



## Newsletter ~ December 2017

### Sports

With the setting in of winter the students began putting in more time in the open, playing their favourite sports. This set up the tone. We also invited experts in different sports during assembly to encourage and enthuse the students. They included yoga and boxing coaches from the town as also teachers from RBS, our sister school on campus.

Team events of Kabaddi and Tug of war were then held at APS' ground while cross country had the students run, along with students and faculty of RBS, beyond the campus as well. The final



event comprising of athletics, opening ceremony, parade was organized over 2 days at RBS. The fun and fervour on the ground were infectious.

The equally eagerly awaited food-fair then followed. Students enjoyed the 'tasty' food available at the multiple stalls!





## Krishnamurti Talks

This quarter we have re-begun the Krishnamurti or K Talks. These conversations with teachers take place on the lawns of the renovated Krishna Vatika under the North Indian winter sun. An apt ambience!



Our colleagues from the Krishnamurti Study Centre, also on campus, facilitated discussions on Krishnamurti's talks and writings on teaching in one

session. During another they focussed on communication – an interactive session which included teachers breaking into small groups and interacting.

## Hands-on

After multiple rounds of discussion we have finally begun our hands-on sessions. These classes are held after the school. Students from classes 7 and 8 learn about television and mobile-phone repairing as also about beauty-parlour.

Teachers for these classes are professionals who run enterprises in town. They speak the language of the students and focus on





‘practical’ as opposed to ‘theory’. On the very first day the teacher brought few non-functioning mobile-phones and asked the students to open them up. He then explained the different parts. This set the tone for the sessions to follow. Goal is to acquaint the students with life-skills they can use at home and with friends in the short run. In the long run these students will have the option to explore the skill from a livelihood perspective.



## **Internship**

APS has invited an intern from Azim Premji University, Bangalore. Her research focuses on the effectiveness of teaching methods. For this she has narrowed down on Mathematics in class 2 and class 7. We hope that the experience will help both her and APS.

We look forward to associate with young researchers to get fresh perspectives on the ongoing actions at the school as also suggestions on the way ahead.





## Farming and gardening

Students of classes 6, 7 and 8 have been happy learning to grow vegetables. This year we have doubled the area under cultivation from the previous year. Most of the brinjal, cauli-flower, spinach and carrot they grew were used in the school kitchen while some they happily took home!

These students also pitch in to maintain the Krishna Vatika and take care of the trees in campus by indulging in mulching and similar practices.



## Eye-camp

Eye tests were organized for all students at our assembly hall. After the initial checks students who were in need of further assistance were identified. They were led to the town for a more detailed check-up. Depending on their need they were provided with medication and spectacles.



## Weaving

While the afternoon weaving sessions, which we have opened up for all students, continue we have also taken weaving discussion beyond the weaving room. Students were shown films focusing on weaving at the school. They also went for an exposure trip to Weavers Service Centre in town. Here they not only got to interact with the faculty on weaving, design and colours but also got to see the exquisite products in the display room.

