NEW ARRIVAL TO THE SCHOOL

In addition to the team of horses two new top horses have recently joined the JIRS Equestrian family. Sun Divine is a bay gelding of 7 years old classic race horse who has won a total of 15 major races including 3 major Derby's. The other is Narsaka Bay Stallion of 7 years old who won several classic races.

RACING CAREER OF THE NEW HORSES SUN DIVINE & NABISCO


JOINTS and the staff celebrated Christmas on the 23rd Dec 2016 in the junior school to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. The significance of his birth to the world was emphasized through Bible reading and singing Christmas Carols. Vidya block was decorated with festoons, balloons, Christmas wreaths and so on. The main attraction of the show was the decorated Christmas tree. The students danced and sang the carols to enlighten the show. Many Santa Clauses was another highlight of the show. Thus the students enjoyed and joy to know the significance of Christmas.

JIRS celebrated its 17th annual day on the 30th of December 2016. The school was bedecked for the occasion. The day began with the students participating in the march past with military precision enthralling the parents with their perfection and discipline. The formal function was dedicated to the martyrs of the armed forces. The parents who came from far and wide were welcomed by the Principal, the annual report of the academic year 2016-2017 was presented by the CEO, Wing Commander K.L. Ganesh who highlighted on the schools and children’s achievements in different arenas. Parents were overjoyed and enthralled by the achievements and the accolades that the school had received be it from economic times or Edu world and so on and so forth. The achievers in academics were felicitated along with the decendants by the chairman JGI, Dr. Roychand Shenraj. He addressed the gathering who were captivated by his mind-boggling speech. The audience was spell bound by the spectacular performance of the students who displayed their patriotism to the martyrs of the armed forces. A standing ovation was given to the children by the audience, tears welled up in the eyes of the audience by the spectacular extravaganza. The parents thanked the school for sowing the seeds of patriotism in the little ones, the future of our country.

EQUESTRIAN PERFORMANCE 2016-2017

Join International Residential Schools (JIRS) Equestrian team participated in South Indian Equestrian Championship held at Equestrian Centre of Excellence, Palace grounds Bangalore from 26th to 28th August 2016. JIRS was the only Academic school to participate in this 3 day high intensity competition.

The school equestrian Team of 11 riders comprised of Akshata Arora, Yashashwini, Jeet D, Shaurya Rai, Shaurya Jain, Pranashu Chauhan, Utkarsh Mutha, Himanshu P, Aditya JB and T. Melvin Mark. The team won a total of 4 medals - 2 silver and 2 bronze. Akshita Secured 1 silver and one bronze medal, Aditya JB won Silver medal & Shaurya Jain won a Bronze medal in various show jumping events respectively.

The Equestrian Team also took part in the JASE CUP in the month of November where the School Won a total of 26 Medals among which 15 were gold, 6 were silver and 5 were Bronze. The team comprised of children from 4th Std to 12th std. Belief

Belief is a feeling that something exists. If someone believes in himself/herself, he/she can be successful in gaining the target what he/she aimed for. Once there was a small elephant which was tied to chain connected to a rod which was dug deep in the soil of a village. That small elephant tried so hard to release itself that his leg started bleeding. He tried and tried but he never succeeded. For sometime he started believing that he could not break that chain. After some years when he grew into a huge mammoth which was tied with a rope to a wooden stick which wasn’t dug deep. He, being a large mammoth with enormous power could easily break the rope with no pain at all, but never tried to break the rope because he started believing that he couldn’t break the rope.

So, this is a great way of keeping ourselves scheduled so that we don’t miss anything important. These post its are not only used as reminders but can also be used to make our projects look very creative, colorful and interesting.

Not only this but these days, people look forward to get gifts that are packed with loads of creative things like a colorful gift wrapper. So instead of using a plain paper for the work we can use post it’s with different designs which can make them look innovative and hence can get a happy face in return.

Anagha, P 5 – 131
What is success? One can say that it is the state of achieving your goal. When one manages to reach his aim, he is believed to be a successful person. It is right to claim that very few people are successful. They live their lives and achieve average results at the workplace and education. The level of their happiness and satisfaction is average or even low. They realize that they want to organize their lives in another way. What is the reason of their misfortune? On the one hand, people are equal and possess similar opportunities to reach their goal. On the other hand, people are too different. Very few people are ready to work hard and use every opportunity to succeed in something. Thus, the majority of people are cowards and indecisive. They do not believe in themselves and do not demonstrate high performance in any activity.

