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A Message From The Editors

The school year of 2018-19 was one of immense academic vigor demanded by the 'International Baccalaureate Diploma Program'. The year was full of interactive learning and memorable experiences. We got plenty of opportunities to showcase our skills and understanding through the various events organized such as the CAS Cambodia Project, the AIMUN, the IB Fest et cetera. We hope to bring a holistic view of the numerous events that we engaged in throughout the year.



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Ganpati Bappa Morya!

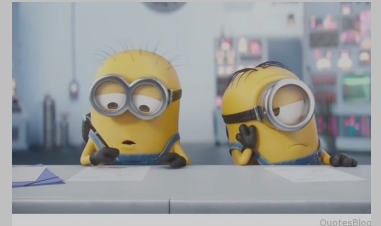
The festivities of Ganesh Chaturthi took place on Thursday, 13th September in our school and the auspicious festival was celebrated with much fervour. This Hindu festival celebrates the birth of lord Ganesh (an Indian god with the head of an elephant and body of a boy) with the installation of Ganesh clay idols privately in homes, or publicly on elaborate pandals (marquees). The annual event in our school was also celebrated in the same manner by the setting up of an elaborate pandal decorated with various floral posies in the central area of the school. The event proved to be a soaring success involving the entire school in the celebrations! Our school leaders- Head of School Dr Anjali Sharma, and all the teachers took turns rotating the Aarti Thali. Students showered rose petals from the balconies, making the celebrations that much more special and engaging.



The AIS high schoolers also took this opportunity to craft a dynamic dance to iconic Ganesh-themed Bollywood hits! Dressed in the striking colours of bright red and yellow, the students performed a riveting number which amplified the festive atmosphere. The Indian custom of singing 'Bhajans' was also a part of the celebrations. The students of the entire school had fun chanting popular slogans like "Ganpati Bappa Morya". This festival also involves the distribution of Indian sweets such as Modaka as it is believed to be a favourite of Lord Ganesh. Sweets in the form of Prashad and chocolates were distributed to the students and the faculty, marking the end of the celebrations.

Following the tradition, the students of IBDP 1 contributed to the festivities by conducting a session on Ganesh idol making from muddy clay. The session was held for the primary grade students of our school.

Life lessons from your favorite movies!



No dream is too big, and no dreamer is too small. -Guy Gagne

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. -Master Oogway

Venture outside your comfort zone. The rewards are worth it. -Rapunzel

When life gets you down, do you want to know what you've got to do? Just keep swimming! -Dory

Your identity is your most valuable possession. Protect it. -Elastigirl

There's a benefit to losing. You get to learn from your mistakes. -Megamind



It involved the IBDP students first learning how to make the adorable clay Ganesh idols. It took a couple of CAS lectures (and even a few YouTube tutorials on repeat!) to learn the craft in school and to make sure that each and every one of the students got the hang of the procedure. On the day of the activity, all of the students contributed fully! The primary grade students were enthralled to learn about this artform and the 11th graders had a blast exercising their hidden creative skills through

fun interactions. The students went step-by-step to make sure that the younger ones were able to comprehend and follow the steps easily. With an outcome of multiple round Ganesh idols, the whole activity was a success! The IBDP students learned to be creative and express their leadership and organisational skills while the little ones had a blast playing with muddy-clay, all in the name of a great big Indian festival!

Heated Confrontations go down at the AIMUN 2018

Ahmedabad International School hosted the annual Model United Nations (MUN) Conference in 4th August 2018, where delegations from AIS, Udgam, Calorx and other schools took part in



the debates concerning international affairs. MUNs are extracurricular activities that portrayed a simulation of the heated debates and confrontations that usually take place in United Nations conferences. The AIMUN 2018 consisted of numerous general assemblies, such as DISEC, UNSC, UNDP, WTO and more. The event aims to refine the public speaking skills of the contributors. It was the perfect platform for the

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- A cloud can weigh more than half a million kilograms!
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- There are more possible iterations of a game of chess than there are atoms in the known universe!
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- In 2006, someone tried to sell New Zealand on eBay. The price got up to \$3000 before eBay shut it down!
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- To produce a single kilogram of honey, a single bee would have to visit over 4 million flowers!
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- Earth is the only planet that is not named after a god in our solar system!

participants to put into practice their knowledge on the happenings of our world.



By 8 AM, eager and energetic representatives, wearing their best formals, arrived at the school. They first registered themselves at the front desk and had sandwiches, juice and biscuits for breakfast in the front lawn of the school. They were

then led to the upper auditorium for the opening ceremony. After an introduction of the board and words of wisdom from the honourable guests, the conference was initialized with the school tradition of 'lighting the lamp'. Secretary General Rohan Patel gave advice and motivation to the delegates, who were then guided to the location of their committee's discussions.

