



The Oxford Tender News



Stepping out of home into the world of exciting knowledge

The first day of school carries so much excitement and anticipation. Although it can be a struggle corraling children in the morning, most parents feel a sense of pride hitting this milestone – snapping photos to mark the occasion. The teachers of The Oxford School made the students feel like kings and queens to remember their first day of school. They all did an activity of making and cutting out crowns and colouring it with their favourite colours.



The Importance of Fruits and Vegetables in Our Daily Diet.

The vitamins, minerals, fibre and antioxidants found in fruits and vegetables provide many benefits such as promoting good health and protection against diseases, both now and in the future, ensure the child's healthy growth and development and strengthen their immune system and help fight illness. Students along with the teachers prepared vegetable sandwiches and enjoyed the fruit salad they made all by themselves.



Learning is Fun.

Learning is made fun with hands-on learning experiences where the children are active participants throughout the day; exploring the materials, playing inside and outside, following their curiosities and discovering things on their own. The teacher here at Oxford acts as a facilitator—not by telling the youngsters what to do—but by asking questions that challenge them to think creatively and deeply. The teachers also prepare colourful and challenging activities and our kindergarteners enjoy getting messy while doing such activities.



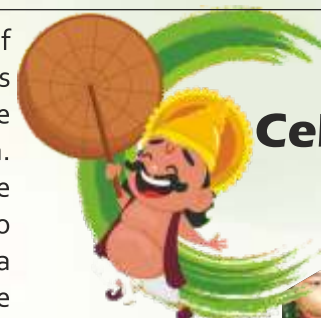
ISA Project for KG The Seasons Re-created.



The four seasons, spring, summer, fall, and winter were re-created as part of 'International School Award' programme for the Kindergarten. The seasons were displayed in such a way that, it made one feel that they were experiencing that particular weather of that season by just standing next to it. The students enjoyed every moment of the class as they were able to visualize the changes in every season. Some of the festivals that takes place during that particular season were talked about by the students as to how they had celebrated it with their families. The students were able to relate and map the learning of the different seasons with Literacy, Mathematics, Knowledge, understanding of the World and Value Education. In Literacy the students would relate it by being able to use complete sentences to describe the season. In Mathematics they would relate it by counting the Christmas decorations that adorned the tree, the number of leaves that had fallen, counting the bloomed or yet to bloom flowers. In KUW, they related the seasons to the country where snow fall is found, the famous festivals of different seasons and the country related to it etc. Of course, in Value Education it was about the good deeds done during the festivals, like helping the needy, feeding the starved ones and clothing the ones who need it. Thus the topic Seasons had lots in store for the children to learn about using it in all the subjects. The International method of learning makes children independent learners and help them develop their skills.



Onam is an annual harvest festival in the state of Kerala. According to the legends, the festival is celebrated to commemorate King Mahabali, whose spirit is said to visit Kerala at the time of Onam. Students and teachers equally enjoy making the Pookkalam or Flower Rangoli. The kids were able to identify the flowers used and its colours. There was a group activity conducted where they separated the flowers according to its colour and then detached the petals from the bunch. They also performed a group song and Thiruvathira, which is the traditional dance of Kerala.



Onam Celebrations





August 15th India's Independence Day is a day to celebrate freedom and independence. It is also a day to remember those great souls who stood up for our rights and fought without caring about their lives. The students of kindergarten put up a very colourful programme in the assembly. They spoke well on India's Independence Day. Various programmes such as fancy dress and patriotic songs were performed in connection with it.



Nazirah Initiated

A comprehensive after-school programme to enable children to read the Qura'n properly was initiated in the month of July. The child will learn how to read the Holy Qur'aan with proper tajweed. There is a good number of students voluntarily making use of this class after the regular class hours.



Sports Day

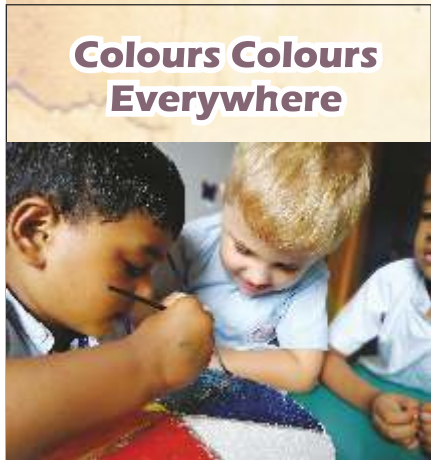
Sports & games allow children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them. Ten different games were conducted and the students took active part in it. They enjoyed each and every game played regardless of the rain and humidity on that day.

The Little Star with an amazing memory

Isha Khan, the tiny tot of The Oxford School and her amazing memory skills had caught the attention of many during the OXPO. Her mother who noticed her ability to memorize things quickly, started teaching her the names of flags of different countries. Isha Khan is now able to say the names of sixty countries flags. Her mother is now helping her to memorize the names of inventions, fruits etc. She is always found smiling and her bright sparkling curious eyes speak a lot about her. Isha Khan is the pride of our kindergarten.



An exhibition is a platform for the students to work together with parents or in groups. The theme of Oxpo 2K19, 'Past to Future', was depicted well by the little Oxfordians. There was a good variety of toy collections used in the past and in the present. The creativity presented during the live toy making for 'The Family Toy Making Competition' was splendid. To add to this toy world, there was the story of 'The Red Riding Hood', where the child dressed as Red Riding Hood was so marvellously narrated that the cut outs of the characters placed there came to life.



Colours Colours Everywhere



Skill Development

Kindergarten is a period of tremendous cognitive growth. Children at this age are undergoing a large amount of change very quickly and are learning to see the world in many new and interesting ways. However, it's also important to realize that even at this early stage, there are fundamental skills that children need to acquire in order to be successful later in life. Basic skills such as communication, computing, collaboration, creativity are developed during these early years here. The first and the most important skill we develop in kids is to speak in short sentences (5 to 6 words long) and speaking them clearly enough to be understood. Secondly to count from 1 to 10, correctly and consistently. Third to hold the pencil the right way so as to get the right formation of the letters and numbers. At Kindergarten our kids have a lot of such activities that help them, such as finger printing, clay modelling, craft work, drawing, painting etc;.

Children usually learn about colour during their preschool years. The ability to identify colours is considered a marker and milestone in a child's cognitive process. Recognizing the colours and identifying the colour names is an important part of a child's development. Early identification of colours helps create the cognitive link between visual clues and words. Apart from the different activities the students performed special assemblies and shared their knowledge with their fellow students.



Our First Thematic Trip Was To The Zoo.

Kindergarten students are eager to engage in hands-on activities that makes learning fun. Learning about habitats by knowing that animals have homes, just as people, they take delight in hearing about diverse habitats that support plant and animal life, such as bat caves, swamps, polar caps and African jungles. They recollect more familiar habitats such as ponds, lakes, forests and their own backyard. By the end of the animal habitat lesson, our Kindergarten students were taken to the Zoo. They were excited and very eager to talk of the animals they saw and learned so much about.



Kindergarten Assemblies

Every theme taught are depicted at the special assemblies through songs, dances or skits. The assemblies at Oxford are very colourful and vibrant. The whole process of conducting the assembly is done by the students. Every assembly imparts knowledge to the students watching it and most of the time it is seen that the kids dance and sing along with the performers.