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Homework

Michael Humane- IGCSE 2014

Not everyone likes homework! Many students don’t want to do it, as they think it is hard and they must spend a lot of time on it. The teachers and parents try to advise students to do as it would help them; but how does it help with studying? Let me explain that it does.

Firstly, homework helps students to master knowledge. When they learn some new things, they just learn it but can’t really master it. Mastery of a subject is to know everything about the topic thoroughly. If you do homework, it has many different ways of asking you about the subject to test your complete understanding. If you think and do your best, you can master that knowledge. If you have problems, the next day the teacher will tell you how to solve it, thus you will be able to apply that knowledge to many different questions.

Secondly, doing homework is a good way to remember a new knowledge. If you gain new knowledge, you may not remember it at once. What you should do is, for example: If you want to remember a phone number, try to say it many times and write it down to help you find it the next time. If you forget, you can look at it anyway. The homework is similar to that, as the new knowledge is hard to remember. Homework makes it easy when you do it yourself and write it again and again. To your surprise, you gain a new knowledge and remember it too.

Love, Hatred and Revenge...

By Suchetta Basu- A-level -2015

There it lay in an empty room, abandoned as the master had left; silently it longed for the touch of human hands....it lingered for recognition! Although the weather quite warm and dry.....the chair seemed to sway in its own breeze as if to say,"Though the aged soul has left, I live to be availed again!"

I sit quietly carving an image of that old man who will eternally be felt, between the rocking-chair and me. Two of us together, we observed this hoary, yet lively soul till one day it debilitated; finally it shattered to fragments... which then blew away with the wind. Gone was he forever!

I was in my tender years when I learnt that my grandfather disappeared into a world that could never be found. As for the rocking-chair it lived in its own silent cosmos! For me, grandfather still lives in my dreams, in my imagination, he still breathes, he still smiles at me and peers over those huge circular, brimmed spectacles when I’m busy doing other work.

Only now, I understand that not everything’s sweet in life, death is devious! And the rocking-chair is my mind-reader even though it’s lifeless to the universe. It listens and shares my feelings.....it’s my alter-ego!

In one’s life, there are strong feelings three, Which when experienced, will complete thee. Beautiful love- Which signifies freedom and the dove. Horrible hatred- Which signifies darkness and a demon’s head And unstoppable revenge- Which speaks of anger and makes us avenge.

The first stage is love, Which is as sweet and as spicy as a clove. It is a bond which is so pure, It helps support your lives, I assure. Love is so important, I feel, That it is as unbreakable as steel.

Next comes hatred, which love makes, The opportunity to remain happy, it takes. The demon angers and tortures us, And it is a virus full of pus. This hatred builds up slowly, Until it possesses us completely

So where there is hatred, there is revenge, Which instigates us to challenge. We fight, we abuse and anger we find, This is how from time to time, revenge makes us blind

So here’s how, with revenge, we spoil our life, Until it backstabs us like a knife.

Ishaan Chandratrey - IGCSE - 2015
NASHIK
My city
Himanshu Kuwar – IGCSE- 2015

Nashik is in the northwest of Maharashtra, The “Grape City”, as it is popularly known, the city is located in the Western Ghats, on the western edge of the Deccan peninsula on the banks of the Godavari River. The city is known for its beautiful surroundings and pleasant climate. The Godavari River flows through Nashik from its source, which lies to the west-southwest of the city, in the holy place of Trimbakeshwar.

Nashik is also important mythologically, historically, socially and culturally. Known for the temples on the banks of the Godavari, it has historically been one of the holy sites of the Hindu religion. It is one of the four cities that hosts the massive Sinhastha Kumbh Mela once every twelve years.

According to Ramayana, Lord Rama, the King of Ayodhya, made Nashik his home during his 14 years in exile. At the same place Lakshmana, cut off the nose of Surpanakha and thus this place was named as “Nasik”(in Sanskrit Nasika means nose). Several other references to the Ramayana can be found in Nashik, which includes the Sita Gumpha caves, from where Sita, Lord Rama’s wife, was abducted by Ravana.

There are a number of notable places in or near Nashik, including the Gargoti Museum, which has a collection of zeolites (micro porous crystalline solids), and is located 32 kms from Nashik in a town called Sinnar. There is also the Coin Museum, founded in 1980, which has a collection about the Indian currency system, including coins, moulds, dies, replicas and photographs. About 30 km from Nashik is the Dugarwadi waterfall. Nashik is also called as pilgrimage city. There are holy temples like Shree Kala Ram Mandir, Trimbakeshwar Temple, Saptshrungi Gad, Gondeshwar Temple, Shree Sunder Narayan Temple, Mukti Dham, Bhakti Dham, Shree Someshwar Temple etc.

The other major tourist attractions include Artillery Centre, Dhammagiri, Saputara, Bhandardara & Kalsubai Peak, Chamber Caves, Shree Godavari Ram-kund, Sita Gumpha (Cave), Pandav Caves (Pandav Leni), Godavari Ghat, Ramkund, Dadasaheb Phalke Memorial (Smarak), Veer Savarkar Smarak, Dudhasagar Waterfalls, Jawhar, Blue Lagoon Water Park, Shrine of the Infant Jesus and Sula Vineyard.

