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From the Director's desk



The teaching and learning process took a beating due to the Covid-19 pandemic and in spite of the teaching community rising to the occasion by delivering online classes, there has been a severe learning loss. Several studies attribute the cause to the loss in thinking skills which results in learning loss.

The biggest challenge was to ensure students regain the span of attention that was prevalent before the pandemic struck and they have started responding with aplomb. The role of extra and co-curricular activities is immense in the all-round development of the child and we, at MIS give a lot of importance.

In today's world, along with technology, communication, critical thinking and most importantly becoming a balanced human being who is empathetic to his or her surroundings is important and Meluha is leaving no stone unturned to provide an environment for students to blossom.

It gives me pleasure to inform you that students are slowly but surely coming back and doing their best. The achievement of the students in different competitions in the last seven months makes my heart swell with pride.

We have been hearing about experiential learning for a long time and thought why not leave the newsletter to students. This newslet-

ter 'Ink' is the outcome of the efforts from the students themselves. From compiling data, collecting photographs and drafting, the students worked for days.

Reflecting on experiences helps in not just sharing but also helps one take stock of the days to come. The students as well as teachers were longing to get back to school and it finally happened last year and how! The sheer number of activities that one reads about in the following pages is a testimony.

There have been several competitions that our students participated but our flagship event-Magnifesta needs a mention here. It is a step forward in 'Service Learning'. The proceeds have been donated to charity. Students, teachers, admin staff and the support staff pitched in. I would be failing in my duty if I did not mention the role of parents who were rock solid in their support.

I hope the 'flow of thoughts', the tagline of this newsletter continues and students grow in all walks of life with each passing day.

Best wishes

P Abhilekh,

Director, Meluha International School

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

I am pleased to present 'INK', Meluha International School's Newsletter, after a gap of 'the Covid' years.

This newsletter is the hard work of our students team in compiling the best for you, hence deserves appreciation.

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the challenges and triumphs that we have experienced together.

This year has been unlike any other, as we have navigated the complexities of the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite the disruptions and difficulties, I am proud of the resilience and adaptability that our school community has demonstrated. As the famous quote from Winston Churchill goes, "Never let a good crisis go to waste." We have taken this crisis as an opportunity to innovate and improve the way we do things, and I believe that we have come out stronger because of it.

I also want to recognize the hard work and dedication of our teachers, who have gone above and beyond to ensure that our students continue to receive a high-quality education despite the challenges.

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge," said Einstein. Our teachers have done just that, and I am grateful for their tireless efforts.

As we look towards the future, I am optimistic about what lies ahead. We have a strong foundation to build upon, and I have no doubt that we will continue to achieve great things together.

Thank you for your support and partnership in education.

Anjali Razdan

Director - Academics,
Meluha International School, Hyderabad.



Director's MESSAGE

Principal's MESSAGE



Each soul is potentially divine. The goal is to manifest this divinity by controlling nature, external and internal. Do this either by work, or worship, or psychic control, or philosophy – by one, or more, or all of these – and be free. This is the whole of religion. Doctrines, or dogmas, or rituals, or books, or temples, or forms, are but secondary details.

— **Swami Vivekananda**

It is strongly believed that every child of this century is potentially divine either in one or other way.

Parents want to see their child prosper by all-round development. Here at MIS, my responsibility lies in empowering the children with 21st century skills along with the strong foundation of academics. We provide a platform for every child to cherish and flourish so that any challenge that life throws at them can be easily faced.

Now-a-days technology is ruling the world. Our children would be the masters at technology and be making use of it in an effective manner.

In coming weeks, students will be appearing for various competitive examinations and entrance tests at state, national or international levels. At MIS, we nurture the children to crack any kind of competitive examinations.

Every child is continuously nourished to become good at least in one of their favourite sport/game. Every child should become master in spoken language, usage of technology with presentation skills. Enforcing discipline

and culture among the students at Meluha International School, Hyderabad is a top priority. Our students would be global leaders who inculcated the Indian values by implementing the same in their regular life

Regular interaction with the parents is paying dividends in bringing out the best in the child. Undoubtedly, every child will be directed towards discipline, traditional Indian values, strong foundation in academics, usage of technology, physical activities for mind, soul and body.

The ultimate goal is to make every child of MIS, a perfect human.

