



Epistemo
Vikas Leadership School

Epistemo Lemur's News



March & April
2019

Greetings from Epistemo!

March marks beginning of happy times and good sunshine. It's a time for children to lap up warm mornings in the coolness of the pool, enjoy quiet afternoons with a favourite book, and spend the long evenings out, playing with friends. And having half-day school helps too!

Here's a look-back at all the happenings of the month of March and April 2019 .

Events & Happenings in Campus:

Throw ball tournament on 2 & 3 March.

Epistemo Vikas Leadership School played host to the 6th Sub-junior Inter District Throw Ball competition organised by the Throwball Association of Telangana on 2 & 3 March'19. A total of 8 districts (Adilabad, Nizamabad, Ranga reddy, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Mehboobnagar, Medchal and Sangareddy) and 250 players took part in the competition.

Ranga Reddy District bagged the winner's cup, while Hyderabad stood 1st Runner up and Adilabad stood 2nd Runner up in the Girls category.

In the boys category, Nizamabad took home the winner's cup, while Hyderabad bagged 1st Runner up and Ranga Reddy stood in 2nd Runner up position.

The event was presided over by Mr. Naveen Yadav - President Telangana Throwball Association, Mr. Venkat & Mr. Sideswar Reddy - Organizing Secretaries, Ms. Hema Surapaneni, Principal of Epistemo and Ms. Vijayalakshmi, Principal, Sangamitra School. The winners were appreciated for their performance and felicitated with medals and trophies.

Selected players will represent Telangana State in 6th Sub Junior Throw Ball Nationals going to be held at Akshara International School, Hyderabad on 25 & 26 April'19.







Annual Exams:

The final exams for the academic year 2018-19 was conducted between 27 February and 8 March. The results were declared on the PTM held on 16 March. In a new initiative, the results and reports were despatched electronically through the MyClassboard platform to save paper, and encourage others to do the same. After a short break, the students started the new term of half-day school on March 18, 2019.

New Term:

Students of grades 1-10 began their new term for the next academic year on March 18. In an effort to strengthen their basics and give them enough practice on concepts learnt earlier, the new term was devoted largely to revision and preparation for the lessons of the next academic year. English and Math concepts in particular were revisited to ensure that knowledge gaps if any, were filled and the students met the criteria for learning levels required for the next level.

As part of our academic goals for the coming year, key areas which are conceptually important for scaffolding the learning process for the next level were identified and revisited.

For grade 10, the syllabus started right away, so that portions can be completed well in advance, ensuring ample time for revision.

Special assemblies

Our lemurs are back to school on March 18, after a short break. They seemed enthusiastic and energetic with new spirits in the journey of student hood. The assembly was short and simple with a set of instructions about the summer academic session from our Principal, Ms. Hema Surapaneni. She wished our lemurs good luck for their new session and also welcomed new lemurs into the Epistemo family.

The last assembly for this academic session before the school closed for vacation was held on Tuesday, 9 April. Principal, Ms. Hema Surapaneni ma'am addressed the assembly by giving instructions pertaining to the following two days. She also discussed about the holiday worksheets that would be sent through MCB which the students were expected to complete and handover for assessment upon reopening. The winners of the Maths, Science & Cyber Olympiad were awarded with certificates and medals during the assembly.

Following the prize distribution, there was a program conducted by GHMC representatives to educate the students to recycle and reuse waste. Students were asked to separate waste at home into dry and wet waste and then recycle and reuse them for other use. The representatives also encouraged students to bring waste materials like books, torn and tattered clothes and shoes to school be exchanged for notebooks and stationery for the School Recycling Drive.

Recycling Drive with GHMC Collaboration

Following the GHMC awareness program held on 9 April, Epistemo conducted its annual recycling drive at campus on 10 April. Students and teachers collected all kinds of recyclable waste from their homes and from around the campus to be exchanged for books and stationery. Many of the students came forward to donate the new notebooks and stationery received to orphanages, and appreciating their generous gesture, it was decided all donations of books and stationery would be handed over to deserving children by the students themselves, when the school reopens in June.