Nashik is famous for grapes, onions, and tomatoes. Nashik was famous for its table grapes for a very long time. Also Known as Wine Capital of India, in early 1925, the Table Grape revolution was started in Ojhur, a small town near Nashik. Today, table grapes are being exported to Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

Proximity to many holy temples and sites including the famous pilgrimage centre of Shirdi and a long tradition of India’s sacred past, has made Nashik a confluence for the spiritually enlightened.

The bizarre world of
BOOKS

Devyani Bansal
IGCSE- 2014

What are story books to you? A pile of pages that are bound together with an attractive cover on the top and written by those people who are so bored in life they keep writing rather than doing something much better? I don’t think the same way. I think books are for those people who wish to be somewhere else! There are so many books and so little time.

Actually, books play such an important part in our life. The kind of books you read reflects your character, personality and interests. Some books are filled with spirit, inspiration and adventure and are so awesome that when you read them, they fill you with this weird zeal and you become convinced that this shattered world will never be put back together until and unless all humans read that book. Once you are addicted to a particular book, then putting it down for a while causes you a great deal of pain. It’s like the book has got a part of you into it!

I’m so fond of reading that when I grow up and have a house of my own, I’ll be ashamed if I don’t have a personal library. A library full of great books! By great books I mean those books that you want to read again and again as they leave you with amazing experiences; you should feel tired after finishing such books because you have been living so many lives throughout the book. After all, books are the most loyal friends as they are there with you whenever, wherever and forever. Also, books have ‘NO COMPLAINTS AND NO DEMANDS’!

Appreciate books, as the people who wrote them have put in their hard work to create a new world for us to tour in.
Blood donation camp on March 4th every year, became a ritual at FIA as a mark to celebrate the founder’s our dear Ratan Sir’s birthday. The blood donation camp this year was organised on Monday March 3, 2014 under the banner of Rotary club and Nashik Jan Kalayan Samiti where we managed to collect 21 bottles of blood.

FIA INTERACT CLUB MEETS PARKINSON’S PATIENTS

On 8th of March 2014, Don Bosco church saw the arrival of 10 student volunteers from Fravashi International Academy, led by Evengilina Ma’am, to witness the meeting sessions of the Parkinson’s patients and to interact with them.

The patients’ age ranged from as young as 20s to 70s. The meeting was led by Mrs. Verna Quadras and Dr. Dyaneshwar- the physical therapist. The patients were made to go through several different exercises like simple calming-breathing exercise, oral exercises, passing-the-hurdle exercises and such. It was an eye-opening to witness the problems of Parkinson’s patients. Mrs. Quadras enlightened the volunteers about the disease, how it affects an individual’s life and how difficult dealing with it can be.

To add on, Parkinson being an incurable disease, the patients’ only chances were of either getting better or getting worse and this was something that the volunteers found hard to digest. Also, to see the disease in someone at the age of 20s, was surprising as Parkinson was only thought to be diagnosed in the old was another to shock all of them.

After getting to know all that, the volunteers tried to help in the session as much as they could. At the end of the session, they all interacted with the patients and told them what a touching experience it had been and that they all would love to come again and help them. The patients gave the volunteers their blessings and expressed how good they felt about such youngsters coming and interacting with them.

-Jennifer David,
FIA Interact Club Member

Friday, March 27, 2014: Fravashi International Academy’s Nashik MUN (Model United Nations) Website www.nashikmun.org was launched and inaugurated at the hands of honorable Chairman, Mr. Ratan Luth. The Managing Trustee Ms. Meghna Bakshi, The Technical Director of Education Mr. Makarand Mulay, and the Organizing Committee of Nashik-MUN were also present on the occasion.

Fravashi International Academy has already conducted a very successful first Nashik Model United Nations Conference last year which witnessed delegates from across the country. The website paves way for easy registration to the second year of conference approaching in the last week of May 2014 besides highlighting various important details of the conference and the host school.
Fravashi International Academy’s Soccer league comes to a close

Zenia Karani

Friday, March 27, 2014:
The second season of Fravashi International Academy’s Soccer League came to a close amidst roars and cheers of the spectators. Dr. Chaudhary, the Principal of Sandeep Foundation’s Pharmacy College graced the event as a chief guest.

The Energetic XI grabbed the trophy beating Black Hawks 4: 0 in the finals. The golden boot award was bestowed upon Mst. Aakash Mundra whereas the best Goal Keeper’s honour was conferred upon Mst. Vedant Agiwal.

Fravashi Aquatic League: Splish-Splash!

Ms. Sheryl Wadhera

This year the Fravashi International Academy held its 1st Annual Aquatic League, at the pool deck. The swimming meets featured participants from all 6 league swim teams and was held from March 11-27, 2014. Each team’s help was needed in making this event a success.

