



**Epistemo**  
Vikas Leadership School

# Epistemo **Lemur's News**



Greetings!

The short, sweet, and exciting month of February brings with it the pleasant prospect of a fleeting spring before the long drawn-out summer. The school too witnessed a flurry of activity as the students got ready for the final exams that mark the end of the academic year. Here is a wrap of all the events that happened in school this month.

### **Farewell:**

On Saturday, 15 February, the school bid a warm farewell to the Lemurs of 10th grade. Despite their pre-board exams, grade 9 students got together to put up a befitting show for the outgoing batch. The farewell happened in the brightly decorated auditorium where the tenth grade students joined their friends and teachers to reminisce the joyous moments of their school-life.

The students of grade 9 staged cultural events and games to entertain their seniors, after which students from the outgoing batch shared their feelings and expressed their thanks to their friends and teachers.

Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni addressed the outgoing batch, motivating them to achieve their full potential and do their best in the upcoming board exams and beyond. Purab Agarwal of grade 10 was adjudged the Student of the Year amid much cheer and applause.

The farewell cake was cut by the students of the outgoing batch along with the Principal and other subject teachers. Students bid adieu to their classmates and teachers, and exchanged best wishes for the bright future ahead.













## Exams:

The Pre-board exams for grade 9 &10 ended on February 15 followed by the Final exams for the entire school from February 28 to March 6.

**Nutrition Guest Talk:** A guest talk was conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> February by the nutritionist Ms.D. Pavani Jana from Continental Hospitals.

She explained to students about the importance of diet as, nutrition is a fundamental pillar of human life, health and development across the entire life span-from the earliest stages of fetal development till old age. And it is essential for survival, physical growth, mental development, health and wellbeing. Nutrition promotes a balanced life style and helps maintain a healthy weight, boosts the immune system, increases the energy levels, and reduces the risk of developing certain hereditary and chronic diseases. She also explained that balanced diet must consist of the right mix of carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins, minerals, fiber and water.





## Cambridge Orientation:

Cambridge Orientation was conducted on 01 February, for parents and students for Grade 7 by principal Ms Hema Surapaneni . In her presentation she explained the various nuances of the CIE curriculum and its role in shaping the minds of learners. She spoke at length about the curriculum, assessment patterns and feedback involved in CIE in comparison to CBSE.





## Board Exams Orientation:

On 07 February 2020, Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni conducted a session for students of grade 10, wherein she explained the nuances of presenting the answers in the board exams and gave them tips on how to maximise their scores through presentation.





## Circle time, grade 8.

Grade 8 students enjoyed a circle time with Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni on 'Realising Inner talent', which aimed at guiding the students in choosing the right paths for their future careers.





## Digital Talk:

In-Cube Digital Foundation conducted a Digital talk workshop for children of grades 7-10 on February 7. The workshop was organised with an aim to spread awareness, create an innovative mindset in students, and expose them to the field of Artificial Intelligence.

Two of our students, Surya Pranav of grade 9 and Lokesh Satish of grade 10 won summer internships at In-cube.







## Robotics Workshop:

As part of the school's robotic curriculum, two workshops were conducted for the students in the month of February. Workshops on Drones and Humanoids were conducted on February 12 and 18 respectively. In addition to increasing students' awareness of drones and their application, the workshop helped strengthen the fundamentals of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), problem solving and critical thinking skills in students.





## BMI Check Up:

Height , weight and BMI was conducted for lemurs from Pre-Primary 1 to Grade 9 on 19 to 23 February.





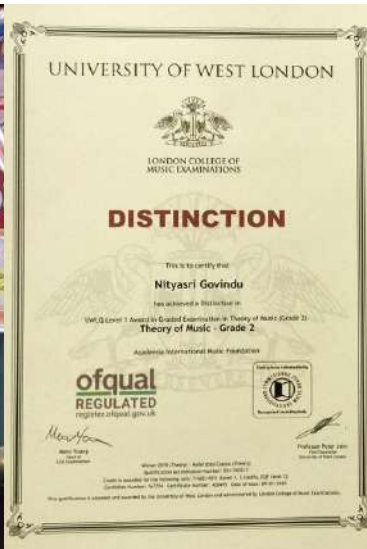
## Taekwondo belt test:

The Taekwondo belt test was conducted in campus on February 6, for students who opted for the sport. Fifty students from our school took part in the belt test.





