



JPIC DELHI PROVINCE



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ST. MARY'S, JHAJJAR

Bags No.	Life story	Plastic bags	people relation	first Expression towards me
1	Evening walk	an unknown	my friend (Sonia)	ignorance
2	Morning	my uncle (Ravi)	mother (Ravi)	good
3	Morning	to cousin sister (Ravi)	an unknown	good
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We had three off-line meetings, all three held under trees to appreciate the blessings of trees. During the Season of Creation the entire school daily recited a prayer for the environment. Special school assembly was held on 4th October highlighting the role played by the patron of the environment. On 2nd October children participated in a small cleanliness drive programme - some within the campus and others outside the school. They were

enthusiastic about it.

So far, the small club has distributed 137 cloth bags for grocery shopping. Students are maintaining a journal in which they enter what they do on a daily basis. They write also their own reflections on their experience. The meetings begin with a sharing of some significant experience and their reflections.



All attended the webinar on 'Mary Ward Family Living Laudato Si' held on 3rd Nov. In Nov. - Dec. we held only one meeting in school during which Mrs. Ruchi Chiller discussed with the group the JPIC resolutions of the Delhi Province. Our Eco-Friends Bulletin Board has all of them displayed.

The Eco-Friends WhatsApp group is active and engaging. Recently some of the members made nests for birds and did attract birds/ small animals. Some did their own little researches about how to make the nests, the disappearing species, and what more they should do to care for birds and animals. WhatsApp group carried several pictures and interesting conversations besides photos of their home gardens.

Some students also tried to make their own compost. Here is an extract from Sadhana's (CI 6). 'I made natural compost using simple things. Usually, my mother throws away the kitchen

waste such as vegetable peels into the waste bin. I was inspired by Vani Moorthy. I too made compost with the kitchen waste. Yesterday (2nd Dec.) I used it for a dying plant. Now the plant is growing well. I was happy I saved a dying plant. I will inspire more people to make this compost and I will tell them how to make it. It takes only a month.'

Mrs. R. Chiller had also created an adapted version of the Water Audit suitable for our rural children and 45 of them participated.

The Club is making a positive impact among students that 11 more have applied for membership. Our regularity and close monitoring is somewhat disturbed by the on and off lockdown.

Mariella C J

ST. MARY'S, MAYURVIHAR- DELHI

'The Season of Creation' was celebrated from 1st September to 4th October. The teachers and students were made aware of the need of observing the 'season of creation'. Students were asked to show their commitment to protect and safeguard the Mother Earth by taking a pledge. It was decided that this pledge will be carried forward by our JPIC members in their daily lives. A short prayer service was conducted by the students for maintaining peace in the world and for all the oppressed and needy. The students wrote poems expressing their views on Season of Creation.

In our monthly club meeting, the Laudato Si' goals were once again reminded to the students by Sr. Tomsy. Sr. Merlin encouraged whole hearted participation of the teachers and the students in caring for mother earth.

The International Day of Peace was observed on 21st September. A minute' silence was



observed and prayers were offered for peace in the world. The students wrote slogans and made posters on the importance of peace. In the meeting held on 30th September, the students were informed about the Catholic Church in

India celebrating the Girl Child Day on 8th September, the birthday of our Blessed Mother and also the importance to treat men and women equally. An assembly which was prepared prior to the meeting was shown to the students.

In our monthly meeting held in the month of October, Students were encouraged to celebrate an Eco –friendly Diwali.

A workshop was conducted by Ms. P. C. Reshmi (Art Teacher) to teach the students eco-friendly ways to decorate their houses. She demonstrated how to make a dream catcher using embroidery rings, pistachio shells and dry flowers and leaves. Students were asked to use lamps(diyas) made out of clay instead of plastic lights, rangolis to be made with fresh flower petals, plates made with plantain leaves to serve guests, indoor plants to be gifted to visitors and so on. An Eco-friendly Diwali pledge was taken by the students. On 24th October U.N Day was observed and the students were told about its importance.



The topic of the JPIC meeting conducted in the month of November was **SHARING AND CARING**. Christmas which is celebrated in the month of December, is a festival of 'Sharing and Caring' and to inculcate this sentiment among our students, the JPIC Club members were asked to

- Share a cooked meal with the less privileged or anyone who they felt needed to be fed.
- Share something useful (clothes etc) and therefore caring for them.
- Share a sapling from their garden in a small give away pot with anyone who they care for or to whom they would want to make a difference with a personalized note.

