



# Mahatma Education Society's DR. PILLAI GLOBAL ACADEMY

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## THE DPGA CLARION - 2014

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### PRIMARY ORIENTATION 2014-15



The orientation seminar for the primary section took place on 14<sup>th</sup> June '2014. It was organized for the parents of students from grade 1 to 5. The students of secondary section sang the prayer.

A few guidelines were given to the parents of grade 1 students to help them with the transition phase from early years to the primary section.

Our Director of the school Dr. James gave



an inspirational speech to the parents.

The curriculum and guidelines were explained to the parents. The importance of participation of students in the extra-curricular activities like karate, football, skating, swimming, chess, gymnastics etc. was explained to the parents. The orientation programme ended with parents one to one interaction with the teachers. implications of the change.



### WORLD ENVIRONMENT WEEK

**World Environment Day** is celebrated every year on 5<sup>th</sup> June in more than 100 countries. World Environment Day (WED) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), also created in 1972, uses WED to stimulate awareness of the environment and enhance political attention and public action.

On this day, individuals, non-governmental organizations, community and youth groups, business, industry and the media organize activities to renew their commitments to protect and develop the

environment. They organize activities such as clean-up campaigns, tree planting, colorful street rallies, green concerts, essay and photo competitions in schools, and recycling efforts.



In Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Environment Week events began from Monday, June 23, with Paper reading related to Environment by Secondary Students and Paper bag making activity. The following day there was a Power point Presentation on how we are harming our environment and what steps could we take to save our environment and an Art Competition on the Theme **Pollution**. Wednesday's events included a Slogan Writing Competition and the topic was **Save our Environment**. On Thursday a

Cleanliness drive was conducted on Pepsi Ground wherein the students of DPGA collected the litter in order to promote cleanliness. Friday's event was planned to explain the importance of trees which was watering the plants. The message was **Grow more trees and Save our Environment**.

The concluding event of the environment week was the Treasure Hunt for the parents and students which was conducted at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali. This activity was planned with the intention to get our Parents and Students closer to the environment around us and to enjoy the nature's beauty. The event was a grand success as many parents and children participated in this event.



## WORLD ENVIRONMENT WEEK



### WHAT IS WORLD MUSIC DAY?

World Music Day is a global celebration that brings nations and generations together for a *Universal Musical Festival* each June on 21st.

The event is also known as *Fete de la Musique* and originated in France in 1982. World Music Day showcases musical diversity of a free concert for all and turns the whole city into a potential musical stage.

In our school, we celebrated this day on 20 June 2014 by Kashmira of grade 10 presenting a power point presentation on World Music Day. It was followed by House wise band competition which was



judged by our honorable Director Dr. James and our Principal Mr. Maurice Coutinho.

Each band used different materials as musical instruments for their performance. The participants of all the four houses enthusiastically participated in the competition in the true spirit and was a grand success.



### WORLD POPULATION DAY

In order to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues in the context of overall development plans and programmes and the need to find solutions for these issues, 11 July is observed by the international community of United Nations as **World Population Day**.

The day is celebrated worldwide by business groups, community organizations and individuals in many ways. Activities include seminar discussions, educational information sessions and essay competitions, street play. In order to increase people's awareness on various population issues such as the importance of family planning, including gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights.

In Dr. Pillai Global Academy World Population Day was celebrated in two parts – the IBDP 2 with lower grades



students performed a street play in Pragati School Gorai-2, Borivali as a part of CAS activity on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and in the school assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The street play was focused on the problems caused by over population and the solutions to these problems. In the assembly there was also a small presentation on what and why over-population is created. The play highlighted many other problems that worked hand in hand with over-population. These problems included corruption, lack of food in family, financial problems like less money, water unavailability and educational rights.

The concluding event of World Population Day was by spreading awareness regarding problems of over population and some solutions too it and end up with a motto that, "While over-population is seen as the weakness of a country, if used right it will become the strength."