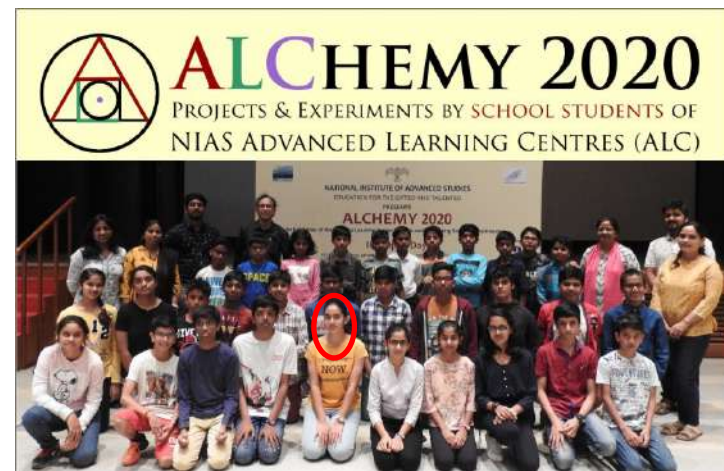
**Student achievers:** Nityashree G of grade 7 bagged the first place in Shruthi Idol Competition conducted on 27 February 2020 and was felicitated by CBIT. She also secured second place in the “Telugu Padyam” competition organised by “Sachidananda Kalapeetham” at Nampalli Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University. She also secured a distinction certificate from the London College of Music, for playing the piano.



Section	Marks	Grade
1. First Signature	10	10
2. Rhythm	8	8
3. Letter Name	10	10
4. Chords	9	9
5. Notes	9	9
6. Intervals	10	10
7. Scale Degree / Note	10	10
8. Questions on a Theme	24	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>



Tamanna of grade 8B was selected to attend the Annual Residential workshop & Alchemy 2020 from 27th Feb to 29th Feb 2020 at National Institute of Advanced Science campus in IISc Bengaluru.



Oorjitha of grade 9 bagged First position in 1st Invitational South National Karate Championship -2020 organized by Senshi Karate Do ( Telangana ) held at Kotla Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy Stadium. She also bagged a gold medal in Karate Association of Telangana Championship -2020 cum State selections organized by Karate Association of Telangana held at Victory Playground Indoor Stadium.





Atharv Jain of grade 2 bagged First position in Kumite and 2nd in Kata in 1st Invitational South National Karate Championship -2020 organized by Senshi Karate Do ( Telangana ) held at Kotla Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy , Yousufguda.



Anirudh of Grade IX and Vibhor Murti of Gr VII, were short listed for the Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the Youth Program under the South Zone, and attended 3 days' workshop, (11th Feb to 13th Feb'2020) on AI at Sam-skruthi School, along with 35 other students from all over India.

Our Lemurs, Anirudh, Oorjitha of Gr IX and Vibhor Murti and Saharsh B from Gr 7 participated in DPS Nacharam's "MakeIndia", Video making competition on the topics "Rags to Riches" and "Save the Drop", and secured the third position in both the Senior and Junior categories.





Our Lemurs Hasna- 8, Samardh -5 and Sardhak -7 participated in Badminton Championship Season1 organized by Izvara Sports at Club Sportico, Miyapur.



Sai Tanay of grade 6 represented Ranga Reddy district in 65th SGF State Level Cricket Tournament cum selections and bagged Silver medal



Zaina of grade1 bagged runner up position (under 8 category) in Badminton competition held in Bangalore on 16 February.





## Assembly:

Grade Ten, the school leaving batch, presented a memorable final assembly before the study holidays depicting the value of the month- CARING. All the students were involved in presenting the value through skit, song, and value talk.