Reading Program

We understand that our children learn best when they're having fun. To foster their interest in reading and to add a fun element to the whole reading process, we have decided to come up with a reading program for grades 1-5. Reading programs that encourage children to drop everything and read are designed to teach children the core literacy skills needed to be successful at school. They are designed to not only improve their vocabulary and reading skills, but also boost their confidence.

Our teachers went on a book hunting spree at a renowned bookstores in the city to gather a treasure trove of books for the children. These books will be sorted grade-wise and kept in classroom libraries that the children will have easy access to. Students can reserve books and read in class whenever they have spare time, or after finishing their work, with the permission of the teacher in charge.





Holi Celebration

Holi, the festival of colours was celebrated with joy and pomp in the pre-primary wing. A cultural show was organized where the little ones sang, danced, shared sweets and sprinkled colours on each other. Little ones were educated not to waste water and use herbal colours only. It was a really colourful day!



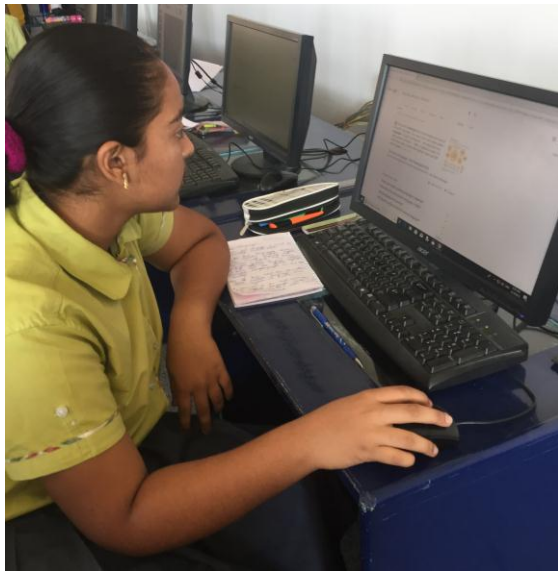


Global Perspective Project and Presentation

Learners of grade 8 were part of the Global Perspective project, which showcased the cultural beliefs and values of different countries like India, China, Middle East, United Kingdom, Africa and United States of America. The complete research work was done by the students and they coordinated with each other to complete the project within 9 days, which is a remarkable achievement. In the process, they did extensive research in terms of culture, history, geographical features, industries, food and festivals. The students also had a debate on the topic “Dialogue or War” in the socio-political context of our world, and came up with very interesting facts about war.

On 30th March, there was a final presentation on what they had learnt on those 9 days. They confidently responded to the questions asked while they were projecting their work. Learners also performed dance, songs and skit to present their learnings to the audience. Through this project they learnt about the values and beliefs of different countries and showed respect towards all of them. The project ended up with great knowledge transfer among students and between facilitator and the students with lots of fun thrown in as well!







Reflection Day

Good impressions make a difference, and the reflection day in the school gives students and teachers the opportunity to reflect on the learning for the year. It's also a wonderful opportunity for parents to actively recruit their children as partners in educational activities. Reflection day was celebrated on 30th March in PP classrooms.

The PP classes were festooned in colourful streamers and students made presentations and activities on topics they had learnt to the parents. They also answered questions that the parents asked about their activities with enthusiasm and confidence.



Graduation Day

Graduation is an exciting time. It is both an ending and a new beginning. It comprises of warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future.

PP students celebrated their graduation day on 5th April. Over the last two years our little lemurs came through these doors to play, paint, draw, build, and dress-up, read, write, colour, learn and enrich themselves. And through the power of play these students have grown socially, emotionally and academically. They have a strong foundation and are confident to enter the next level of Primary school.

It was a happy time, and an emotional one too as the pre-school teachers, staff and parents came together to recognize and honour our preschool graduates at a befitting function in the pre-primary block!





External Exams and Events:

The CBSE Board exams for grade 10 were conducted between February 21 and March 29. This year 21 students from our school appeared for the board exams. The CBSE board exam results 2019 is likely to be released by the first week of June. We wish our students all the very best for the results.

