

### Kannada Rajyotsava Celebrations - 2019

Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated with great zeal and excitement in Podar International School on 8th November 2019 to mark the bringing together of all the Kannada speaking regions to form the state of Karnataka. The celebration began with a prayer to Goddess Bhuvaneshwari, followed by a traditional dance. A fancy dress show on historical figures of Karnataka by students made everyone sit up and think about the contribution and achievements of the people from the state. Students also enthralled the audience by dancing to the tunes of popular Kannada songs. The programme started with the rendition of the State Anthem. The event generated a sense of pride in the minds of the audience for being a part of a culture that is so rich and vibrant.

### Celebrating My World-2019

Podar International School, Kalkere conducted the culminating event 'Celebrating My World' under the Thematic Unit:1 'Me and My World'.. This event focused on all that the students have learnt during the 4 weeks of the module. Students presented the songs and dances that were learnt during the music and activity period of integrated unit. Parents enjoyed all these and also the exhibition of students' work as per theme.

### World Mental Health Day-2019

"A sound mind in a sound body". As this proverb rightly indicates, the mental wellbeing of a person is as important as the physical wellbeing for a happy existence of a person. Keeping this thought in mind "World Mental Health Day" was celebrated under the guidance of the School Counselor. The School Counselor created an awareness about the importance of mental health among the students using a video. Students from Grade VII did a role play to explain bullying and its consequences. Students from all grades participated in the discussion that followed, by contributing their viewpoints and clarifying their doubts about mental well-being.

### Children's Day-2019

There was an atmosphere of excitement and cheer in Podar International School with colours and love flowing from every corner to celebrate Children's Day on 14th November, 2019. This day is celebrated to honour the memories of our first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and his deep affection for children. Every student arrived at school, dressed in colourful clothes and was

excited during the special school assembly conducted by teachers for them. This included presentation of thoughts, new word for the day, quiz, and song. Finally teachers shook their legs for a dance number and children thoroughly enjoyed it. There was a mood of elation among the young learner's when they received greeting cards from their teachers as a token of love. The eventful day ended with munching on the delicious treats arranged by school.

### Special assembly under the theme "Design a way"-2019

A special assembly was conducted under the theme "Design a way"-.Students presented journey of David M Kelly- 'Father of Design thinking' and his achievements. In this assembly, students presented a skit 'Indian Innovators'. This skit provided the information regarding the innovation of the innovators which shows that every problem has a solution.

### Kalashitij-Inter House Competition-2019

14th November 2019 was an eventful day at Podar International School. Humans by nature perform best if given continued opportunities to compete, improve and rejoice in reward. With this thought in mind variety of contests, from fancy dress to solo singing, pick and speak to creative writing, best out of waste to cooking without fire, were conducted for Grade I to Grade-VII children. The purpose was to promote healthy, positive competition and to provide students with a platform to showcase their diverse talents, uplift their confidence and enhance their speaking skills. Students were thrilled to participate, their enthusiasm was evident and witnessed by all the teachers and judges present there.

### Design Bootcamp-2019

Podar International School, Kalkere conducted the school-wide theme 'Design-A-Way' - Making and Unmaking Things culminated with 'Design Bootcamp' - Innovate, Create and Showcase event was organized by the students and staff members of the school on 7th December, 2019. This event helped the students to present their learning which will help them thrive in an atmosphere of 'discoveries', 'science', 'technology' and 'art'. The students from grades I to VII exhibited their final 'Design Thinking' products, ideas and equipments which they worked on during the Integrated English sessions like Stationary Organizer, Tiffin Bag, Key chain, habitats for endangered species such as monarch

butterflies, polar bears, sea turtles, giraffes. 'Design Thinking' solutions for bullying, manual scavenging, honking and for Sustainable Goals 2019 such as Gender Equality, Zero Hunger etc. Students from all grades participated with great zeal and enthusiasm.

### Inter School Skating Competition-2019

The students of Podar International School, Kalkere from Grade I to V participated in Invictus 2.0-Inter School Skating Competition - 2019 held at Euro School, Mahadevapura on 18th December, 2019. In Under 8 year category, Ms. Sarayu Vasmsetti from Grade- I won the Gold Medal and in Under 14 category Ms. Sonal Jaiswal from Grade-V won the Silver Medal.