The following week saw pre-primary students confidently making an assembly presentation highlighting the value of the month. It was a pleasant visual-treat to all lemur. Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni addressed the school and gave away the instructions to be followed before SA2 examination. Awards and certificates were presented to the winners of various competitions. Winners of this month's value are:

Grade 1: Ritansh Rohit, Grade 2: Nitivik Reddy, Grade 3: Sakshi Maheswari, Grade 4: Meghana. V, Grade 5: Sanjana Tammiraju, Grade 6: Vaishanavi Tripathi, Grade 7: Yatam Bhagwath Reddy, Grade 8: Lakhya Goli, Grade 9: Surya Pranav

























**NSO winners are as follows:**

**GOLD MEDALS:** Priyal Agrawal, Gautam Krishna Paruchuri, Ritika, Swaminathan, Stuti Sharma, Sri Prajwal Reddy, Rohan Vadiyal, Hariharan, Rishab Garai, Karthik Vishnu Vajjala, Neela Ambika & Srivanth Vishnuvajjala.

**SILVER MEDAL WINNERS:**

Shivli Vardhan Tirunagari , Nishka Mishra , Ryan Majumdar , Sai Ritwikkumar Priya Darshi & Tamanna Yadav .

**Bronze Medal Winners:**

Spoorthi Chava, Lalit Eswar Adatravu, Sai Vara Amruth Ananthula, Harshith Gottemukkala, Pratishtha Mishra, And Sahasra Prasad Elicherla.

**IMO winners are as follows :**

**GOLD MEDAL WINNERS:**

Srivanth Vishnuvajjala, Guru Sai , Karthik Viashnu Vajjala, Rishab Garai , Sai Ritwikkumar Priya Darshi , Himanshu Tushar Chandari, Yaddula Sujala Sree , Svanik Vasireddy , Kanav Bhalerao , Sai Prajwal Reddy Tupili , C Ananya, Mulu Kuntla Venkat Shashreek, Krisha Mishra , Rohan Bamini , Dhruv Garai.

Priyal Agrawal and Bhaya Agrawal Won a Gift Worth Rs. 1000, Zonal Gold Medal and Certificate Of Zonal Excellence .

**SILVER MEDAL WINNERS:**

Neela Ambika , Spoorthi Chava , Susnatha Maity, Hariharan , Rohan Vadiyal , Kavya Yadav, Shreyas Patnaik , Stuti Sharma, Advik Goyal, Nanda Kaustav Bharadwaj, Sakshi Maheswari, Mishka Agrawal, And Sarada Pravara Kodukula.

**BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS:**

K Surya Pranav , Tamanna Yadav , Neekshita Reddy Malli Reddy, Ayushi Sinha, Ankur Patel, Sai Akhil, Sai Tej B, Kanika Kumar, Diya Anil , Ryan Zafeer, Shivli Vardhan Tirunagari, Gautam Krishna Paruchuri, Karthik Polavaram.

**NASO winners are as follows :**

Sreekarip Palle, Pallav Kumar Patel, Krisha Mishra, Sai Ritwik Kumar And Tamanna Yadav Were Awarded With Merit Certificates And Gold Medals.

NASO second level exam was conducted on Thursday, 13 Feb . Tamanna Yadav of Grade 8 and Ritwik Kumar of Grade 6 took the test.



