



Diya Academy of Learning Annual Report - 2018-19

Diya Academy of Learning is an initiative by August Foundation, a non-profit organization aimed to enhance the quality of education and bring values as a part of it. School has classes from pre-primary to grade 10. In pre-primary, a mixed approach of kindergarten and Montessori style is used. From grade 1 onwards we follow CBSE board curriculum. Campus is of 5 acres with two buildings and different playgrounds. Infrastructure is designed to cater to the holistic approach taken for the development of students.

Key Accomplishments

- 1) Our fourth batch of grade 10 students passed the board exams with flying colours.
- 2) Medals and awards received in Olympiads and External Exams

Name of the Exam	Gold Medal Winners	Silver Medal Winners	Bronze Medal Winners	Medals of Distinction
IEO	7	7	8	-----
NSO	9	8	8	1
IMO	9	7	8	-----
NCO	6	2	2	1

3) Three of our grade 9 students Akash Ganapati Gaonkar, Atharv Dixit and Rishi Prakash Dasari participated in an inter-school Robotics event called Synchronize 2018. Many schools had participated in the event in which the participants had to code, assemble and design their own robots. Our students bagged the third place in the competition.

4)Surya of grade 4 was awarded with the overall championship trophy in an inter school drawing competition organized by Global Art.

5)Students of 6-10 participated in the online Science Exam VVM .Surya Priya, Shayna Samal and Meher Chaitanya of grade 6 and Neha Nair Poonam Reddy and Sarayu of grade 7 were declared as school level winners. Neha Nair of grade 7 and Pranesh of grade 8 qualified to participate in the State Level Camp.

Academics

We adopt a holistic approach in imparting knowledge to our students. The whole plan revolves around four pillars of education

- Learning to know
- Learning to live together
- Learning to do
- Learning to be

Activities play an important role in learning concepts, so every subject includes enrichment activities that initiate interest in students. Learning by doing has been an integral part of our academics. As a part of it we are continuing with our “Young Engineers Programme” for grades 3-10 where students use their creativity and knowledge to build machines and robots under the guidance of the teachers.

Many subject wise activities were arranged throughout the year to make learning fun for the students. Many classes were conducted outside the four walls of the classrooms. Teachers used creative ways to teach different lessons.

Weekly meetings of teachers with subject experts helped them to plan in ahead and monitor the progress of children in terms of learning outcomes. Grade wise meetings were also held in particular to discuss about each child in those classes. These meetings were the key for teachers to understand, guide and follow different teaching practices.

Examination department is functional under the guidance of all subject experts which makes sure the quality of question papers meets the true objective of conducting exams. Remedial classes were conducted throughout the year for those students who needed extra help.

Celebrations

We celebrate all festivals in our school campus so that our students learn to respect every religion and its culture. Many theme based celebrations are conducted throughout the year like Friendship Day, Environment Day, father's

Day, Language Day, Teacher's Day and Children's Day.

Competitions

Many individual and house wise competitions were held to create healthy competitive environment amongst them. They provided a platform to the students to display their talents and skills, to work as a team with cooperation and collaboration. We believe in improving the social skills of our children which will help them in becoming responsible citizens of the country when they grow up. A few competitions are cited below:

- Drawing and Painting
- Creative writing
- Poem recitation
- Fancy dress
- Group song
- Quiz
- Debate
- Poster making
- Rangoli
- Candle decoration
- Diya painting
- Talent Hunt(singing, dancing, Instrumental)

Student Council Elections

The members of the Student Council were elected through a democratic election process. The whole procedure to conduct an election was followed where teachers acted as election officers and the nomination procedures were followed under their guidance. Google forms were made in place of ballot papers to maintain the secrecy as well as to enable quick announcement of results. Students from grades 3-10 were guided to cast their votes in the staff room which was set up like a "polling booth". An ink mark was given to their left index finger as proof of casting their votes to make it more authentic. Results were announced the very next day and the council members were handed over the responsibilities during an investiture ceremony.

Annual Sports Day

Annual Sports Day was held on 26th January, 2019. Both Montessori, Primary and Secondary school students participated in the event. Many individual and house-wise competitions were held. The Montessori section presented a host of splendid field displays in which all the students participated. The REST Olympia was kicked off by a spectacular March Past by the four houses. It was followed by colourful and perfectly synchronised drills by different classes. The finals of races were held. Some games were also organized for the parents in which many of them participated enthusiastically. It was a day filled with sportsmanship, enthusiasm and memories to cherish.

Life Skill Activities

Life Skills are abilities and behaviours that help everyone to effectively deal with the events and challenges of everyday life. They help us to accomplish our ambitions and live life to our full potential.

