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## Messages:

### **Ms Naveena C Edpuganti** **Editor-In-Chief**

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of 'Ambitimes' for the Academic Year 2022-23 featuring the creative and academic life of the school. It's a great feast for the eyes to see Ambitarians back on the campus and with this ebullience we have expanded our learning in International Dimensions through TEDx, Model United Nations (MUN) and Trinity College of London. Ambitimes will bring together all stakeholders of the AWS community from the administration, faculty and of course the students as they reflect, analyze and ink their thoughts on the newsletter. This newsletter is a springboard of ideas to creatively combine our talent towards our vision and mission. Ambitimes is an informative monthly of prominent highlights, happenings, achievements and upcoming events. Hope this new year brings us more joy and more learning. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

### **Dr Leena Pimpley,** **Academic Advisor AWS**

As we are surviving the onslaught of Covid 19 induced pandemic and its multiple variants, one important attribute each of us has observed, experienced and imbibed is 'Resilience'. It is said, instead of counting how many times did you fall, check if you got up each time. With physical classes commencing when I see our little Ambitarians merrily ambling on the campus, I see Resilience personified. My heart goes out to the little ones. Kudos to their teachers and Ambitus World schools who held the fortress during the tumultuous times, didn't let go of their hope and continued providing multiple avenues for holistic development of the Ambitarians via online learning.

It is a matter of great pleasure to witness the release of the first issue of AWS Newsletter 'Ambitimes'. The current issue of Ambitimes presents stories of AWS tackling challenges posed by the pandemic through determination and rigorous efforts, sustaining scholastic quality, ensuring smooth execution of co-scholastic activities and conducting events of national and international stature with an aim to nurture global citizens.

Welcome to the world of 'Resilience'!

### **Ms Nallam Veena Mankoti,** **Principal AWS Hyderabad**

Dear Students, Parents and Teachers,

I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas. November was a busy month as the offline school rules and regulations kept the staff and students at Ambitus on their toes. I am glad to share that students were delighted to meet their friends and teachers in school. I appreciate the parents' trust in us, making the offline schooling transition smooth.

Today, the role of a school is not only to pursue academic success but also to motivate and empower its students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers and productive members of an ever-changing 21st century society. At Ambitus, we provide our students with an environment conducive for multifaceted development, where children are encouraged to channelize their potential in the pursuit of excellence. We at Ambitus, generate opportunities for our students to outshine on the global platform. Initiatives such as TED, Model United Nations, Metamorphosis etc., are giving international exposure to our students to test their caliber and prove their excellence.

### **Ms Sudha Sridevi, Principal AWS Vijaywada**

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

This is our first newsletter from Ambitus World School. The past one and half years have been a journey that drastically changed our professional and personal life. This change could not have been possible without your support.

Online classes provided specific opportunities for virtual conferences and professional development for our teachers. New courses like coding and participation in international events like MUN (Model United Nations) have opened global doors with the new 'Windows of opportunity'.

With offline learning, Sports has started in full swing, including skating and swimming. Our past academic year was fruitful with international collaboration for IDS (International Dimensions of Schools) which enabled us to achieve recognition from the British Council. TEDx Youth @Ambitus Vijayawada is an event on a far-off horizon. However, the event preparation has kept our students on their toes. All the events have allowed us to groom multitalented children who will become future global leaders.

A new year with new resolutions can see significant changes happening at Ambitus.

I wish all a Happy New Year!

## Awards and Achievements

### Education World

Ambitus World School Hyderabad is ranked India's #5, Telangana's #2 & Hyderabad's #2 Career Counselling Leaders School in the Education World Grand Jury India School Rankings 2021-22.



### Times Education Excellence

Ambitus World School is ranked Hyderabad's #4, among the Best schools – International Curriculum, Hyderabad's #6th– for its advanced online teaching methodologies and Hyderabad's Best School for Innovation in Collaborative Learning in the Times



Education Excellence School Rankings 2021.

Ambitus World School, Vijayawada has marked its triumphant excellence once again. Times Group of India 2021-22 has conferred Ambitus World School, Vijayawada, with sparkling glories of being the best Cambridge learning International School and Andhra Pradesh's #2 as Cambridge Awardee International School.