## PINK DAY

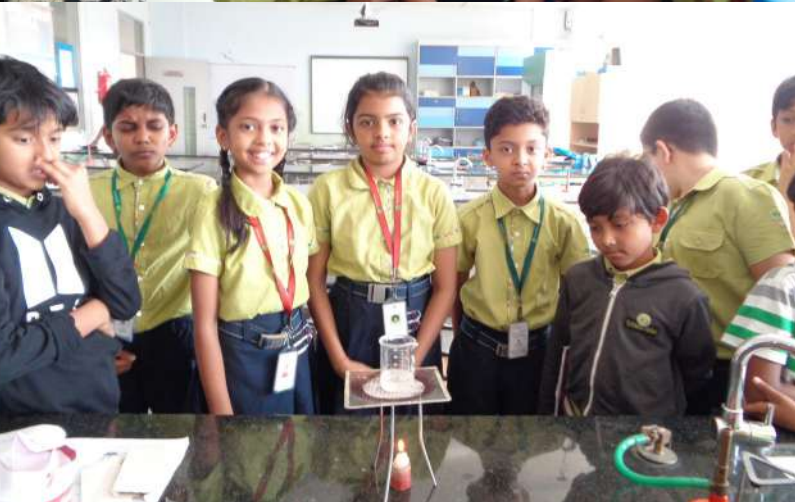
The Pre-Primary lemurs celebrated Pink Day on 28 Feb 2020. It was wonderful to see our children blooming and blossoming in different shades of pink. The young ones came dressed in pink and brought pink coloured toys. All the pink objects were displayed in the class and children were introduced to different shades of pink.

The Tiny tots participated in a variety of hands-on activities related to the identification of pink colour, making teddy and bunny rabbits. They also made pink colour milk shake using straw berry syrup and milk, and sang their favourite song "Let it go". PP1 kids performed a skit "Three Little Pigs". PP2 kids spoke about their favourite toys.





**Activity:** Students of Grade 4 conducted an experiment for observing how evaporation happens at all temperatures. A demonstration on formation of salt crystals from salt water was conducted in class. Students also conducted experiments to demonstrate the effect of shape and size of containers, surrounding temperature and blowing wind on the rate of evaporation of water. The steps of water cycle was demonstrated in the lab followed by hands on activity on the changing positions of shadow based on position of light source.











Under guided supervision, learners of grade VIII observed and experimented on the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide by different catalysts. They used manganese oxide and cut fruits and vegetables as catalyst to speed up the rate of decomposition of hydrogen peroxide. The presence of Oxygen gas was tested with a glowing splint.





Grade-3 - Activity with empty food wrappers to learn how to read nutrition facts given on the back of the wrapper. Learners were able to learn how to read the nutrition facts on the **wrappers** to choose healthy food



As a part of creative writing in English, grade 4 children have learnt how to write a newspaper report. An activity was conducted in the class where children brought cut-outs of reports from different newspapers and identified different elements of a newspaper report.



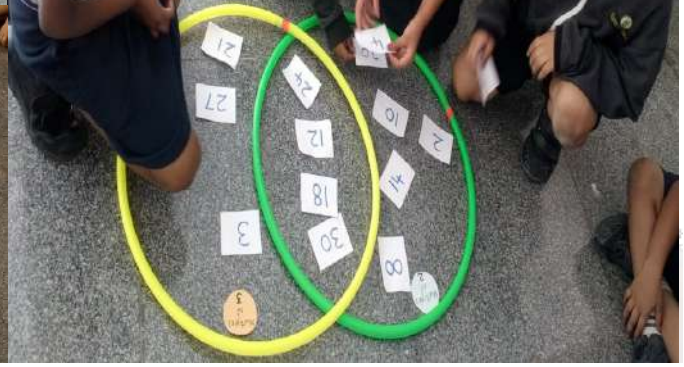
#### English Activity:

Learners created and illustrated their own story with beautiful pictures. All in the group got a chance to narrate the story in their own words. This helped them to develop imagination and creativity along with collaboration and team spirit.





Learners reinforced the concept of data handling through hands-on activity with the help of hoops and chart presentation







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Lemurs of Grade 1 :Outdoor activity was done where learners wrote different describing words for pumpkin and pasted the same on big pumpkin (on chart paper). By this, they understood usage of adjectives to describe a noun.



Grade 1-Revision Science : Growing plants - Seed germination activity  
Learners drew four stages of seed germination on the strip of paper and attached in the notebook. Through this activity, they learnt how plant grows from the seed.

