



School Times



Dec - Jan 2012

Picnic in the Park

LKG and UKG students took a break from their daily routine by going to Nirmal Nagar Park in Ongole. All the pre-school teachers along with children, headed off to the picnic spot on our School buses with bags of snacks and play equipment. The children happily played in the park, danced, strolled on the grass and ran hither and thither. They proudly brought back a huge mushroom to keep in the Botany laboratory for other children to view.

Cycling Expedition

On 10 December, VIII to X Class students participated in a cycling expedition to Madanur. They started their journey from South Bypass at 7.30 a.m. and reached their destination by 10.30 a.m. Children relished their snacks and enthusiastically played throwball, kabbadi and volleyball in the soft sand of Madanur beach. The students said that it was a really exciting and rewarding trip, and also proved their stamina by riding a bicycle for about 3 hours each way. They are looking forward to many more such trips.



School Buzz!!

Green Day

"Green is the colour of the trees and bushes in our School grounds!" Our LKG kids made such a discovery on Green Day in December.

The inside of their classrooms also turned green overnight (thanks to teachers!) and the little ones arrived at School dressed in fresh shades of green (thanks to parents!).

Learning colours is relevant and fun through the enjoyment of colour days.



Mock Elections

Our Social teachers provided a hands-on lesson for our Class VII students by conducting mock elections. The teachers wanted the children to experience an election rather than having a lecture about it. Week-long preparations went on to make it more authentic.

Children formed six political parties, elected their leaders, prepared party agendas, canvassed in all the three sections of VII Class, promising them this and that in a series of political speeches.

On the final day the voting was held in the Social lab. The atmosphere was reminiscent of real elections, with a lot of commotion in the beginning with media persons, party members, etc! Later it quietened down and a peaceful election was successfully conducted.







The polling booth was opened with the first vote being cast by our Principal. Teachers were also given a vote to cast and they appreciated students for their enthusiasm.

Finally, in the evening, the ballot papers were segregated and counted. The winner of the election was declared:

G.Vamsi Krishna, the Yuva Sakthi party leader, won by a margin of 49 votes over his close contestant, K. Sai Druthi Varna of Maha Jana Shakthi party.

Children commented on what a memorable day it was and that they now understood how elections are conducted and how important each vote is!



| Saibaba Central School Assembly Elections Ballot Paper for VII (2011-12) | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Sl.No. | Candidate Name | Party Name | Symbol |
| 1 | P. Sai Phani | Praja Paksham Party |  |
| 2 | K. Sai Druthi Varna | Maha Jana Sakthi Party |  |
| 3 | M. Amrutha Valli | Freedom Party |  |
| 4 | G. Vamsi Krishna | Yuva Shakthi Party |  |
| 5 | K. Srija | Peoples Democratic Party |  |
| 6 | M. Lakshmi Priya | Praja Prabhutvam Party |  |





Maths Day

Every year we observe Maths Day in honour of our great mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan. Various activities related to mathematics, such as games, colour coding, puzzles, framing a question, and a quiz, are conducted according to the level of the students. This year this was held on 17 December.



Senior students took part in an intense inter-house maths quiz. Mahatma House came first with 55 points. Einstein house was second with 41 points. Buddha and Krishnadevaraya stood in the next two places with 36 and 35 points respectively.

Students eagerly participated in Maths Day, which is designed to test their abilities while enjoying the fun of Maths.



Christmas Celebration



To celebrate the Christmas season, students gave a short speech in assembly. They explained that Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ and that the festival carries a message of friendship, love and peace between all peoples.



Republic Day Celebrations

On 26 January, our School celebrated the 63rd Republic Day of India. Our Honorary Correspondent, Major Suresh Babu, unfurled the flag and saluted, followed by a proud march past by the NCC cadets and the students in their respective houses.

Immediately after, we all gathered in Sri Babuji Hall for a short programme. The function started with an inspiring speech by the Principal, Mr. P. Chandra Sekhar Rao. Mahatma House children sang a beautiful song praising our Motherland – “Tenela Thetala Matalatho”. Krishnadevaraya House followed with an informative speech about how and where Republic Day is celebrated and explained the importance of these events. Buddha House took their turn praising India through their song “Bharata Mataku Jejelu”. And lastly, Einstein House children educated us all about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who was instrumental in drafting the Constitution of India.

The function concluded with the traditional distribution of sweets to children.



