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Messages:

Dr. Manasa C Edpuganti,
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“Grow Through.. What You Go Through!”

As we are sailing in the storm & combating the waves of covid-19, we move forward as always with a “Storm Strategy” of shifting to online classes and putting our best efforts to navigate through safely.

A few months of the sun in the storm allowed us to witness our children's grins and also identify the learning gaps in online education. This led to the preparation of an action plan for the requisite changes to avoid the vulnerability.

We were able to successfully organize Tedxyouth@ambitushyderabad with thought-provoking speakers and brilliant performances. It gives us immense pride to announce that few of the event videos have been published on Ted webpage & Tedx youtube channel. This event gave each one of us an unique experience, and super excited to receive the response.

It was more important than ever to have special celebrations like christmas followed by newyear and sankranti, which brought back joy and glory to our campuses.

Over the last few years, FEI had the distinct honour and privilege of working with divergent school leaders on driving organizational change. Furthermore, we are excited to welcome Ms.Lalitha Naidu as our new principal for ambitus world school-hyderabad. On behalf of the management and all the stakeholders, we would like to extend our warmest welcome and good wishes.

Lastly, i express my gratitude to everyone involved in bringing out ambition, which was well appreciated.

Dr Tripti Singh,
Academic In-charge, AWS

Ambitarian Families,

Happy New Year, and Welcome to 2022!! It was a busy, somewhat chaotic, yet wonderful year. We could provide our Ambitarians with the best experiences academically and socially! I appreciate the staff more than ever here at Ambitus; they could bring talent, ideas, and emotion to the school and students with all the odds around. Just to name a few: Kindergarten Kite Flying activity, different regional attire and greet in regional language activity during Republic Day! TED event! etc. The school would not be a success without their staff. Many, many thanks to the admin team and our helpers who helped out with the procedure and protocols to safeguard our students and staff due to COVID flawlessly.

We have learned much from last year. However, the most important lesson was one that seemed obvious: students perform better when they have greater access to their teachers and services. Academic achievement aside for a moment, our students need to communicate with their teachers and peers. Any action that helps that connection stay strong is essential to our community, and so we are happy to have our students once again back on campus.

Nevertheless, though the situation and challenges may change, our goal of providing high-quality education that engages ALL Ambitarians at any given time will not change.

Ms Lalitha Naidu,
Principal, AWS Hyderabad

The way our lifestyles have changed in the past two years is astounding. Preparing the child to face the world is a challenge for educators, parents, and all in such times. Let me tell you that preparing a child for a world that does not yet exist is not an easy task for any of us. No students in the history of education are like today's learners. They are complex, energetic, and tech-savvy individuals. Gen 'Z' as we call them, they always want to be challenged and inspired in their learning. They want to collaborate and work with their peers. They want to incorporate the technology they love into their classroom experiences as much as possible. In short, they have just as high a set of expectations of their educators as we have of them.

These days for the learners, there is a deluge of knowledge at the tip of their fingers. We need to enable the students to sift through the excess knowledge and streamline them to use the appropriate and relevant skills.

Educators from all over the world have deliberated and debated what a "Gen Z" learner should imbibe. Broadly the below-mentioned ones are essential.

**Problem solving | Creativity | Analytic thinking |
Collaboration | Communication | Ethics, action, and accountability**

It is vital for us as educators to redesign our entire teaching-learning process to suit the learner. In my journey of thirty-plus years in the education field, I have worked extensively in developing these skills in my students. Of course, I strongly believe in and teach values and character building as the pillars. I promise to take Ambitus World School to the next level and Ambitarians to the pinnacle of success.

Take good care and stay safe!!!!

Ms Sudha Sridevi,
Principal AWS Vijaywada

A Start with a Golden ray of hope

January is a month of getting together. The festivities of the New Year and the vibrant aura of Sankranti are always joyous occasions on our campus. Families and friends rejoice at the bounty of the harvest and the blessing of the Sun God.

Though the continuing of online classrooms has clouded the current moment, it has allowed technology to shine once again. Exam revision and preparations are at an all-time high this month, with CBSE examinations fast approaching. We hope that the joy of learning, whether offline or online, will continue. We wish our best to our pupils.

Academics

Exclusive CEY (Ambitus, Vijaywada)

Blue thou art intensely Blue!

The tiny tots of Ambitus celebrated Blue Day to teach the importance of blue colour. They reinforced the importance of this colour through several activities such as recitation of blue rhymes, riddles, and quizzes that encourage critical thinking. They defined the colour blue as a pleasant colour representing creativity and intellect. Children came dressed as blue water drops, blue whales, and blueberries. They also collected blue artefacts and described them in a show-and-tell activity, which helped hone their language skills, creativity, and confidence. Finally, the teacher asked them to express their understanding of Blue Day in class.