Swim meets are a fun and exciting opportunity for swimmers to measure progress, experience the thrill of competition, and strive for individual and team accomplishments. They provide a break in the academics routine and provide a way for kids to challenge themselves.

Firstly, the weather was a very conducive factor for the enjoyment of the league. As it was the initial start to summer, students enjoyed swimming in the heat and teacher enjoyed soaking up the sun. Ironically everyone was involved in this league. Students who weren’t in the pool to exhibit their swimming talents were either reporting the events or cheering their teams. It was a hair rising event with state of the art swimming and edge-of-the-seat events. In addition, since swimming is considered to be an individual sport, students were provided with a platform where they were allowed to be more competitive than usual. Moreover, as every league held at FIA, this one was organized by kids, for kids, making it all the more special.

WORKSHOP ON STUDY ABROAD

Nikita Kotkar

A workshop on ‘Study Abroad’ was organized on March 19, 2014, to guide the students, who are aspiring to go abroad to the countries like USA, UK, Canada, Germany, Singapore, Australia etc. for the further studies. It was conducted by Ms Akshata Rao who threw insight into admission criteria and the procedure for applying in the above mentioned universities.

Statistics:

THE BEST FEMALE SWIMMER was Jahanvi Shinde from A Levels 2015 with Anam Tyrewalla from IGCSE-2014 as runner up.
THE BEST MALE SWIMMER was Sarvesh Vilekar from A Levels 2014 with Sanat Bhavsar from A Levels 2014 as runner up.
STRAIGHT EDGE was the winning team with Black Hawks bagging the second position.
THE MOST IMPROVED Swimmer was Sanat Bhavsar.
Rendezvous with Sushil sir

Harsh Kedia & Manan Saluja

What would be your choice of profession if not a teacher?
I would want to be an IAS or IPS.
What is the most special thing about the subject you teach?
It helps in the holistic development of a student.
What are the things that annoy you?
Lies, Over smartness, Unnecessary explanation
What according to you makes a good student?
Self belief, Accepting mistakes, Respecting the teachers and elders, Confidence, Honesty
The memorable moment of your life?
When I cleared National Eligibility Test (NET)
What is your passion?
To be better than the best & creating a bench mark in everything.
What do you like about FIA?
Place to make dreams come true.
What is your idea of a proper Sunday?
To be with family and enjoy every “Pali”
What changes would you like to see in the present education system?
Technological improvement for middle class students.
How do you describe yourself in four words?
Determined, Confident, Versatile, Patient.
Why did you decide to become a teacher?
Wanted to create better citizens for the society.
Message to FIA students
Believe in yourself. Learn from every mistake of yours, and keep smiling as it does not cost us anything.
Your idol?
Shahrukh Khan (because of his killer attitude and passion towards work)
Tell us something we don’t know about you?
I love to play Dandiya.
What would you want to be born as, in your next birth? Why?
Again as a human being- a male. So that I could be protective of others and be able to do things freely.
Who is your inspiration?
My mom

Enjoy the Present, Do not worry about the Future
Sameyak Sabadra

Today when I stepped out of the examination hall, all my friends said that they had really struggled hard during the last three weeks for their board examinations. But for me I had these 3 weeks as normal as ever. I did not stay up late for study. I went for playing everyday and had a walk regularly. I watched television and also played games on gadgets. So more or less I led a normal life during these 3 days. I still wonder why is it that others did not find their life as I did and there’s got to be only one answer to this- My parents!
Today I give my sincere gratitude to my parents for all that they have given me from my childhood. My parents have always given importance to enjoying the subject rather than scoring marks. As life went by, time passed away so quickly and I found myself in 10th standard.
And in 10th standard we all were given one reminder that the boards were coming near. I had 52 weeks, out of which 3 weeks were going to be the board examinations, so all that remained were 49 weeks.
Life is strange, isn’t it?
All that you have prepared for 49 weeks is gonna be asked only in 3 weeks, but somehow I was already familiar with this pattern.
I had been swimming which also had this golden rule that all that you have practiced for a year has to be given out in a competition. Same was the case for football, all the training you have received for many years has to be given out in a single match. I knew that all that had to be done was to be done in the 49 weeks that had been given to us and not during the 3 weeks of examinations. And may be this is the reason that I found my board exams just as normal examinations. My parents had given me exposure to so many activities which helped me in my overall development.
For me it was just another football match in which I just had to revise my basics and go there with a positive mind and give out my best.
As said in the Bagvad Gita, it is the effort which matters and not the result!
Now that the efforts have been put in, the results are bound to be announced in the month of June. Till then I am happy that He has helped all of us to pass this stage of life. Nobody has ever seen tomorrow and no one can ever change our past, so it is better that we enjoy the present without worrying about the future and drawing a line to our past.