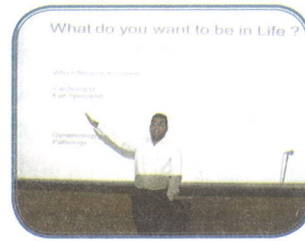
Seminars on Career Guidance - Accounting and Auditing

Valuable insights on accounting and auditing as a career was given by the young and dynamic Chartered Accountant, Mr. Sekhar, to the students of IX & X Classes on 17 December in the Multimedia Hall. Mr. Sekhar previously worked for Coca Cola and is at present employed by Vodafone.

Firstly, the various streams that students choose after they pass out of 10th standard were discussed. Mr Sekhar said, "Most students choose a career inspired by their parents and relatives, without knowing much about the subject or the other opportunities that they have in life." He stressed the importance of subjects other than Maths and highlighted the relevance of Social Studies to accountancy. He displayed a career pathway

flow chart and encouraged students to widen their thinking about their future careers. Students understood that choosing a stream should come out of one's own interest and be an informed decision.

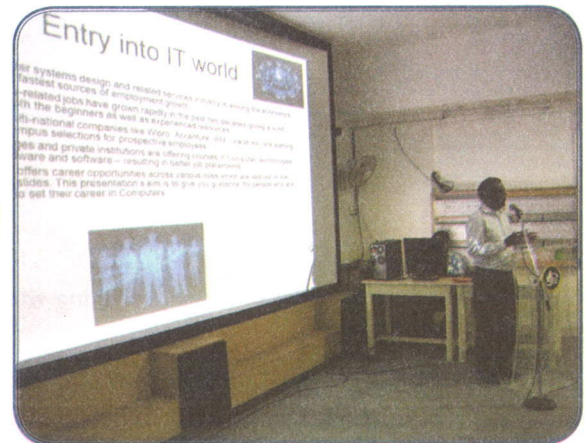
Mr. Sekhar also gave a detailed explanation of the various courses that are related to auditing and accountancy and talked about the various auditing jobs in both government and non-governmental organizations at state and central levels. In concluding the session he spoke about the "soft skills", commonly known as Communication Skills, Negotiation Skills, Team Skills and Interpersonal Skills, which are very important in the corporate world. He urged our students to develop all of these skills at home and school.



Seminars on Career Guidance - IT industry.

As part of our series of talks on career guidance, Mr. S. Srikumar (USA) from the IT Sector gave a brief explanation on the various opportunities in the IT field and the skills that play a vital role in the profession.

He explained that the different sectors of the IT sector are: Business Analyst, Software Analyst, QA Tester, Data Base Administrator, Web Designer, Systems Administrator, Network Engineer, ERP Technologist and Project Manager. All these sectors require communication, analytical, critical thinking and negotiation skills. He advised the students to develop these skills, choose a sector and become an expert in it. Such people play a predominant role in this technological world.



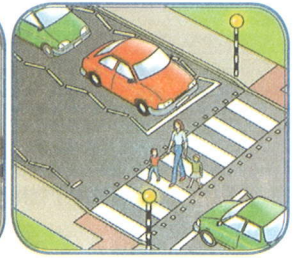
Seminar on Road Safety

National Road Safety week is from 1 - 7 January each year. To educate the students about this critical subject we held a seminar in the School.

This important seminar was organized by Simhapuri Expressway Limited (SEL), and presided over by Dr N.T. Rao, Road Safety Expert, New Delhi; Mr Subramanyam, a Retired Navy Commander and Chief Secretary of SEL; and Mr Shaik Ali and Mr Nageswar Rao from the National Highway Department. Dr N.T. Rao exhorted the students to realize the importance of road safety and its rules. He stressed the basic rules that every citizen should follow while on the road and advised students not to indulge in any daredevilry, which easily leads to accidents.

Later, the SEL Chief Secretary Mr. Subramanyam showed a power-point presentation in the multimedia

theatre to Classes VI - X, along with video clips of a few road accidents in Tamil Nadu. Mr. Subramanyam remarked that a lack of knowledge, bad traffic discipline, a lack of safety consciousness and overloading are the causes of accidents on the roads. He also said that India has started a programme to upgrade major roads to 6-lane highways to improve safety and security. He thanked the previous Prime Minister, Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, for his foresight and vision in the initiation of the Golden Quadrilateral, which is a highway network connecting India's four largest metropolises, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. Finally, Mr. Subramanyam urged the students to do their duty in helping accident victims, and never to ignore them. He also appreciated all the students for their enthusiasm and discipline.



Rules of the Road in India

To promote safety on the roads we will publish India's Rules of the Road in this and subsequent issues of School Times for the education of students and parents.

1. KEEP LEFT

The driver of a motor vehicle shall drive the vehicle as close as to the left hand side of the road as possible and allow all the traffic which is proceeding in the same direction to pass on his right hand side.