In their committees, the delegates were deeply immersed in the talks and debates. Many topics of global significance, such as the South China Sea issue, impact of high tariffs and quotas, and distribution of narcotics throughout the world, were discussed through the use of 'moderated' and 'unmoderated' caucuses. Moderated caucuses refer to formal discussions where delegates have a limited time to speak and reach a consensus, whereas unmoderated caucuses refer to fixed time periods allocated for informal discussions amongst the delegates.

In the afternoon, the exhausted delegates looked forward to refresh themselves. In the 'Limba Chowk', lunch was served. Photos of each of the committees were taken. Later, the committees resumed their discussions. Each committee also had a pair of reporters and photographers, known as the 'International Press (IP)', who were required to provide an accurate insight into the activities of the general assemblies. The delegates concluded their discussions by drafting a 'resolution' for the problems that they discussed.

The AIMUN 2018 ended with the closing ceremony, where a video on the activities of the day was played. Various certificates, such as 'Best Delegate', 'Best Reporter', 'Best Photographer' et cetera were handed out. Finally, tired delegates bid their goodbyes to each other after a day full of fun, learning and deliberations.

Did you know??



One-fourth of the bones in your body are located in your feet!

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Cows kill more people than sharks do!

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A flea can jump up to 200 times its own height. That is the equivalent of a human jumping the Empire State Building!

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In France, it is legal to marry a dead person!

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Monopoly is the most played board game in the world!

A Trip To Remember- Cambodia



The students of IBDP 1 embarked on a journey of adventure and wisdom to Cambodia. In the evening of 23rd October, eager students were filled with anticipation as they boarded the flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia via Singapore. The trip was a part of their 'Community Activity Service' or 'CAS' program, in order to use their abilities to work with underprivileged individuals. This spectacular voyage was indeed a memorable one for both the students and the teachers, with a myriad of unforgettable memories embedded in their minds.



The students landed in the afternoon of the 24th of October, and they took a bus to their hotel, the 'Ree' Hotel. Siem Reap was a beautiful city, and was home to numerous monuments of cultural and historical significance. After settling into their rooms and freshening up, the students visited the night market, a lively and crowded area for food and local arts and crafts. The next day, the students visited a school with their guide in Cambodia, Tommy, where they planned to provide services to the children of the small school. Firstly, they were to build a parapet around trees using recycled bottles, sand, and cement.

The worst bad jokes ever! 😊



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I am super friendly with 25 letters of the alphabet

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I just don't know 'Y'!

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How do you invite a dinosaur for dinner?

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Tea, Rex?

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I tried to sue the airline company for losing my luggage.

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I lost my 'case'

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What time did the man go to the dentist?

This arduous task required a lot of time and teamwork. Small plastic bottles that were of the same size were filled with sand. Layers of these bottles were then plastered onto each other using cement, to build the parapet around the plantation. Next, the students painted the walls of the school. Detailed instructions were given on how and where to apply the red, yellow, and blue paint provided. This helped to essentially transform the façade of the school and to brighten the lives of the children.



At the school, the students also engaged in interactive sessions with the children, pertaining to Mathematics, English, and Dance. For English, the children were taught the basic ABCs and small

nursery rhymes, such as 'if you're happy and you know it, clap your hands'. In Mathematics, the basic mathematical concepts of decimals, fractions, multiplication, and division were taught. For dance, the enthusiastic children performed a magnificent coordinated dance to the song 'Macarena'. At the end of their three days of service at the school, the students gave parting gifts such as metal water bottles, candies and pencils.

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'Tooth-hurty!'
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Why don't crabs donate?
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Because they're 'shell-fish!'
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Why did Adele cross the road?
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To say 'hello from the other side!'
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What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?
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A stick!
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The students' time at Siem Reap was one of exuberance and enjoyment. The next city that they visited was the capital of Cambodia, Phnom Penh. Phnom Penh is a commercialised city, with a significant amount of road activity, restaurants and tourists. In Phnom Penh, the students

visited a small island, where they were involved in numerous activities. Firstly, the students reconstructed a hut for one of the residents. They did this with the help of the supervisors present and used bamboo



sticks and leaves to build the walls of the hut. Later, the students taught mathematics and English nursery rhymes to the children of the island. They also taught the art of sewing, embroidery, and painting to the widows of those fallen victim to the Cambodian Civil War.