## JOLLY PHONICS WORKSHOP GRADE 1 (12<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2014)

**Jolly Phonics workshop Grade 1 (12<sup>th</sup> July, 2014)** Jolly Phonics workshop was conducted for the Parents of Primary section Grade 1 to enhance the child's communication and literary skills. This systematic synthetic phonics programme designed to teach children to read and write, was not only enjoyable but also gave useful tips to parents on how they could apply different methodologies to make the teaching-learning process more interesting for their children. The session was interactive and the parents participated with great enthusiasm in guessing the sounds and playing "The Treasure Hunt game."



## FRENCH DAY 2014-15

French national day was celebrated in DPGA on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 during the morning assembly. To celebrate this day, the students from grade 3 - grade 9 came together and participated enthusiastically. The program started with a brief introduction in which grade 9 students described the importance and the significance of this day.

It was followed by the poems: 'Frère Jacques' which was presented by the students of grade 3 and grade 4 and a poem 'Alouette' was presented by the students of grade 6.

After arousing their interest in French culture we moved to French Revolution which was presented through a PowerPoint presentation by a student of grade 9.

After the presentations and poems the event was concluded with a video showing the fireworks at Eiffel tower on 14<sup>th</sup> July to commemorate the national festival which students greatly enjoyed.

The main objective of celebrating this event was to create awareness and '**International mindedness**' and to know more about international culture.



## INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2014-15



The investiture ceremony for the academic year 2014-15 was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014. The event was organized within the school premises in the auditorium for the students.

The highlight of the event was the chief guest Mr. Shivanand shetty, a corporator from congress, ward no 8.

The event began with the welcome dance followed by the lightning of lamp by our chief guest Mr. Shivanand Shetty, Ms Mabel Pillai and our management Dr. James, Ms Sharda Sharma and Mr. Maurice Coutinho. Followed by prayer song by the primary students.

The students appointed as the council members for the academic year were been honored by the chief guest and the management. Council members took the oath for being responsible for the duties assigned to them.

The prefects of the respective classes were been appointed to represent their grades. The prefects gave the lamp to the



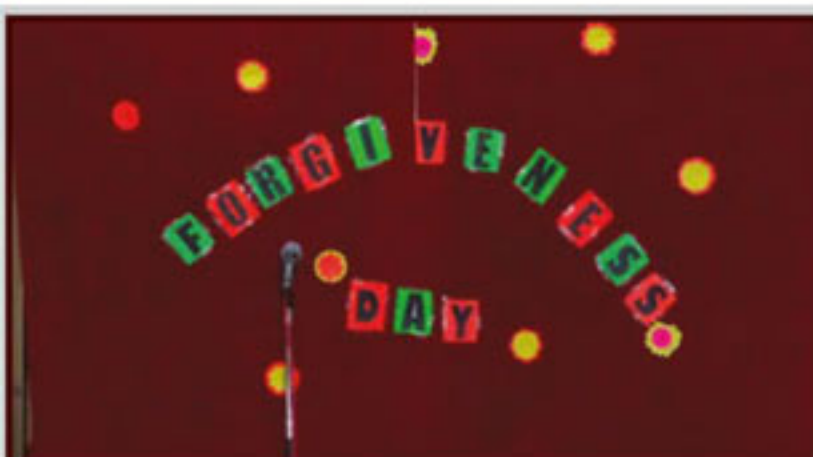


council members to uphold the vision and mission of the institution.



Students took the oath to fulfill their responsibility as the class representative. The oath was given by our principal Mr. Maurice Coutinho.

The event came to an end as the head boy and the head girl gave the vote of thanks to the management and the Students for electing them.



## FORGIVENESS DAY

**Forgiveness Day** founded by the world wide forgiveness Alliance was celebrated on the 07<sup>th</sup> August 2014 in Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Gorai.

**A day to forgive and be forgiven.**

A skit and a song on forgiveness were presented to the kids during the morning assembly, by the primary children.