2. TURNING LEFT AND RIGHT

The driver of a motor vehicle shall, when turning to the left, drive as close as possible to the left hand side of the road from which he is making the turn and of the road to which he is entering.

When turning to the right, draw as near as possible to the centre of the road along which the driver is travelling and arrive as near as possible to the left hand side of the road into which the driver is entering.

3. PASSING ON THE RIGHT

Except as provided in regulation 4, the driver of a motor vehicle must pass to the right of all traffic proceeding in the

same direction as himself.

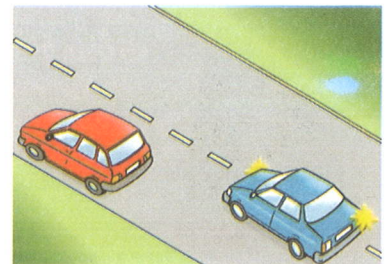
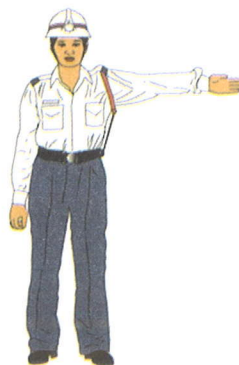
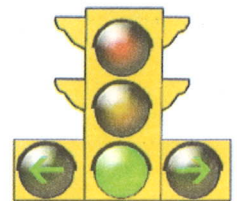
4. PASSING ON THE LEFT

The driver of a motor vehicle may pass to the left of a vehicle that has indicated an intention to turn to the right and has drawn to the centre of the road.

5. OVERTAKING NOT TO BE OBSTRUCTED

The driver of a motor vehicle shall not, when being overtaken or being passed by another vehicle, increase speed or do anything in any way to prevent the other vehicle from passing him.

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Annual Sports Meet



The tiny tots of our School arrived for our Annual Sports Meet in great excitement. LKG students had two challenging events – a running race and the very exacting lemon-and-spoon race. UKG students also ran in races, jumped in sacks and skipped around a circle of chairs to earn their shiny medals.

Students of I Class wished they had more practice in dressing themselves quickly in the morning when competing in “Get ready for the school”. Watching some of these kids struggle with their socks and shoes, belt, etc made it one of the most tantalizing races of the Meet!

Classes I to III ran 100 metre running races, jumped over obstacles, dribbled footballs, skipped rope as quickly as possible and balanced books on their heads while walking quickly for about 30 metres.

These individual games encourage all students from the junior classes to compete and to demonstrate their talent in physical activities, while the seniors from Classes IV to X show their proficiency in more formal athletic competitions – running races, long jump and shot put.

Team Sports:

Football, softball, kabbadi, kho-kho, throwball, and handball were played as inter-house sporting competitions for Classes IV to X.

Senior Boys Football

Mahatma and Buddha Houses entered the football final match after defeating the other two Houses in the semi-finals. Both the teams started strongly, not allowing goals into their home net. In the second innings each team scored 2 goals each, leading to the tension of a penalty shoot-out. After a tough battle Mahatma scored two penalty shots more and defeated Buddha by a margin of 4 - 2.

Senior Girls Handball

Einstein bagged the handball winner’s medals with a 10 - 9 score over their close rival, Krishnadevaraya. The game started at a fast and furious pace with our star sports girls shooting many goals from good positions in the opening minutes. In a dramatic ending, Einstein team scored the winning goal.

Junior Boys Kabbadi

The final of this rough game was played in a tense atmosphere. In the first innings it was a tie but Krishnadevaraya scored 56 - 39 to register its win against Mahatma in the last innings.

2011/12 Sports Shield:

Einstein and Mahatma were neck and neck in sport’s points until the deciding match, which was a thrilling game of Junior Girl’s throw ball between these two houses. And then, when all the points were tallied from both the individual and team events, the winners of the 2011/12 Sports Shield was announced – **MAHATMA!!** Congratulations to the green team!





Teacher's Picnic

The teachers had a wonderful picnic on Madanur beach under the leadership of our Principal, Mr. P. Chandrasekhar Rao. They made a tent with tarpaulin to sit in the shade, played games such as beach volleyball and housie, stayed in the water for long hours, and created a model of the administrative block of Saibaba Central School in the sand! Prizes were also given to the winners of the games.