Cambridge Checkpoint Exams:

Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint exams were conducted in the school for the first time on 8, 10 and 12 April. Seven students from grade 8 took part in checkpoint exams conducted in English, Math and Science.

Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint tests have been designed to assess learners at the end of Cambridge Lower Secondary and are available in English, Mathematics and Science subjects. The tests are marked in Cambridge and provide schools with an external international benchmark for learner performance.



Field Trips and Excursions:

To give students of the pre-primary, the experience and ambience of village life, they were taken on a field trip to Shilparamam on 15 March, Friday, 2019 during school hours.

The village museum at Shilparamam, nestling amidst the trees, was the prototype of a typical Indian village with over fifteen life-sized thatched huts depicting rural and tribal lifestyles various artisans. The museum houses sculptures and life size models engaged in day-to-day activities, giving an experience that closely matches reality. Students observed carpentry set up, pottery, blacksmiths at work, few huts and some farm animals like ducks, rabbits and birds. It was an interesting and eventful day, with students acquiring hands on knowledge about arts, crafts and culture of our country.





Classroom Activities

Number logic

Math is all about logical and analytical thinking but it also has a creative angle. On 30 March, students did an activity using coloured squares to differentiate positive and negative numbers. They displayed the equations on charts coming up with unique and colourful patterns based on the equations. Once again on 1 April 2019, students of grade-7 did a practical activity that helped them understand how to divide fractions from a whole. To enhance their creativity students made colourful pizzas and to distributed the given fractions from the whole. Students were very excited and very creative in depicting fractions in colourful ways. This activity helped the students to understand the fractions. The intricately designed pizza display on the soft board of the class looked real and mouth-watering.