Ambitarians just don't dream of success; they work for it.

## Beyond Academics

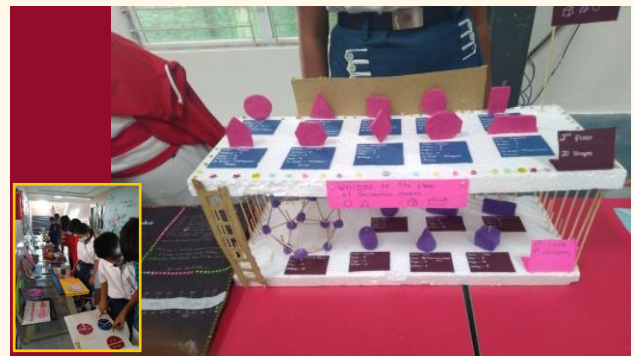
### Nurturing Young Ramanujans:

Ambitus World Schools Hyderabad and Vijayawada, organised Mathematics Week scheduled from December 7th to December 10th, 2021 as a prelude to National Mathematics Day of 22nd December.

There were exciting activities planned to extract and enhance the inner mathematical competency of the students. The programme consisted of various fun tasks for students.

Students actively participated and displayed their skills in preparing their Mathematics projects on themes ranging from Place Value to Surface Area of Solid Shapes. Students attending online as well as offline classes participated in the programme.

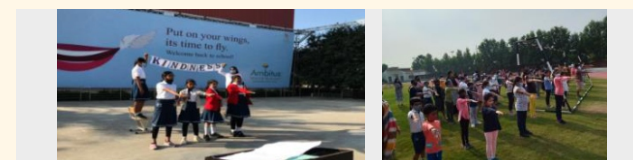
Instead of studying theoretically as they would in a structured class, students gained fun-filled practical exposure which brought them closer to Mathematics due to this event.



### Magnificent Mornings

Every morning at AMBITUS campuses are glorious and insightful because of a well thought and well executed assembly. Each assembly aims at eliminating stage fear and instilling confidence among students. It is hosted by one of the grades of the school in rotation. The themes chosen inculcate awareness, values and habits in the young, impressionable minds.

The assembly begins with an energising warm-up that enables Ambitarians to become fit, agile and cheerful. Students then express gratitude and respect towards the school and our beloved nation by singing the school song and national anthem in unison. Equally important are the inspiring and motivational quotes, inductive new words, current global happenings enlightening students in the pleasant morning assemblies.



## Metamorphosis Entrepreneurship Demo Day at AWS Hyderabad

On Tuesday, December 16, Metamorphosis Entrepreneurship Workshop was organized in our school cafeteria. One and half hour session was conducted along with all the student participants who utilized the platform to pitch their ideas.

Mr. Pavan Allena, Founder of Metamorphosis shared his childhood experiences with the students. He spoke of one mistake he made by never taking action to transfer his ideas into reality. Children then split up into groups and brainstormed on problems and possible measures to solve those. They discussed their task and came up with some very creative ideas. These groups will continue collaborating to design a presentation on their ideas and publish it in the coming days. Overall, it indeed was an enriching experience, and the students of our school are eagerly awaiting their next Metamorphosis meet.



## The Delightful Christmas at Ambitus World School with Shining Stars

Christmas, is a celebration that rejoices in purity, peace and positivity. After a year and half full of challenges and mitigations, AWS decided to bring in Christmas on campus for our resilient students and dedicated teachers to have their well-deserved share of fun and celebration.



On 22nd December, our day started with an entertaining yet heart-touching assembly presented by the AWS students. Then came the tradition followed by everyone, the Secret Santa. In addition, was our Inter-house Competition. The photobooth originated from

every house and allowed everyone to cherish memories with their buddies. The Christmas tree decorations and Crib making competitions raised the festival spirit to greater heights.