This picnic relaxed everyone and brought fun and laughter to our hardworking teachers. These trips are important in rejuvenating our strength and energy to teach our bright and lively children.



green bloom



Indian Science Congress

As reported in our Oct - Nov issue of School Times, our young scientist team – S. Jaswanth Babu, P. L.N. Mani Kumar, S.H.S.M. Aditya, V. Murari and G. Yashwanth Dayanidhi – have scooped FOUR awards at the National level. Their most recent event was participation in the prestigious 99th Indian Science Congress held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, from 3 to 7 January. To exhibit here means being seen by the top scientists of India and abroad. P.L.N. Mani Kumar represented the team, along with our guide teacher Mr Sudarsan.

Mani Kumar wrote his Bhubaneswar diary:

4/1/12 Since my childhood I have dreamed of seeing Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, our former President. Today my luck was with me. I got a seat in the front row and was able to see him clearly. He advised us to be friends with great books, great human beings and great teachers. He said that, "Critical thinking gives a path to achieve success. A creative mind has the uniqueness of discovering anything and imagination is the beginning of the creation. Invention and discovery come from creative minds." My dream of seeing him was fulfilled today.

5/1/12 Today there was so much interest in our municipal garbage dump reclamation project. There were so many people at our exhibit that the stage broke! In the evening we listened to a speech by a Noble Laureate in Chemistry, Dr Richard R. Ernst from Switzerland. He spoke really well and answered all our questions.

6/1/12 On this day Dr B.B. Kar, Dr R.N. Ray, Prof. Geetha Bali, Dr D.K. Pandey, Ms. Dharitri Patnaik came to the Valedictory Function as Chief Guests. They are all in great positions in the field of Science. When they were awarding our certificates, they were impressed to see that our project got National honours in both NSCS and NCERT. We have had special recognition from everyone because of this.



Inter-District Netball Tournament in Warangal 2012

Our outstanding sports girls, K. Aparajitha, P. Bhanu, K.V.S.S. Vidya, Ch. Sreelekha, K. Sruthi, V. Aneesha and T. Rajeswari (graduated from SCS last year), were selected to play in the Prakasam District Netball team in the Inter-District Netball Competition held at Warangal recently. After a series of tough games the Prakasam District team was placed third in the State competition.

Of our seven girls, P. Bhanu, K.V.S.S. Vidya and T. Rajeswari displayed outstanding skills at the State level and were selected to represent the A.P. State team at the National level competition to be held in Assam in February. Congratulations and good luck, girls!



PARENTS PARLOUR

Meet the Teachers

In spite of busy schedules and squally weather, parents visited the school on 31 December to discuss their children's performance. The event ran smoothly even though there was a heavy rain in the later part of the day.

Teachers and parents exchanged wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.



CHANGES IN SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR 2012/13 PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR:

Classes V to X Boys

Monday to Friday: White shirt, school coloured grey trousers, school belt, black shoes with white socks.

Saturday: House coloured T-shirt, school coloured grey trousers, school belt, white shoes and white socks.

Classes V to X Girls

Monday to Friday: White shirt, school coloured grey waistcoat, school coloured grey trousers, school belt, black shoes with white socks.

Saturday: House coloured T-shirt, school coloured grey trousers, school belt, white shoes and white socks.

Classes I to IV Boys:

Monday to Friday: White shirt, school coloured grey shorts, school belt and black shoes with white socks.

Saturday: House coloured T-shirt, school coloured grey trousers, school belt, white shoes and white socks.

Classes I to IV Girls:

Monday to Friday: White shirt, school coloured grey skirt, school belt and black shoes with white socks.

Saturday: House coloured T-shirt, school coloured grey trousers, school belt, white shoes and white socks.

LKG and UKG Boys:

Monday to Friday: White shirt, school coloured grey shorts, school belt and black shoes with white socks.

LKG and UKG Girls:

Monday to Friday: White shirt, school coloured grey skirt, school belt and black shoes with white socks.

Shoes with Velcro (sticker) fastenings, rather than shoelaces, are preferable.

Big changes to the Academic Year of 2012/13

CBSE has set the terms in the academic year for schools throughout India. As per CBSE directions, the dates for the beginning of Term One (previously referred to as Semester One) in the academic year of 2012/13 will change for Classes IV to IX. Please carefully note these changes

Class IX (2011/12) going to Class X (2012/13):

Final exams will be from 5 to 9 March 2012 and the new academic year will begin immediately after that, i.e. 15 March.

Classes IV, V, VI, VII, VIII (2011/12) moving up to Classes V, VI, VII, VIII, IX (2012/13) respectively:

Final exams will be from 24 to 31 March 2012 and the new academic year will begin 5 April 2012.

Classes LKG, UKG, I, II, III (2011/12) moving up to Classes UKG, I, II, III, IV (2012/13) respectively:

There are no changes. Final exams will be from 9 to 14 April 2012 and the new academic year will begin on 7 June 2012.