### Christmas Celebration-2019

Christmas celebrations were held with great pomp and show at Podar International School, Kalkere on 23rd December, 2019. The entire school vibrated with the echoes of Christmas carols. Students from Grade I to VII presented melodious songs and colourful dances that were enjoyed by all. The boundless joy of celebrating the festival was amply visible on the faces of the children especially when Santa moved around distributing sweets to them.

### Kalakshitiij - Annual day 2019-'20

**The Adventures of the Magical Crowns - Synopsis**  
An imaginary adventurous story that makes people creative in this fascinating world. The truth is that they are the building block of imagination, teaching us to imagine. It is so crazy to be geared up for a magical experience, which is so thrilling, mesmerizing and exciting. The play begins with a group of children who are going on a visit around the world to witness the colourful festivals around the world to experience music, dance, vibrancy, colour, joy and divinity too.

"Education is not the preparation for life; education is life itself"  
-John Dewey

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**2019-'20**

Annual Report

Saturday, 11 January 2020

Venue:  
School Playground

Time: p.m.

**Chief Guest**  
Mr. Narayanaswamy G  
Police Sub-Inspector-  
Mahadevapura Police Station





Only children believe they are capable of everything says Paulo Coehlo. We at PIS, Kalkere firmly believe in this and hence create opportunities to help children explore themselves.

At the outset we welcome you all for our third annual day celebration. As is norm, we conducted various activities for children this year and here is a glimpse of all activities conducted at school till date.

Our effort to make learning a joyful experience with lot of innovations being introduced will continue year after year at our school.

#### Parent Orientation 2019-'20

Parent orientation was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to explain the facilities, functioning and culture of school. A power point presentation was done by the teachers to explain about the mission, vision and rules and regulations of the school. The various activities carried out in the class through different tools and techniques were also explained to the parents. The parents were also informed about the new programmes namely Innovative Lab, Khan Academy and Theatre In Education (TIE) which will be introduced from this academic year 2019-'20.

#### Workshop on Cyber Safety-2019

A cyber safety workshop was conducted for students from Grade V to VII and an awareness programme for teachers on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The Podar Innovation Centre (PIC) team members Mr. Hardik Kakkad and Ms. Niloufer created awareness among the students about the advantages and disadvantages of technology focusing on the fact that technology must be effectively used. They discussed about various cyber crimes like Camera hacking and Cyber Stalking, phishing etc and also the ways to protect from being victimized. Students understood the importance of being safe, while using technology and took a pledge to be safe while going online.

#### International Yoga Day – 2019

The International Yoga Day-2019 was celebrated on 21 June 2019 with great zeal, vivacity and anticipation at Podar International School, Kalkere-Bengaluru. Students from all grades showcased their discipline, concentration and dedication by performing yogananas like Suryanamaskara, Padmaasana, Dandasana and ArdhaChakrasana. The benefits of yoga were also explained to the students.

#### A visit to a HRBR Park, Banaswadi - 2019

Students of Grade I to Grade VII visited HRBR Park-Banaswadi on 22nd June 2019 as a part of field trip 'Mystical Rainforest' module of IE. There, the students got an opportunity to study about various types of plants, trees, flowers and birds through their personal experience. Teachers helped the students to relate it with the rainforest.

#### Theatre in Education (TIE)-2019

A workshop on TIE was conducted by the Podar Innovative Centre (PIC) team in collaboration with J's Academy for the teachers at Podar International School, on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Through this workshop, the teachers gained an insight about how theatre performance can be used to enhance the classroom teaching. On 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 practical application of the theatre performances in classroom teaching was done by PIC team along with the representatives of J's academy, in the presence of the subject teachers. The learning became more fulfilling and fun-filled.

#### Independence Day Celebration - 2019

73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day was celebrated with great zeal at Podar International School, Kalkere. Children demonstrated a disciplined march past which was followed by a skit on respecting our soldiers, patriotic song, hoops drill, pyramid and a vibrant dance. Parents and grandparents appreciated the efforts of children and teachers in making the event colourful.