Similarly during pre-primary assembly, children from the Early Year's Upper presented a skit on forgiveness.

Children spoke about the benefits of forgiving others. Thus, ending the presentation with a quote by Tony Robbins:



***“Forgiveness  
is a gift you give  
yourself.”***







## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day is a day when people in India pay homage to their leaders and those who fought for India's freedom in the past. The period leading up to Independence Day is a time when major government buildings are illuminated with strings of lights and the tricolor flutters from homes and other buildings.

In Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Independence Day celebration began with the flag hoisting ceremony on the ground followed by the programs which were held in the auditorium. There was a dance performance by the students, speech in Hindi and English. On this day the IBDP students were felicitated for their performance and also the certificates were awarded to the students for their achievements in various fields.



## JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION

Janmashtami, the birthday of Lord Krishna is celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm in India in the month of July or August. The sole objective of Sri Krishna's birth was to free the Earth from the evilness of demons. All over India this day is celebrated with devotional songs and dances, pujas, arti, blowing of the Conch and rocking the cradle of baby Sri Krishna and Dahi Handi.

In Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Janmashtami was celebrated on 14th August 2014. Students and teachers came dressed up in traditional clothes. The celebration included a skit on the birth of Lord Krishna followed by a dance performance by the primary students and making a human pyramid to break the earthen pot tied at a convenient height. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed this day.





## LITERACY FEST 2014

The Theme of International Literacy Day 2014 was 'Literacy and Sustainable Development'. Keeping this theme in mind the students of Dr Pillai Global Academy celebrated a week long 'The North Creek Literary Fest -Bookaru' beginning from 9<sup>th</sup> September onwards. This celebration involved children from Early years to A levels and IB. The children were thrilled to participate in various activities such as creative writing, poetry recitation and dramatisation. They also displayed their creative skills while making book marks, puppets, files, folders, pencil holders, paper weights, story books and pencil caps etc. These items were put on sale the proceeds of which would then go for charity. The week long programme ended on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014 with great gusto using an assortment of games. The stalls of various products made by the students were also set up in the premises. The parents attended this event in large numbers and patronised the stalls. Apart from that, there was also a reading area where the parents read different books with their children. There was a story telling and handwriting activity for the children too, wherein both the parents and the students enthusiastically participated. 'The North Creek Literary Fest -Bookaru 2014' then ended with fond memories which the children, parents as well as the teachers took back home.



## NAVRATRI



Navratri festival is the joyous way of worshipping Goddess Durga. The festival is celebrated all over the country with joy and fervour. 'Nav' means nine and 'Ratri' means night. The festival is celebrated over a period of nine nights and 10 days. The festival is celebrated all over the country but with different names. North Indians celebrate Navratri by worshipping the idols of Goddess Durga. In Bengal, decorative 'pandals' are made and people visit these ceremonial pandals to worship Goddess in festive mood. In Gujarat, the nine nights of the navratri are celebrated with traditional local touch which has now become global. A traditional dance form 'garba' is done throughout the nine nights of celebration. Similar, festivals are celebrated in south India also.



In Dr. Pillai Global Academy, we celebrated Navratri on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September with the joy and fervor as it is celebrated all over India. To begin with the dress code for that day was '**Traditional**'. All the students and teachers came dressed in their best traditional costume which was apt. for the occasion. The day began with the Morning assembly wherein there was a Powerpoint Presentation on the Navratri festival explaining the importance of each of the nine days along with the respective colours to be worn on those days. The next part of the celebration comprised of garba dance in the Lobby which kept us on our feet for almost an hour. Everybody had a nice time as they enjoyed themselves dancing to the tune of the Gujarati songs.



## TEACHER'S DAY

In many countries, **Teacher's Days** (or **Teachers Day**) are intended to be special days for the appreciation of teachers, and may include celebrations to honour them for their special contributions in a particular field area, or the community in general. The date on which Teachers' day is celebrated varies from country to country. The idea of celebrating Teachers' Day is to celebrate a local educator or an important milestone in education. India celebrates Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birthday on September 5 as Teacher's Day.

