



Epistemo
Vikas Leadership School

Epistemo Lemur's News



Greetings from Epistemo!

It was indeed a September to remember for all of us here at School.

Tribute to our Founding Chairman.

Epistemo observed the September 17 in loving memory of our founder Chairman Shri Koteswara Rao, stalwart and visionary who was a father figure, friend, philosopher and guide for the thousands of students and educationists alike.

In a simple remembrance ceremony, the school recalled the contributions of this great soul, who with his phenomenal energy and generosity, was the bulwark on which Vikas and Epistemo stand today. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni expressed her deep awe of his conviction, generosity and ability to reach out to all sections of people. She fondly recalled her personal association with him, going back to over a decade, and exhorted the team to work together to fulfill his dream of an equitable, holistic education for all children.

With the school being awarded the CBSE affiliation, we have taken a giant leap forward in fulfilling the dreams and vision of our founding chairman.





CBSE Affiliation

The biggest and most celebrated achievement of this month has been the long awaited CBSE affiliation. It is indeed our greatest pleasure and privilege to announce that our school has received the **CBSE Affiliation (Affiliation number -3630292)** as on **25 September 2019**.

With the affiliation, our school is poised for the next phase of growth, gearing up to become one of the best schools in the city for both CBSE and Cambridge curriculum.

We thank our management, staff, students and all our parents for their continued support and trust that they have placed in the school all along.

Here is a round-up of all the other events that happened in school this September.





Teachers Day

September 5, Teachers Day was celebrated with a lot of energy and enthusiasm by the students of the school. Grade 10 students did an exemplary job, managing the assembly classes and programs for teachers with exceptional professionalism.

The day began with the assembly, with school boy Revanth Reddy taking over the role of Principal, and other prefect members assuming the roles of various co-ordinators and teachers to ensure disciplined and organized conduct of the assembly. Grade 10 students put up an energetic dance performance for the little ones, and the student comperes Lokesh and Ananya of Grade 10 expressed heartfelt gratitude to their teachers with eloquent prose. B. Revanth Reddy gave a moving speech. Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni addressed the gathering on the special day, recalling her own teachers and how they helped shape her personality.

The Lemurs then dispersed for classroom sessions with their student teachers, while the teachers enjoyed a day of fun and games. A sumptuous lunch followed the thoughtful felicitation ceremony organized by the administration for the teachers. Teachers ended the day on a happy note, reminiscing the many special memories and love shown by all the children on this special day.















Onam

The Pre-primary learners welcomed the colourful season of fall by revelling in the festival Onam that is celebrated in Kerala with much fanfare on September 11. To mark the occasion, the children came dressed in the traditional clothes of the state of Kerala. The celebrations began with setting up of attractive floral decorations (pookalam) that characterises this festival, drawing everyone into a world of festivity and fun.

The main attraction of the programme was the group dance by the teachers and admin staff. Principal ma'am MS. Hema Surapaneni, addressed the gathering and conveyed greetings and wishes for the festival.





Dussherra

A special assembly was conducted, to enlighten the students about 'Dussehra festival', which celebrates the victory of good over evil

The little lemurs of pre-primary dressed up in traditional attire for the programme. A cultural program was held in the school premises. Dandiya, a traditional dance was presented by the students in a graceful manner. Ramleela was depicted through a puppet show. Bathukamma –the floral festival of Telangana was also celebrated. Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni appreciated everyone for presenting a wonderful program.







Inter-School Competitions

ISDN competition (Debate)

The World Schools Debating Championship conducted a south zone selection tournament for students wishing to apply for the Indian Debating Squad in 2020 at Manthan School from Sep 2 to 5. The event saw the participation of 42 students from over 10 institutions with 10 teachers participating as judges in the initial rounds.

Surya Pranav G & Guru Sai of Grade 9 and Smrithika Vasi Reddy of grade 10 took part in the competition, and Surya Pranav was chosen as one of the top ten speakers of the zonal round. He will advance to the next round that is to be held in Mumbai. Winners of the following round will make it to the National camp and get the opportunity to represent India in the World Debating Championship.

A proud moment indeed for the school!



Sports

Revanth Ayinala and Rithwik Reddy of grade 10 participated in Reliance Foundation Youth Sports Athletics Competition under Junior boys category in the last week of September. Revanth Ayinala secured 2 silver medals in 100 mts event and 200 mt event. He has also been selected to participate in National level competition which will be held at Delhi in November. Congratulations to Revanth on his spectacular performance!