Diya believes in preparing students for life rather than only imparting bookish knowledge. Life skills are required by everyone on a day to day basis to face different types of situations and emotions. Different life skill activities were arranged throughout the year to help the students to know themselves better and acquiring different skills.

Newspaper in Education

Newspaper and news can play an important role in the development of education. It supplements the overall learning. Times Newspaper in Education is a novel program that helps students 'Stay ahead' and at making 'Learning fun.' Students from grade 4-10 receive the Times News Paper in Education (NIE) on a daily basis. Reports of all the major events of the school are sent to the newspaper. NIE is used extensively in all the classrooms to improve the general knowledge and communication skills of the students.

Career Guidance and Counselling

Career guidance acts as a stepping stone for success. It is essential for good quality career development. We started the Career guidance and Counselling sessions for the students of grade 6-10 to guide them in choosing a good career for themselves. A number of Guest Lectures addressed our students on different types of careers.

Educational Trips

Educational trips always broaden the educational experience and make a subject more relevant. This was the main objective of taking students for various field

trips and outstation trips. Students of grade 7-10 were taken to Doordarshan Kendra where they learned about the various technicalities of television production. Grade 3- 6 went to Nehru Planetarium and Indira Gandhi Park. Grade 1 and 2 were taken to MG Active Farm.

As a part of outstation trip grade 6-10 was taken to Hyderabad, a city known for its cultural excellence.

Teacher Trainings

It is important to understand that teaching is an evolving skill because a good teacher like a good student keeps on learning within the framework of information. Teaching and learning go hand in hand. Continuous training is necessary for teachers to equip themselves and cater seamlessly to the 21st Century learner. Based on the need of the hour Diya teachers attended a few workshops the list of which is as follows:-

- Identifying students with special needs and strategies to help them

- Classroom management and discipline
- Communication skills
- Career Guidance
- Capacity building programme on Social Studies
- Teaching Mathematics and Manipulatives
- Inclusion and Inclusive Strategies

MCB Parent Portal

Today schools seek technology for improving their communication and involvement with parents. We have tied up with MCB Parent Portal to send all the communications from the school like daily diary, circulars, newsletters . It has helped in improving communication between parents and school by keeping them involved in every activity of the school .

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parents and teachers are equal stakeholders in the life of children. PTM's are a time when both parent and teacher share their thoughts about the child. We believe that a good bond between a teacher and a parent will help a child to bloom into a beautiful flower. Parents were called to school after each assessment to update them about the progress of their child. Teachers spent a considerable amount of time with the parents to discuss different issues regarding

academics and behaviour.

Class X Board Results

Heartiest congratulations to our Grade 10 students for achieving 100% first class results in CBSE board exams

School Topper Asmita Jain 95%

Nikitha Pilakkat 93%

Hajira 92%

Mallanagouda S N 92%

Bhavana N Reddy 91%

Shaik Afsha 91%

Subject wise Top Scorers

English: Shaik Afsha

Hindi: Asmita Jain

Kannada: Mallanagouda S N

Mathematics: Asmita Jain,

Science: Mallanagouda S N

Social Science: Nikitha Pilakkat

Information & Comm. Technology: Asmita Jain

Training records 2018-19

SI N O	Date	Topic	Conducted by	Attended by
1	15.05.18	Identifying students with special needs and strategies to help them.	Spastic society	Montessori and pre-primary teachers
2	16.05.18	Classroom management and discipline, Maintenance of Registers	Ms. Monica	All teachers
3	16.05.18	Pocso Guidelines	Mr. Babu Rao	All teachers
4	17.05.18	Communication skills, Soft Skills, Public Speaking Skills, E-Mail etiquettes	MS. Shukla	All teachers
5	18.05.18	Training on Montessori materials	Emilda	Primary and Secondary teachers
6	29th & 30th June, 2018	PRP on career guidance	CBSE	Veena
7	28th July, 2018	CBP on remodelled structure of assessment	CBSE	Veena and Monica
8	31st Aug, 1st Sept, 2018	CBP on social studies	CBSE	Sonal
9	13th & 14th July, 2018	Teaching Mathematics and Manipulatives	Meena Suresh	Gouri and Bindu Mol
10	28th & 29th Sept, 2018	PRP on inclusion and inclusive strategies	CBSE	Veena
11	12th January, 2019	Inclusion and Inclusive Strategies	Ms. Veena, Ms. Sofia, Ms. Shimna, Ms. Asha, Ms. Roopa,	All teachers

			Ms. Emilda	
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