At Home with Geometry

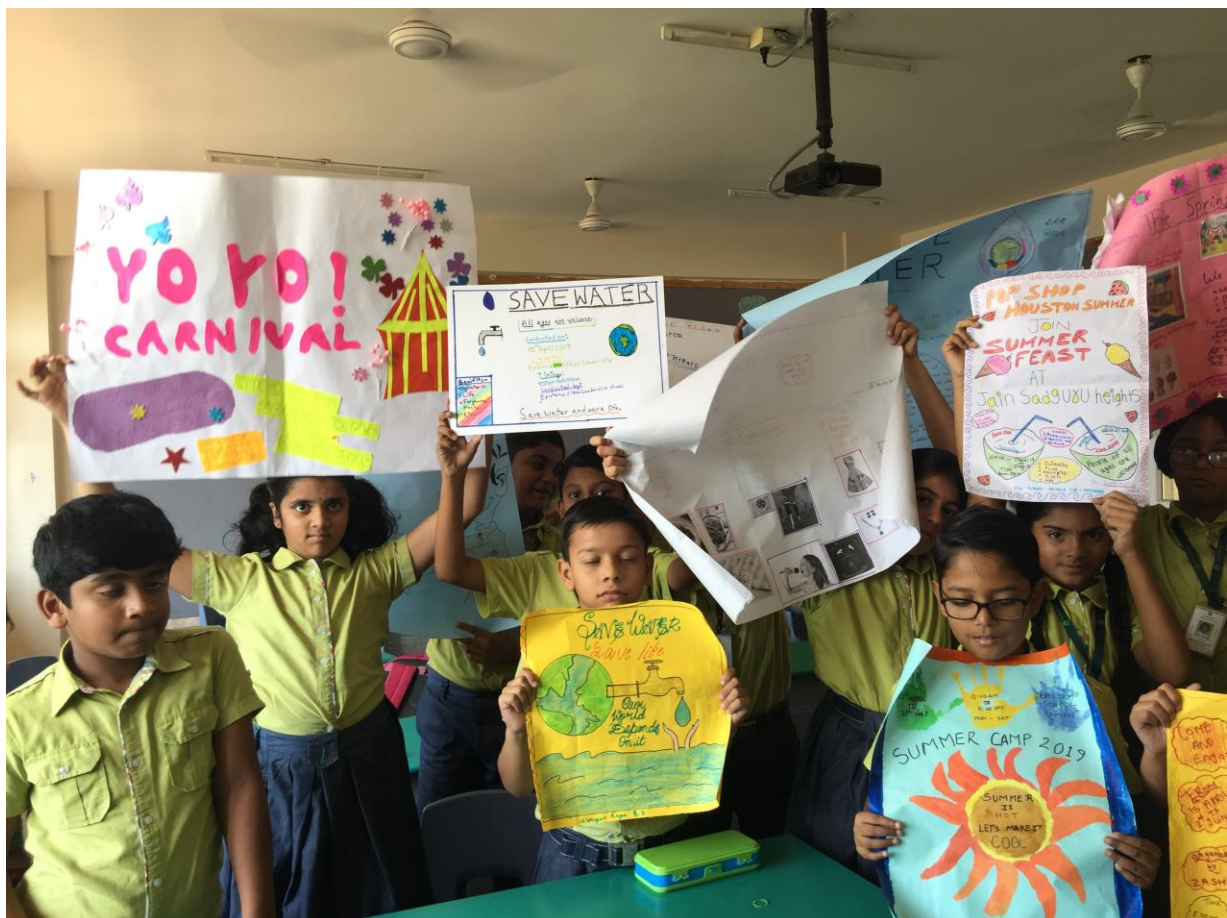
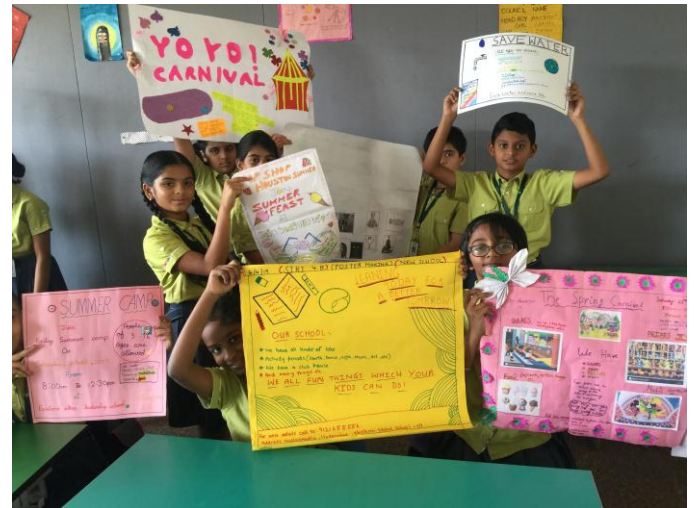
Students of grade 4A, 4B and 4C completed a hands-on activity on the topic "Geometry in Architecture" in Math. Learners shared different ideas of constructing a house using different 2-D shapes. For this, they first made 2-D shapes with colour papers and pasted them on a chart paper to form a house. Children really enjoyed the activity and discussed about the application of geometry in real life.



Fun with English

Math apart, learning English can be interesting too! Students of grade 4 wrote, directed, acted and presented a play script based on topics given by teacher. The class was a hive of activity, with the students flitting around animatedly discussing the plot of the play and assigning dialogues to the characters. The whole class was involved in this fun activity.

Students of grade 4 & 5 also had poster making activities. The students gave free rein to their creativity and channelled their innovative ideas into the posters which were then displayed and presented to class.