There is a proverb - 'Failure is the stepping stone to success'. What does it mean? The explanation is very simple. When one makes mistakes, it does not mean that he is going to be unsuccessful. Every error is another opportunity to reach your goal. When you make a mistake, you understand that your action or decision is wrong. You can try another variant or solution that will be much more accurate and successful. Your next step will probably provide you with the expected results.

So, what is the problem? Why do so many people give up after the first failure? One can say that not everyone is a winner. One should possess the particular traits of character to win. In fact, in my opinion, everybody can be successful. Everyone can develop the required skills and traits that will make him successful. Think about such a famous scientist and inventor Thomas Edison. We know that this personality invented hundreds of appliances and items that made our life easier. The majority of his inventions were revolutionary. He changed the entire impression about science and engineering. Recall one of his most considerable inventions—a bulb. It is impossible to imagine our life without this simple item. However, no one had been able to make something like this before. Do you think that Thomas Edison invented it only due to his sharp mind and talent? Of course, he was very smart and creative. In fact, the major factors of his success were different. It was persistence and patience. To my mind, persistent and patient people make the world go round. Moreover, they rule the world because they belong to the small group of people who are not afraid of failures. After dozens of failures, an average person would definitely forget about the invention. Thomas Edison was different. Luckily, he did not listen to such advisors and continued his work persistently.

Nakul Jadeja - 4432

CONTINUOUS COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION

CE is the continuous and comprehensive evaluation of a child’s progress, which includes co-curricular activities. The objective is to shift the focus of the academics towards the enrichment of a child’s total personality. This further facilitates the various facets of learning cognitive, affective and psychomotor domains.

Uniformity is brought about in the school evaluation system by providing ample opportunities to the students to harness and nurture the latent potentials thus identifying the aptitudes and attitudes of the child. The school emphasizes on developing the latent potentials of a child by giving him the best platforms for developing his skills be it in maths, science, spoken and communicative English and so on and so forth, like Maths Club, Science Quiz, Spoken English, Debate, Poster Making, Theatre, Eco-club, Health and wellness, Animation, Computer Operation and Maintenance, Repair and Maintenance of Domestic Electrical gadgets, Hand Embroidery, Firewall Cooking, Drawing/ Sculpture, Craft, music (vocal), Music (Instrumental).

HARVARD MODEL CONGRESS

Founded in 2012, Harvard Model Congress Dubai is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to teaching high school students from across the world about the American constitution and inter-governmental politics. HMCD is a government simulation run entirely by Harvard students dedicated to international relations, teaching and politics. It is the premier international government simulation for high school students in the Middle East. HMCD offers students the unique opportunity to assume the role of real life senators, congressmen, and international delegations as they engage in debate throughout the course of the three-day conference. To assist the delegates, the dedicated Harvard students research and write briefings on each committee topic. Students use these materials and the guidance of the staff to inspire debate, cooperation, and legislation. In creating an informed, intimate, and lively forum for debate, Harvard staff exemplifies professionalism while conveying a contagious enthusiasm for each topic. By keeping students focused and engaged, it helps to broaden delegates’ awareness of the world, help them gain an understanding of the workings and principles of diplomacy and civic participation, and inspire them to discover their own leadership potential.

The HMC was hosted at the premises of the American university, Dubai from the 19th of January to the 21st of January, 2017. More than 400 delegates from across the globe participated in this forum. From amongst the 17 participants who represented the JIRS, 2 of its participants were awarded with the certificate of excellence, they were Akshay Kirti and Mohan BT and endowed with the honourable mention. The student representatives of JIRS under the able guidance of UK SEAL, VP IGCSE, represented various committees as delegates and senators making the school proud by their achievements.

