



Epistemo  
Vikas Leadership School

# Epistemo Lemur's News



Greetings!

A new year often goes hand in hand with a new start, and as we begin 2019 with a bang, we also would like to reflect and take a look back at what was certainly a very eventful December. We are happy to present to you the various highlights of the past month at school.

### **Events & Happenings:**

**Special Assemblies:** The assembly format has undergone a change, and henceforth, there will be a weekly assembly for 45 minutes



which shall be conducted by the house on duty. The assembly shall include Prayer, special presentations or programs put up by the students, motivational speeches, prize distributions, felicitations and announcements. The school assembly will be a forum to school activities and lay out program focusing on the co-curricular activities. It is conducted with the complete and active participation of the students and the teachers.

**Coffee Mornings**, which was instituted as part of our efforts to establish a collaborative relationship with parents was a useful and rewarding exercise for all concerned.



The series of meetings which were conducted in grade-wise slots from 12th December to 20th December gave parents the opportunity to discuss academic concerns

pertaining to their child. We deeply appreciate the support and understanding that we received from the parents who turned out for the meetings. These meetings have helped sort out many issues and paved the path for better parent-teacher partnership in the year ahead. Minutes of the meeting were sent as an update to parents who couldn't attend the meetings.

**SPARK** Talent Hunt, held on 16 December 2018 (Sunday) at the school campus was a one of a kind cultural event organized by Epistemo, in which

participants from thirty-two schools and from the neighbouring communities took part in dance, music and art competitions. The event provided students a platform to showcase their talents and received an overwhelming response



from students across the community. A total of 190 students from junior and senior categories participated in various competitions held during the event. Winners were awarded cash prizes.

**Brown Day** was celebrated on December 10 by the pre-primary wing of the school. As part of the celebrations, children came dressed to school in the colour brown. Kids also brought their favourite toy and spoke about it. It was a very enjoyable day for the little ones. On 13 December 2018



(Thursday), a story enactment was conducted by the Lemurs of the Pre-Primary. The name of the play was 'The Magical Cow'. Our young performers showcased their talents and brought the characters to life through their remarkable gestures, actions and dialogues.

**Christmas** was celebrated with joy and cheer at Epistemo on Friday 22 December 2018, at the school auditorium which was decorated in the cheerful hues of red and white. Lemurs of grades 1 to 7 put



up an array of programs to mark the event. The

play on the birth of Christ was a treat to the eyes, with a message that revealed the truth about the spirit of Christmas. Colourfully dressed angels and elves

from the primary section enthralled the audience with some



timeless carols and peppy dance numbers. The surprise entry of Santa on a bicycle created lots of good natured excitement in the crowd, and the program ended on a high note, with Santa distributing chocolates to those present.

The pre-primary wing of Epistemo had their own Christmas celebrations. It was a riot of joyous singing and dancing as the children sang joyful Christmas



tunes and jived to popular Christmas numbers. A Christmas play on The Gingerbread Man was put up and as a grand finale Santa joined in the Christmas revelry and distributed gifts to the children. In all, it was a wonderful way to welcome Christmas 2018, before the school broke up for a brief Christmas vacation.

As part of our Christmas and New Year Celebrations, Epistemo organised the **The Joy of**

**Giving** week from December 17–27. Students were encouraged to bring neatly packed and labelled donations (with the name of the item, name of the donor and class written on top) for charity. Items



donated included toys, stationery, clothes, blankets, groceries and

supplies etc., Pavani of Grade 1, deserves a special mention and word of appreciation for donating her much loved barbie collection to charity. Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni sent her a special handwritten note to the parents appreciating their parenting and the generous gesture.

**Camp on Campus**, a fun-filled camp for our pre-schoolers was organised on the evening of 28 December 2018 between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm. The camp brought the fun, thrill, excitement and simple pleasurable experiences of outdoor camping in our school campus. The camp was loaded with activities aimed at self-management and direct learning, while also serving as a break from the monotony of structured school schedules. Children also had the opportunity to enjoy the nippy winter evening in warmth and company of friends and teachers

The programme started with school prayer, followed by art and craft session on greeting card making for the little ones. Next came the puppet show followed by hot munchies and snacks for our ravenous campers.



The children also played some exciting games like hopscotch, bowling alley, fill the tub and grab the ball. Then kids experienced the

magic of tent and the grand finale was the bonfire followed by music and dance!

## Field Trips

On 12 December 2018, a field trip to The National Remote Sensing Centre Outreach facility (a premier institution of the ISRO), was organised for the Lemurs of grades 9 & 10.

It was an educative experience for the Epistemo Lemurs, as they had the opportunity to learn about airplanes, rockets, satellites, planets



etc. The students were introduced to platforms of remote sensing, geostationary orbits, active & passive sensors and different departments of space.

It was a day well spent, and the children came back with a better understanding of satellite and space technology.

The learners of grade 5 got the opportunity to visit The Akshaya Patra Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation feeding millions of under privileged children in India. They are committed to



eradicating two most critical issues - hunger and malnutrition among children by implementing the Mid-Day Meal Programme in government schools and government-aided schools. Carrying out the world's largest feeding programme, Akshaya Patra aims to not only fight hunger but also bring children to school. In Telangana – they have a centralised kitchen in Hyderabad which reaches out to 62,020 children in 463 schools.



Lemurs of Grade 7 visited the Science and Technical Exhibition at GITAM University on 21 December 2018 as part of their field trip, and it not only served as an eye opener to science for our students, but also honed their communication and technology skills, and was a step forward towards their all-round

development.