Wishing all the best and more.

N.V.K.Prasad.

Principal



Magnificent Magnifesta

The annual event-Magnifesta was a veritable treat for food aficionados as students presented a variety of delicacies coupled with fun activities.

***A report by Thanvitha Reddy, S Sudhanva,
Anusha Mathimi, Dhruv Nair & Sriya Gayatri***

Almost everyone at Meluha was looking forward to December 23, 2022 for 'Magnifesta' the annual event that was making a comeback after a hiatus of two years. (It was put on hold due to Covid-19 pandemic). The air was palpable with excitement and colour as the campus came alive with food stalls, auditorium transformed into a haunted house and the playground turning into a battleground of fun and frolic.

Paintball draws much enthusiasm

Paintball was a big hit with the students and such was the demand that they had to pre-book an hour in advance. Each team comprised five members who battled it out developing strategy and teamwork. The participants were given protective gear. If it was fun for participants, for



spectators too it was thrilling as students ducked and swayed avoiding hits.

Opelina, the auditorium was transformed into a haunted house with a spooky effect and eerie sounds. The Art Department headed by Yasmeen madam worked for days to put it together. For those with a creative bent of mind, the art stall was a treat with intricate and colorful art pieces that were picked up like hot cakes. One could also get a tattoo on the arm and quite a few sported it.

There was something for everyone. The pottery stall, for instance had clay pots, cups and sculptures. These were made of terracotta clay and it was customizable. The prices were according to the size ranging from Rs 60 to Rs 150. Sandeep sir our Physics faculty said, "This event is filled with enthusiasm, loving the spirit of children, food and games are great." Echoing a similar sentiment, T Saritha, parent of Thanvitha of XI G said, "Event is pretty beautiful and fun and the food was amazingly tasty."



Students could also play their favorite video game as a gaming zone which had a PS4 was set up which triggered a lot of curiosity. These unique and crafty ideas were something that everyone definitely enjoyed as they were filled with students till the very end of the event.

Each stall had its own audience. Students also enjoyed the music played by the DJ, they seemed enthralled when they finally got a chance to come up on the stage and dance during the last segment of the event.

A foodie's paradise

Students came together and formed 25 groups and came up with different and delicious ideas. Here is a list to savour:

STREET AND STREAKS: Varieties of Indian chat was on offer but the most popular was pav bhaji and panipuri. What set it apart was it was fresh and hygienic. Close to 100 people tasted and it was profitable.

FRANKIES FOR FOODIES: This was for the Frankie lover. The best selling was chicken and egg Frankie, and their motive was to garner as much profit for charity.

WAFFLE BAR: A well decorated stall, the students dished out waffles in chocolate mix, strawberry



and vanilla. People lapped up chocolate and ice-cream.

MAANDU'S MOMOS: It had a unique Korean touch and the decoration was also Korean themed. The special dish was fried chicken momos.

BITE THE SMOKE (SMOKE BISCUITS): Variety of biscuits and wafers were served from liquid nitrogen with the special being Oreo smoke bombast. It was fun as smoke got filled in the mouth. All teachers too tried it.

THE DESERT TRAY: The orders were taken based on the customer's choice and mood. The menu included churros and cake pops. The cake pops were tasty and a big hit.

PAAN MAHAL: This stall had many curious customers who came to try the special fire paan that were flying off the counter quickly. Many took videos and posted them on their social media accounts. It looked really



cool and fun to try. The paan was sweet and tasty. The ingredients of fire paan includes spices, dried fruits, nuts and sugar which is then set on fire and eaten directly.

COMMERCE KITCHEN: Members of the stall sold Goli soda and the reason behind setting up the stall was to remind of old school, and it gave a retro vibe. One of the best flavors were blueberry and lemon.

CHOCOLATE PO: This stall was a favorite with the kids. Cotton candy and chocolate fountain were popular.



SWEET TOOTH: This was the most loved stall. The thick shakes and ice cream were a huge hit. Their special was Ferrero Rocher shake which people loved.

FOOD TRIBE: Who would have thought that someone would set up a barbeque during a school event? Food Tribe made it possible and the dishes were served hot and grilled right then and there.

MOCKTAILS: This drink was made right in front of your eyes. Mojito was a favourite of all.

