Saibaba Central School

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SCHOOL BUZZ



Farewell to the Class of 2012

arewells are never easy. This year we bid farewell to the class of
2012. The boys and girls of this class had been some of the most
high spirited in the history of the School.

This was the class who started the Green Brigade and educated not only the students of our school but also the people of Ongole about the damage caused by plastics. They went door to door in Ram Nagar to convince people not to use plastic bags and encouraged them to use paper bags instead. This team has distributed paper bags made by them to some of the localities in Ongole to encourage them to stop using plastics. It was a great fun loving class. They were very interested in sports and won lots of prizes and brought recognition to the school. They also took part enthusiastically in the adventure camps organized by the school.

They are busy preparing for the first major examination in their livesthe Board Exam. We wish them all the best and pray Baba to grant them all that they desire.

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Investiture of Student Leaders for the year 2013-14

he investiture of the student leaders for the academic year 2013-14 was conducted on December 14, 2012 in the school playground. Mr. T. Srinivas Rao, the Deputy Engineer of AP Discom was the Chief Guest. The students assembled house-wise in the playground prior to the arrival of the Chief Guest. The NCC cadets were in their uniform and the School band made a fine display in the centre.

On arrival, the Chief Guest was greeted by a salute from the students while the band played a fanfare. The Principal and the Correspondent then escorted the Chief Guest to the dais. The Principal introduced the Chief Guest to the School and lauded his contributions to the society. The newly appointed students then came up to the dais and were pinned the badges of office by the Chief Guest. He then administered the oath of office to the new office bearers. Later, the Chief Guest delivered a speech encouraging the appointments and asked students to work hard to achieve excellence in their academics and other activities.

These are the School appointments for the academic year 2013-14



House	Appointment	Student Name	Class	Section
	SPL	S. Sai Anish Rohan	IX	DAFFODILS
	Vice-SPL	K. Kesavi Durga	IX	IRISES
Mahatma	Captain	M.Vijaya Laxmi	IX	IRISES
Mahatma	Vice-Captain	B. Madhumitha	VIII	IRISES
Buddha	Captain	B. Nitheesha	IX	DAFFODILS
Buddha	Vice-Captain	B. Surya Kanthi	VIII	DAFFODILS
Krishnadevaraya	Captain	N. Gayathri	IX	IRISES
Krishnadevaraya	Vice-Captain	S. Sai Hasa	VIII	DAFFODILS
Einstein	Captain	R. Jyothi Chandana	IX	DAFFODILS
Einstein	Vice-Captain	Y. Siva Sai Manaswini	VIII	DAFFODILS

Maths Day

S rinivasa Ramanujan was a great legendary mathematician and a great son of India. He ranked among the giants in the world of Mathematics. With almost no formal training in mathematics, he made extraordinary contributions to the field. He developed his own mathematical research, as he had no mentors. During his short span of 32 years of life, he independently compiled nearly 3900 results mostly in identities and equations.

In recognition of his contribution to Mathematics, the Government of India had decided to celebrate his birthday every year as 'Mathematics Day' and declared 2012 as the "National Mathematics year" to mark Srinivasa Ramanujan's 125th birth anniversary.

To commemorate his birth anniversary, the Mathematics team of Saibaba Central School, conducted various maths activities for the various classes. The students enthusiastically participated in all the activities under the supervision of teachers.

The students of LKG, UKG, I and II classes took part in colour coding activity based on joining the dots and operations like additions and multiplications.

The students of class III completed a 6x6 Grid of "Sudoku." Students of class IV carried out the activity on "Coding and Decoding" in which logical thinking plays a vital role. Class V completed the patterns and Class VI found the numbers in the sequence activity.

The students of class VII made different models like Rocket, Robot, House etc., using 30 different geometrical shapes.

An inter house quiz was conducted for the students of classes VIII and IX testing them in areas of logical thinking, reasoning, puzzle solving and problem solving. Krishna Devaraya house won the quiz in a close battle with other houses. $1/\pi$



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he Inter House Sports Meet is one of the biggest events conducted every year in the School. The eagerly awaited day came and the big event was organized starting on Saturday, November 10, 2012. This event encompassed both the individual games and team games such as Throwball, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Handball and Football.

