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Well, here is how Independence Day is organized in our school:

- School prayer
- Flag hoisting
- March past
- Cultural programmes
- Speeches
- Distribution of sweets



India's Anmol Ratan

10th October 2024 will never be forgotten in Indian history. One of her favourite sons bid her goodbye on this day. Ratan Tata was the former Chairman of Tata Group, one of India's most respected and biggest corporate group. Surely, the elders in your homes too must have been immensely saddened to hear the news of his demise.

Why are we bringing this up in our newsletter, you may wonder. It is because some people are icons, who you love to belong to, and look forward to be attached with. Ratan Tata was surely one of those rarest of people to be in our midst.

Let us put things in perspective. Ratan Tata was one of the richest of people in India and indeed, the world because the Tata Group is a gigantic business conglomerate with massive companies in every core economic sector you can think of. Born into a hard working family, he went to some of the best schools in India and went to study at a reputed business school at Harvard. He worked in the Tata Group initially and went on to lead the group as its Chairman. He took the Group's turnover from \$5 billion to \$100 billion.



These are the business statistics. They should not matter much here. So, why was he special?

Ratan Tata was special because despite limitless wealth at his disposal, money did not change his human values. His lifestyle was so much like any of us. He did not believe in fancy cars, fancy clothes and anything that projected money. He enjoyed simple things in life and connected with the man on the street in the most humane way.

One can go on and on about his persona that touches every heart on this planet. There are 3

aspects that can be highlighted here:

- His love for dogs: He had a heart of Gold. The stray dogs of South Mumbai knew this best. In Bombay House, the corporate headquarters of the Tata Group, Ratan Tata specially arranged top class canine care for stray dogs! The security is not supposed to chase away the large number of dogs, but bring them in and treat them as royalty!
- His response during September 2011 attacks on Taj Hotel, Mumbai: It is well known that when terror struck his hotel, he was right in front all the time. Unlike other dignitaries, he did not ask for high personal security for himself. And after the incident, he personally went to the houses of the deceased employees and offered them salaries they would have earned over their entire lifetimes!
- How he treats his employees: For every employee of the Tata Group, he is someone who is accessible for any serious problem that needs his attention. He would treat a simple security or liftman in his companies the same way that he would treat a visiting President or Prime Minister of another country!

So, when he passed away on 10th October, the countrymen are sad not because a rich man passed away. But because a good man passed away.

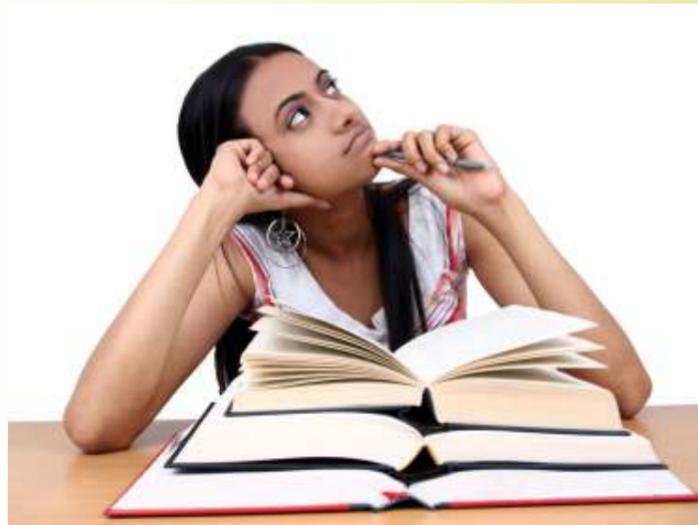
Ratan Tata's life is exemplary because he was a true patriot businessman with human welfare as his prime concern. We encourage you to read and find out more about him, so his achievements can inspire us. As we go into the future, our focus should be on creating value, without compromising our values.

Principal's Desk

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt by the heart. How true! Times are changing. We worry about the declining morals of the younger generation. Where will they end up? Let's evaluate, who is to be blamed? Values and virtues are not hereditary; they are learned. We in school prepare our children for future roles in society by stressing on moral values. Education is the combination of literacy and values of life. It is important that parents teach their children values of life. Without these lessons and parental guidance, children when they grow up may equate everything with money. Once our values are clear only then we start making right decisions.

I would like to share with you what Michelangelo, the famous sculptor, painter, architect and poet said, "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free".

With Warm Wishes,
Principal



Orientation for Teachers

May 13-24

MEC Public School organised a workshop for its staff during May 13-24, 2024. The Secretary, Dr. Vidya C addressed the teachers and gave clear instructions on the motto of the institution. The Academic Director said that the learning may occur consciously or unconsciously but it should be the act of acquiring new or modifying knowledge. Director Operations spoke about child psychology, lesson plan, daily diary, etc.

Mrs Anuradha K, Principal, MEC ICSE School and Mrs. Jayaprabha, Principal MEC CBSE School gave a brief introduction on experiential learning.



School Reopening Day

3 June

The school welcomed the children on 3rd June 2024 for a new academic year. First impressions matter. On the first day of school, students arrive with a mix of emotions - most however are nervous. The reasons vary from child to child, but the kids tend to feel anxious about starting school. Some anxiety is normal, even healthy. Teachers decorated the classrooms with attractive colourful charts, toys and welcomed all kids with smiling face and affection. Students were encouraged for informal talk to feel free with teachers and their new friends. Students enjoyed colouring, reciting rhymes, indoor and outdoor play. Teachers were given smileies as takeaways. All children were happy to show smileies to their parents and share their first day's experience.