ON POCO LOCO: They served the famous Mexican dish-Tacos. Half-curved wheat shell filled with delicious sauces and meat fillings were a huge hit.

K DAD: This stall sold something which is ubiquitous in India. The good-old Maggie noodles with their own spin to it.

SHAWARMA: Who even needs an introduction to this East Arabian delight? A lovely garlic sauce mixed with bit of chicken cooked over with a delicious blend of spices wrapped in a thin variant of a naan.





The event was a huge success. Rajesh parent of Sathvik of XI A said, "This event is really great. Feeling very happy and proud to see my son cook. Overall a good experience." Pooja Gupta mother of Sidhant Gupta of XII C said, "The event is organized very well. Loving the ambience, enjoyed my son's performance. The food was good." The teachers too patted the students. MVS Sir from Math faculty said, "Loving the event and atmosphere. Have tried different dishes which were tasty and unique." Gayathri madam, Chemistry teacher said that she was happy to help the students and was thrilled to see the event unfold so well.

Magnifesta for charity

"Magnifesta was conducted with the motive to develop awareness on life skills, charity, team work, and communication. The idea was to plough back the profit in the form of charity and a lot of fun memories to carry back. I was monitoring the whole event and even spoke to few parents. They were really happy with the event and seeing their children cook. We generated revenue to the tune of ₹ 1,74,294/- which will be going back to charity," said Bansinder Reddy, Director, Meluha International School.





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Messi turns Messiah for Argentina



T Charitha

Argentina won the 2022 FIFA World Cup defeating a spirited France in a nail biting final held at Lusail Iconic Stadium in Qatar on December 18, 2022. Notwithstanding star footballer Kylian Mbappe's heroics, Lionel Messi's team emerged victorious over the defending champions with a 4-2 score line in penalty shoot-out after both finalists were locked 3 goals each in the initial 120 minutes of play.

Ever since Diego Maradona led Argentina to a famous World Cup title win in 1986, this was only the second instance the South American nation became world beaters again, that too after a wait of 36 years. For the unversed the coveted World Cup trophy was the only one that was missing for a long time



from the cabinet of Messi, considered as one of the all-time greats in the game.

The 2022 FIFA World Cup kick-started on November 20 with host nation Qatar taking on Ecuador. It was the 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup, a quadrennial event contested by the men's national football teams of the member associations of FIFA. This was the first time that the World Cup was held in the Middle East and Arab World, and the first time that it was organised in November and December instead of June and July. A total of 32 teams participated in the tournament, including the host nation Qatar.

The tournament featured a highly competitive group stage and dramatic upsets

in the knockout rounds aided by outstanding individual performances. After a month of gripping contests between various teams, it was Argentina, Croatia France and Morocco that made it to the last four. The third-place playoff allowed the Croatian team to take home the bronze. The Golden Boot trophy (for maximum number of goals-8) was awarded to Kylian Mbappe while Golden Boot (for outstanding player of the tournament) award went to Lionel Messi; a second time for the star footballer after bagging the same in 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

La'eeb was the Official Mascot for FIFA WC 2022. 'La'eeb' in Arabic translates to 'super-skilled player'.



India assumes



Presidency

T Charitha

December 1, 2022 is a red-letter day as India assumed the G20 Presidency from Indonesia and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit for the first time in the country in 2023. A nation deeply committed to democracy and multilateralism, India's G20 Presidency would be a watershed moment in her history as it seeks to play an important role by finding pragmatic global solutions for the wellbeing of all, and in doing so, manifest the true spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or the 'World is One Family'.

What is the G20?

The Group of Twenty (G20) is an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 countries - Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France,

Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States and the European Union.

The G20 members represent around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.

The G20 was founded in 1999 after the Asian financial crisis as a forum for the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors to discuss global economic and financial issues. It was upgraded to the level of Heads of State/Government in the wake of the global economic and financial crisis of 2007, and, in 2009, was designated the "premier forum for international economic co-operation".

What is the G20 Summit?

The G20 Summit is held annually, under the leadership of a rotating Presidency.



- G-20 and India's Presidency
- G-20 Development Working Group (DWG) meeting to be held in Mumbai from December 13 – 16, 2022
- India will host over 200 meetings in over 50 cities across 32 different work streams
- G20 delegates and guests to get a glimpse of India's rich cultural heritage and a year-long India experience
- The theme of India's G20 Presidency "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth • One Family
- One Future" closely ties with LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)



What are India's G20 Priorities?