Most of the team games were played on Saturdays including the finals. The team games were conducted on four Saturdays. December 22, 2012 was the grand finale for all games. The school Physical Education teacher Mr. I. Pothu Raj and his aide Mrs. Indira took the opportunity to decorate entire school ground with colorful flags. The flags of four different houses along with the school flag were placed at the center of the ground. The victory podium beckoned the winners. The air was filled with sports spirit.

The sports for LKG and UKG were conducted on December 21, 2012. All KG children participated with great enthusiasm and competitive spirit. The programme ended with medal distribution and the children went home displaying their medals proudly.

The various events like shot putt, long jump, 100 mt. running race went on smoothly under the supervision of teachers. The students who came in first, second, third and fourth places earned points for their houses. The much awaited 4 X 100 meters relay race was the deciding event for Inter House Championship. Wellqualified Physical Directors from various places of Prakasam District – Mr.Hema Chandra Babu, Mr. Sd. Fiyaz, Mr. Koteswara Rao, Mr. Chiranjeevi, Mr. Prabhakar and Mr. Venkateswarulu - acted as judges for these events.

To add interest to the events, a competition was held for teachers too to check their athletic skills. Hockey ball dribbling was conducted for male teachers. Mr. Pratap bagged the 1st place, Mr. K. Sugun Raj, & Mr. Ch. Sailukumar bagged 2nd place and Mr.I. Pothu Raju came up in the third position. Brisk walking competition was conducted for the lady teachers. Mrs.V.Indira won the 1st place, Mrs. J.Jyothi & Mrs. A. Varalaxmi stood in 2nd place and Mrs. P. Anne Esther was in the third place. Teachers' participation in the sports meet was a gala time both to the teach-



ers and the students. The Principal honored all guest Physical Directors with a memento.

The afternoon session was concluded with medal distribution. The entire ground echoed with cheers, applauses and slogans boosting the performance of respective houses.



Results:

Junior Girls – Kho- Kho:

Semi-finals were held between Einstein vs. Mahatma and between Krishna Devaraya vs. Buddha teams. Mahatma house and Buddha house entered into finals defeating their rivals. The finals saw a fierce game between Mahatma and Buddha Houses but finally Mahatma managed to win the gold medal.

Throw ball:

Semi-finals were held between Mahatma vs. Buddha and Einstein vs. Krishna Devaraya teams. Mahatma and Einstein houses reached the finals. In finals, Einstein House lost to Mahatma House.

Junior Boys Football:

In semi-finals, Einstein team won over Krishna Devaraya and entered into finals. Buddha lost to Mahatma in semi- finals. In the finals Einstein beat Mahatma winning gold in the Junior Boys category.

Junior Boys Kabaddi – semi- finals:

In pool A, Buddha house won the game against Einstein House and entered into the finals. In pool B, Mahatma House won the match against Krishna Devaraya House. In the finals Mahatma House put up a tough match against Einstein and won gold medal in Junior Boys Kabaddi.



Senior Boys Football:

Mahatma and Buddha Houses entered into football finals defeating Krishna Devaraya and Einstein houses.Once again Mahatma House proved its mettle by winning the gold medal against Buddha House with a 3-1 score.

Senior Boys Handball Semi – finals:

Buddha House played with Krishna Devaraya House qualifying for finals. Einstein House lost its game to Mahatma House. In the finals, Buddha and Mahatma Houses fighting for gold played an extraordinary game. Finally Mahatma House won the match.

Senior girls Throw ball:

In pool A, Einstein House won the toss and qualified for the finals defeating Mahatma House. In pool B, Krishna Devaraya House entered into the finals by defeating the Buddha house. Finally Krishna Devaraya House won the gold medal by defeating Einstein House.

This competition saw a fierce fight between Mahatma and Einstein houses for the number one position. Both were neck to neck till the relay race, where Mahatma fought past Einstein House. Mahatma House won the laurels in achieving sports championship shield by gaining a total of 1,342 points. Einstein stood in Second position with 1326 points. Krishna Devaraya House was in 3rd place with 1,138 points and Buddha House took fourth position with 1,088 points.