### **Teachers' Day Celebrations, 5th Sept, 2014 - Celebrations in Rasayani and Gorai**

To honour, appreciate and thank the teachers, the management of Mahatma Education Society hosted a huge celebration at the Rasayani Campus on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. This celebration was attended by all the institutions of Mahatma Education Society. Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Gorai, participated in this event with great fervour and zeal. The teachers set the stage ablaze with their scintillating



performance which left echoes of, 'once more, once more!'

The teachers of Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Gorai showcased their talents and put up an amazing performance on Teacher' Day with a wide assortment of items which included dance, singing, musical instruments and many more. The School Administrators also eagerly participated in the celebrations by performing an item of their own, for the teachers!



## DIWALI

From the land of colours comes a festival that illuminates the lives of millions of people around the world. Diwali, the festival of lights, is one of the most popular festivals of South Asia, celebrated by followers of three major religions, i.e. the Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. Spanning over five days, this festival is a unique blend of worship, colours, lights, food, fireworks and clothes. It is the festival that is said to bring happiness and good luck in the lives of the elderly, young and children every year. Though regional variations change the theme of the festival and add more charm to it, it is overall a celebration of the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance.

In Dr. Pillai Global Academy, we celebrated Diwali on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October with a blend of colours, lights and clothes. Halloween and Retro was the dress code for the day. As a part of the celebration we had a diwali activity in which students were given diyas to paint



and decorate which were kept for sale on during the Food Fest. The celebration continued with a movie having a message for students. Thereafter we had the Food Fest which was the icing to the cake, the best part of the day where students of the secondary section and teachers got together and made housewise stalls where



food and juices were sold. It was a competition among the students of the different houses as to who did their best and got in maximum sales for their house. The yellow house won the competition. Finally the day came to an end where everyone went home with a feeling of satisfaction and achievement.



## NUTRITION MONTH

A balanced diet must contain carbohydrate, protein, fat, vitamins, minerals and fibre in the required amounts. Each of these nutrients plays a vital role in the all round growth and development of children. It is important for all the nutrients to be present in the required amount in a

balanced diet and the lack of one or more nutrients in the diet can lead to nutrition gaps. So to inculcate these habits in children the entire month of November was celebrated as Nutrition month. A menu was planned considering the nutritional value required for a child. It

consisted of food items such as oats, vegetables, fruits, wheat, rice, milk products, sprouts..... Children relished the food and also learnt the importance of eating healthy food.



## JOLLY PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR EARLY YEARS

(12<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014)

Jolly Phonics workshop was conducted for the Parents of early years to enhance the child's communication and literary skills. This phonics programme was designed to teach children to read and write. It was not only enjoyable but also gave useful tips to parents on how they could apply different methodologies to make the teaching-learning process more interesting for their children. The sessions were interactive and the parents participated with great enthusiasm in various games like Memory game, digraph expert, bursting the balloon, what's in the box, talk to a friend, mystery sounds.....



## FIELD TRIPS

Field trips provide great enrichment opportunities and chances to instruct beyond the confines of the classroom. Thus to help children get first hand

information about their environment field trips were organized. Visits to Sanjay Gandhi national park, Veer Savarkar Udyan, Gandhi Bhavan and Plant

Nursery, Lion Safari .....added to the educational experiences of children.





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achieved through the path of non-violence. The main aim of this Field Trip was to develop in the minds of the students, respect for their country and also the freedom fighters, who laid down their lives, so that we can survive in free India. The students were also encouraged to write their observations. A group discussion regarding the same was conducted in the class after returning from the Field Trip.





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## FIELD TRIP TO – GORAI BUS DEPOT

**Public transport in Mumbai** involves the transport of millions of its citizens by train, road and water. Over 88% of the commuters in Mumbai use public transport. Mumbai has the largest organised bus transport network among major Indian cities.