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lations in JRS are a day to day activity. All functions and festivals are given equal importance irrespective of caste or creed. Our main motto is to make children aware of their rich culture and heritage. One such festival that was celebrated recently in a traditional manner was Pongal or Makar Sankranti. It was celebrated on the 13th & 14th of Jan 2017. On the 13th we had a special assembly wherein children spoke about the importance of Pongal as a harvest festival followed by a folk dance which was a feast for the eyes. Inter house competitions were organized for Pongal making and rangoli in which students participated enthusiastically. Students were exposed to the various cultural aspects and significance of the celebrations. Buddha house bagged the first prize in both Pongal making and rangoli competition. In the evening hundreds of kites were flying in the school ground, it was a delight to watch.

LIFE SKILLS

Life skills platforms are very important in the present scenario specially in this challenging world for children. It enables the children to be adaptive and to deal effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life. The subject varies greatly depending on social norms and community expectations. It also gives a platform to students of classes 4th to 10th to enhance their communicative and understanding skills towards various global issues and improves their oratory skills, to research and address a big audience for more than 25 minutes as Managing Directors of the companies. Our school inculcates the values through a special programme called School Cinema. This has a package of ten film and a book entitled “MY CINEMA BOOK “each chapter has exercises to be done. Through these exercises children come to know about the importance of Values and how to have a better sustainable life.

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ity circle time is a gateway for the students to share their problems, to voice out their opinions, to discuss their ideas about various issues in classrooms and dorms, and also to put forth their suggestions. It also helps to build their skills like listening thinking, observing, speaking, and concentration. The various topics like discipline, New Year resolutions, sharing and caring were discussed by the students with the teachers. The discussions are kept confidential, that allows the students have faith in their teachers and their peers. During the QCT the students are given an opportunity to select the topics of their choice wherein they have open and informal discussions.

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he society of human beings is really a complex system. Then what is the basis, or say, the smallest unit of such an unwieldy system? People will say "family" with one voice. Usually family is considered to be the essential element of a society. If we look at the word "family" in a dictionary, its definition is simply "a group consisting of parents and their children". Then we come to the conclusion that the relationship between parents and children is the most basic one among all the interpersonal relationships that exist in the world. And there is no doubt that it plays an important role in our society.

The bond between parents and children is incredibly strong. The main reason is that parents and children are linked because of their ties of blood. This unique tie distinguishes it from any other interpersonal relationships. The love between parents and children is special. It grows for so many years without judgment, without limits. Our parents simply love us beyond all bounds. They love all the things that belong to us, not only our strengths and gifts but also our weaknesses and faults. This strong love is from parent’s hearts, there is no interests mixed in it at all. It is such a pure and exquisite emotion, parents will do things for their children that no one else would dream of doing. They give complete selfless devotion to their children. You could ask a parent if he or she would cut off an arm for a child and without hesitation, or even thinking, he or she would answer yes. You could also ask a mother about her rage if someone does her children harm. I think it will be an unusual rage that we who don’t have any such experience can imagine. We often see and hear some moving stories, for example, one mother saved her child desperately in a sudden accident, regardless of her own life. This is what we called great love of a mother, I think.

I think parents are the most important factors in their children’s lives. Whether they are with their children two hours a day or twelve, parents are special to children. They make the most difference during their childhood. Furthermore, they make great impact for the rest of their lives. As I have mentioned above, parent’s love towards their children is a strong feeling that it is even beyond life. But usually they keep this beyond-life feeling deep in their minds. What parents do most for their children are ordinary, small and mundane. It is true that parents are the first teachers in children’s lives. They, as living examples, influence their children little by little, step by step. Mostly, they help children conduct their daily lives, help them with their manners, with homework, with habits, with their sense of right and wrong, of justice and morals. They teach their children in the ways that they can understand, for instance, through discipline, play, explanation and talking. Take me as an example, when I was a little girl, my mother asked me to set the table every evening. This helped me to know “to gain something, you should also put in your work”. And when I grew up a little, my parents let me feed a cat at home. At the same time, I learned about the responsibilities that come with ownership. You see, it was through these small and common things, I have learnt the codes of conduct and developed my attitude towards life.

Being parents doesn’t only mean providing children with material comforts, what parents should do is to spend more quality time to be with their children. In my opinion, a good parent ought to try to talk with their children and exchange thoughts with them more often. Father and mother should learn to stand in their children’s shoes, to fully understand them. This is very important for both toddlers and young people like us. The key word, I think, is giving children the sense that they are the most important and precious treasures parents have. Of course, this doesn’t equal to spoiling children.