INTER DISTRICT SCHOOL ZONE NETBALL TOURNAMENT

n January 6, 2013, class X students of the School participated in the Prakasam District Inter School Netball Tournament. The Prakasam District Netball Association conducted the tournament under the leadership of their President Mr. David Raju. In total, 30 teams took part in this tournament. Our school bagged the second place in the under 14 girls teams.

The school Management, the Coach, Mr. Potha Raju and the Class teacher A. Satyanarayana gave encouragement, support and guidance to the team throughout the tournament.



- K. Samaikya
- K.V.S.S. Vidya
- K. Sruthi
- P. Bhanu
- V. Anusha
- K. Aparajitha
- Ch. Sreelekha
- Ch. Srija

The coach, Mr. Potha Raju received the Best Coach award in the tournament. P. Bhanu and K.Samaikya Reddy were given the Best Players award for their outstanding performance.









Celebration of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary

o inculcate and increase ethical values in the children, Swami Vivekananda's 150th birth anniversary was celebrated in the School on January 5, 2013. Swami Vivekananda is a revered philosopher of India. A special program was conducted in the school assembly to commemorate him. Tenth class students gave a detailed presentation on Vivekananda's life and his association with Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa. The students presented his sayings, which had once electrified the whole country and woke the masses from their slothful slumber. A quiz was conducted on Vivekananda's life and his contributions to the society. The children enthusiastically participated in the quiz.

The children decorated their classroom walls with Vivekananda's pictures along with his famous quotations. The students got a great opportunity to learn about the great philosopher's life on this day.





Strength is Life; Weakness is Death.

GUEST LECTURES

The Andes Expedition by Malli Mastan Babu



he Andes Mountain range is the longest continental mountain range in the world and is about 7000km long; almost 3 times the Great Himalayan range, which is about 2500km from east to west. It runs from North to South spread along 7 countries of South American continent viz., Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile. The Andes mountain range is the highest range in the Western Hemisphere and is next to the Great Himalayas.

In this chain of numerous high mountains rises Cerro Aconcagua standing 6962m high. It



is the tallest peak in the Western Hemisphere and rest of the world outside of the Himalayas. Nevado Ojos Del Salado towering at 6893m is the 2nd highest peak in the Andes mountain range and is the tallest volcanic summit of the world. Nevado Ojos Del Salado is located in Catamarca, northwestern province of Argentina shares its border with both Chile and Argentina.

Malli Mastan Babu is the Guinness world record holder for summiting the highest peaks in each of the 7 continents in the shortest span. He is the only Indian to summit, Cerro Aconcagua three times. Having several firsts to his credit in several countries of South America continent, he is embarking on another exciting adventure "High Andes Adventure" from mid of February to end of March 2013. In this expedition, he wants to attempt Nevado Ojos Del Salado 6893m, the highest volcanic summit of the world and a few more peaks in its neighborhood all of which are above 6000m.

Our School came forward to be one of the main sponsors to support this expedition where for the first time the School flag will fly high along with the Indian flag on the summits of Nevado Ojos Del Salado 6893m and few more high peaks above 6500m.

On January 10, 2013, Ms Sruti, our director Academics formally handed over the School flag to Mr. Malli Mastan Babu, to be planted on the top of the tallest volcanic mountain on earth- Nevado Ojos Del Salado. We, at Saibaba Central School, take pride in being part of this endeavour and wish Malli Babu all the best in his quest.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

he second phase of Author of the Month was conducted on 1st December 2012 at Babuji Hall for classes V to IX. The author chosen for this month was Jonathan Swift, an Anglo-Irish essayist. He is remembered for works such as "Gulliver's Travels, A Modest Proposal, A Journal to Stella, Drapier's letters, The Battle of the Books, An Argument Against Abolishing Christianity and A Tale of a Tub." Swift was the foremost prose satirist in the English Language of that time.

We selected Jonathan Swift's masterpiece, 'Gulliver's Travels' which was first published in 1726. Students were persuaded to read the story as well as author's bio-sketch. On the appointed day, a quiz on the author was conducted amongst the four houses. The quiz comprised of three different rounds - Pass On round, Rapid Fire round and a Visual round. The preparation helped the children to get well acquainted with the story and its various events thus enabling the young minds crave for more reading. The pictures in the visual round checked whether the children were thoroughly familiar with the book. They enthusiastically identified each picture giving the context. Mahatma House won the first place and the second place was bagged by Einstein house in the quiz.