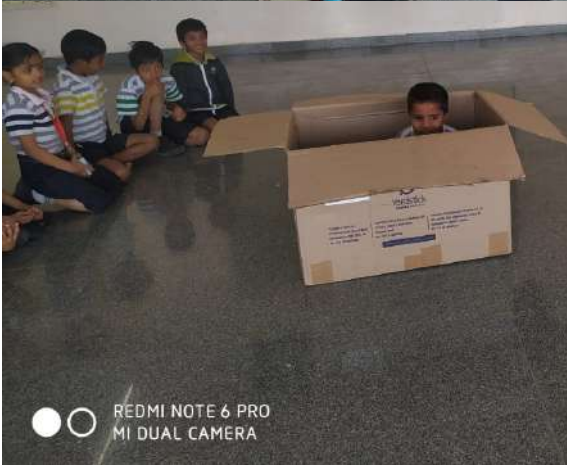






## Grade 1-Revision English - Grammar - Preposition

Activity was done by using a big carton box where they themselves become the object and used the carton differently like hiding behind it, under the carton, in the carton, on the carton etc.



## Grade 1-More on length and mass - balance scale activity

Balance scale was used to weigh different classroom objects where learners compared the weights of different objects like rubber and ball, chalk and sharpener, plastic ball and push pins etc.





## Global Perspective

The Global Perspective classes over the last month saw our young lemurs get hands on with their learning once more. Students from Grades 2A and 2B crafted their own tools while the explored the world of communications from its evolution from cave paintings and pigeons to its modern day manifestations in smartphones and satellites.



Students of Grades 4A, 4B, and 4C meanwhile took ‘a long walk to freedom’ as they learnt about leaders like Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi and their struggles for people’s rights. The students re-enacted freedom marches against the salt tax in India and against apartheid in South Africa. They also made their own model charkhas to embrace the Swadeshi movement.





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## Professional Development

English faculty Ms. Burney and Ms. Nagasharada attended a workshop on Multilingualism in Education conducted at the EFLU university campus. The workshop highlighted the importance of practicing multilingual approach in schools because it enhances creativity, improves students' performance, helps in problem solving, and develops tolerance in young learners.



On Saturday, February 8, Mindspark, an educational services provider, conducted an orientation for the teachers on the pilot program on assessment software scheduled to be launched in school.





Teachers who attended external workshops or training sessions shared their knowledge and learning with other staff members in the afternoon session. The topics for the session were: Understanding Formative Assessment by Ms. Bindu Sridhar; Taking Learning Beyond the Classroom by Ms. Dhara, Ms. Swapna. P & Ms. Manasi ; Role of Nutrition & Balanced Diet in the life of school going children.

That was the roundup of events this February. Thanks for reading.





## **Student Speak**

### **My Experience....**

The *InCube digital talk* at Epistemo was a whole new magnitude of informative, and yet it doesn't stop there! The fun and games that accompanied, or rather masked, the hard skills truly created a whole new kind of learning-and for the better!

Compared to previous one-way seminars, or very rare two-way "*discussions*", this session is very hard to categorize, but at its core it is a three-way experience: Student-teacher, Teacher-student, and Student-student. This sort of innovation is, of all the many sessions I've attended, an absolute first, and, in hindsight, should be everywhere!

This sort of thoughtful uniqueness that blanketed the most relevantly hand-picked information co-created the closest experience to the perfect class, one that I'm willing to take over and over again!

**-Surya Pranav, 9A.**

Our beloved Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni had a wonderful session with grade 8 lemurs on 17 February. The session began with an interactive exercise where each student had to identify certain good qualities about themselves.

Speaking to us, Hema ma'am mad us understand that it was the right time for us to choose paths for our future, and gave us guidance on how to choose our career paths. It was a motivational and informational session

**Spoorthy, 8A**



## **My Song**

I can feel your presence all around,  
In the silence, I hear the sound  
Of footsteps on the ground,  
My heart leaps, then slows down...

I have been waiting for the moonlight  
I thought I could find you in this perfect dream  
No point in hiding in shadows,  
I see it all,  
Now that I can see...

**Yashraj, Grade 6**