Special Effort: -Our school has adopted a village KICHRIPUR JJ COLONY. A few students and teachers along with our JPIC facilitators visited this slum as part of our Christmas outreach programme. This was a small initiative through which our students became aware of their surrounding conditions. Through their interaction with them, students have created awareness about hygiene and the need of education. A few glimpses of our activities are here below



CHRISTMAS – OUTREACH PROGRAMME- KHICHRIPUR, JJ COLONY

Merlin C J

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, NAINITAL

The **Season of Creation** was observed in a befitting manner .An assembly was organised for the teachers and students in which Sr. Digna, Sr. Manjusha and sr. Deepti and the JPIC teacher coordinators interacted with the students highlighting the theme of this celebration. The

sisters took special effort to plant seeds of various fruit trees as a step towards caring for mother earth. The JPIC members have taken the initiative to give name tag to the trees in Ramnee, Nainital.

The JPIC members conducted an online prayer assembly on **Inter Religious Peace** on 25th September for parents, teachers and students of SMC. The honourable guests were Pandit Indra Kumar Kapil ji of Bhowali, Mufti Sahib and Imaam Sahib of Jama Masjid Nainital, Mrs. Ranjeeta Kaur and Fr. Aloysius, all belonging to different religions. They spoke about peace referring to passages from their holy books. Sr. Manjusha, the Principal of St. Mary's Convent College, Nainital, gave her views on Inter Religious Peace and explained how unity can contribute to the world peace.



2nd October, the JPIC members celebrated **Gandhi Jayanti** with patriotism in their hearts. Videos were displayed which threw light on the lives of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri. Quotes said by these great people inspired the students.

On **International Girl Child Day** 11th October, students tried to pass a strong message of 'Saving Girl Child' through a video which covered the importance of girl child in the world and how inhumane it is to kill a girl child. Similarly on 17th October, International **Day of Eradication of Poverty** with the thought 'whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honours God' JPIC members tried to explain the need of compassion and love towards the poor through a video.

On 10th **December Human Rights Day**, one of the JPIC members made a video on the respective topic and explained the meaning of human rights and how important it is to fight for our own rights. The video gave a lot of information which could help a lot of people to achieve basic human rights.



Responding to the cry of the poor is one of the Laudato Si Goals. On 18th December the less privileged around Nainital were given some ration and a blanket each which was very much needed for them during this time of pandemic.

Ms. Bhawana Mehra

SHAHABAD - DELHI

Re- using is, taking old items we consider throwing away and giving them more value through art and creativity. One of our action plans was to “Deepen our impulse for re-using things”. So, Sr. Anita with her creativity made use of the of old wax which we had in plenty, to make many



new candles. We still continue making liquid wash from oranges which is daily used for washing dishes.



As part of reaching out to the hungry and needy, our teachers initiated the students to share food with them. Most of our students from different classes eagerly shared various food items with those whom they wanted to help.

Vandana C J

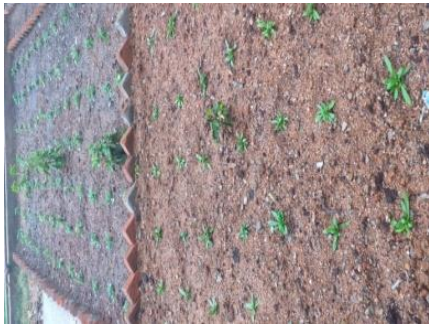
NIRMALA CONVENT, JHANSI

A JPIC Club was formed in Nirmala Convent Jhansi after which a meeting was held to draw some action plans.



JPIC MEMBERS

We were able to carry out the plan which we had made in the meeting. We had decided to make a herbal garden and we have succeeded in it to a certain extent. We have prepared a herbal garden within a short time with the help of the teachers and students.



The members of the club joined together to clean the school surroundings on Gandhi Jayanti day.

Tessy C J

ST. ANTHONY'S JEOLIKOTE

There were different Eco-friendly activities that took place in the school during these months. Caring for mother earth has become one of our priorities.

Activity 1: Greeting cards for Diwali, made from waste paper. (November 2021)

The students were encouraged to make cards for Diwali one of the important festivals in India.



Activity 2: Stars made from waste pens for Christmas decoration in the class and Environment friendly Christmas

Tree Decoration. (December 2021)

The students took keen interest in making stars out of waste pens which was very creative.

Ms. Poornima



MAURANIPUR HOSPITAL COMMUNITY



“Being Artisans of Hope in our blessed and broken world”.

We are making use of the solar energy about 10 KV around the clock for light, fans, functioning machines and heating water thus sparing electricity. We are making a conscious effort to use water

and electricity sparingly. We use eco -friendly carry bags and paper bags to distribute medicines to the patients. Paper bags are regularly made by the hospital staff in their free time.