SCHOOL'S CYCLING EXPEDITION

The School has conducted a cycling expedition for classes VIII, IX and X on December 16 to Madanuru beach. Around 108 students participated enthusiastically in the cycling expedition. They all gathered at the South by-pass by 7.30 am and the expedition started promptly at 7.40 am. The students went via Pelluru, Eetamukkala to Madanuru on the seacoast. They enjoyed cycling amidst the beautiful green fields.

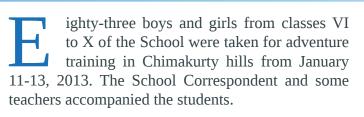
The cyclists reached the Madanuru beach by 10.30 am followed by playtime for the participants. There was a coconut grove on the beach and this provided a cool place to play and have fun. The children played volleyball, chess, tennicoit, football and Kabaddi games. Some boys as well as girls tried climbing the coconut trees with varying degrees of success. After lunch, it was the time for a serious game of football on the beach. Ninth and Tenth class boys were randomly divided into two teams - the Correspondent's team and the Principal's team. The correspondent and the principal joined the respective teams to encourage the boys. It was a keenly fought contest with both teams equally poised to snatch the victory. In the end it was the Correspondent's team, which won by 7-5.

Lemonade was served and the students started back at 2.30 pm. All reached the South by-pass by 5 pm and dispersed to their homes after a tiring, yet a happy day.





OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TRAINING



Pujyasri Babuji, the founder of the school, regarded the all round development of the student as true education. In the present age when education is limited to mere cramming and book learning, Our School has always consciously trodden the less travelled path. We have inculcated character development to mould the student's all-rounded personality. We make them strong willed, and courageous, able and confident to face any situations they may encounter in life. Various adventure activities conducted by the school like rock climbing; trekking, jumarring and rappelling are in furtherance of this commitment. Mr. Malli Mastan Babu, the world-class mountaineer, has organized this activity for the School. He is the Guinness book record holder for climbing the highest mountains in all the seven continents of the world in shortest time. He is also the only Indian and possibly the only South Asian to climb Mt Aconcagua, the highest mountain in Western hemisphere in the Andes, three times. Mountaineers of very high calibre such as Mr. Nirmal Pande and Mr. Soumitro and their team of five instructors assisted him.

The students were divided in to three teams and were named Jaguars, Leopards and Wolves. The Jaguars went for trekking on Day 1 while the Leopards were taken to a different part of the hills for their training in rock climbing and Wolves were trained in rappelling and jumarring.

The students had their dinner by 8 pm and went to bed in their tents. For many of them it was a first time experience sleeping in tents without electricity. They enjoyed it with much banter and bonhomie.

Day 2 started at 5 am. It was Leopard team's chance to go trekking while other teams moved to their areas for rock climbing and rappelling and jumarring.



The students were taught basic climbing skills and those who showed extra aptitude and interest were given advanced skills. Rock climbing inculcates selfreliance, self-confidence and team player skills. Most mountains are conquered by teams. Team spirit and willingness to actively cooperate with others in the team contributes to the success of the whole team. The students got first-hand experience on these skills.

Mr. Malli Mastan Babu, who is an inspiring speaker, held classes in leadership and character building. At nightfall, it was the time for the campfire. The students, the staff and the instructors let their hair down and sang and danced. Class X students did a wonderful job in entertaining the students and the staff.

Day 3 started at 5 am as usual and the boys and girls took a little extra time to come out of their tents as they had a late night with the campfire. After PT they were given some time to freshen themselves up and then had a hearty breakfast. The Wolves team moved off for trekking.

The other teams moved to their areas for rock climbing, rappelling and jumarring.

By now, the boys and the girls, losing their initial fears, had become more comfortable with basic skills in climbing. They could face the various pitches with confidence and were moving with skill over the near vertical rock faces.

Lunch was dispatched in a short time and the students were back again for more training. Soon, the trekkers came home and it was time to leave the camp. The children actively participated in cleaning up the campsite and dumped the trash in an appropriate place for further pick up.