Epistemo Lemurs took part in the SGFI Ranga Reddy District under 14 and under 17 basketball tournament and Ananya Goli of grade X has been selected for Inter District basketball tournament to be held at Nalgonda.



Our students also participated in the SGFI Ranga Reddy District under 14 and under 17 Swimming and Taekwondo competition where Archita of grade 8 secured gold medal in Taekwondo



Apart from the above, the cricket team, took part in the under 16 HCA cricket competition organized by Hyderabad Cricket Association in September. Our Lemurs also participated in 2nd State level Drawing competition by Cultivating Art on the theme "Khelo India". Vasudha of grade 7 secured consolation prize and Rs.500 cash prize in the state level, and Ujjwal of grade 5 stood as district winner and was awarded a memento and appreciation certificate. Congratulations to the winners.



Guest Talk:

As a part of the GP program, a guest talk was organized for students on the topic Language and Communication. Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni addressed the students of grades 5,8,9 & 10, educating them on the importance of "Body Language". She explained how body language and postures play an important role in speaking and communicating with others.

The highlight was the guest talk was the live demonstration of gestures, postures and body language of both boys and girls when standing and sitting at different places. She also spoke about different aspects of communication that need to be played up based on the occasion.





Assembly

EMPATHY was the value of the month of September. In the assembly, On Friday, 13th September, Archimedes House Lemurs presented a Skit and Odysseus House Lemurs a song in the assembly, underlining the need of being empathetic to others that brings happiness and peace to the whole environment around. Pythagoras House Lemurs of Grade 4, sang a beautiful song after value talk on EMPATHY on 19th Thursday. Socrates House Lemurs effectively presented a skit on the same. As part of the felicitation, one student from each grade was awarded for demonstrating empathy towards others. The students are, Ria Agarwal grade- 1, Aanchal Manish -Grade 2, Grade 3- Divija Susanna V, Grade 4- Harshith Varma Penmetsa, Grade 5- Prakriti Prtiyadarshini, Grade 6- Prahalad O, Grade 7- Jagathi Chowdary, Grade 8- Hemanth, Grade 9- Suditi, Grade 10- Prisha Agarwal







Field Trips

Students of grade 5 & 6 visited a Dragon fruit Farm on September 6. Mr. Srinivas, the owner of Deccan Exotics visually showed and explained the complete cultivation and processing of the fruit from the bud stage to packing. They also got the chance to relish the exotic fruit which is considered a delicacy in South-east Asian countries. It was an interesting and informative experience for the students.





Grades 3 & 4 also visited Parle-G biscuit factory in Koti, Hyderabad in the month of September. They toured the factory and learnt how biscuits are molded and baked. The little ones had a ring side view of the rich heritage of the nation's favourite biscuit and confectionery brand.



Students of grades 6 & 7 visited the Zinda Tilismath factory to observe and study how herbal medicines are made, processed and packed using less machinery and labour. They learnt all about the history and usage of different products and how these medicines help in curing many ailments without any side effects.

The students understood that traditional systems of medicines continue to be widely used for many common ailments, and these herbal medicines stand as 'Living Magic'. It was a wonderful and informative trip.



GP Reflection

Lemurs of Grade 1 to 8 have presented their GP topics in their respective classes on Saturday 03 September 2019. The students presented their topics with great confidence and demonstrated the research, inquiry, investigation, collaboration and social skills that they acquired as part of the learning process. Our lemurs showcased live music, dance and theater which was integrated with the topics to show that GP can be integrated with all subjects along with co-curricular subjects.

The main attraction of the programme was live dance, music and theater which were integrated with the GP topic. Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni visited the classes and interacted with the parents who had come to watch the show.





External Exams

IGKO (International General Knowledge Olympiad) was conducted on 6th September 2019. Total 64 students have registered from classes I to X, out of which 62 students attempted the test.





Tudubuddy

The second Intra-School TuduBuddy online championship online test was conducted on 4th September for grades 5 to 7. Children enthusiastically took part in it. Our grade 5 students appeared for English exams, while grade 6 students appeared for Math & grade 7 students appeared for Science.

