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Gurukul Public School

Children's Day Out

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The annual Children's Day fair on November 14, Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday, was held at Gurukul school grounds with the usual enthusiasm. Children set up stalls, a colourful rangoli was drawn, and various outdoor games were played. Teachers and staff joined the children in buying and feasting on snacks, sweets, chowmein, and bhelpuri. There were also stalls selling imli and kaitha, local winter savouries.



Learning in the Library

Unit Test: 3

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Preparations are on for the third Unit Tests of the academic session, from Dec 4 to Dec 7. The tests will be designed this time with a focus on assessing reading and writing abilities.

The Gurukul library has a collection of about 2,000 books. Besides, the library subscribes to several magazines, newspapers and children's books. These include newsmagazines such as Outlook and India Today, competition magazines such as Pratiyogita Darpan, children's comics Tinkle, Highlights, Chompak, and daily national newspapers both in English and Hindi. We have a qualified librarian to catalogue, stack and issue books. The children have a dedicated Library period to avail the facilities and to inculcate in themselves the reading etiquette at a library. We believe it is essential for students to have respect for the institution of the library and a sense of joy in going there.

Work in progress



Reading and writing programme is on a high as can be seen from this classroom photograph of students practicing in a group.



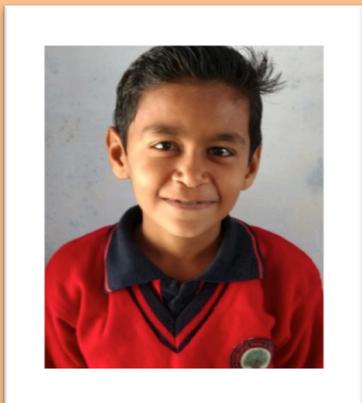
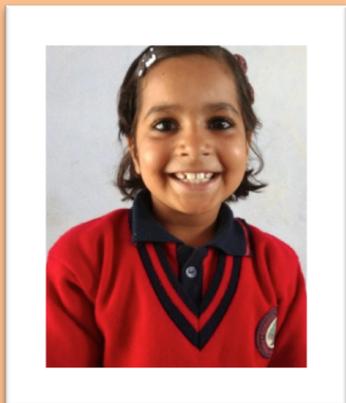
Meet Ashafak and Riya

Toilet: Ek School Katha

Why use a toilet when there is so much of nature around to answer its call? When Gurukul first started, the children who came to study here had no experience, and no liking, for using a toilet. They found it too dark and claustrophobic. No match it was for the open fields, where the breeze blew and the sky was blue, as a place fit for relieving the burden of nature. They would sneak out when no one was looking, or rush out without heeding any calls to come back. The teachers and staff were at their wits' end as to how to put an end to this unseemly business. But all problems are solved with time and patience. Now the children have become used to using the toilet and those early days are long behind us.

Through this newsletter I would like to thank all my supporters and mentors for believing in me.

Pooja Mishra

	
<p>Ashafak, son of Abdul Arib, is one of five siblings: three sisters and two brothers. Ashafak's father is a farmer. His earning is meagre but he still wants to give education to his children. Ashafak studies in Class 5. He has joined Gurukul this year. Ashafak has shown a lot of improvement since the time he joined this school. Our plan to improve reading and writing skills is helping him a lot, he mentioned during a conversation with our academic coordinator.</p>	<p>Riya Maurya walks 2 km to the school every morning from her home in Kusudi Sagarpur village. She has joined Gurukul this year and studies in Class 3. Her father, Anil Maurya, works in Delhi as a gardener. Riya is a single child and lives with her mother. Riya says that she prefers Gurukul to the school she was studying in earlier. "This school is better," she says. Riya is a good student and always comes to school tidily dressed. She is a very cute child, who enlivens the classroom with her presence and chirpiness.</p>



Physical Training at Gurukul is both good fun and good exercise, conducted ably by PTI Anuj Patel.