To understand the structure of a Bus Depot and the services it provides to the buses, Dr. Pillai Global Academy arranged for a Field Trip to Gorai Bus Depot for the Primary students on 20<sup>th</sup> November. They were taken by the school bus accompanied by their respective class teachers and helpers. The officer in charge gave a clear view of how the buses get service during breakdown, how they are automatically washed, the in house fuel refilling area, the parking pattern, etc. The students were



encouraged to write their observations for a better understanding. A group discussion

regarding the same was conducted after returning from the trip.

## FIELD TRIP TO VEER SAVARKAR PARK

On 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014, Thursday, Primary section (Grade 1 to 5) of Dr. Pillai Global Academy went for a Field Trip to recreational park, Veer Savarkar Park, Borivali (west). There were total 229 students with 14 teachers and 2 didi's. The main objective of this field trip was to explain the importance of trees. We all had

a nature walk through the park and the message was given to students to: - Grow more trees and Save our Environment.

The objective of the trip was successfully fulfilled as we all were so close to the environment.





The 12th December, 2014, brought in the sunrise of X-ub-erance V, our very own Inter- School competition, hosted by Dr. Pillai Global Academy! The enthusiasm and spirit of various schools showcased the continuum of events which were conducted throughout the day. Talent, skills and expertise overflowed in various categories of X- Panache, X- Symphony, X- Dance Tadka, X-Verbaloquence, X- Flaunt, X- Cocinar (Cooking) and X- Rue Jeu (Street Play). An introduction of one more events, added colour to the already exotic rainbow of events introduced in the previous year. These events were judged by the renowned experts from their fields coming from various backgrounds.

Participants from the winning schools took great pride in holding the trophy aloft for their school.



Event	Position
X-Panache (Creative Lettering)	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up
X-Panache ( Human Poster Design)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up
X-Rue Jeu (Street Play)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up
X-Jaago India (Ad Making)	Winner
X-Cocinar ( Cooking)	Winner
X-Symphony (Music) Rock Band	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up
X-Dance Tadka (Dance) Folk Dance (5010yrs)	Winner
	Winner





## WORLD POPULATION DAY

Help! "We are nearly out of space"

The IB Students of Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Gorai planned and organised a street play (Nookad Natak) for the students of Pragati Vidhyalaya school, Gorai-2 to spread awareness about the rise in population and other issues related to Gender equality, human rights, corruption, lack of resources, adoption etc. Despite of the heavy down pour of rain, the students were able to adjust to all conditions and performed their best to convey the message.

The students and staff of Pragati Vidhyalaya School appreciated the act and efforts of the IB students.

This event has encouraged our student to showcase their talents with confidence and spread awareness of global issues.

## THE WEB DESIGNERS

The IBDP students of Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Gorai, undertook a new CAS experience of Web Designing in the computer lab under the guidance of Miss Nikita. Web design encompasses many different skills and disciplines in the production and maintenance of websites.

The students showed their creativity by editing and formatting websites. They learnt how to change the font and font sizes. This even included making tables and editing tables in HTML. They learnt the concept of colour codes (hexadecimal counting system.) They even learnt the concept of "Style Sheet" which is a type of template file consisting of font and layout settings to give a standardized look to the websites.

Stay fit, keep healthy and have fun by swimming

Learning something new can be a scary experience. The IB students of DPGA Gorai initiated and enhanced their swimming skills as their CAS experience. Under the guidance of the swimming coach Ms. Neelam Rane. This activity also creates space for IB students to enjoy and counter balance the academic pressures of the Diploma programme. It is an excellent



form of exercise for the muscles, heart and lungs. It also helps to improve posture and stamina.

As an IB student, this activity help to develop one of the qualities in the Learners profile which is to be a risk taker.

The students learnt to breathe in and out, to hold breath, side breathing, filter kick, hand movement, cycling and various strokes like free style, back stroke and butterfly stroke.

**X-ub-erance**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**

**Sports Day**

**20<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**

**Christmas Celebration**

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014.**