The trip to Cambodia was very effective in addressing the goals of CAS. It provided a counterbalance to the academic vigor of the IB Diploma program and strengthened the bonds of friendship between the students. The memory of this fascinating trip would persist forever!

The IB fest was a success!

The IBDP curriculum celebrates a holistic learning experience, helping students acquire life-skills and qualities. To commemorate this program, AIS holds an annual 'IB Fest', which is entirely organised and conducted by the students of IBDP. This year the topic chosen was *Science and Math*. The event, held on the 5th of December, was a raging success as we had participants from different IB schools around Gujarat come and compete in various debates and quizzes.

Brain puzzlers with Sudoku!

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Preparation for the event starting weeks ago, the students were ready for the big day to come! The IB fest 2018 was inaugurated with an opening ceremony. The students registered

themselves for the conference and then had breakfast in the front lawn of the school. After this, excited students of the four schools, Mahatma Gandhi International School (MGIS), Galaxy Education System, Calorx Olive International School, and Ahmedabad International School, took their seats in the upper auditorium. A heart-warming welcome was given to the respected dignitaries who graciously volunteered their time for the IB fest. It is AIS tradition to light the lamp before such conferences as a process of seeking enlightenment. A speech on sustainable energy sources and various branches of mathematics was the given by Dr Sunil Trivedi, a cancer specialist. In order lighten the atmosphere, the students of AIS conducted two performances. The AIS band presented their cover of the song 'Hall Of Fame', which successfully energized the crowd. Then the dance group performed their captivating dance routine on the song 'Firework'. Finally, the thrilled and eager participants were escorted to the *Science and Math* presentations. An exhilarating day awaited!

The *Science and Math* presentations went very well. For science, the topic was energy sustainability where alternative sources of energy like solar, biomass, wind, and hydropower were the key topics of presentation from each participating team. The math presentation had various branches of mathematics (like algebra, geometry, calculus, trigonometry) and presentations were held on the same. After this informative and competitive round of presentations, AIS had organised a scrumptious lunch for all of the students. Following lunch, a *Science and Math* quiz was conducted by quiz master Mr Pankil Bhatt. The quiz consisted of a variation of rounds that included - Three Trials, Picture Frames, Rapid Fire, and lastly Visuals. The end of round 4 brought us to the end of the Quiz session with MGIS declared as winners and a team from AIS coming second.

Bucket List ideas!

1. See the northern lights
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2. Run a marathon
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3. Take an African safari
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4. Write a story
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5. Walk along the great wall of China
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6. Learn to play an instrument
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7. Snorkel at the great barrier reef
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8. Skydiving
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9. Own a dog
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10. See the pyramids of Giza

In the afternoon, the Theory of Knowledge session of the IB fest commenced. Dr Vishal Pandya was called upon to the podium. He started his session with thought-



provoking discussions on mathematical topics, such as sequences, differentiation, and on the beauty of mathematics. His discussion was interactive, calling upon volunteers to carry out experiments to demonstrate various aspects of TOK. He then went on to talk about TOK in different fields of science in context to proteins in biology and gas laws in physics. He handed out information sheets on the history and timeline of major events, incorporating the significance of major Indian historical events and encouraged us to think about the scientific and mathematical aspects relating to such events. He left students puzzled on how math and science influences almost all fields! All the students were left curious and were full of unanswered questions after his brilliant thought-provoking speech!

A closing ceremony where all the visiting schools' participants were thanked for coming, and the most awaited awards and certificate distribution was carried out. What a brilliant end to such an exciting day!

11. Learn another language

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12. Ride a Venetian gondola

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13. Drive across the country

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14. View Paris from atop the Eiffel Tower

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15. Hike the Pacific crest trail

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16. Take an Alaskan cruise

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17. See your favourite band

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18. Go camping

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19. Visit Stonehenge

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20. Climb a big mountain like mount Kilimanjaro

All for a good cause- Sneh Srishti



It is very interesting to notice the diversity prevalent in today's world. It can be ascertained that all of the kids in Ahmedabad

International School are privileged. And that privilege is hugely based on the fact that the parents and families of the students belong to an economic class more affluent than most of India's population. It is the sad reality of this country that it consists of a huge population of underprivileged people. The poverty rates are astonishing. And in all of this sadness, there is a ray of sunshine. A possibility to make things better. Our school provides the infrastructure required for educating some of the underprivileged children. It has been named 'Sneh Srishti' which literally translates to 'the world of love'.

