

## THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, DUBAI

### INBOX/OUTBOX WRITE UPS – October 2012

#### I-PAD ERA IN TEACHING-LEARNING

IPADS are in....not just for students but also for teachers. Westminster is not just using technology, its learning with technology. With wi-fi enabled devices, specially ipads and ipods chemistry, math, English has turned to be more interesting. Nearpod technique has introduced different dimension in teaching and learning. Presentations with interactive features, such as quizzes, polls, videos, sketching tools brought teacher and student as partners in teaching and learning. This is where the fun begins.

With the aim of keeping the faculty abreast of the latest technology, an in-house training was conducted by The head teacher, Ms Vijayakumari Satyan and her team. The session involved hands on training of applications that will bring technology into the classroom. The attendees were given I-pads to enhance the teaching-learning process.



#### World Teachers' Day!

'Teaching is the profession which teaches every other profession!' This is what more than 150 students experienced on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 on the occasion of World Teachers' Day. Students from grade 4 to grade 13 got the chance to stepped into the shoes of teachers and enjoyed teaching a subject – be it math, science, social studies, Arabic or Islamic studies. The new

teachers dressed formally, took up their roles as teachers very professionally and taught their peers with the help of lesson plans shared by teachers.



Student Teachers managed their roles with passion, preparation and involvement in the class. Experiments were conducted, quizzes arranged, presentations shown, live demonstrations took place. It was a great experience to observe and evaluate our future global leaders. As a student teacher pointed out, the student community got an opportunity to really appreciate the true value of teachers and how the faculty is extremely underappreciated.

## SEWA DAY 2012

Westminster School, Dubai was buzzing with various activities planned for the SEWA Day 2012. Every section of the school was involved in planning different activities which spreads the message of 'selfless service' to the community. Be it Foundation Stage or the sixth form, the student community are doing their best to spread the message of SEWA.



Six different activities were organized at various levels of the school. The Foundation Stage students learnt the importance of support services offered by conductors, attendants and ancillary staff and thanked them with handmade cards. Students of grade 1 & 2 brought plants to make the school greener and enjoyed being close to nature. Grade 3 to 6 took the responsibility of protecting the environment by collecting and recycling plastic and organized a clean- up drive. The senior school focused on the issues of charity and social awareness. 1000 shirts were donated to Bait Al Khair Society who in turn provides aid to the needy from less developed countries. A Breast Cancer Awareness drive and anti- bullying awareness programs were the other hits targeting teenagers for well informed choices.

From each section of the school volunteers worked wholeheartedly. While all foundation stage classes thanked the support staff, approximately 500 volunteers from grade 1 to 6 participated in environment drive. Total of 100 participants from secondary school were leading the charity and awareness drive.



## **SEWA Day -Impact**

Young toddlers understood the importance of various support services offered in our daily routine specially by school staff. This understanding will eventually help them to inculcate the universal values. By protecting environment, bringing GO GREEN attitude is helping students to develop their forward thinking skills which will help them to work for better future. Senior students were working on charity drive or awareness programs were learning to be the world citizens and global leaders spreading the message of harmony, peace and activism among the peer groups.



## **JUNGLE PARTY with Grand Parents!**

The lions, tigers, elephants and the rest of the wild species, together with their little friends for FS1 and 2 threw a grrrr-reat jungle party, on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2012: The "Grandparents' Day"!

A wild Multiplus echoed with excitement as children from FS danced and drummed passionately to the rhythm of the African drums. Grandparents moved about, their hands and

feet busy with games like “Fruit Carving Competition”, “Join the Ball Game”, “Create a Costume”, and a hilarious round of “Laugh Aloud”. Another highlight of this programme was the “Drumming session”, which grandparents participated in and thoroughly enjoyed.

As a finale to our jungle party, everyone joined the Safari Train as it puffed its way, all over the Multiplus to the pumpny beat of “Jambo”. What a pleasure to see happy faces all around, especially when our dear grandparents thanked and appreciated each one of us for making the day so very special for them.



## SNAP SHOTS

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**2. Thevindu Warnakulasuriya of 6B1 and Ayham Fazal of 6B3 played cricket for Sri Lanka and were the Runners Up.**



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