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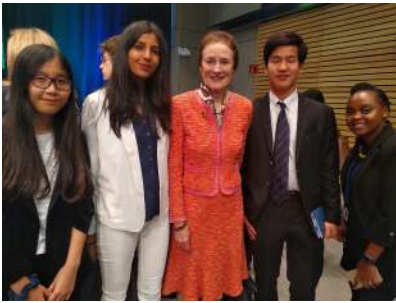
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Inventurer Ishita Gupta of Grade 12 was one of two global winners of the Financial Times and World Bank blog competition.

She was invited to participate in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Spring Meetings in Washington DC where she had the opportunity to meet with Christine Lagarde - Managing Director & Chairperson of IMF. The competition asked young people around the globe how they would reimagine education so that students thrive in tomorrow's world. In her article Ishita talks about the need for collaborative and project based learning - the cornerstones of how our students learn at Inventure.

Beyond Academics

Inventurers at Heritage Art & Culture Fest



Inventurers Diya (Grade 4) & Harshita Somani (Grade 4) together with Krithi Murugan (Grade 5) & Smrithi Vijaykumar (Grade 5) and Dhanishta Sivaraj (Grade 9) participated in the Heritage Art and Culture Fest an inter-school classical dance and classical singing competition at the Bal Bhavan Auditorium. Krithi Murugan was placed second in the Classical Dance Category and Harshita Somani was awarded Best Performance in the Indian Light Classical vocal solo.



Inventurers participated in Taaqademy at the Theater held at Jagriti Theatre

Rakshith Dixit (Grade 12) , Anaaya Maheshwari (Grade 11) and Manvi Srinivas (Grade 12) had the opportunity to perform for an audience outside of school.



Sports



Athletics: Inventure Academy was invited to participate in the State level School Olympics Athletics Championship 2019 conducted by Youngsters Sports Promoter's Club.

The event held between 17 - 19 July saw more than 4000 athletes from 200 + schools across Karnataka. Our students did exceedingly well.



Football & Table tennis: Inventure Academy participated in the Gen X Inter School Olympics 2019 at the XLR8 Indoor Sports Arena

Inventure Academy participated in U-16 Football and U-14 and U-12 Table Tennis. We emerged as the Over All Runners Up in

all Categories for Football. In Table tennis Nivedita Rajendra brought back a Gold medal and Kanishka M won the silver.



Inventurers Rock at the United World Football Games, Klagenfurt, Austria



A team of 15 Inventurers and coach Jerry Christopher were at the United World Games in Austria. Inventure Academy won their first game 7-0 against Austrian Club, before going on to defeat GRD German Club with an impressive 7-1 score.

We qualified for the quarterfinals winning the third group stage match via penalty shootout 5-4 against Y. K Pao Chinese International Residential School! Inventure Academy lost to vs SGK Heidelberg German Football Club by 3-1 goals and finished 5th place out of 28 teams in the Under 15 category United World Games Football Tournament 2019.

It was a wonderful experience for our young players.



Tennis: Nikhil Niranjana (Grade 11) won the prestigious All-India U-16 Nationals Doubles Championship at Mumbai

Sanjana Devineni Grade 7 won the UI2 singles category Super series title and the UI4 doubles category Super series title organized by Chamunda Tennis Academy in Karnal, Haryana . She also reached the semifinals in UI4 singles category.



Karate: Shreyas Narayan Grade 4 represented India in the International Open Karate championship held in South Korea

He won two bronze medals for India in the two events that he participated in. He won his first bronze medal in the Individual Kata (Form) event and the second bronze medal in the Kumite (Competitive fighting) event. A total of seventeen countries participated in this event. Indians faced tough competition from the Russians and Indonesians. India won the third place overall in the championship.

Golf: Stuthii Kaveriamma Kallangada (Grade 7) won the Junior Golf Development Tournament conducted by the Junior Development Program Team held at the Karnataka Golf Association (KGA).



Triathlon: Vedanth Jaidev of Grade 8 participated in the Triathlon Elite category (Swimming-300 m, Cycle-20 k, Run-5 k) at TAD (Triathlon, Aquathlon, Duathlon) Bengaluru on 16 June and was in the top 50 participants with an overall timing of 1 hr 30 seconds.

Inter House Matches in Football and Basketball were conducted in July

While Grades 11 and 12 had mixed matches, Grades 5 to 9 had separate matches for Boys and Girls.