#### Investiture Ceremony 2019-'20

Podar International School, Kalkere conducted its second Investiture Ceremony along with Independence Day Celebrations. Our principal presented colours and flags to the newly appointed members of Students Mst. Arian Kanichial and Ms. Chinnushree of gr. VII were appointed school Head Boy and Head Girl respectively.

#### Teacher's Day Celebration - 2019

Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on 5th of September to honour the teachers and celebrate their contribution towards education, society and equip the nation with rational thinkers. It was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. The day was full of emotions and heart-touching moments as the students came together, under the guidance of Principal, to surprise their teachers with a colourful show and events which included dance, song, skit, magic show which were all full of entertainment.

Teachers enjoyed the fun filled games organised for them by children and were presented a gift and handmade cards by children.

#### Hindi Diwas Celebration-2019

Hindi Diwas was celebrated with great zeal and interest on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at Podar International School, Kalkere, Bangalore. The Students participated with great enthusiasm in various activities like skit, poem recitation, slogan chanting and speech under the able guidance of the Hindi teachers. Teachers explained about the importance of Hindi language and the relevance of the celebration of Hindi divas.

#### Workshop on managing classroom diversity-2019

A workshop on Managing Classroom diversity was conducted in the school premises for the teachers handling the classes from Grade I to VII. The workshop was conducted by the School counselor and Hub counselor. The workshop was conducted to keep the teachers abreast with the latest strategies to manage the 21st century classroom environment effectively. The teachers gained knowledge about inclusive education, special needs and differently abled children. They also got an insight about the different types of disabilities and the ways to handle the children in an inclusive classroom.

#### Dental Camp – 2019

A free dental check-up camp was organised at Podar International School by Dr. Minerva Samal with her team. The camp was initiated to educate children about the dental hygiene and how our eating habits affects our oral health, with special stress on the simple measures that can be taken to prevent gum decay and diseases. It was concluded with a dental check-up for all the students from Nursery to Grade-VII, academic and non-academic staff.

#### Joy of Giving – 2019

"To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with". Podar International school, Kalkere conducted "Joy of Giving" with great enthusiasm. The students learnt the importance of empathy and integrity in life through various activities like listening to moral stories, watching videos, answering questions related to self evaluation and gifting warm word shields and photo frames to their partners. It was really inspiring to see the students participate in the acts of giving.

#### Art of parenting - 2019

Being a parent is a task by itself. The challenges it poses and the joy it brings in can only be lived through. Each day is a new day and each day brings in a new challenge. At the same time some new learnings makes it an enjoyable act and some guidance from experts in the field makes it handier. One such session on Art of Parenting was conducted at Podar International School on 29 September 2019. The session conducted by Ms. Juhi, the Hub Counselor along with the school counselor. The session was very interactive and most parents actively participated in various activities and discussions.

#### Dandiya Utsav - 2019

"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate." "Dandiya Night" was celebrated by dancing to the beats of Dandiya songs. The students, teachers and parents came together to celebrate Dandiya Night in colorful traditional attire. Everyone enjoyed the melodious music, rhythmic beats that matched the mood of festivity. It turned out to be a glorious night, showcasing the Indian spirit of togetherness and respect for each other's cultural diversity.

#### Blood Donation Camp - 2019

Values cannot be taught, they have to be lived. Children learn the importance of being helpful to others better when they see us in action showing consideration for each other. So, as an act of being responsible and considerate, a blood donation camp was organised at Podar International School, Kalkere on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in association with Lions Blood Bank-Bhagavan Mahaveer Jain Hospital. The camp focused on one of the main principle of Gandhiji, i.e., to give back to our society in every little way possible. Many parents, teaching and non-teaching staffs of the school donated blood. Parents appreciated the initiative taken by school.

#### Diya making workshop-2019

Diya making workshop was organized for children (Grade I to VII) and their parents on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. Students and their parents enjoyed making diyas on potter's wheel. This experience helped them to connect with nature and add a personal touch to their Diwali celebrations.