Awards & Achievements

Report on Cambridge Community Interschool Competitions, 2021–22 by Ambitus World School, Vijaywada

The students participated in competitions like Kairogami Posta, Interschool Cambridge Community Poetry Slam Competition, Storytelling, Cognito – Cambridge Global Perspective Interschool Challenge 2021–22. Dino Jason, a third-grade student, stood first in the Poetry Slam competition. Diya Ranganadh, a third-grade student, received first place in the story-telling competition. The students stood as the finalists in the GP, Virtual Challenge competition. The photographs give a glimpse of the events.



Beyond Academics

Insights from Ambitus, Vijaywada

WELCOME! 2022 – Gala @Ambitus

Before the beginning of 2022, AWS Vijayawada has launched several programs, such as co-curricular activities, events, celebrations, and competitions, to encourage our youngsters to prepare themselves for future challenges and aid their personality development and maturity. All the youngsters were allowed to practice elocution and partake in the competition that followed. We trained them in speech and debate. Finally, an inter-house debate competition was organised, which helped infuse confidence in students. We conducted Dance and art competitions too. Our parents, image consultant Ms Soujanya Bandaru and entrepreneur Ms Neha and Ms Juneja, volunteered as judges for the day.



THE TRADITIONAL WAY IT IS!

On 12 January, Ambitus World School celebrated the auspicious harvest festival of Makara Sankranti to thank the Sun, Nature, and the different livestock that work to give us a bountiful gathering. The four-day festival, usually starting on the 14th of the month, marks the Sun transiting into Makara Rashi or Capricorn zodiac and is a propitious transition.

As part of the festival celebration, students sang a few Telugu songs and presented a simple yet energetic Bhangra. Traditional art performances like "Hari Das" and "Gangireddula aata" enhanced the festive celebration. The teachers started the festivities with an exciting speech and set the ambience for the day.



EVOKING THE NATIONAL SPIRIT

Ambitus World School-Vijayawada, celebrated the 73rd Republic Day of India on the virtual platform. The flag hoisting ceremony commenced in the beautiful alfresco of our campus by our honourable parent chief guest Mrs Sowbhagya Rani Tantepudi, accompanied by Director, Mrs Manasa Edpuganti, and Principal, Mrs Sudha P. Sridevi. We were also privileged to have the founding fathers of Futuristic Educational Institutions, Shri T. Pandu Rangachary, as our Guest of Honour for the occasion.

The school echoed with patriotic fervour as the talented students mimed the tunes of patriotism, enacted skits, sang patriotic songs, and constituted the Youth Parliament to discuss and debate the significance of the quality education goals suggested by the United Nations.



TEACHERS' DAY OUT

“Travel... the best way to be lost and found at the same time”. – Brena Smith

On 8 January 2022, teachers from Ambitus World School, Vijayawada, embarked trip to a beach in Suryalanka. We spent dancing and singing to old hits throughout the bus ride. The fragrance of the sea raised spirits, and the horizon was one of the best-captured sights. It was a beautiful scene, with a golden beach, clear seawater, and a brilliant blue sky. The teachers had a fantastic time swimming in the sea and playing throwball, tug of war, and kabaddi. The teachers relished the opportunity to reminisce about their childhood days. They expressed their gratitude to the management for organising the outing and making it a great experience.



STUDENT ARTICLES

Expectations Versus Reality

My expectations would have been very different if it had been a regular year. There was no chance to expect anything divergent and special. The expectations were something different if it had been an ordinary year. There was no way to assume anything fresh or unique in 2021. Due to the pandemic, 2021 was the most challenging year so far. Staying at home all day was exhausting and monotonous. Though we were creative in spending time and making ourselves busy, boredom persisted. I genuinely thought that the schools would be open and witness real learning. Amongst the pandemic's distressing facts, I also urge individuals and governments to work on global pollution to make the world a better place for my younger generation.

Hasini Priya, VII B - AWS VJA

My connection with Pongal celebrations

I have a personal connection with Pongal (also known as Sankranti in our state). I have been celebrating this ever since I remember. During this three-day festival, all of my cousins meet in different places.

This year, on Day 1 – Bhogi day, we met at our house early at 5 AM. My neighbour was very active in making arrangements for Bhogi. He gathered all kinds of wooden sticks the previous night. When we renovated our house, we had a lot of discarded and leftover wooden planks. We saved them for Bhogi. All kids in our street gathered at one place at around 5 AM and started the bonfire. Even though it was cold at that time, the heat generated from the fire kept us warm. I enjoyed throwing planks into the fire and keeping it alive for several hours. I have noticed the live fire under the ashes till the night.

Abinav Atluri, V A - AWS VJA.



SPOTLIGHT

Ambitus hosted the TedxYouth@AmbitusHyderabad event on 26th December 2021.