Wider World

Celebrating Student Council 2019-20



Investiture Ceremony 2019 had TED speaker Srikanth Vishwanathan and his wife Amrita as guests of honour. The oldest Indian to swim the English Channel as part of a team from 2015 -2017 and then to complete a successful 14 hours solo swim, Srikanth has put India on the world map. A TED speaker and with national media visibility, he is now attempting to conquer other oceans. Students of Grades 10 - 12 saw a short video of the momentous record breaking solo swim across the English Channel and

was followed by an excited and extensive Q&A session. The Student Council was elected under a democratic process. Students got to choose their leaders by voting for them. Nominated candidates presented their election speeches and explained their Logo, Slogan and Manifesto and persuaded students to vote for them. Campaigns began two weeks before D Day and the school was inundated with posters introducing the candidates and why they need to be voted onto the Student Council. Congratulations to our Student Council and we wish you all the very best.



Workshops



Awareness Sessions were held across all sections of the school through June and July in diverse topics. Topics ranged from Organisational Skills, Time Management and Study Skills to Health & Hygiene for Primary Students with Fortis Healthcare and ENFOLD respectively.

Middle & Senior students attended workshops on Gaming and Use of Social Media conducted by MPower and the Live, Love, Laugh Foundation. They also attended Time Management workshops by Fortis Healthcare.





Secondary School students of Grade 11 attended a workshop on **Body Image and Self**, conducted by **Fortis Healthcare**. Grade 12 students had a session on **Effective Time Management** conducted by **Inspiron Psychological well-being centre Pvt. Ltd** in collaboration with **The Live Love Laugh Foundation**.

Kindergarten parents also had an **awareness workshop with EvolveD**. The session focussed on effective communication between parents and children. It also addressed setting limits, consequences and healthy boundaries.



Assertiveness Workshop aims to provide individuals with self-awareness and knowledge to enable them to communicate more confidently and effectively, using appropriate assertive behaviour techniques. This 4 hour workshop focused upon 4 areas- Assertive behaviour, What is Culture? Resume Writing and Writing Effective Emails- all appropriate for the participants who are teenagers on the threshold of entering undergrad college courses in India or overseas. Methodology used was Scenario-based, trainer-driven pair/group discussions with slides and video/worksheets for practice and discussion. The program wrapped up with a short Revisiting Learning exercise to consolidate and embed training takeaways.

Cyber Safety Workshops

The Cyber Safety and Security Session 2019 conducted by Rakshit Tandon, Cyber Security Expert and Consultant Safe Surfing Campaign at IAMAI (Internet and Mobile Association of India) aimed at sensitizing members of Inventure to maintain a safe and healthy online persona. Our students raised valid questions that had us relooking at our cyber policy and the way we approach cybersecurity. This was followed by a session for faculty and a Webinar for parents. The parent webinar addressed many pertinent issues plaguing the students. Online gaming and its ill effects such as aggression and violence,



ensuring that children are viewing age-appropriate content online, staying alert to prevent addictions and erratic behaviours, cyberbullying and fake profiles on social media, usage of Gmail, Youtube safety, Parental control apps, appropriate age to be on social media and screen time were some of the issues taken up. A Cyber Safety for Adolescents and Students Handbook put together by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India was also shared with parents.

INMUN 2019 was flagged off to a 150 strong crowd of seasoned and first time delegates on Saturday 15 June at the Inventure Hub



INMUN 2019 saw 150 delegates coming together to discuss local and international issues. The air was palpable with the promise of young minds at work and the creation of future decision and policy makers. This year apart from the opportunity to dive into international issues, we also emphasized the importance of addressing crucial local issues such as how to tackle the mammoth problems of water and air pollution in Bangalore in the futuristic committee Bangalore 2030: City Council. Deliberations were on over two days and culminated in a stupendous finale. The first-timers who spoke up and came up with innovative, yet practical solutions to our

world's complex problems were appreciated by one and all.

Primary students wear Entrepreneurship hats during July PTM!

Inventing products including plants and hand-crafted goods were on sale and the proceeds of the sale will go to AnuLife, an NGO that aims to improve the lifestyle of a group of families in the slums at Janakiram Layout in Bangalore. AnuLife had come in to work with our students on a choice time activity during Inventing. Parents and teachers were thrilled to see the creativity on display and bought the products with glowing feedback.



Maximising exposure through Field Trips and Guest Lectures

First field trip of the year for Kindergarteners to Mugabu Sports!



Based on the Theme topic, 'All About Me', Inventure Kindergarten and Inventure Preschool visited Mugabu Sports. With its very unique environment, the children enjoyed many indoor and outdoor team games, got an opportunity to bond, relax and interact, and most importantly learnt co-ordination and developed their fine and gross motor skills. The children participated in activities like trampoline games, bouncy castle, rain dance, jumbo hammock, dart boards and play Park. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip as it gave them

an opportunity to learn as well as have fun.

