Greetings from PIS, Ambegaon.

November marked the month after the festivities – after the Pooja and Diwali. There was an air of lethargy after the holidays, as the school reopened after the Diwali holidays on the 07th. It didn’t take too long for the children at PIS Ambegaon to snap out of this lethargy and enthusiastically involve themselves, as the activity of this month “Moving Places” rolled out. The jump start events had “Pack your bag”, ‘True or False’ and ‘To where would I like to Travel’, that set the tone and tenor for the month. Through “Express yourself”, the students of PIS Ambegaon let their creativity and imagination soars across time and space. The special assembly on the Rann Utsav, transported all of us to the less explored Kutch region of Gujarat, and once again highlighted the diversity and richness of tradition present in our great country. The activities of the month reinforced what Saint Augustus said, “The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page”.

The month thus ended up being very active and invigorating and even as PIS Ambegaon continued to focus on academics, we did not lose sight of the goal of all round development of mind and body.
Rann Utsav, a mystical and magical festival of the Rann of Kutch, is celebrated by the people of the Kutch region of Gujarat. During this festival, people dress up in colourful costumes, wear exquisite jewelry and perform various folk dances and other cultural activities. They also enjoy musical concerts, and proudly showcase the great variety of handicrafts of this region. This festival thus also provides an exclusive opportunity for people to observe the creativity of artisans and craftsmen of this place.

The students of PIS Ambegaon attempted to recreate this magic of Rann Utsav, through a special assembly. They transported their peers and teachers on a journey by singing and dancing in the Kutch style which reinforced the Gujarat Tourism promotional line “Kutch nahi Dekha Toh Kucch Nahi Dekha”
The month long activity of ‘Moving Places’ started with different introductory programmes. The jumpstart events had ‘Pack your bag’, ‘True or False’ and ‘To where would I like to Travel’ for different classes. These three jumpstart events were designed to capture the students’ imagination and generate curiosity about the “Moving Places” theme of the month.
To where would I like to Travel

True or False
Date: 21/11/16
Venue: PIS, Ambegaon
Express Yourself

STD III & IV - Art Activity - ‘The Nomads – Cave Painting Activity’

STD V & VI - Communication Game – ‘Would You Rather?’
“Express Yourself”, was conducted for classes III & IV as a Cave Painting activity. These young students let loose their creativity through a ‘Cave Painting Activity’. The students were steered to imagine that they were prehistoric people living in caves and like those people who painted the cave walls as a record of their activities, the students also painted to express themselves. The students imagined the life of people who lived millions of years ago and had great fun in creating their own versions of prehistoric paintings.
In stark contrast to the pleasant weather outside, there was a spirited, bordering on heated, discussion inside the school hall on the topic, ‘The Migration Dilemma – A Choice or a Necessity’. The members of the four different houses were participating in the Inter House Panel Discussion Competition. The emphasis of this activity was on students discussing and expressing their points of view concisely, accurately and categorically. This was an opportunity for the students to research and further their understanding on the topic and articulate their views.
Achievements

1. Vaishnavi Jejurikar - Mumbai – Sip Abacus – Grand master level - 1st runner up in regional & 3rd runner up in national- Trophy

2. Archisman Vadanagekar – Ucmas Abacus Dubai
   Level 3 - 3rd place & 5th position Trophy

3. Devang Joshi - Ucmas Abacus Dubai
   Level 1 - 3rd place - Trophy

Art and Craft Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Dyanpeeth
Best Artist Award- Gold Medal & Certificate

Renuka Dharmadhikari –
Group Dance (Katthak)
Special Prize - Delhi
Dance - Ananya Bondre – Group dance (Western & Folk)  
Western - 1st prize Trophy & Gold Medal  
Folk – 2nd Prize - Trophy

Dance – Yashshree Solankar  
1st Prize – Trophy and certificate