- Green Development, Climate Finance & LiFE
- Accelerated, Inclusive & Resilient Growth
- Accelerating progress on SDGs
- Technological Transformation & Digital Public Infrastructure
- Multilateral Institutions for the 21st century
- Women-led development

How does the G20 work?

The G20 Presidency steers the G20 agenda for one year and hosts the Summit. The G20 consists of two parallel tracks: the Finance Track and the Sherpa Track. Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors lead the Finance Track, while Sherpas lead the Sherpa Track.

The Sherpa Track oversees inputs from 13 Working Groups, 2 Initiatives – Research Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) and G20 Empower, and various Engagement Groups, all of whom meet throughout the year and develop their Issue Notes and Outcome Documents in parallel.



Showing our Class at Clusters

**M Akanksha, Ashritha Laxmi
& Shivanath**

Students of Meluha have always been in the forefront in sports events. The results have been mixed with a few punching above their weight and others excelling in their respective event. The CBSE Clusters were held on November 31, 2022 at Gachibowli Stadium. The students took part in 400m, 400x100 relay; discuss throw, javelin throw, 3000m and 1500m.



The football team emerged winners in the clusters round and qualified for Nationals at DPS, Nacharam, while the Basketball team fought hard but lost in the third match. Meanwhile, the basketball team fought valiantly and lost to Johnson's Grammar School in the third match played on Dec.5.



The Kho Kho team travelled to East Godavari on December 2, 2022. Pitted against top teams, the girls lost their first match and the boys could not make it beyond the second match, but it was a huge learning experience. In Archery, Meluha team progressed to the Southern Nationals in the Under-14, Under-17 and Under -19 categories held between November 8-10. The Cricket team went on to play three matches at Pallavi International School.



The Volleyball team played matches on November 25, 26, & 27 and qualified for Nationals. In Badminton, the doubles team lost in the second match and in singles the fight lasted till the third round. It is a big achievement considering the tough competition in Badminton as Hyderabad is considered the hub of Badminton. These matches were held on December 2, 2022.





The Year that was

Last year was memorable in more ways than one with a flurry of activities

Jagriti Singh

On the occasion of Children's Day, the cultural committee organised a slew of competitions that included singing, dancing, quiz, but the highlight of the day was the fashion walk for the faculty which was followed by a 15-over cricket match between teachers and students. The event ended with the distribution of prizes to the winners of Intra School Telugu Paddyala Poti (a poetry

recitation competition), arts competition and music competition.

Thumbs Up to mental health

The students of Class XI under the guidance of Ms Yasmeen Begum, Psychology Teacher/Counselor attended a two-day workshop organised by Trawello Healthcare, a health-tech startup. Travello Healthy KID Program, is a platform for enthusiastic and passionate learners to get hands-on experience on mental wellness screening of young children between November 17-18 at New Era Lead School in Hyderabad.

The workshop was of immense help to students who were made aware about the importance of mental health, identification of mental illness in children such as child Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Anxiety Disorders.

The students were provided with an opportunity to observe the general behavior, psychomotor activity, speech, alertness & eye contact, place, time and person orientation.

Mentally healthy children have a positive quality of life and can function well at home, in school, and in their communities. The students interacted with a heterogeneous group of children and witnessed various facets of their day-to-day struggles while trying to balance own lives.

Prizes and accolades

The students bagged several prizes in the EDIFY Taare Zameen Par Inter School Competition by EDIFY School, Hyderabad.





The Second round of Heritage India Quiz by CBSE was conducted on November 15, via online mode. P Ansh of XII-F, T Charitha of XI-G and V Sahithi of XI-C participated.

Meluha International School secured a seven wicket win over DPS (Khajaguda) in The Hindu FIC Roots inter-collegiate T-10 Cricket Tournament.

M S Charan of Grade VII bagged Gold Medal with Top Rank in State Level Chess Championship.

Meluhians attended CBSE Adolescent Summit on Life Skills, Mental Health and Well-Being at New Delhi.

Ms. Likhita Kolli, of the Department of Chemistry, participated in the International Teachers Olympiad on October 15, 2022 and secured 10th in percentile position.