## Celebrating Young Ideas

### TEDx-

Powerful oratory skills and knowledge of students is what leads the world to a better tomorrow. One such sincere initiative was TED ED CLUB live @ AMBITUS HYDERABAD an informative session on 18th Dec that served as a perfect platform for expressing thought provoking, multidimensional and inspiring ideas. Through this progressive learning program students voices were amplified and recognised for their Innovative ideas, creative mindset and oratory skills.



26th December was truly a day to remember as Ambitarians unveiled TEDXYOUTH@AMBITUS HYDERABAD in their own premises. It was an in person event celebrated amidst 100 prominent people who witnessed the event and appreciated Ambitarians for showcasing their talents on an international platform.

The attendees watched 13+ speakers delivering 18 minutes talks LIVE in 5+ sessions. Our TEDx speakers are experts in fields like education, sustainability, architecture, information technology, entrepreneurship, culture and more.



The activity booths and adventures enthralled the audience. It was a treat to witness different genres of professionals connecting and building their network on the TEDXYOUTH@AMBITUSHYDERABAD stage

More updates about the event overview and TED talks in the next edition of AMBITIMES.

## Flipped Classroom: Beyond the four walls

With an awareness of importance of modelling lessons with enhanced teaching strategies as one of the innovative and practical approaches, Ambitus World School Vijayawada conducted a competition for teachers in 'Preparing Lesson Plans and Implementing Innovative Teaching Strategies' on its premises on 18th Dec'2021. Ambitus teachers regularly use different teaching strategies in the classroom, but the competition expected them to use a space strictly out of their comfort zone of a classroom. Though the challenge seemed daunting initially, the teachers accepted it enthusiastically and tackled it creatively.



## Cambridge Early Years Programme Theme Assembly

Theme assembly is an excellent way to expose children to experiential learning where multiple learning points are reached in a stimulating environment. The CEY



learners from Vijayawada and Hyderabad campuses led Theme Assembly on 4th of Dec'21. Integration and application of learning was reinforced and extended to varied contextual settings. Re-enactment of relatable real-life situations provided the desired impetus. The assembly developed attributes like conflict resolution, logical thinking, problem-solving, thinking on one's own, taking action, assuming roles within a group, and other 21st century skills like leadership, collaborative learning, effective communication, stage presence, and understanding inter-related information.

## Keep Munning - to keep going!

Model United Nations, also known as MUN, is a co-



scholastic activity wherein students roleplay as delegates of different committees of United Nations. At the end of the conferences, outstanding delegates in each committee are recognized and awarded, thereby receiving a gavel.

What makes Model UN outstanding is the opportunity it offers for students to sharpen their 21st Century Skills. Ambitus also believes that young minds should acquire skills like public speaking, combating stage fear, improvising abilities for debating, writing skills, critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and leadership qualities.

Hundreds of middle school and high school students across the nation participated in AWSMUN, hosted by AWS on the 10th and 11th of December in the online mode.

The AWSMUN comprised of six committees, each having a different agenda. The committees were:- International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee (SOCHUM), United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), United Nations Council on the Status of Women (UNCSSW), and World Health Organization (WHO).

At its conclusion students of AWS emerged as shining

stars. Soham Saxena, Disha Pai from AWS Vijayawada were recognized as Best Delegates, Tanvi Tagore and Ashrita were recognized as the Outstanding Delegate and Special Mention was attained by Srivalli and A Nikhil Saiesh Reddy.

## International Dimension In Schools Award

Ambitus World School, Vijayawada takes great pleasure to announce that we are the proud recipients of the esteemed British Council International Dimension in Schools (IDS) Award for the year 2022-2025 for fostering essential skills in students by creating a collaborative research-based learning environment.

With a motto of providing internationalism, Ambitus



World School, Vijayawada embarked on this journey in 2021. The seven meticulously planned projects helped conduct diverse activities and encouraged learners to present expertise across subjects. Also, collaboration with countries like Mexico, Nepal and Bangladesh exposed our students to varied perspectives giving them a first-hand experience in communicating with and understanding young people across different countries of the world.