Rapid fire round

Your favourite
Sport - Soccer
Movie – Chak de India
Place - Switzerland
Song - Ruk jana nahi tu kabhi harke
Book - The Holy Bible
Movie Star - Shahrukh khan
Dress - Formal
PEEK-A-BOO Barnali Madam - He is good in time managment and very well organised.
Usha Madam - He is a short man but a tall personality with lot of patience and diplomacy to handle situations.
Nair sir - He is an icon on the sports field.
Mualy sir - Very patient, quiet, fast learner; believes in correcting himself rather than pointing fingers towards others.
The increasing significance of technology in our lives has become prominent, with mere thoughts such as should children be permitted cell phones in school, are becoming commonly disputed coffee table conversations. In the 21st century, where our lives are so dependent on gadgets, these issues are of utmost consequence as they bring to the surface critical thinking and analysis of how we live our lives.

It is commonly thought that mobile phones prove to be a distraction for students and their thoughts are often found wavering off course, to the latest ‘text message’ or ‘tweet’. While the beeping of cell phones may cause disturbances, the silent profile can be activated and the serenity of the class can be easily restored. Additionally, this nurtures the children’s concentration and goes hand in glove with developing their self-control. Distractions are inevitable; a more productive method would be treating the imbalance instead of shutting it out.

It has been further argued that if mobile phones are treated as the first source of information, the knowledge of the students would be questionable as the internet is not always reliable. The most reliable source then is a Book, but as this argument goes, will have a decreasing influence and children will turn a blind’s eye towards them. Why take the pains of skimming through pages when you have information available at the blink of an eye? On the contrary, research done on the internet, is sometimes more efficient and provides a commonly sought after balance between books and the internet. The concern of reliability can easily be looked after, by teaching the students to cross-check their work with other sites. This goes on to educate them about precision.

It is believed that cell phones are the most convenient form of communication: you can contact anyone, at any time and place. If students are equipped with their mobile phones, at all times, they are constantly reachable and the fear factor of parents can be eliminated. Children can notify them, about an emergency, or an important announcement, by the mere push of a button; who can then deny that phones are a boon to mankind?

Furthermore, in our world where wildlife is diminishing and nature is damaged, saving a few thousand trees would make a world of a difference. Instead of notes and circulars being scribbled on pages, just so they can find themselves crumpled in the corner of the school bag, the very next day, they can be neatly typed out in standardized font and updated on mobile phones. This not only saves paper, and consequently trees, but it also brings efficiency and accuracy to a revolutionary method of education.

Thus taking into consideration the above mentioned, I strongly believe that where technology is deemed as a basic necessity, mobile phones should be used by students, unless we want children to be unaware of the latest developments and unable to function in an ever-changing environment.
जना हंस भी लिया करो!

साक्षी बोरा IGCSE Nov–2015

आज कल लोग हमेशा अपने काम में वर्तमान रहते हैं। कोई भी आर्थिक, कोई वैश्विक, कोई आर्थिकके तो कोई आर्थिक। इस आम तौर पर बांटनी है। हम जीवन, चैन रेन और सबसे महत्वपूर्ण है।

हैसना – खेती, खुश रहना एवं जीवन दूर चला गया है। पर भला यह हुआ कैसे? अरे भाई! यह तेंदुए, और शक्ति के कारण हैं। रात लोग देते रखता आते हैं। और पूरे दिन तक बाचक कम करते हैं, उन्हें अधिक शक्ति होती है। पर तेंदुए यह तो हम सुन्दर ही लेते हैं। नौकर का टेंदुए, बांस का टेंदुए, प्रोटेक्ट का टेंदुए, नौकरी या पाठ का टेंदुए और कर्म के लिए सबसे बड़ा का टेंदुए है। जहां देख वहीं देखते हैं। हम हैसना और सुख रहना मूलतः आते हैं।

भाग, तेंदुए और शक्ति के दूर गाने की दवाई है। किफायत शक्ति का महत्व और शल्य चुनूकों से काफी शक्ति नाइटस किफा किफायत आज कर तो देख देखना भूल जाते हैं। परंतु किफायत नाइटस किफा किफत

कही नहीं मूलते और पूरे परिवार के साथ यह शो देखते हैं। दुलिया इस्लाम की उड़ी हो जाए पर तिकेड पर किमेरी नाइटस चाहिए ही चाहिए। जब तक दादी का नानी का कार, शुभेच्छा के ज्योतिरों का कथक उठाया। पल्ला का ताजगान नाचा, पिकी बुआ की चादी, नौकर राजा का काम, सिर्फू शमस (कम्प्लैंट) के अनीस और मजदूर चुनूकों और सिर्फू पाजी की शायरी और हॉरी जोकी की कविता की विषय है।

प्रोग्राम आपके लिए बेहतर है। जिससे आप मतलंब दें ही सारी पर मलमत होकर हैसना और जीवन का मजा उठाये।

हैसना के लिए आप शो में लिकालिये और फिर देखें। आप जीवन निष्ठा से जियो। तो आप यह देखना चाहें है कि आप यह अस्तित्व करें और खुश रह जाएं। परंतु इसका हालाहल यह नहीं है कि आप शिक्षक किमेरी नाइटस हो देखते रहें और काम मूल जाएं। काम भी करें और हॉरी की।

मुझे यकीन है कि आप मेरे इस लेख में देखें – नौकर राजा का मजदूर लाकर गए है। और निर्दोष समझने तो आप को यह राख पकड़ कर बिला – वास्तवी की तुलना? तो सदा सुख रहो और सब सुखद और राजा जीवन जियो।

हैसना रेखा और हॉरी रेखा।
The vibrancy & the energy of the ‘Red’ colour was experienced by budding artists of the Nursery & Lower Prep on Monday, January 27, 2014 while trying their little fingers at activities like paper crumpling & pasting; paper twisting & colouring. Public speaking amongst these students was encouraged through ‘Show & Tell’ activity to mark the ‘Red Colour Day.’