The school conducted its half-yearly Parents Teachers Meeting on October 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the students from Grade VI to XII. The Charity Fund Raiser by XI and XIIth students from Science and Commerce streams, was with the intention to aid the students of a nearby Government School.

Meluha School received the prestigious Education Award 'Indian School Rankings 2022-2023' for schools pan-India. Meluha was ranked first in Excellence in

Learning Assessment in Telangana and 8th in India and was ranked 2nd in Day cum Boarding School in Hyderabad.

Select Students of our school had the privilege to attend the Avinya K-12 stakeholders meet at T Hub along with the Principal N V K Prasad on October 20. It was an enriching experience to understand about entrepreneurship.

Dussehra was celebrated on October 5, 2022. The occasion was observed in the presence of P V R K Murthy Garu, Directors Abhilekh, Bansinder, and Ms. Anjali Razdan, the Principal, staff, and students. As a prelude to Dussehra, the teaching and non-teaching staff of Meluha school organized Bathukamma at Opalina auditorium in a grand fashion with songs and dance.

To mark World Health Day, students prepared hand-made and digital posters on theme: 'Make mental health and well-being a global priority.'

Ms. Anjali Razdan, Academic Director, Meluha School conducted two-day Capacity Building workshop (conducted by CBSE) for the teaching faculty of Ox-

ford Grammar High School on September 26-27.

Students and staff took part in Ganesh Visarjan programme.

Meluhians celebrated Teacher's Day

Students showered their love and affection for their teachers in the form of various dance programmes, songs, mash-ups, concerts, and so on. The management of Meluha School presented the faculty with gifts.

Meluha School organized a workshop on Fashion, Design and Architecture studies on September 2, 2022 for the students of Grade XI and XII who are interested in pursuing their careers in these areas. Mr. Pritvi Shah conducted an informative and interesting session, which was well received.

Meluhians took part in the Youth Policy Delegate program organized at the Shri Ram Universal School, Gachibowli on August 27-28. Meluha bagged two Honorary Mentions (T Charitha of XI-G, Gayatri B of XI-F), one Verbal Mention (Sudhanva S of XI-D) and one High Recommendation (Mohammed Mustafa of XI-F).

The residential students of Meluha took part in festivities including Utti Kottadam, on the occasion of Krishnashtami, on August 19.

Training workshop was organised on August 19 at Meluha School on the topic 'Inclusive Education



and Awareness of Learning Difficulties in Children.' The sessions were conducted by Ms. Yasmeen Begum, School Behavioural Counselor and Ms. Anjali Razdan, Academic Director, Meluha International School.

On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day, Meluha International School organized the Independence Day Celebration and the investiture ceremony for the Office Bearers for the Year 2022-2023, on August 15. The Directors of the Meluha were the Chief Guests. The celebration included songs and dance by students.





Math activity was conducted for classes VI, VIII, and X on August 12 with an aim to check and develop the basic mathematical skills such as problem solving, logical thinking and time management. The activity was conducted by Ms Uma from Math faculty.

Orientation program for school children was conducted for the students of grades VI to X on August 6 by the Academic Director Ms. Anjali Razdan.

The webinar for SAT aspirants was successfully conducted in Meluha International School on August 3. It focused on the positive aspects of future academic options in New Zealand. The webinar was led by Mr. Ashish Suri who represented Waikato University, New Zealand. The representatives of some of the Universities from New Zealand were present. Their interaction with students proved helpful in clearing the doubts of students related to studies in New Zealand.

Meluhians secured first prize in the Merutsav, the Meru International School Art Competition, under the guidance of the Mr T Yogeshwar Rao on August 2.

The Fresher's Day 2022 was conducted on July 31, 2022. The Program was organised by the Student Council and Senior Students. It included variety of programs such as dances, songs, concert, stand-up comedy, and flash mob.

Arts competition was held for residential students on July 10 at Opalina auditorium.

The orientation program was conducted for the students of grades XI to XII on June 26, 27 and 28 by the Chairman, P V R K Murthy.





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A low-angle photograph of a modern school building with a white facade and yellow accents. The building features a large glass window and a balcony with plants. The sky is blue with white clouds. The Meluha logo, a green globe icon, is visible on the building's facade.

Meluha