Activities

PP Activities

English

There are several ways to make a long vowel sounds in words. One way is to add the Magic e at the end of a word. The Magic e usually changes the short vowel sound into a long vowel sound. Our young lemurs learned this rule through a fun activity that helped them determine the sound that the vowel would make.

As the fun-story goes, Magic e has magic powers! He flies over the consonant and when he comes to the first vowel, he taps the vowel on the head with his magic wand and shouts, "vowel, say your name! Make the sound you say in the alphabet!" Now, Magic e is so tired. He flies back to his spot. He has no more energy so he goes to sleep without saying a sound!



Math

To enhance the learning through hands on activity, the PP Lemurs were given a task to match the number by counting objects. The activity was aimed at encouraging a natural understanding of basic mathematical concepts.



PP1 Lemurs learnt all about the school during the school tour where they saw different classrooms in the school and learnt about the activities carried on in those rooms. They visited swimming pool, library, dance room, music room, art room and labs.





Lemurs of 4A conducted the dissection of a flower and identify the parts of a flower. They were surprised to realize and understand the role of a flower in reproducing new plants.

Each one got an opportunity to dissect, explore and recognize male and female parts of a flower. They felt grateful to the Mother Nature who has given them many such wonders





POTOMETER EXPERIMENT TO MEASURE THE RATE OF TRANSPIRATION:

Grades 9A lemurs explored a new equipment “Potometer”, which is a device that measures the rate at which a plant draws up water. The instrument works based on the principle that the plant draws up water it loses it by transpiration. Using this, the students were able to measure the rate of transpiration in different plants over the course of the experiment.





Awards

We are proud to announce that Dr. M. Bhargavi, HOD science has received the “Global Teacher Award 2019” in New Delhi on 15th September, 2019. This Award, sponsored by AKS Education Awards aims to identify the teachers who have demonstrated excellence in teaching through outstanding contribution to learners and those who have served the community through teaching even outside formal classrooms.



Professional Development

As part of their 100 year celebrations, the NIN (National Institute of Nutrition), conducted a one day awareness work shop on 6th September for the teaching community on how to develop healthy habits and minds in children.

Our science faculty Ms Sridevi Ratnamala and Mrs. Snehalatha G attended the workshop. The instructors gained valuable learning experience and increased their knowledge on the role of nutrition in the growth and cognitive development of children, apart from various other topics of interest including “Micronutrition and Malnutrition”, “Nutrition education in schools”, “Iron deficiency among the children especially in Boys”, Reasons for the “stunted growth” of the children, “Motivational factors for teenagers food choices and health”, “Green building technologies”, Govt. and public responsibilities in maintaining the sustainable development, and “Millennium Development goals” (MDG’s).



Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni participated in the All India Cambridge Community meet held in Bangalore, on 25 September 2019. The event was aimed at increasing collaboration and exchange of ideas between cambridge schools across the countr



That was the school this September. Happy Dusshera, Navaratri and Durga Pujo to those celebrating the festivals, and to the rest, have a wonderful fall vacation.

STUDENT SPEAK

Teacher's day

It is said that if you had to choose between god and a guru as to who should be saluted first, the Indian tradition says that one should choose guru because it is guru that shows the path to god. One of the teachers, Dr. Sarvepalli RadhaKrishnan's birthday is celebrated in India as a Teacher's Day. Dr. Sarvepalli RadhaKrishnan was born on September 5th 1888. From a school teacher, he rose up to be the first citizen of India, President of India. As has been the tradition, we use this occasion to remember and appreciate the loving, caring and the hard work of the teachers. Epistemo school has always used this occasion to thank their teachers and as a token of appreciation celebrate the occasion with a variety of programs. This year grade 10 students started the day with a dance that was also accompanied by joyful participation from the teachers. Principal and other teachers graced the occasion by lighting the lamp. After a few encouraging and inspiring words by the principal, we went further to celebrate with a bunch of fun games arranged for the teachers. Some of the students did a mock teaching that went very well. Teachers mingled with the students very well and the bonding between the teachers and the students was a sight to watch.

Tiger- A Haiku Poem.

Peacefully it sits,
flaunting its black and orange
Daydreaming maybe,
Stripey and hairy
I stare at it as it rests
Can never be tamed..
Truly Nature's best hunter!

Surya Pranav,

Grade 9