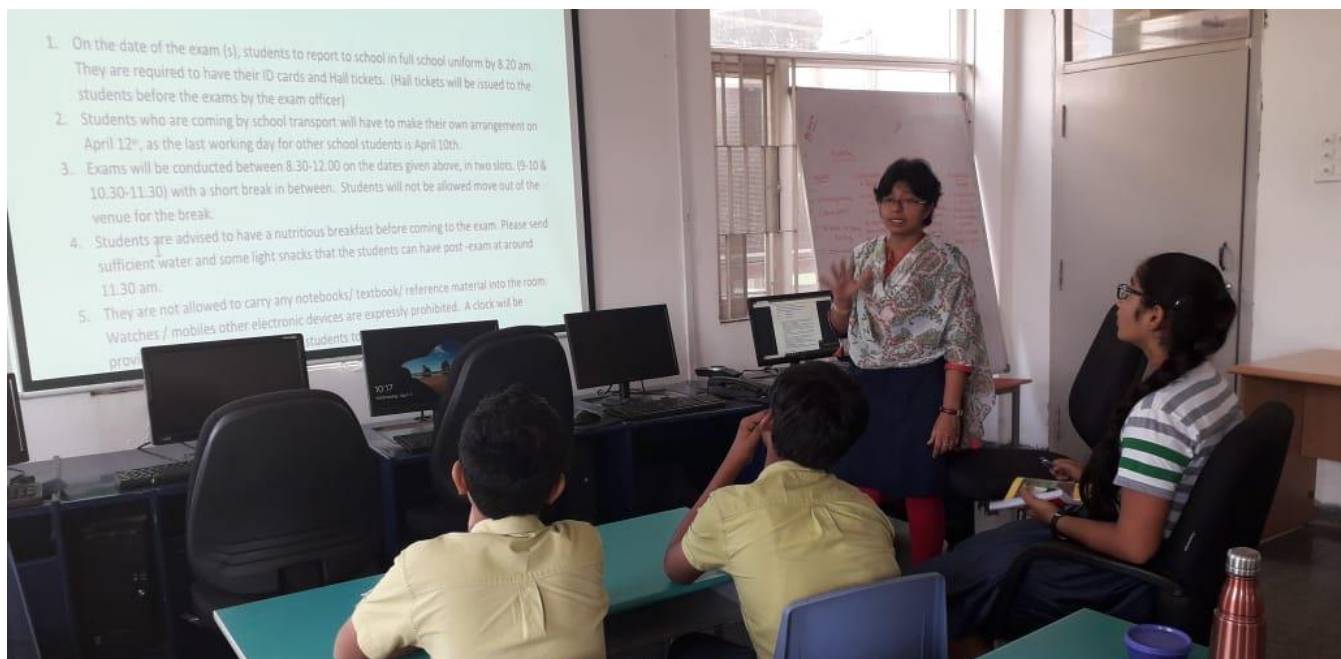
Professional Development

On 8 March, Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni conducted a workshop for pre-primary teachers with the objective of reviewing, augmenting and customising the pre-primary curriculum to meet the needs of our kindergarteners.

On 29 March, teachers had a brainstorming session and group discussion to finalise the curriculum and year plan for various hobbies, clubs and extra-curricular activities for the coming academic year.



In preparation for Cambridge Checkpoint exams, an orientation and training session was held for the invigilators on 4 April by Ms. Bindu Sridhar, Exam officer. A similar session was also conducted for the students appearing for the Checkpoint on 6 April to familiarise them with the requirements, rules and procedure to be followed during the exams slated for 8, 10 & 12 April.



Ms. Vani Marri, Head of Computer Science Department was invited to participate in the Oxford University Press Focus Group Session on Coding Product for classes 1 -12 held on 5 April 2019. The objective of the focus group was to contribute and discuss the coding content for the computer science program at school for classes 1 - 12. Fifteen other schools in Hyderabad also participated in the event.



Student Achievers

Spoorthy Chaava of Grade 8, continues her winning spree, bagging the Championship in the ITL Genesis Cup, under-14 category.

Nitya Sri of Grade VI has been selected for Classical Music Vocal in the Bala Gandharva Bhakthi Neerajanam program sponsored by Gemini TV. We wish her all the very best for the program!

On 1 and 2 April, students of grade 10, canvassed hard for the prefectural board, and made a convincing presentation pitch to persuade the selection committee that they were the best possible choice for various posts in the school council. Results will be declared on re-opening day.

This month's 'Student Speak' features interesting reflections on Global Perspective and Poetry by grade 10 students.

That was the school this month. The next newsletter will be out in June when the school re-opens.

Best regards

Student-Speak

This section will feature interesting write-ups, poems and artwork by our students.

Global Perspective: Student reflections, Grade 8.