The students of the IB Diploma Program undertook the task to teach some of the children. The two week experience had been nothing short of enlightening and beautiful. The students of IBDP took on the role of English and Math teachers and taught them. The challenges of teaching became quite apparent but nonetheless teaching them became a unique experience with mild flavours of mischief, wit and a lot of laughter. To make the learning experience exciting, all of the interested students came up with activities which would help enhance their understanding of the topics. For example, the English teachers taught the children the game of 'hangman' in order for them to learn basic vocabulary. It was eye opening to witness the children realise their potential and be exceedingly excited to learn. It makes one



Fable tales!

The Four Thieves...

Once, there was a gang of four thieves. One night they robbed a wealthy merchant's house. But the servants woke up and chased them. The thieves ran away with all the robbed money and the ornaments and hid in a deep forest outside the city.

After two days they could not control their hunger, so one of them said, "Two of us must go to the city and see if everything is safe. Then they must get some food for the others."

So, two of them went to the city. They went to a hotel and fed their hungry stomachs. Then they mixed poison in some packed food to feed the other two because they wanted to have all the wealth.

Back in the forest, the other two thieves also made a plan. They hid behind a bush. When the other two thieves came with the food, they stabbed them to death. Then they happily sat down to eat the food. But as soon as they ate it, they fell dead as the food was poisoned.

So, all of them fell victims to their evil ways.

realise how in the current materialistic, shallow world, it is possible to form real connections with people. They achieved it, all on their own with their simplicity. It uplifted our moods as well when they smiled. It was the merging of multiple realities. Our sphere of life with theirs. It was in those moments that the significance of someone you were willingly helping, their happiness, struck a chord with your soul. It was the resonance of that interaction that resulted in the formation of memories that we will remember with nostalgia. A bunch of smiles, an uninhibited laugh, the passing of innocent secrets and that bundled excitement that made the world beautiful.

We bid farewell to the class of 2019



The batch of 2019 bid goodbye to memories that were made across the school corridors, the teachers' disappointing glares, the whispered murmurings that strummed

through the school during the break, the expectancy for the sincere students to swoop in and be the hero for the day, the sharing of food and endless laughter, and the exhausting hours of learning and studying before the exam. It was that time of the year where the seniors were going to be shipped off into a blur of exams and introduced into the strange, wild, open world. It was farewell day.

The 11th graders had been prepping to make the occasion special for the seniors. Ideas for decorations were passed around, the performances were supposed to be specifically constructed to take them down memory lane, and the music for the dance party had to be perfect. It was an assemblage of skills united to create a magical evening for the seniors. One last opportunity to relish what was left of their school life.

Riddle Your Mind!



Find the answers on the next page!

1. What can be seen once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years?
2. A truck drove to a village and met 4 cars. How many vehicles were going to the village?
3. Police buy me to eat but never eat me. What am I?
4. Feed me, and it will give me life. But give me a drink, and I will die. What am I?
5. Who makes moves while being seated?
6. What flies when it's born, lies when it's alive, and runs when it's dead?
7. What gets wet with drying?
8. The more you take of it, the bigger it becomes. What is it?

The evening was set off with the 11th graders cheering as the 12th graders made their way into the school. The boys, dressed in suits, exuded an aura of confidence, excitement and cool. The girls looked gorgeous, mature and nervous in their sarees as they walked in, some scared to trip over it. The Head of School, Dr Anjali Sharma, then addressed the young adults and talked about the opening up of a new



world of opportunities for them and encouraged them to not get disheartened. Next, selected students came to address their batch. They highlighted significant moments of their journey as the realization of change began to sink in. The seniors seemed very nostalgic and excited throughout the speeches. All of them were then given sashes which had the school emblem and cups. Each of the students were blessed by their respective coordinators. The 12th graders were then shown a presentation which took them down various precious moments of their school life. During which the 11th graders transformed the main area into a convenient dance party hall. The band assembled and performed 6 songs amazingly well, the dancers gave an electric performance. The songs and steps curated for the seniors moved their hearts. After which all chaos ensued. The chaos was beautiful. Everyone danced to the beats and enjoyed their last day at school to the fullest. Pasta and pizza was served for dinner.

The farewell left the school with a sentimental feeling at the prospect of the cycle of farewells year by year. The students faced the prospect of change. The prospect of treading into new and unfamiliar waters. The prospect of saying goodbye. And it was realized that behind all those smiles, and that jitter there was as much fear and excitement. But, even more importantly, a desire to live their last school day, without the fear of tomorrow enabled by the strength of their togetherness and unity. In the rhythm of the music, the craziness of the dance and the flavours of the food, they lived their school life, for the last time

Answers!

1. The letter M
2. One truck
3. A plate
4. A fire
5. A chess player
6. A snowflake
7. A towel
8. A pit