We have formed four JPIC groups in two villages; we have conducted sessions with them on moral values, personal hygiene and clean environment. We the Sisters are involved in giving health education to the patients and attendants regarding personal hygiene, nutritional food intake, clean home environment, upbringing of children and their vaccination.



We maintain our kitchen garden by planting seasonal vegetables and we use compost manure. We also have a beautiful flower garden with seasonal plants wherein we take an evening walk which keep us in touch with the nature.

Sushmita C J

ST. FRANCIS' CONVENT, JHANSI.

The following activities have been conducted by JPIC members in the months of Sep-Dec' 2021.

Special Assembly - Seasons of Creation

A special assembly was prepared by the JPIC members of the Primary section on the theme of Seasons of Creation on the 27th of September'21, as a response to the cry of Mother Earth- She is saying, "Please save me from this calamity. Humans are destroying me, killing me and ruining me." The children delivered the message that the earth is what we all have in common and it is high time to respond and take action for restoring our



common home. This calls for urgent action so that life may flourish and all creatures may have their place to flourish. All is not yet lost. We can save our Mother Earth by becoming Eco-friendly. The Seasons of creation is an annual celebration where people around the world join together to pray, reflect and take action to protect planet earth. Our earth and its environment provide us food and water to sustain life. Our well-being solely depends on it. The children reiterated the fact that environmental problems like global warming, pollution, ozone layer depletion, climate change and the like, adversely affect the flora and fauna. The message to care for mother earth reverberated in the minds of all.

The Cleanliness Drive-



The fast-paced world and the much faster human being care less about the cleanliness of his surroundings. What he mostly cares about is; the decked-up house and his beautiful self. Cleanliness of mind is directly proportional to the cleanliness of surrounding. We JPIC members consider it our responsibility and moral obligation to maintain the cleanliness and hygiene of our school premises as well as the surrounding area. On 13th Dec'21, we along with our Principal Sr. Anjali, Sr. Divya, Mrs Caroline and Ms. Raksha conducted a

cleanliness drive outside our school premises. We humans have wrapped mother earth in plastic in the form of litter, which with every unfolding day is deteriorating our environment. Removal of such non-biodegradable waste was the core motive of our drive. The main purpose of this programme was to create awareness among the students regarding Cleanliness and its benefits. We collected all the litter, including plastic waste and dried leaves scattered all around. Watching our sisters and teachers helping us clean up the pathway made us realize that cleanliness is not the responsibility of one but all. To prevent making plastic the main ingredient in worsening the health of the coming generations, we need to conduct such cleanliness drives that create awareness about the hazardous impact of waste litter on mother Earth which gave birth to all.

The Generous Beings-

We can never take the pain of one another, but we can surely make efforts to reduce it. On 16th Dec'21, the Friends of Mary Ward -Sr. Isabel, Sr. Rose along with JPIC members-Ms Caroline and the students, visited Mercy Home situated in Judepur, to celebrate the advent of Christmas with the differently-abled children. This was an effort to make them feel that they are valued by the others mates on earth. The members sang songs, danced and played several games that brought great joy to the children. Feeling extremely happy with us, they insisted us for frequent visits. We all felt so humbled of having being able to spread a little smile of comfort to someone at least for some time.

All the club members along with the Staff members of SFC had contributed together for the distribution of blankets, cardigans, shoes, socks etc to the needy mates of ours. Further, a collection of clothes and ration was taken for the distribution in a village named Madawara which is 160kms away from our school.

Ms. Raksha Singh

MOUNT ST. MARY'S CONVENT, RUDRAPUR

We observed Girl Child Day on 8th September. A special assembly was conducted by the students of Class VI. Of course the main stars were the girls who took the lead. Special message was conveyed by Mrs. Preeti Sharma who quoted Dr. B.R. Ambedkar saying, "I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved".

On 14th September we celebrated Hindi Diwas to inculcate love and respect for the mother tongue among the students. Class VI students prepared speeches and wrote poems to tell the importance of the day and the Hindi teacher Mrs. Anita Sharma gave a short speech on the history of this day.

To imbibe the true meaning of Gandhi Jayanti and follow glorious trails of the noble soul towards evolving a peaceful and prosperous world, a special interactive e- session was organised by the teachers. The students paid a creative homage to Gandhi ji by making thoughtful posters, saying the slogans, and showcasing the importance of saving the environment and eating healthy diet in life. Beautiful charkha replicas made by students was appreciated by one and all.

On 26th November the JPIC club conducted a meaningful assembly and highlighted the significance of caring for our Mother Earth.



In order to give more awareness to our students with regard to the care of our Common Home a **Digital News Bulletin** was brought out with the concerted effort of the staff and students.

Rayna C J