invited. The



children enjoyed the cake very much. The children also celebrated the birthday of Ms. Issabele on 2nd January 2019. They wished Issabele on the occasion and enjoyed the cake. The women and girls in Bella Tailoring project also joined them.

- **Winter workshop for children**

From 1-15 January, Flying Birds children participated in the winter workshop conducted in RDI. The children attended the English learning classes, yoga classes and sessions on the “Bala Kanda” of epic Ramayan written H.H. Swami Rama. The Bala Kanda summarises the entire epic in a beautiful poetry form which the readers find very interesting. The daily one hour recitation of the poetry was found very engaging for the children.



Children also played snake and ladder game which has been designed to inculcate values in the lives of its players. The game has been designed in a way in which the players are introduced to the good and bad habits and detail discussions are held among players during the course of the game.



A kite flying event was also organized for the children. Kites of different colours were arranged and the children showed their kite flying skills. All the scholars enjoyed the event very much.

- **National & International Day Celebrations**

On 12th January, the National Youth Day was celebrated. This day was celebrated to mark the birthday of Swami Vivekananda. The children were oriented about the life of Swami Vivekananda and involved in



poster making activity. The children also visited the Regional Science



Centre in Dehradun. The Science Centre Museum had informative and innovative ways to teach about science experiments. The children asked several questions on various scientific innovations.

- **Republic Day**

India celebrated its 70th Republic Day on 26 January with great joy and enthusiasm. Flying Birds children also participated in the functions held at Swami Rama Himalayan University. A very captivating performance on a patriot song was put up by the children. Parents from the Flying Birds community also attended the function and encouraged their children. Later, all the children enjoyed sweets.



- **SRHU Foundation Day**

Swami Rama Himalayan University's Foundation Day was celebrated on 12th March 2019. The children from Flying Birds also participated in the cultural events and presented a beautiful performance on a rap song. The audience appreciated the talent and on stage confidence of the children.



- **Mother's Day celebration**

On 13 May 2019, Mother's Day was celebrated in Flying Birds. Children invited their mothers in the school and gave them cards which were prepared by them. Sweets were distributed to all present during the event. All the mothers appreciated children's preparations and blessed them.



- **World Environment Day**

World Environment Day is celebrated on 5th June every year to encourage worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment. Like every year, the children at Flying Birds actively participated in the campaign through different activities like plantation and poster making.



- **International Day of Yoga**

International Yoga day was celebrated by the children on 21 June 2019 with a great joy. The teachers conducted the sessions and demonstrated joints and glands exercises and various asanas which was followed by the children. The instructor also told the importance of the asanas.



- **Guru Purnima**

Guru Purnima is celebrated on a full moon day and this year it was celebrated on 16th July. On this day, people worship their teachers and gurus for guiding them towards right path. Children at Flying Birds celebrated Guru Purnima and offered prayers to their teachers.



- **Independence Day**

India celebrates its Independence Day on 15th August every year. The day is celebrated as a national festival across the country with great enthusiasm by hoisting the national flag and organizing different cultural programs. The children at Flying Birds also participated in the event and performed on a patriotic song at the function organized by Swami Rama Himalayan University.



- **Shri Krishna Janmashtami Festival**

The children celebrated Shri Krishna Janmashtami on 23 August 2019 with great zeal. The festival is celebrated across India to mark the birthday of Lord Krishna. Beautiful decorations were put up to make the event beautiful and colorful. Boys and girls dressed as Krishna and Radha and performed a play.



- **Diwali Festival**

Children celebrated Diwali on 25th October and enjoyed the activities organized very much. The story of Lord Rama was narrated among the children and they dressed in ethnic clothes and played the role of Lord Rama, Sita and Laxman. In the end, everybody enjoyed the sweets. Two days after on 29th October, Bhai Dooj was also celebrated.



- **Children’s Day Celebration**

Children’s Day is celebrated every year on 14 November to commemorate the birth of the Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India. In Flying Birds, the day was celebrated by organizing a sports event for the children. The children enthusiastically participated in all the sports and the winners also received the prizes.



Mr. Gerard’s Visit

Mr. Gerard and his son Tim visited Flying Birds on 23rd February 2019 and met the children. They interacted with children and asked questions related to their study, interests and hobbies. The children also presented a dance performance and were very happy after meeting Gerard and Tim.



Health Screening Camp

Health screening camps have always been a regular feature of RDI’s programs at school level. In Flying Birds also, monthly health screening camps were organized for the children and their parents. A team of doctor, pharmacist and supervisor screened the children at school for their health issues. The common health issues of cough and cold, fever, skin, abdomen pain and other general health issues were observed in the children. The parents of the children also consulted their health issues during the camp.



Community Cleaning

Flying Birds community was motivated to keep its surrounding environment clean. A dustbin was placed near the community. Cleaning drives were run in and around Flying Birds from time to time. The children and their parents cleaned the entire area.



New Water Tap for Flying Birds Community

Water shortage issue was brought up by the community during a meeting and they demanded for an additional water source for them. A new water tap has been installed for the Flying Birds community.



Pooja Kajal Foundation visited Flying Birds

Ms. Ashna Sookha, Chairperson-Pooja Kajal Foundation and Mr. Gerard, Board Member-Pooja Kajal Foundation from Netherlands visited Flying Birds from 7–19 March 2019. They were also accompanied by Ms. Karla Vaan Look who wanted to visit Flying Birds and see its activities. They spent times with the children and shared their valuable feedback and inputs regarding the program wherever needed. They joined International Women's Day celebration, SRHU Foundation day celebrations, Annual Day of Vidya School, and also joined a cleaning campaign in Flying Birds community. Ms. Isabelle also joined the team during the visit.



Whitewash in Flying Birds

A clean and healthy environment play an important role in the growth and development of a child and whitewash is one such activity which makes our environment clean and hygienic. In the month of August, whitewash and paint were done in the Flying Birds.



- **WALL PAINTING BY CHILDREN**

Flying Birds children were engaged in wall painting activity and they did beautiful artwork on the school walls under the supervision of the Art and Craft teacher. Portraits of great leaders and personalities of the country were also installed in the school.



Bella Tailoring Project

On demand of the women and girls from Flying Birds community for a skill based training, Bella Tailoring Program came into existence and started under Flying Birds. These women have a strong will to learn new skills to diversify their income generation opportunities rather than only being engaged in construction work. The tailoring program is run for 2 hours every day for 6 days a week. All the trainees are very enthusiastic and eager to learn sewing skills.

Exposing the trainees to the functioning of modern industrial sewing machines, training classes were conducted for them on these machines. The trainees understood all the functions of the machine very closely and learnt its technology. The exposure gave them a chance to get themselves ready for working in the big industries. One of the trainees of Bella Tailoring program has opened her own shop in the nearby area.

Apart from regular tailoring classes the trainees also learnt Tie & Dye painting on clothes.