At the onset of summer the entire team and students of FIA celebrated Yellow Colour Day on Monday, March 24, 2014 with great zest and fervor. Students from Grade II, V and VII created awareness amongst the keen audience during the assembly presentation. They explained how yellow colour signifies happiness, fun, vitality, energy, inspiration and illumination.

Grandparents’ Day

It is believed that God sent us Grandparents from up above to share the moments of our life as extra measures of his love. With this note the Grandparents’ Day was celebrated on Friday, February 14, 2014. Grandparents witnessed an excellent programme presented by the students of Grade I and II. The Director of Academics Mrs. Vijay Chadha spoke to the gathering that was touched by the cute performances of their grandchildren. All the grandparents enjoyed the sumptuous meal and the warm hospitality of FIA.

Premier Schools Exhibition at Surat

Fravashi International Academy participated for the first time on a National and International platform representing 33 top-notch international schools at the 10th Premier Schools Exhibition (Affairs Exhibition Media) held on Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23, 2014 at Surat, Gujarat.

The Director of Academics Mrs. Vijay Chadha, Mrs. Namita Kohok and Mrs. Dilnavaz Mehta represented FIA and bagged the trophy for the ‘Best Presentation’ amongst 33 participating international schools from all over India.
Mom’s Day Out

Fravashi International Academy has created a niche for itself by conducting enlivening activities in the school for children as well as for the parents with an aim to create a strong bond between the major stakeholders in the process of child’s growing years i.e child-home-school. On Friday, April 04, 2014 the “Mom’s Day Out” for the mothers of Nursery students was held for the first time in Nashik at the FIA campus. The idea of this unique concept was initiated by the Chairman Mr. Ratan Luth. Young and charming Moms received a warm welcome by the Director of Academics Mrs. Vijay Chadha and our experienced senior lady tutors. After enjoying the delicacies prepared by the Diners’ Hub team, an informal chit chat session was held between Mrs. Vijay Chadha, tutors and the mothers. The energetic moms displayed their artistic skills on the Potter’s Wheel. They were immensely thrilled to spot their child’s eyes in the ‘Eye Me’ puzzle game. The mothers and the children excitedly participated in the games and were overjoyed to receive the gifts and “FIA” goodie bag. The energetic moms displayed their artistic skills on the Potter’s Wheel. They were immensely thrilled to spot their child’s eyes in the ‘Eye Me’ puzzle game. The mothers and the children excitedly participated in the games and were overjoyed to receive the gifts and “FIA” goodie bag.

Family Fun Day

Amongst the beautiful environs of the amphitheatre and under the star filled skies of the FIA campus ‘Family Fun Day’ was celebrated on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The team members and their families enjoyed an evening filled with music, games, fun and laughter. The talented Mr. Ravi Shetty and his music group enthralled the audience with melodious music. The team members and their families enjoyed a series of games, bagged attractive prizes and after enjoying a sumptuous and aesthetically laid out dinner at the Diners’ Hub left for homes with sweet memories reverberating in their hearts. A host of other eminent guests graced the evening. In his speech, the Chairman Mr. Ratan Luth acknowledged the contribution of the team members in making the institution a great success and a name to reckon in the field of education.

Brushing The Teeth

The students of Nursery & Lower Prep were oriented with the ‘Brushing Teeth’ activity on Friday, March 28, 2014. They were shown how to squeeze the exact amount of the toothpaste on the child size soft bristles toothbrush. They also learnt how to make wise use of water & time for this simple but important activity. To inculcate this good habit at a tender age, parents were requested through a written communication to let their child brush his/her teeth twice in a day i.e. in the morning & before going to bed in their presence.