The new School terms for 2012/13 will be as follows.

UKG to IV: June to November and December to April.

Class V to X: April to September and October to March.

Please note that School fees will be payable for Classes V to X by 12 April.

Second term fees will be payable by 12 October each year.

School fees for UKG to IV are payable, as previously, by 14 June and 12 December.

FAREWELL TO CLASS X

Class IX hosted a fun-filled farewell function for the outgoing Class X on 26 January. All the staff attended to wish our seniors all the very best in their upcoming studies.

In his speech the Correspondent, Major Suresh Babu, emphasized how learning at the school was about “how to think” rather than “what to think”. He encouraged students to apply this in practical life as they grow up.

Our Principal, Mr. P. Chandrasekhara Rao quoted the following:

*“Watch your thoughts
They become your words
Watch your words
They become your actions
Watch your actions
They become your character
Watch your character
It becomes your destiny.”*

He encouraged the students to shape the very best destiny and wished them every success in life.

Ms. Elise Sadler challenged the students to set goals that bring fulfillment in their lives. Amassing wealth should not be the only goal but doing a job that brings satisfaction. She also encouraged students to maintain the values that are modeled at SCS and not succumb to the world of corruption.

Both students and staff shared remembrances of days past, with nostalgic recollections of their experiences. Many of the Class X students have been with us since LKG, and in their speeches they shared fond memories of their time in SCS, both heart-touching and funny.

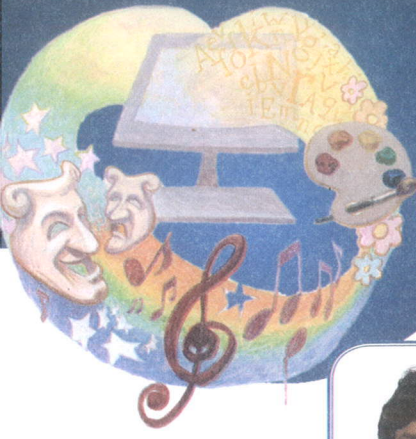
The students of Class IX gave gifts to the outgoing students as a token of affection and both classes entertained the audience with lively songs and even more lively dances! We particularly enjoyed a video, made by Vineetha of IX Class, depicting the students of Class X in their various activities.

This was followed by a sumptuous lunch hosted by the School Management. The whole afternoon left an indelible impression on one and all.



Creative Corner

OUR OUTGOING CLASS X



P. Harshitha
Committed to work



T. Chaitanya Kumar
Sports Star



T. Sindhu
Sweet natured



P.S.V. Sai Sireesha
Good Orator



K. Naga Pavan Kalyan
Helpful



Ch. Hari Krishna
Energetic



A. Sai Kiran
Rocking Dancer



Sd. Sharuk
Daring and Dashing



P.V.N.S. Sai Sanjay
Cricket Encyclopedia



S.V. Naveen Sai Kumar
Junior Scientist



T. Meghana
Sensitive



P. Sandeep
Friendly



V. Mounika
Always calm



T. Sai Vinay
Laughing Gas



P. Sai Supriya
Good Friend



R. Venkata Surendra
Book Worm



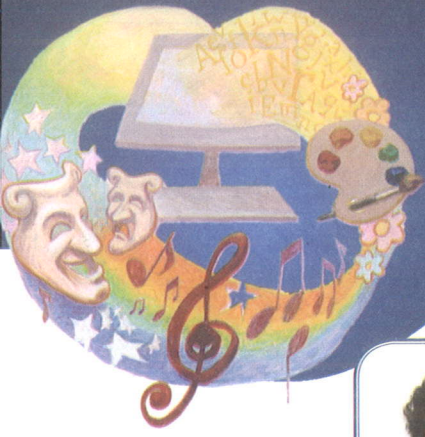
D. Mahidhar Reddy
Mini Google



R. Joel Osborn
Strong Man

Creative Corner

OUR OUTGOING CLASS X



M.V.S. Dyanesh Kumar
Positive Minded



A. Sai Sreenivas
Maths Genius



T. Pranav Chand
Silent Achiever



P. Anusha
Class Laughter



N. Amrutha Swethlana
Joyful



G.S. Sai Sujith Srinivas
Artistic



K.V. Thushar
Cool and Calm



Y. Vamsi
Best Leader



A. Divya Sai
Our Artist



P. Venkata Sai Prakash
Techno Freak



G.S.S. Abhilash Babu
Super Singer



R. Rasi Priya
Master Mind



B. Sai Subhash
Perfectionist



N. Bhavya
Quick Thinker



Ch. Rakesh Babu
Super Whizkid