Grade II went on a field trip to the Mass Spectrometer Facility

Students of Biology from Grade II F went on a field trip to Bangalore Life Sciences Cluster (BLiSc) at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), a premier centre for cutting edge biological research and training in India. The field trip was planned to give students an in depth understanding of how Biology had become possible through integration of concepts in Physics, Chemistry and Art. The group visited the Central Imaging and Flow Cytometry (CIFF) and Mass Spectrometer facility together with The Lab Culture - an innovative exhibit facilitated by the Museum and Field Stations facility at the Bangalore Life Sciences Cluster (BLiSC). All the content was based on research that happens at the Bangalore Life Sciences Cluster (BLiSC).



Kindergarteners had their first guest lecture for 2019-20



As part of theme based learning the children have been learning about: "Who helps us in our community?" Based on the topic, we invited one of our Kindergarten parents, Dr Abhinav Malhotra, to interact with our PreK and KI children to help them understand the role of a doctor. It was a surprise visit for the children and they were very happy to see the doctor. He spoke to them about personal hygiene, healthy eating habits, good sleep and less screen time. The children remembered what he said and were keen to go back home and share these tips with their parents.

Author Gita Varadarajan's visit to Inventure Academy was an exciting event

Gita Varadarajan addressed Grades 6 and 7 and discussed her book '[Save Me A Seat](#)' co-authored with Sarah Weeks. Gita is a Literacy expert holding a Masters degree from Columbia University, Teacher's College in New York. She currently teaches second grade in a public school in New York and consults with Inventure Academy. She is an advocate of multicultural literature and her books are written with a strong Indian voice. Gita was excited to share with students, tidbits about the world of writing and interesting anecdotes from her journey. This was followed with a book signing.



Professor Saras Sarasvathy, a leading scholar and authority on Effectual Entrepreneurship visited Inventure Academy again this year for a workshop on Effectuation Principles



Effectuation is widely acclaimed as a rigorous framework for understanding the creation and growth of new organizations and markets. Effectuation can be used in education to support self-efficacy and process understanding by letting the students identify the next best step in order to solve the problem that they work with. “Professor Saras talks about entrepreneurship as passionately as she takes joy in the hits, slips and tricks of running an enterprise. No doubt, she is/has been an entrepreneur herself, knowing how each moment in the life of an entrepreneur is a risk and a learning. She was such a delight!”, shared

Ruchi Agarwal, Manager- Wider World.

Exciting and Innovative Internship Opportunity was offered during the July-August Break:

Inventure partnered with DoNew (www.godonew.com) to offer Quest Internships to students during the July-August break as part of its Wider World learning program (*which includes the Changemaker initiative*).

The Quest Internship enabled students to pursue an ambitious outcome and learn real-world skills along the way - prototyping, research, professional communication, reflection, problem solving, learning to learn.



Two ex-Google Product Managers worked with each student to understand their current strengths and mentor them to execute exciting personalised prototype projects across tech and non-tech domains of interest (*eg: society & culture, health care, agriculture, environment, AI*). The hands-on project experience will come in handy while applying to colleges, or more importantly, for figuring out career choices/interests/strengths.

University visits in July saw many parents and students eagerly visiting each desk gathering information for their future.

Krea University, Asoka University, Azim Premji University and Test Rocker the tutors for SAT and ACT visited Inventure Academy.



Community Outreach

Inventure Academy hosted ArogyaBhagya - a Kahaaniyan Initiative for the third consecutive year

Arogya Bhagya (Good Health) a daylong health care camp, screened up to 500 plus government school students. Students from Grades 9- 12 organised and ran the program.



Parent doctors and other volunteers were a part of this initiative contributing their time and expertise to provide medical screening and create medical records for these less privileged students. The health camp was successfully conducted from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Inventure Main Campus. Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Bangalore and their Mobile Dental Clinic



were joined by doctors from Devi Eye Hospital, Sapthagiri Dental Clinic and Magnus Diagnostic. Parent volunteers Dr Sushma Reddy, Dr Radhika and Dr Angela David checked up students from Government Urdu Higher Primary School, Dommasandra Boys School and Government School Ramagondanahalli.

Ongoing & Upcoming Events

Wednesday 4 September: Student Awareness Session: Growing up and Personal Hygiene- Grade 6

Student Awareness Session: Understanding One's Own Body- Grades 7 & 8

Thursday 5 September: Student Awareness Session: Emotional Wellbeing- Grades 9 -12

Saturday 7 September: Kindergarten & Preschool Sports Day

Monday 14 September: Project Based Learning Presentations - Primary School

Friday 20 September: Primary Annual Swim Meet

Parent Webinar- Building your relationship with your child

Monday 23 September: Outbound Trip- Grade 11 commences

Tuesday 24 September: Primary School Tournament of Minds

Wednesday 25 September: Outbound Trip Grade 8 commences

Thursday 26 September: Outbound Trip - Grades 7 & 9 commences