Workshops Conducted by the Director of Academics Mrs. Vijay Chadha

On Tuesday, February 11; Tuesday, February 18, 2014 & Friday, March 14, 2014 ‘Nurturing GenNext’ an exclusive & interactive workshop for the parents of Higher Prep & Grade I; Grade II & III; Grade IV and V students respectively was conducted by the Director of Academics Mrs. Vijay Chadha. She accentuated upon the need and methods to encompass an effective communication between children and their parents to bridge the Generation Gap. During this session the parents were carried through the CIE curriculum and their child’s enchanting journey and experiences at Fravashi International Academy. The noteworthy message put across by Mrs. Vijay Chadha through this workshop was to nurture the GenNext with high moral ethics and fortitude.
The Flair of 2nd Pre-Primary Annual Day

On a beautiful evening of Friday, February 28, 2014, the glorious 2nd Pre-Primary Annual Day was held amidst the brilliance of tiny stars of FIA. The Chief Guests for the evening Dr. (Mrs.) Vijayalakshmi Ganorkar an eminent gynecologist; Mrs. Shobhana Datar a renowned entrepreneur as well as a fashion designer; and Mrs. Vinita Dharkar who is also a successful entrepreneur appreciated the clan with which each child performed and delivered dialogues. In her address to the parents Dr. (Mrs.) Ganorkar commended FIA for its efforts to appreciate students for their endeavors and not only for their achievements.

The Vice Chairperson Mrs. Sharvari Luth was awestruck by the innocence so true to this age group. She advised the eager audience to inculcate importance of sports and to follow good eating habits in early childhood stage of their children so as to make them a healthy adult in future years of their lives.

Workshop on “Research with Ease: Using the Library as a Resource”

Ms. Sunita Khobragade and Ms. Anjali Kannawar attended a workshop on “Research with Ease: Using the Library as a Resource” conducted by Educationalist Ms. Usha Pandit on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at Mumbai.

Poetry Recitation

On Monday, February 17, 2014 Nursery & Lower Prep students motivated the listeners with ‘Don’t Give Up’ poetry recitation and also thanked the almighty for bestowing them with beautiful surroundings at FIA.

Boarders’ News

Our young boarders from Grades II to VII participated enthusiastically for the 2nd Pre-Primary Annual Day held on Friday, February 28, 2014. The smartly-uniformed boarders crisply chaperoned the guests and helped the tiny tots with their stage performance. They compered the show using correct diction and with panache matching FIA’s grooming.

The boarders’ evening was celebrated on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the FIA’s Sports Complex. It was indeed a wonderful sight to see some of the senior boarders from the IGCSE & A Levels take the initiative of conducting games, arranging for music and movies for the junior boarders. A sumptuous dinner added colour to this fresh summer evening. A bonfire and Karaoke was enjoyed till mid-night by the boarders up to Grade VII. The unique experience of sleeping under the starlit sky actually made each one happy.

Next morning they set out for a trek to the nearby rope forest accompanied by sports tutors. Team building activities such as crossing the ditch, balance walk on a log of wood, tug of war, scavenger hunt, capturing a fort and crossing a stream were conducted by sports tutors. The day ended with a good swim in FIA’s swimming pool.

Brigadier Tiwari’s Visit to Fravashi International Academy

The armed forces have always been looked upon as a pride for the Nation. It was a proud moment to receive Station Commander Brigadier Sanjeev Tiwari and his charming wife Mrs. Reshma Tiwari on Thursday, March 13, 2014 for an exclusive campus walk. Brigadier Tiwari and his wife were mesmerized by every nook and corner of the school that was speck clean, tastefully decorated & artistically painted.

They were impressed by the idea of imparting knowledge to students in a spacious, fun filled and creative manner thus, allowing each child to move confidently in large spaces. The cute little impression of FIA welcomed the visitors with a fresh green plant and broad smiles.

Save Sparrow Soccer League

In view of the upcoming World Sparrow Day on March 20, 2014, FIA inaugurated its 2nd Save Sparrow Soccer League on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. This event was dedicated to the fast dwindling population of house sparrows with an aim to save the little sparrows from extinction. In the inaugural match held between all the teams; ‘Swainson Sparrow’ triumphed over the ‘Shelly Sparrow’ by 3 goals to nil. The Chief Guest Mr. Bishwarup Raha, the well-known nature conservationist, imparted some vital information on the various types of sparrows, their importance and value in the lives. Mr. Raha commented that, ‘Nature is also a type of football game that needs to be enjoyed, cherished and nurtured.’ He extended all possible help to FIA students to take up this cause with passion. The entire management and team of Fravashi International Academy wished the participants and sports tutors all the very best for the ‘Save Sparrow Soccer League.’

On Tuesday, March 18, 2014 the 2nd Annual ‘Save Sparrow’ Soccer League of Fravashi International Academy was brought to a close by the prominent environmentalist Mr. Bishwarup Raha, a renowned conservationist who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and was presented. Mr. Raha who is associated with the ‘Nature Conservation Society of Nashik’ since the last 20 years. It was an exciting week of soccer for the students of FIA who were enthusiastically charged up to support their favourite teams. Amongst the Junior teams from Grade II to IV, the Cape Sparrow team skillfully managed to score two defining goals that clinched their place as winners from the Spanish Sparrow. After a tough going and strong defense the Swainson Sparrow team of senior group from Grade V to VII secured a place of glory as champions of the league. Mr. Rahalkar through his speech advised the students to learn a lesson from the little sparrows and that is, the spirit of team work in a competition, and caring for things great and small is must to make our life a grand success. The entire management of Fravashi International Academy congratulated the participants and the coaches for their zeal to preserve and nurture nature.
Certificate of Merit for Ms. Tanvi More

Ms. Tanvi More (Grade VII) was awarded a Certificate of Merit for participating in the 2014 Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) held in India by Educational Initiatives along with 1,500 of the most academically gifted seventh grade students in the country. Ms. Tanvi has qualified for the Duke TIP eStudies which is an interactive, instructor-led online course designed for such exceptional students. The entire management and team of FIA congratulated Ms. Tanvi More and wished her good luck for her future endeavors.