## Testimonials

**Offline classes are rocking!** We all missed offline classes. We all missed the celebrations, those happy moments, and of course, the activities. But now, offline classes are finally back! To add to the happiness, Newsletter launched too! It will be overwhelming and exciting to revisit all the events held each month!

I am delighted that the school thought of this creative idea to post daily events about the school. I am already looking forward to reading the newsletters!

**- Shreeya Ghosh, AWS Hyderabad, Grade 7**

**To stay updated** on the upcoming events or projects that my school is taking up, the Ambitimes newsletter is my one-stop destination. It depicts various opportunities that we students can behold to reach great heights. To date, our efficient teachers made sure that the pandemic could not stop us from learning. Several new methodologies were implemented to engage the learners. I am immensely honored to be a part of this Ambitus Learning community

**-Akshara Viramallu, AWS Hyderabad, Grade 9**

**Over the past few months** there has been a transition from online to offline. These two are very different experiences, out of which the offline has proved to be the best. The memories that we make in offline classes are literally incomparable to that of online. In physical classes there's more scope to healthy interaction which is necessary at this age. Academic morality plays a vital role which is often overlooked during online classes. From online classes all I can remember was bad internet connection, breaking of voice and lame excuses for not doing homework. All of which is now impossible. All the fun with friends and life lessons learnt from our beloved teachers has become an unforgettable journey in both offline and online.

**- Disha Pai, AWS Vijaywada, Grade 9**

**Hurrah! Offline classes are back!** The excitement of the offline classes is tremendous across the learning and teaching community. The offline teaching mode allows the teacher and the student personal interaction. Hence, as teachers, we can provide the students with education in the easiest way by understanding whether each student understood the topic. Offline learning is undoubtedly more effective than online learning. Students prefer offline learning because they better understand the material, easier to communicate with and can concentrate, act, and enjoy themselves during the lesson.

This year is remarkable for Ambitus. To share our valuable, relevant information with our network of prospects, we are launching the Newsletter. We will keep you informed about our school activities, policies, news, schedule changes, updates, events, performances, student awards, community happenings, and many more through our newsletter!

**- Padmaja A.V.N, Environmental Management Mentor, Secondary Section, AWS Hyderabad.**

**Hello,**

**I am Ms SafaNousheen Khan,** Grade 1 Homeroom Teacher.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to all the parents. I am glad to share that we have planned a newsletter to showcase critical dates, notices, and reminders. Most importantly, we can give you a taste of the variety of activities your child had and will enjoy throughout the terms.

Offline classes after the pandemic are BRILLIANT.

It had been one month, and the days have proceeded with the fun learning environment. The tiny tots have come with great enthusiasm and energy.

We have active-interactive sessions with playtime and activities filled with knowledge and entertainment throughout the day.

We are looking forward to more smiles and happy days ahead! Thank you

**- Ms SafaNousheen Khan**

**Grade 1 Homeroom Teacher, AWS Hyderabad**

**Working during pandemic** for 2 years has given a chance to come across many new learning experiences. To a traditional teacher, teaching age old methods, the pandemic allowed to rehearse innovative styles of teaching strategies. The teachers are left with no option but to learn the online tools. The teachers explored many online stimulation tools like Kahooth, Nearpod, Padlet, Google forms etc. These tools helped the teachers to experience that, experiments can be conducted effectively even in online. Worksheets, assessments, online exams left entirely a new experience. On the whole, whether it is online or offline the teachers find many ways and keep upgrading themselves to the fullest to cater to their students. The teachers' motto remains to inspire all the learners whether online or offline. Long live the zeal of educators in educating the future India.

**-Bhavya Vemuri,**

**Science Mentor, AWS Vijaywada**

## Upcoming Events/ Happenings:

### AWS Hyderabad

- **IGCSE Pre-boards** from 10<sup>th</sup> January
- **Pongal Celebrations** - 13<sup>th</sup> January
- **Republic Day** - 26<sup>th</sup> January

Stay tuned for more information and pictures from our TEDx event organised on 26<sup>th</sup> December in our February Edition.

### AWS Vijayawada

- **Pongal Celebrations** - 7<sup>th</sup> January
- **Republic Day** - 26<sup>th</sup> January



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