



## "CHINA, OF COURSE!"

The Brigade School celebrated the finale to its year-long cultural awareness programme with two theatrical productions on 28 and 29 November. The theme this year—featured in a range of student projects at the school over the last few months—was our neighbour, China.

The first day saw the presentation of a show titled "Dreams"—performed entirely by students of Stds 1-4. The programme comprised three very interesting skits, interlaced with songs and dances. The *Doll Dance* and the *Dragon Dance* enthralled the audience.

The shows beautifully conveyed the message of preservation and conservation of nature and animals.

The cultural extravaganza on the second day was presented by the students of Stds 5-10. The play was an adaptation of *The King of Masks*—a Chinese film directed by Wu Tian Ming. The play addressed a relevant theme across both China and India: that of the need for equal status for the girl child. The excellent story was brought to vivid life through sterling performances by the entire cast; not to mention outstanding singing and dancing. Prakash Belawadi, journalist, writer and theatre personality, was the Chief Guest.

The colourful, artistically designed props were greatly appreciated—and even more so when it was discovered that they had been designed and produced entirely in-house!



## There's more to education than just academics...

### The laurels our students won...

**International Informatics Olympiad:** Of our 109 students who participated in the event held in the school campus on 23 August, 26 secured medals (9 gold, 10 silver and 7 bronze). *Kumaresh Krishnan* and *Siddharth S. Pandey (Std 7 A)* have qualified for the second level.

**The Grand Youth Conference "Renaissance":** Organised by the Rotary International on 30 Oct, the event gave our Std 9 students an opportunity to meet the former President Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam—an experience they will treasure forever.

**International SIP Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Competition:** *Manav Gupta (Std 2 B)* attended the 7th SIP Competition held in Colombo on 2 December and secured the position of the first runner up in his level. Manav's outstanding performance has made him the 'first', of all Indian contestants who attended the event, to achieve this honour. (The child who stood first was from UAE.)



Manav Gupta

**ISKCON Heritage Fest, 2007** organised an Instrumental Music Competition in July. *Kumaresh Krishnan (Std 7 A)* won a consolation prize.

**I-Cube Science Fest, 2007:** Organised by Deeksha Centre for Learning in August, the event brought laurels to the School through its winners—*Theja Ram Pingali (Std 9 A)*, *Vishruth R. (Std 9 B)* and *Pratheek M. (Std 10)*.

The Brigade School won 3rd place in the **Kannada Dramatics Competition** (Juniors) organised by Concern India Foundation—on the topic 'Water Crisis and Water Management, Bangalore 2016'; and a Rolling Trophy in the **Interschool Quiz Competition on Environment**, organised in August by Brigade Hospitality.



### School events

**The Inter-house Competitions:** Various events were held for individuals and groups between September and November: in categories across arts, performing arts and mind space activities in English, Hindi and Sanskrit. The events gave students valuable experiences in stage management, creating props for theatre, creative writing, debate and the like.



*Nirupama Annadanam (Std 7 A)* was declared the Best Student for the second consecutive year in arts and performing arts—and received a trophy from Prakash Belawadi.



The Best House Trophy for the cultural competition was bagged by *Vijaynagar House*.

**The Annual Sports Meet** for Stds 4-11 was held on 31 August, where the tenacity and grit of the children were tested to the maximum. Prominent sportsperson Reeth Abraham was the Chief Guest.

Winners: *Sanjana Mada (Std 10)*—Best Sports Person; *Hoysala House*—Best House in Sports.

### Celebrations at the school...

On **Teacher's Day**, students of Stds 10 and 11 donned the roles of teachers, attending to and teaching those of Stds 1-9. *Raksha Sharma (Std 10)* was adjudged the best "Student Teacher". Students also conducted a quiz for the teachers, taking them through intellectual gymnastics.

**Annual Staff Day:** On 7 September, Githa Shankar, Chairperson, organised an exciting trip to Wonder la, the adventure park. An enjoyable time was had by all staff!

**Kannada Rajyotsava** was celebrated with much fervour and spirit. Programmes were organised by Bhavani Sampangi. The entire assembly proceedings were in Kannada, followed by an enchanting lyrical song, *Nityosava*. The stage displayed charts of great personalities and also had a Karnataka flag. Mahesh gave a zealous speech, explaining the significance of the colours in the flag.

Our Chairperson gave away prizes for the cultural competitions on **Children's Day**—and this was followed by a throw-ball match between teachers and the Student Council members—teachers won the match, 2-0!

### ...and fun times outside.

**Excursions:** To give the students a break from the normal routine, The Brigade School organised excursions for the students of Stds 7-10 to Kuntibette, Wayanad, Neliampathi Estate and Sharavathi Valley respectively.

A few **expeditions**, embodying the spirit of exploration, were also organised specially for the students of Stds 1-4 to Muthurayanabette, Volcano Hill, Emerald Isle Resort and Antharagange Hill respectively.



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