Parin Chheda - 4735
Welcome to the Student’s Counseling and Special Education Department of JIRS

School can be an exciting place, though at times it may become overwhelming and stressful.

Our mission at JIRS is to promote the mental health of all our students, to improve their quality of life and create a learning environment that facilitates their individual development. As specialists working with students, we as counselors can address whatever it is that may be of concern to the parents. Counseling offers a broad range of services involving individual therapy, group therapy, meditation, assessment and management.

In addition to these, we provide a range of programs to promote mental wellbeing, emotional resilience and wellness throughout the campus. All counseling sessions are confidential and no information is revealed to anyone without the individual's permission. The obvious exception to confidentiality include cases that involve imminent harm or danger to the individual concerned, to others or to the society, will be shared only in case of necessity or dire need.

Counseling and psychotherapy form an important part of psychological therapies. The counseling department focuses mainly on behavioral therapies and cognitive therapies since children in any residential school will come across peer group conflict, early adolescent issues and adaptation problems. The outcome of including many therapies brings in a vast change in the minds of children. There are so many children who have benefited from various therapies and behavior modification charts have also been introduced for correction of behavior of children and they were rewarded for the same.

BEHAVIOUR THERAPY SESSION

CURE VIA CONVERSATION

EDUCATING A GIRL CHILD

Education is the only thing or in fact the only gift which can never be taken away from you. But, unfortunately this wonderful gift is not given to many girls across the world.

This problem has arisen mainly due to the male global dominance. Often admissions are only given to boys and many schools are built only for boys. Girls are often ignored for the fact that they will become housewives after all and stay at home all day long. But this is a misconception, girls are really hardworking and if given a chance, they can rule the world. This problem is mainly faced by a lot of countries. In India, girls are sometimes not even given a chance for education. The moment they become 5 or 6 years old, they are made to do household work or work in the fields. Many people have taken initiatives to build schools for girls and provide them with free education. Girls are taking equal interest and facing all the challenges to get qualified education. I wish and hope that one day the education ratio of girls to boys will be fifty-fifty. Also it is believed that when you educate a boy, you educate a person but when you educate a girl, you educate a whole family.

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JIRS - MODEL UNITED NATIONS

One of the foremost forms of learning about our world is through various Model United Nations programmes. As in this era of globalization, nothing is more important than raising awareness for the youth of the global society. So, to guide students along the proper path, Jain International Residential School recently organized the School’s First Edition of the Model United Nations coined JIRSMUN 2017 on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of January 2017. There were 300 delegates attending this event from across the nation.

The opening ceremony for the occasion was inaugurated by the honourable presence of the esteemed chief guest, Mr. V.L. Raisinh, who is the Chief Executive Officer of Foods Business at ITC Limited. The competition commenced with immediate effect. Under the guidance of the seasoned Executive Board Members who helped to moderate the entire event over the course of three days of intense, fierce debating, maximizing to their potential. This event helped students shed light upon pressing matters either hypothetical or current while showcasing their oratory and debating skills.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

JIRS celebrated the 68th Republic day on 26th Jan 2017. The day began with a colorful parade by the students. Wing Col Ajith Gosh was the chief guest for the occasion and unfurled the national flag. The music department had composed a few patriotic songs and the students sang it with patriotism which was followed by student’s speeches both in English and Hindi speaking about the significance of the republic day. An touching speech to evoke the patriotic fervour in students was delivered by our chief guest. Later the chief guest announced the prize winners for the march past. The function came to an end with the singing of the national anthem and distribution of sweets.

OLYMPIAD EXAMINATIONS - 2016-17

OLYMPIAD EXAMINATIONS were conducted in Science, Mathematics, English and Technology in Jain International Residential School by different organizations given below. Examinations conducted by GREEN OLYMPIAD FOUNDATION, NOIDA was an online examination. The students of Grade 4 to Grade 10 have taken the exams very enthusiastically.

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BUBBLE TIME - GREAT TIME

Bubble time was introduced by the Teacher Training Foundation and proved to be a grand success among the students. The students showed great willingness by sharing their happiness and feelings with the teachers of their choice within the allotted time, so that they could relax their minds and bubble time helped students to concentrate in their academics and day to day activities.