### **External Exams & Events**

174 students took part in the International Math Olympiad Exams conducted in school on 13 December (Thursday). The International Mathematical





Olympiad (IMO) is the largest and most prestigious Mathematics Olympiad for young geniuses. Olympiads are designed to encourage the learners to test their problem solving and application skills.

Two of our Lemurs, Suhita and Kritigna of grade 8, showcased their culinary skills and creativity in the "YOUNG CHEF" competition, conducted by NIE on 19 December at Roots collegium Somajiguda.



The monthly Newspaper in Education Quiz, (for subscribers of NIE newspapers) which offers exciting prizes for winners, was conducted in the school on 20 December 2018. The quiz is based on events and articles published in NIE in the current month.

### **CCA Activities:**

As a part of CCA activities various competitions were conducted in the month of December. Our Lemurs participated with full enthusiasm and interest in various competitions like Christmas Greeting card making, Carol singing and Mock Parliament. The Mock Parliament gave students the opportunity to exhibit their thinking and presentation skills, and was very well executed.



## **Experiential learning:**

The Lemurs of 8th grade did a hands-on activity to help them understand the concept of DNA in a fun and interesting way. Simple materials such as play dough, ribbons, straws and newspapers were used to create a 3D model of DNA strands and the protein blocks that form the



basis of human life. The models put up by the students were colourful and informative. Students went home with a renewed understanding of the science behind the creation of life.

## **Student Achievers:**

Our student, Sidharth V Nair from grade 5B, won the National level radio jockey talent hunt which was conducted as a part of the Indiywood film carnival in Hyderabad on 5 December 2018. He was awarded a trophy, certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 5000.



December was a busy month for all our sports stars, as they brought many laurels to the school in events that were spread throughout the month. Spoorthi of grade 7



stood as Champion in India Tennis League organized at Sancta Maria International School.



N.Sumedh of grade 9 made it to the Ranga Reddy State level Cricket tournament after qualifying in several previous rounds of selection.

Epistemo also won several medals in the Gurukul Cup for boys organised by the Swaminarayan Gurukul International School. Kalyan of grade 9, won the gold medal in table tennis in the under-14 category, while Ashish of grade 8 won gold in the U-14 Chess competition. Revanth A bagged two gold medals for the school in the U-16 track and field events.

The school also secured silver medals in the badminton, caroms and table tennis competitions and several bronze medals in



various categories. In all, the school won a total of 20 medals including 6 gold, 4 silver and 10 bronze medals.

Students Purab Agarwal and Pranav Gorijavolu from grade IX participated in the Science and Technical Exhibition at Gitam



University on 22 December 2018. This exhibition was organized with the objective of showcasing various scientific initiatives by the student community and also encourage, popularize and inculcate scientific temper in



students. Our Lemurs presented their models on waste management, segregating dry and wet wastes and importance of renewable energy in the exhibition. Purab Agrawal secured second position and won a certificate, a book and a cash award of 2,500/- He donated the book that he won to the school library exhibiting his generous nature.

Congratulations to the winners!

## **Awards:**

### **Rashtriya Siksha Ratan Award.**

It was a proud moment for the school when our Director Mr. Anil Kolli received the The Rashtriya Siksha Ratan Award on December 7, 2018, at the All India Achiever's Conference held in New Delhi.

The Chief Guest for the event was Shri. Abhijit Mukherjee, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha. The function was also graced by dignitaries Shri. R. K. Walia, former minister Uttarakhand, Shri. Dharendra Pratap Singh, Former Minister, Uttarakhand, Shri.



K. L. Ganju, Hon'ble Consul General Republic of Union of the Comoros and Major. Ved Prakash, Secretary, AICC.

The Rashtriya Siksha Ratan Award is an award that is given in recognition of individual excellence in the field of education by the All India Achievers Conference (a non-profit, non-political organization that aims to create a platform for recognizing the achievements and contributions of people from different walks of life).

### **Indywood Educational Excellence award**

On 2 December 2018, Epistemo received the Indywood Educational Excellence award instituted to recognize and facilitate efforts made by schools, educators and administrators to impart quality education under multiple categories.



### **ISA award**



On 4 December 2018, our school was conferred with the International School Award instituted by the British Council. The award was the result of the hard work and efforts of the students, teachers and parents who joined hands to embark on the path of exploration and self-discovery. Our ISA projects spread across grades Nursery to X, included the study of animals, cuisines, rivers, indigenous tribes, markets, squares in

India and other countries. The award is valid for a period of three years from 2019-2021.

### **India`s Top 20 Pre-School award**

Epistemo received India`s Top 20 Pre-School award on 8 December, 2018 in a survey conducted by EducationToday.co for India school merit awards- 2018. As per the survey, Epistemo is ranked at No. 20 in India, number 4 in Telangana and Hyderabad under the Pre-schools category.



### **Pragrathi International Education Award 2018-19**

At the Pragrathi International Education Awards function held in Delhi on 15 December 2018, Epistemo –Vikas Leadership school bagged awards in the categories- Best Infrastructure School in South India, Best International School in South India and Best CBSE School in South.

### **Robotics**

The students of grades 3-8 who opted for Robotics, had the opportunity to explore a number of key domains related to mechanics, simple gears and artificial intelligence. A summary of key domains covered under Robotics is attached with the newsletter.

That was the school this month.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous 2019!