The buses arrived and it was time for students to go back and meet their families on the Bhogi day. They mobbed Malli and other instructors for <u>auto-</u>



graphs and exchanged cell numbers and e-mail IDs with them. There were promises galore to attend the next adventure camp, scheduled on December 13-15, 2013.

The buses left the camp at 4 pm and the children were reunited with their parents by 5 pm.

Camps such as these are very useful for character building in students. There was a tremendous change in the students from Day 1 to last day of the camp. The students opened up, showed optimism and confidence as the training progressed. The students lost their fear of heights.

The students were exposed to an outdoor camp under the able guidance of world-class instructors. Although the students lived in tents for the first time in their lives away from their parents, they were enthusiastic to get most out of those 3 days. There were no cell phones and no interaction was permitted with their parents or friends. They had no electricity or bathroom amenities. They had easily adjusted to whatever they had without any complaints.

There was close cooperation, sharing and bonding within the students, as most of the activities they did were group activities. Gradually they developed "I Can" attitude and their self-confidence skyrocketed. They were eagerly inquiring about the next camp. The students of class X who would leave school this March were asking if they could join the next year's adventure. This shows how much they enjoyed the camp in spite of the hard conditions of the camp.





ECO QUEST 2013

fter weeks of careful research, scientific enquiry and creative thinking, Saibaba Central School was geared up and ready for a three-day celebration of science called "Eco-Quest 2013." Both the teachers and students had been eagerly looking forward to this day, as it was the culmination of their many days of effort, thought and time.

The chief guest for Eco Quest 2013 was Smt. Sainathuni Anusayamma garu, wife of our beloved founder Sri Sainathuni Sarath Babuji. She formally inaugurated the event at 10 am on 23 January 2013. In her speech, Miss Sruti Sainathuni, the Academic Director, expounded the central theme of exploring, nurturing and experiencing the spirit of enquiry in everyone, including teachers, students and the visitors.

Every student in the school participated in the event, be it the youngest 3-year-old or the oldest X Class student. They had prepared between them more than 400 exhibits for the visitors in



various fields of sciences, languages and arts. These projects and experiments ranged from a simple demonstration of how to make a jumping bean jump to a home-made hovercraft on which visitors can take a ride, from a solar bag that hangs dramatically over the entire stretch of the spacious playgrounds, to the construction of an eco village. There were a couple of robots too- one is a fire fighter and the other an alarm robot.

Though the exhibition is being called a "science" exhibition, one would find presentations and experiments from other fields of study like the languages and arts. The reason being that the aim of this exhibition is to kindle the spirit of enquiry, the quest for answers, understanding and knowledge of the world around us with the help of science. The English exhibits for instance, will help you meet (virtually) the famous authors such as J.K. Rowling, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle or test your knowledge of the language with fun challenges. And the same is the case with our Telugu and Hindi displays as well.

Several of the exhibits demonstrated practical ways of protecting the environment as a reflection of the School's "green" values. The school's Green Brigade Club had a prominent display, showcasing their efforts to educate their fellow students and the people of Ongole to stop using plastic. Some of the projects were about the many green values being learnt as well as followed at the school like the vermicomposting unit, the bee-keeping project, mushroom culture, organic farming, ground water recharging unit, the solar street lighting, solar electric fencing and





many more. In addition to these, they even researched upon Pancha Gavya, an ancient preparation using cow products as a hormonal supplement to plants and the recipe for Amrutha Jal, which helps increase soil fertility. They also worked on a bio pesticide, which does not harm the environment while destroying pests.

When you enter the Physical Education room, one gets the opportunity to test ones level of fitness, learn how to strengthen ones muscles, or watch one of the students perform, yoga, synchronized Taichi or Karate. The entire room buzzes with zeal and love for the outdoors. And when you enter the Social Studies room, one sees displays of not just countries like China, Argentina and Saudi Arabia but also the neglected North-Eastern states of India. They had a vibrant and colourful display of their projects showing their various cultures in detail.