Club Inauguration

5 June

The aims and objectives of various clubs were read out and books were distributed to the students. The inauguration of school clubs for the academic year 2024-25 was held on 5th June 2024 in the school premises. The ceremony started with an invocation song by school students followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The school clubs were inaugurated by Dr. S K Tripathi, Director Operations, MEC Institutions. Students of each club introduced their clubs and each club performed one or two activities. The Director Operations addressed the gathering with valuable words and appreciated the activities of the students.



World Environment Day

5 June

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on 5th June with the theme of "Save Forest, Save Life". On this day, students from each individual brought multiple saplings to plant the saplings in our school garden area. The slogan of Environment Day 2024 is "Our Land, Our Future. We are Generation Restoration". It emphasizes the importance of restoring land, combating desertification and enhancing resilience to drought.



World Food Safety Day

7 June

World Food Safety Day was observed on 7th June, but our students celebrated on 8th June by performing a skit on fruits and vegetables. The objective was to create awareness about food safety in the public and reduce the burden of food borne diseases globally. The theme Food Safety Day 2024 is "Prepare for the unexpected" as per WHO. "This year's theme underlines the importance of being prepared for food safety incidents, no matter how mild or severe they can be".



Anti-Child Labour Day 12 June

Anti-Child Labour Day is celebrated on 12th June every year in our school to create awareness among the people by drawing a colourful chart representing the end of the child labour with a speech against child labour. The main theme of Anti-Child Labour Day 2024 is "Let's Act on Our Commitments; End Child Labour", carries a powerful message, using a renewed global effort to eradicate this persistent issue.

World International Yoga day 21 June

International Yoga Day is celebrated on 21st June, but our students celebrated on 24th June by practicing Asanas. The program started with warmup exercises followed by asanas and surya namaskaras. This was carried out for a duration of 2 hours by following the theme of International Yoga Day 2024, which is "Yoga For Self and Society". The world is celebrating the 10th anniversary of International Yoga Day this year. This year's theme emphasizes the role of yoga in fostering individual wellbeing and societal harmony.



World Population Day 11 July

World Population Day is celebrated on 11th July every year. The United Nations chooses a theme every year to address specific population issues. The theme of 2024 is "Empowering Youth for a Sustainable Future". This theme emphasizes the critical role young people play in achieving sustainable development goals. Our students created a chart of male and female ratio of increasing today's population by showing population chart of mankind by spreading awareness with the quote "Let's pledge to make informed choices for a better tomorrow", with a motto "Empowering women, empowering communities - the key to sustainable population growth".



International Plastic Bag-Free Day



Election for School Leaders

Students of Classes III to X cast their votes during elections held to elect student representatives in MEC Public School. Casting of vote in our school was on ballot paper. It turned out casting of vote in our school was on ballot paper. It turned out to be a new experience for primary school students to be part of the election process.

Being the first exposure to voting system, students of Class III were given instructions on the whole process starting from placing of 'ink' on the left forefinger to casting their votes. Contestants were from Classes VIII to X and were given the option to choose the symbols they want on the ballot paper. The school library turned into a polling booth. It started at 10.30 am and ended at 12.30 pm.



Rotary Club

We are conducting a program for 9 std and 10 std students in the school premises and visited an old age home.



Investure Ceremony 6 July

Investure ceremony was conducted on 6th July 2024 to badge the council leaders and to give their responsibilities.



Founder's Day

Founder's day is celebrated in our school. Founder's Day is extremely important for the school for two reasons: firstly, it is a Day on which we celebrate our many achievements, individual and collective; secondly, it is an important occasion for the whole school to be together, to do things together, and to remember that we are an important part of the future of the school.

Guru Poornima Day



Nursery

Environment Day 5 June

Environment Day, celebrated on June 5th, our school gathered for a special assembly where the importance of protecting our planet was shared with the students. All children participated in a meaningful activity by sowing seeds. Each child received a small sapling as a takeaway, encouraging them to nurture and cherish the environment.



This day was a wonderful reminder of our collective responsibility to care of nature.



World Yoga Day & Music Day 21 June

On June 21st, we celebrated both World Yoga Day and Music Day with great enthusiasm. During the assembly, the importance of yoga for physical and mental well-being, as well as the joy and benefits of music, were highlighted. Students participated in various simple Yogasanas and enjoyed singing songs together. Additionally, a chart display introduced them to different musical instruments, enriching their appreciation of music. The day was a vibrant blend of mindfulness and melody, promoting both health and creativity.



Fruits Day 5 July

On July 5th, we celebrated Fruits Day with vibrant enthusiasm. Children brought a variety of fruits, arranging them attractively and sharing interesting facts about each one. Some students dressed up as different fruits, adding fun and educational twist to the event. Teachers also discussed seasonal fruits and the importance of incorporating them into our diet. The day was filled with creativity, culminating in each student receiving a banana as a takeaway, reinforcing the celebration of healthy eating.



Founder's Day & Sports Day Inauguration 12 July

On July 12th, we celebrated Founder's Day and inauguration of Sports Day with great reverence and enthusiasm. Director Operations and Principal attended the event, where teachers spoke about the founder's vision and mission for the school. The celebration included a heartfelt mass bhajan, honoring the values and legacy of our founder. The event concluded with the distribution of sweets, adding a festive touch to this special occasion.