The theme was "ANANTA-INFINITY & BEYOND." The event featured 12+ speakers as well as five enthralling live performances. The event began with the lighting of the lamp, followed by an incredible dance performance by the Kuchipudi duo, Dr Devi and Mr Girish, to honour the art of classical dance. Ms Avigna Reddy gave the first address, titled "Baby steps toward my dream." Mr Harshal Shinde gave a presentation on adjusting to sustainable measures. Ms Anshika Somaraju, the third speaker, highlighted "lyrical notes to express one's heart out."

Opus Gandharva-the school choir began the second speaker session with a delightful musical treat. Mr Pavan Allena gave a speech on how to be a successful entrepreneur. Ms Shanvi Enaganti presented her views on replenishing an archaic Glory. Mr Shubhankar Gaur briefed us about his start-up journey. Ms Akshara Viramallu inspired all of us through her speech titled it is time to mingle. Mr Aarav Kuxsal presented his thoughts on the significance of communication during his speech titled evolution through communication and the way forward.

Mr Jagan Mohan's sand art was a feast for the eyes. Presentations from student speakers Ms Hasini Mende, Mr Shritan Adipuram, and Ms Srinilaya Bijjalla on 'Recyclable notebooks,' 'Tactful thinking,' and 'Cultivating the extraordinary,' respectively, were in the third speaker session. Mr Shakir choreographed a dance performance, while Mr Naveen Kholli's team performed the anti-gravitational yoga during the session. Mr Suraj Peddi and Mr V. V. Lakshmi Narayana were the guest speakers. They gave outstanding addresses and inspired our audience to aspire for a progressive future.



The event was well-planned, with activities and breakout sessions for people of all ages to experience. Painting, origami, gardening, and Zumba are a few examples. Merchandise kiosks displayed some exclusively designed souvenirs.

All good things must come to an end, as Geoffrey Chaucer once said, and the TedxYouth@AmbitusHyderabad event also came to an end with a closing address by our beloved principal Ms N Veena Mankoti, and drone photography captured in the football field of Ambitus, Hyderabad campus, thereby commemorating the occasion.

Adding to this, AWS Hyderabad is happy to announce the publication of the event videos on TED.com and the TEDx Youth YouTube channel. The videos are available for public viewing on the foresaid platforms.

We owe all the success to the hard work of the students, teachers, and other staff members.

Understanding The Nuances of Effective Parenting - A Webinar on Parenting

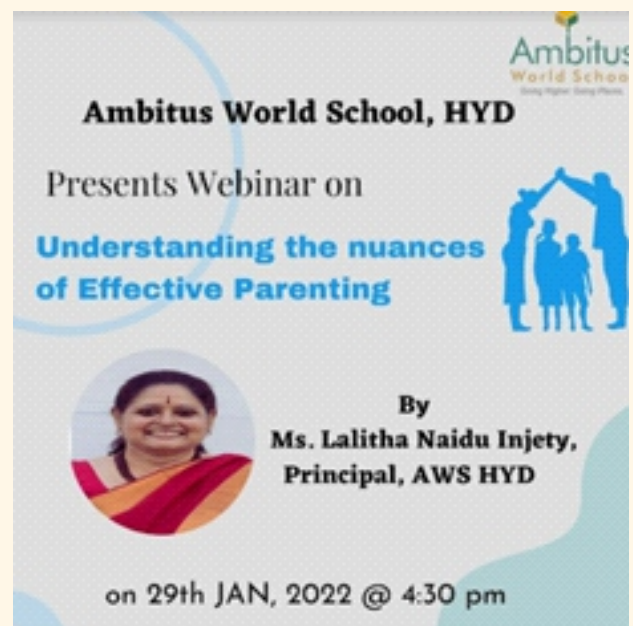
By Ishita Nair, Grade 9 29-01-2022,
Ambitus World School Hyderabad.

On January 29th, parents of our Ambitarians gathered online to attend a webinar entitled Effective Parenting. Our principal, Ms Lalitha Naidu Injety, conducted the webinar.

She has over 30 years of experience in the educational field, and most importantly, she is a parent herself. Ms Lalitha began the session by describing parenting. "Parenting becomes effective when the parent provides an enabling atmosphere for their kid to function at their best," she explains.

Ms Lalitha discussed what makes a good parent and the modest steps parents may take to become one. Following that, our principle went into further detail on the various parenting styles and the importance of taking care of oneself to be a good parent and have the physical and mental stamina to care for one's family.

Ms Lalitha then answered a few questions from parents and ended the session by assuring that the parents are welcome to seek help, advice, or guidance in terms of parenting from the school. In my opinion, this webinar was crucial as healthy and efficient parenting enhances the bond between the parent and child.