JIRS students believe in Quality Bubble time.....!
**MUSICALLY YOURS**

JIRS provides an ideal platform for the music lovers. The music department of JIRS ensures that the students are given suitable training in both vocal and instrumental music. They are encouraged to take up the exam conducted by the prestigious music college of Trinity- London. Nine students from our school appeared this year for exams in guitar and piano.

Five students have secured distinction and four 1st classes. Apart from this, students also take up exams conducted by the Prachin Kala Kendra University - Chandigarh (Classical Music). The school also boasts a music band. The music exam is scheduled on the 19th and 20th of March and students are busy preparing for the exams, at the same time students will also be giving exams in fine arts. A total of 92 students would be taking exams in various categories. An external examiner from Delhi would come to examine the students.

**DINNER PARTY FOR - X**

It was on 13th January Friday. An event which was much awaited by all the young hearts. The preparations and discussions already began after the Diwali break onwards. Preplanning, event planning, taking permissions by the 9th graders have become a daily thing during these days. Finally, the much-awaited day arrived after all the hard work put together. The students were welcomed with passports as part of the invitation process since the theme for the night was travel. Children were attired in the best ethics and their faces illuminated to enjoy the farewell dinner party. The seniors expressed their gratitude to the teachers and students by their dance performances and handing over mementos. The cake-cutting ceremony was followed by a sumptuous dinner. The memorable night will remain etched in their minds forever.

Khushi Agarwal – 5075

**FAREWELL MATCH 2017**

The 10th standard cricket farewell match was organized on 28th January 2017 at the hockey ground and was played with a tennis ball. Two matches were played and unfortunately they lost both the matches. Second match was in fact a very close one but they suffered defeat at the hands of the juniors. Aayush batted well in both the matches but the junior player Vivek batted extremely well due to which they were victorious. The match had started at 3:30 pm and ended at 5:00 pm. The farewell match brought happiness to everyone’s face irrespective of defeat or victory.

The Badminton Farewell Match also took place during the same time. But this time it was the 10th standard who defeated the juniors. The match proved to be very exciting and enjoyable with support from all the batch mates. The best players of the match were Khushaal and Nakul who led 10th standard to victory.

WE LEARNED ONE THING FROM ALL THIS MATCHES WHICH TOOK PLACE THAT “WINNING AND LOSING DOES NOT MATTER, IT’S JUST THE EXPERIENCE AND HAPPINESS THAT MATTERS.”

Harshit Mehta - 4456

**ART EXCEL PROGRAM -2017**

Art of Living is a renowned organization which had conducted a four day program called Art Excel – an all-round training programme for excellence for the students of classes 4 to 8. It was conducted from the 1st of Feb to the 4th of Feb, 2017. This helped children to develop a healthy respect for themselves and others. The simple breathing techniques taught in the programme, included Sudarshan Kriya, which gave the child the tools to overcome negative emotions such as fear, nervousness, anxiety, frustration, jealousy, etc. easily.

The entire program was playful, effortless, engaging and fun filled, all exercises and processes were designed specifically for this age group. Children learnt simple tenets for daily life, which promoted friendliness, forgiveness and respect. We at JIRS felt that it is the best way to introduce spirituality to our children, nurture human values, inculcate self-discipline, and develop their personality to be healthy and holistic. Students have realized the importance of the breathing exercises and regular practices will enhance their personalities to the fullest possible extent.

**SAIBSA**

SAIBSA is the acronym for the South Asia International Baccalaureate Schools Association. The SAIBSA workshop was held on 21st January 2017 at Ebenezer International School Bengaluru. Fifteen teachers from JIRS attended the workshop. There were approximately 300 participants from various schools of south India.

The workshop began with the welcome address by the Head of the school followed by a session on extended essay by Mr. Kalsar Dapahshi, President of SAIBSA, Principal Singapore International School. After the ice breaking session, a daylong session of different subjects by professional experts was conducted. The focus was on curriculum, planning, teaching methodologies, resources, subject specific Extended Essays and ToA across the curriculum. The session was formally concluded by the Head of Ebenezer International School Bengaluru.