The Math Master

Mst. Sarvadnya Surana (Grade III) has passed the International Standard of UCMAS ABACUS COMPUTATION (ZHIUSUAN) Proficiency Examination for Ordinary Grade 9 with Distinction. Mst. Sarvadnya was honoured in the school assembly for this feat and was motivated by Mrs. Vijay Chadha to dream big and achieve greater grandeur.

The Movers n Skaters

The Under 6-10 Boys and Girls flew with their wheels on the skating grounds and has won the Nashik District Level Inter Club Skating Competition which was held at Fravashi Academy, Nashik on Sunday, February 23, 2014. Our boarders Ms. Sakshy Kandi (Grade V) secured first place; Mst. Vedant Dhokre (Grade II) secured third place; Mst. Aryan Dhokre (Grade III); Mst. Aaqib Khan (Grade III) and Mst. Shouryan Kandi (Grade V) received the participant certificate. The students and their coach Mr. Santosh Pawar were congratulated by the entire Fraternity of Fravashi International Academy.

Outstanding Performance in ASSET Examination

Our Students have added another feather to FIA’s cap by excelling in the ASSET examination held by the Educational Initiatives in December 2013. Ms. Sania Ambardar (Grade III), Ms. Charvi Patil & Ms. Diya Narang (Grade IV) and Ms. Adya Lonsane (Grade V) have been awarded the certificate of outstanding performance in English; Mst. Bhavik Tibrewala (Grade VI) in Maths & Mst. Rajat Patil (Grade IV) in Science.

Some More Achievements

Mst. Anshuman Shirore (Grade II) participated & secured bronze medal in Maharashtra State School level Silambum (Velu Kambu Vichu) competition held at Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai on Wednesday, December 25 & Thursday, December 26, 2013.

Ms. Soumya Joshi (Grade III) has been awarded with Initial Communication Skills with Distinction by Trinity College of London in September 2013.

Ms. Gargi Patwardhan (Grade III) has won 2 trophies in 50 mts and 100 mts running in Chartered Accountants Family Members Competition.

Mst. Mohit Chordiya (Grade VII) has bagged Level 1 Award in Music by the Trinity College London held in Mumbai on November 2013.

Ms. Tanvi Sinkar (Higher Prep) received a trophy and certificate in Group A at National Level All India Camel Colour Contest 2013.

Mst. Vinit Manek (Grade II) was awarded with the certificate & Medal in Inter Club Open Roller Skating Championship 2013, Nashik on Monday, January 13, 2014.
Students Shine in YLE Exams by the British Council

The students have excelled in the KET and PET [Young Learners English] examinations held by the British Council in December 2013. Our very jubilant Young English Learners have been awarded the Certificates of Merit.

Little Life Saver

Mst. Aarnav Chawla (Grade I) was one of the volunteers for the Blood Donation Awareness Programme & Donation Camp held on Sunday, March 02, 2014 in Nashik. This programme was organised in association with Cantonment General Hospital, Deolali Camp by selecting a group of students from various schools. Mst. Aarnav was congratulated by the management of Fravashi International Academy for his quest to promote a social cause.

Some More Achievements

In Abacus Mst. Meet Deore (Grade V) secured 3rd position in the 7th Maharashtra State Level Abacus Competition held at Nasik on Sunday, February 03, 2013. He also secured 1st position in the 9th National Level Abacus Competition held at Mumbai on Friday, September 01, 2013.

Mst. Aavaan Kohok (Grade III) participated in the Gulf Super Cross 2014 U-12 held at Nashik on Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23, 2014. He bagged the trophy as the best participant in the Demo Class 50 CC KTM Dirt Bike. He has also won a gold medal for being the youngest biker at the age of 8 years by GULF Forster - A Child Car Drive, Mumbai.
My Memorable Day at FIA

Ms. Siya Shahane (III A)

A workshop was conducted by our Chadha Madam on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. I was nominated by my form tutor to help Chadha Madam to conduct this workshop. We were given instructions by Dilsnavaz Madam to come neatly dressed and take up responsibilities. I was just wondering on what help I can extend and was sure that I will be bored amongst all adults. Well, we started by giving balloons to the parents who had started to come. They had to write the name of their child on it and we had to keep it in corner of the hall. Oh, many parents had even burst some balloons while writing the name on it. The parents & us i.e., Ananya, Antra, Sakshi, me & our respected Chadha Madam lit the lamp. After some time parents arrived. We were instructed to make them settle down. I read out a welcome speech along with some instructions for the parents regarding dos and don’ts at Intaglio. Chadha Madam played a game in which I had to pick up the ball that ma’am threw at the parents from a distance. We had to take the mike to the person who caught the ball. Madam would ask that person a question that “What is your favourite childhood story?”