Academics

Exclusive CEY (Ambitus, Hyderabad)

Blue: “Let the blue sky meet the blue sea, and all is blue for a time.”

The tiny tots are always busy making beautiful memories. On this particular day, they explored cool and calming colours that show creativity, intelligence, calmness of the sky, and the coolness of the water. Learners studied all the sea creatures, blue colour objects, blue colour craft and were engrossed in the Show and Tell activity which honed their language skills. Last but not least, educators asked open-ended questions and riddles to allow them to think on their ideas, thoughts and feelings. They were also encouraged to collaborate and respect, especially when the open-ended questions are part of a whole group discussion.



IN FOCUS

Welcoming our New principal

Our heartfelt thanks to our principal Ms N Veena Mankoti, for her unending support and cooperation. She has extended her kind support and has been a significant part of the journey in AWS, Hyderabad. We are bidding farewell to Ms N Veena Mankoti. It is a matter of great pleasure and honour to welcome the new principal of Ambitus World School Hyderabad, Ms Lalitha Naidu. She has more than 30 years of experience in the field of education. She served at various positions and has remained successful in delivering positive results. She will continue to extend her support the same way with greater eagerness and enthusiasm. Together we can build upon the great legacy.

Grade 6'S Voyage to Greece Using a Time Machine to Find Some Astonishing Statistics on Their New Topic, Human Rights

TRANSTEMPORAL TRAVEL TO BABYLON

Teachers from Ambitus left no stone unturned to bring a hands-on approach to learning. The sixth-grade students from Ambitus World School experienced the same while learning Human Rights and Universal Declaration of Human rights (UDHR) lessons from their GP textbook. They learned about fundamental rights, the importance of Human rights, and how it puts an end to discrimination and creates an equal society. Later, students were taken to transtemporal travel to Babylon in 539 BC, where they met Cyrus the Great. The students explored how Cyrus laid the groundwork for implementing the UDHR and created a harmonious society.

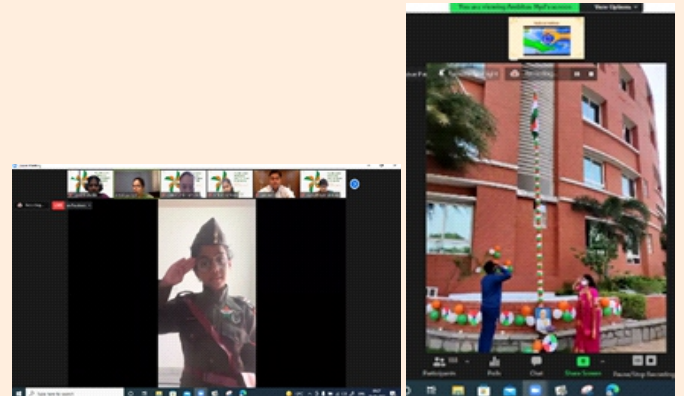
Celebrating the True Spirit of Independent India - Republic Day in Ambitus World School

By Ishita Nair, Grade 9

26-01-2022, Ambitus World School

On Wednesday, 26 January, Ambitus World School gathered virtually to celebrate Republic Day. Our students from CEY to Grade 9 organised a magnificent assembly to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution.

The celebration started with flag hoisting, which filled our hearts with undying pride and innumerable hopes for our nation. The grade 4 students danced. The grade 3 students sang a song. Both the performances enchanted us and left us yearning for more. The assembly made students realise that Republic Day holds immense significance in our nation-building. We wrapped up the day with a vote of thanks by Ms Mridini and Mr Advait, followed by a short speech by our beloved principal Ms Lalitha Naidu.



We Ambitarians are delighted to announce Hyderabad's first exclusive Cambridge Early Centre- 'AMBITUS KINDERWORLD' at Gachibowli for little ones from AY 2022-23. We are committed to providing world class education with our internationally-designed curriculum encouraging young children to embark on the journey of creative learning striding towards our vision.

IGCSE, CBSE and Cambridge students are gearing up for their final exams and checkpoint exams. It's time to show everyone what you're capable of and how well prepared you are. Good luck with your exams. We promise you that all of this stress will be worth it in the end. The finish line is in sight!



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Upcoming Events/ Happenings

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- **Feb 2nd March 7th:** IGCSE Board Exams
- **Feb 09th to 19th:** Session End Examination for Grades VI to VIII (CBSE)
- **Feb 14th to 22nd:** MA-I for Grades V & VIII (CAIE)
- **Feb 19th:** Star Meet (Term End Report)
- **Feb 21st:** New Academic Session Commences for Grade X (CBSE)
- **Feb 19th -22nd:** Ambitus Business fest - Idea Pitching Event
- **March 2nd:** New academic year CBSE commences
- **March 2nd to 4th:** MA II for Grade V & VIII (CAIE)

AWS Vijayawada

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