Neha : I learnt many things about my country India. Apart from the internet, I also gathered some information from my parents, grandparents and neighbours. My grandmother explained to me the tradition and culture of our country. I came to know many new things about India and about the beliefs of people of different religions that reside in my country. This research has helped me understand the history of India better.

Tamanna: It was a fantastic initiative that combined skill development with learning. I wish we could continue to this manner of learning for all subjects. We worked hard for about 8 days and gathered whatever information we could get. All our work was reflected in our presentation and the feedback we received was very motivating and encouraging. This project was a great opportunity for us to showcase our talent, and we hope for many more such opportunities in the future.

Varsha: During this project, I had so much fun researching about a different country- UK. I understood the culture, values and beliefs which they follow and about their clothes and food. I have now understood the important role research plays in the whole learning process. I have also learnt to organise and put my learning together in the form of a presentation. I loved explaining my thoughts and views to the class and making charts for better understanding. I had fun participating in the dance, drama and songs too! It was a great experience and hope to have more.

Geethika: As a member of the group representing Africa, I would like say that it was an incredible experience which taught me a lot and showed me the world from another angle. An angle which I could never have seen on my own. I enjoyed every minute of it and I'm glad for being able to learn so much about Africa.

POEMS BY GRADE X STUDENTS

Dust and Snow

Smritika. V

Dust
Fine, powdery
Blinding, rising, cloaking
Grains of sand, snowflake crystals
tingling, glistening, melting
cold, flaky
Snow

Angels and Demons

Swathi D

Angels
heavenly, divine
enchanted, glowing, loving
wings, halo..... horns, trident
Frightening, cunning, scorning
Wicked, sinful
Demons

Life and Death

Lokesh Satish

Life
Light, hope
Living, prospering, spending
Making lasting memories, taking the last breath,
Wanting, fearing, waiting
Darkness, ease
Death

Epistemo in the News



రంగారెడ్డి జిల్లా త్రోబాల్ అసోసియేషన్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో మొదలైన ఇంటర్ డిస్ట్రిక్ట్ త్రోబాల్ చాంపియన్షిప్ లో సెమీస్ కు చేరిన హైదరాబాద్, రంగారెడ్డి జిల్లా బాలికల జట్లు

6TH TELANGANA STATE SUB JUNIOR THROWBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Boys champion - Nizamabad



Girls champion - Ranga Reddy

Nizamabad, Ranga Reddy clinch titles



Runners-up Hyderabad



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Hyderabad: Nizamabad and Ranga Reddy emerged champions at the 6th Telangana State Sub Junior Throwball Championship held at Epistemo Vikas Leadership School, Tella Pur, Rangareddy on Sunday.

The two-day event organised by Reddy District Throwball Association witnessed the participation of players from all the 10 districts of Telangana.

Nizamabad made a splendid start to win the first game but

conceded the second game to Hyderabad before making a fightback in the third game to clinch the boys title.

The girls final too ended on similar lines. Ranga Reddy overcame stiff resistance from Hyderabad to lift the crown.

Boys Best Player - Master. Nithin of Nizamabad team was adjudged the Boys Best Player while Koumidini of Ranga Reddy claimed the Girls Best Player award.

Hema Surapaneni, Principal Epistemo, was the chief guest for the valedictory function. Kiran Goud, Peerakonda Telangana Throwball Association vice president, LavaKumar Goud and Komu Venkat also attended the function. The chief guest presented trophies and medals to the players.

Results are as follows:-Boys Semifinals: Nizamabad bt Adilabad 15-08, 15-10 and Hyderabad bt Ranga Reddy 15-13, 15-12.

Boys Third Place Match: Ranga Reddy bt Adilabad by 15-09, 15-10

Boys Finals: Nizamabad bt Hyderabad 17-15, 13-15, 15-11

Girls Semifinals: Hyderabad bt Karimnagar 15-10, 15-11 and Ranga Reddy bt Adilabad 15-11 & 15-09.

Girls Third Place Match: Adilabad bt Karimnagar 15-10, 5-15, 15-10

Girls Finals: Ranga Reddy bt Hyderabad 15-11, 10-15, 15-12