The list of favorite stories went off like this Mahabharat & Ramayan, Cinderella, Chacha Choudhary, Aladin, Red Riding Hood, Rabbit & the Turtle”. After this Chadha Madam played a new age movie on Rabbit & the Turtle. After seeing this movie Chadha Madam asked parents about their expectations from the parents from this workshop. Parents were also asked to give their concerns if any related to their children. Many voiced together that their children trouble them at home for eating food and they think that at school children do not eat well. Chadha Madam asked me to speak on our daily food intake at FIA. I very honestly and happily spoke on the variety of breakfast that we are served at FIA, right from the types of Sandwiches, Dosa, Idli & Vada, Uttapa, Parathas, Saboo Dana Khichdi etc. Lunch Menu too was elaborated by my friend Saaskshi. This was followed by a movie showing Grade I students eating lunch in the Dinner’s Hub. Parents were amazed to see their children eating so well and in a well mannered style. They also saw Grade I students doing self help to take food and eating even the last morsel of food that was served to them.

After giving details to the parents about CIE curriculum that is followed at our school right from Higher Prep onwards, ma’am requested all the parents to pick up a balloon that has his/her child name written on it. Time given to them was 1 min. Some parents took their own child’s & some could manage to pick up for others too in this short span. Ma’am informed parents that time management and sharing plays an important role in a child’s life. I was requested to explain YLE at FIA. I explained that “In YLE we learn new words, speaking skills, writing skills & listening skills.” Madam asked me “Who teaches you YLE?” I replied “Sujata Ma’am.” After that madam had kept an envelope on the table & said table I to start counting from 1-8, than she divided them into groups based on numbers that were at the tables. Parents loved this technique of making groups. Chinese Whisper was played in each group in a very systematic manner. We then realized that how madam used this game to drive home a point that Gossip is Jungle fire and should be avoided by the parents at home in front of their children.

The parents were given the school mail ID & madam’s mail ID so that if they want to refer any thing to the school or if they need any thing or want to ask about anything they can directly approach Madam or school instead of asking people who are not from FIA and do not understand FIA culture.

Friends, let me tell you, the entire workshop left me in a very inspiring mode. I actually realized that being a leader is not an easy job and surely needs a lot of tact, empathy and understanding of your team. It is a learning experience for me. I hope that I am given more chances to witness, help and participate in such learning experiences to grow myself into a person who can manage things smoothly.

I really enjoyed madam’s workshop. Thank you Chadha Madam for giving me this opportunity.
Idea Exchange with Ms. Neeru Lala

Ms. Ananya Batra, Ms. Janhavi Gawade, Mst. Akshat Heda & Mst. Ayush Singh

Q. Tell us something about your family?
A. I have a small but close knit family that includes my husband and two sons.
Q. What is your biggest challenge?
A. Making my students take part in all kinds of musical programs.
Q. What is your hobby?
A. To cook, to do interiors for my house.
Q. Which is your favorite cuisine?
A. Mughlai & Kashmiri cuisine.
Q. Which alternative profession would you like to try your hands on?
A. (Speaks with a glint in her eyes) Music, music & only music.
Q. Do you feel younger or older than your current age?
A. (Speaks laughingly) Age is a factor that is in our minds. I am as young as the youngest student to whom I teach music.
Q. If you could meet one person who would it be?
A. My favorite Kashmiri writers Rahman Rahi & Habba Khatoom.
Q. What quality you admire most in a person?
A. Humility.
Q. Which is the most interesting place you have ever visited?
A. Gulmarg in Kashmir.
Q. What is the best advice anyone has ever given you?
A. The best advice given to me by my father was that education leads you in life, do not compromise on it.
Q. What has life taught you?
A. Knowledge is power & everything is knowledge.
Q. Who is your role-model?
A. My father & my guru Shri Rameshwar Prasad Mishra.
Q. Your most embarrassing moment?
A. Humm! Once I was performing in a live concert & the lights went off.
Q. Which form of music you enjoy the most to teach?
A. Indian Classical –Vocal.
Q. Your favourite new age song?
A. Mitwa kahe dharkane tuje se kya (Kabhi Alvida Na Kahena)
Q. If your life was a song, what would the title be?
A. Kal Ho Naa Ha.
Q. If you could be a singer or a musician, who would you be?
A. Lata ji (Lata Mangeshkar.)
Q. What advice would you give to our aspiring musicians?
A. If you have the love for music, give your life to make it your passion.

Essence of Modesty ....
Mr. Ravindra Joshi - Motherly figure for us.
Mr. Farooque Peerzade - Hardworking & loves children.
Mr. Satish Pendse - Cool minded & soft spoken.
Mr. Mathew Fernandes - Beautiful & Serene.
Ms. Vidya Shinde - Lady with a kind heart.
Chadha Madam - A guiding light to the Music and Art scenario at FIA.