

## 'School Tales' – February 2014

School reopened on an exciting note for Ganges students and staff with the 'Payyoli Express', PT Usha visiting the School on 20<sup>th</sup> January. The 100m dash and 50x4m relay that were organized to mark the occasion saw the participation of schools like Sanghamitra, Glendale, Samashti, Oakridge and Silver Oaks.



While the Glendale team won the gold in the relay race, our Grade 8 student, Vikas, kept the Ganges flag flying high by winning a bronze in the 100m sprint.



Competitions outside School, give students an opportunity to test as well as stretch themselves. So we encouraged our students to participate in the Speedstar Competition organized by KOOH Sports at Gachibowli Stadium on 19<sup>th</sup> January. Charita of Grade 3 brought laurels to us by standing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the under 10 category. In a sprint event in which more than 50 students from different schools across

Hyderabad participated, this is a great achievement. Inika of Grade 4 did well too, securing a respectable 16<sup>th</sup> position although she did not win a prize. Speed Star was a very good experience for our students and has given them the confidence that they too can do well. With our grounds ready now, I'm confident our students will do better in future events.



Congratulations to our students who excelled in Skating and Martial Arts. Of particular note was the medal tally of Ritesh of Grade 5. The participation of our students in the various Olympiads is increasing steadily and I'm impressed with the way in which some students are consistently performing well in different Olympiads. Details of students' achievements will be uploaded soon.

Our teachers, Archana & Bharathi did us proud by winning prizes in the Action Research Project contest 'Kaushalya' organized by ACT ( The Academy for

Creative Teaching ). While Bharati won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, Archana Bhagat got a Consolation Prize.



The first week of February saw Ganges proudly presenting its annual exhibition 'Jharokha'. Close on the heels of Jharokha, was the Day trip followed

by the Night Stay at School for Grades 1-8. While Grades 1-4 visited the zoo, the senior grades



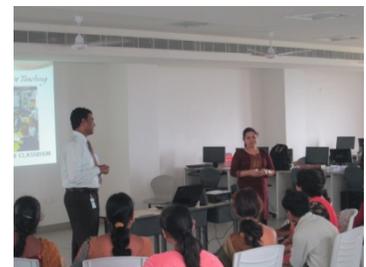
had a thrilling experience at the Deer Park. The night stay was a huge hit with the children who left School only after extracting promises from their teachers that they would give the students' demand for more night

stays serious thought.

Moving on to academics our senior most class Grade 8 have just finished taking their SA2 exams and will start Grade 9 on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Grades 4 – 7 are busy preparing for the SA2 exams that are scheduled to begin from 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Nursery – Grade 3 are as usual being engaged in interesting and exciting activities that enhance their learning. Brown was the colour of the month and 'Brown Day' saw all the PPs streaming in smartly dressed in earthy colours. In the second week of February, our PPs were treated to a fabulous story session at School by a talented team from Treasure House. The musical performance with special props and backdrops had the children tapping their feet, clapping their hands and singing and dancing through the story. Grades 1-3 combined this with an outing and visited Treasure House for the story session.

Since our teachers begin planning for the new session at this time of the year, we had a team from ACT ( Academy for Creative Teaching ) in School on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb to train for our teachers in horizontal and vertical planning.





We are firm in our resolve to help every Ganges student do their best and are pleased to have Ms Jayshree, Special Educator, join our faculty. She joined us in early February and has started working with the children who need additional as well as specialized support.

Ganges believes that a healthy dialogue between parents and the School will help us offer the best possible programme to our students. Therefore we had Coffee Morning for Grade 1, 2 and 3 parents on 25<sup>th</sup> January and for the Pre Primary parents on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We thank parents who were able to make it for the Coffee Morning. The areas of concern expressed will be worked on and put into effect in the coming session. Talking about working on parents' inputs, recently a few parents expressed the need for a teacher to be present to monitor the arrival of the students in the morning. We've put teachers on duty on rotation in the morning and will be happy if parents join us in this endeavour by volunteering.



We have had another reason to cheer – increased sports facilities. We hope you have had a chance to see our new tennis and basketball courts. If you haven't, please drop by and take a look. The addition of *Star Prospect*, a handsome, chestnut colored horse to the Ganges stables has added to the excitement of the School equestrian team.

Our admissions have been heartening too, I'm sure, due to the good word you parents having been putting in for Ganges. Thank you all for your generous and whole hearted support .

*Spring is in the air, spring is everywhere* and so are we at Ganges, gearing up for the new session and waiting excitedly for all the new students and teachers who will be joining the Ganges family soon.