One aspect of the Indian people is our blind adherence to superstition and the fact that more and more people are falling prey to Swamijis who claim to possess supernatural powers is a proof of that sad state of affairs. As part of spreading awareness against such blind beliefs, the children of the School performed a little skit where they showed a Swamiji fooling the people with tricks, the kind of tricks we hear often on TV and news. They then reveal the science behind these so-called divine powers with the help of science and bring us back to the central theme of the exhibition which is "to enquire," to explore, to question, to understand and never yield to blind superstition.

The little ones showed the visitors how to write with water, how to make square bubbles, make popcorns dance, how to change the colors of a flower, how to create a magic fountain or how to create math tricks with matchsticks! If their fun projects didn't manage to bring a smile on your face, then their charming smiles and adorable explanations did the trick. They stole every visitor's heart.

If the young ones were doing colourful and fun projects, the seniors took up the more serious ones. Enlightening projects such as, how to find out if ones food is adulterated and how to detect it using basic chemicals or how to build a fire extinguishing Robot, or ways in which we can reduce the use of fossil fuels by replacing them with solar and wind energy were displayed by them. The Telugu department had an entire room dedicated to an enchanting shadow puppet show as a tribute to our cultural art forms. The English department was using the advanced technology of our new Mimeo lab and Words Worth lab to discover fun ways of learning English.

The Biology department had some very interesting exhibits on Swine Flu, Typhoid and Dengue. They showed how blood typing is done and also explained the various blood groups. They showed the danger of using artificial sweeteners and also gave the formulas for preparing anti mosquito sprays using natural organic products.

These and many more exciting experiments were on display at the Eco Quest here at Saibaba Central School. Many fascinating questions like, 'Can water make music?' or 'Can we control our gadgets with hand gestures alone?' Or 'How to make perfumes?' and many more questions are being answered here by the children.

Friday Jan 25th, was the last day of 'Eco Quest 2013.' With the first day and second day attracting huge crowds, one would expect the students to be at least a bit exhausted. But, as the rush of visitors continued unabated, the students seemed ever eager and enthusiastic in their presentations. As more and more people flocked in, the volunteers had to step in and help in managing the queues and even take up group tours to keep the flow of people moving.

Everyone who had visited the science exhibition remarked that it was an inspiring and a thought-provoking experience. Most of the experiments, especially the solar related projects were an eye-opener to many visitors. These were the things they had read about in magazines and watched on TV but had never imagined that they could be done so easily. They said that to see them in reality in their own town was quite inspiring and gave them hope for a positive change in the near future. They seemed to be leaving with more knowledge and understanding about the world around them.

The visitors were truly impressed by the standard of the children. Many of them left some lovely remarks in the visitor's book about the exhibition, the children and the projects.

The school children of course have learned so much more than their own experiments. This three-day exposure to students from other schools, interactions with other teachers and visitors had not only improved



their communication skills and boosted their confidence but also deepened their gratitude to the wide variety of opportunities they were receiving here at the school. The teachers were happy to see that even the very few initially shy and nervous children were soon shedding their inhibitions and anxieties and were opening up to the visitors. And it probably helped that the majority of the visitors were children. It seemed so easy for the kids to mingle and share their knowledge with each other. It was wonderful to see them excitedly exchanging questions and forging new friendships.

The central theme of this exhibition was to inculcate a 'spirit of enquiry' in everyone who became a



part of this event, may it be the students of the school or the visitors. It was to inculcate in the students and visitors a sense of quest in their lives. It was to help awaken the spirit of our society and take an affirmative action to make a difference. The aim was also to create a platform for the students of the School to gain exposure to the world around them and build their confidence to interact with it. It was an attempt to bring the much-needed awareness on topics like saving the environment, experimenting with alternative energy resources, shaking off superstitious beliefs and encouraging scientific thought and approach to life in general.

Eco Quest 2013 achieved all this and more!

REPUBLIC DAY



A WEBSITE FOR THE ALUMNI

A website, *www.saiscool.com* has been launched for the alumni of the School. This is open to all the students old and present of the School as a forum to meet and exchange views.

GREEN BLOOM

The cold months of December and January brought colour and life to the gardens of the School. The greens seemed more vivid and other colours sparkled with the sap of life. The children, the animals, bees and visitors continued to enjoy the garden.



















IV - IRISES







VI - IRISES





VII - DAFFODILS















