

## STARQUEST 2010 - A REPORT

In keeping with the GIS philosophy “Joy of learning”, children of Prep A and B have been exposed to a lot of facts and figures while learning about Animals and India. We, the teachers of Prep, thought a quiz would be the best way for young children to assimilate big chunks of information in a play-way environment, while encouraging healthy competition and teamwork.

The STARQUEST 2010 began a few months ago with classroom discussions, fact files in the form of quiz sheets and fun worksheets, audio-visual presentations and presto ! It kindled the spark of curiosity to learn more and more. It has now developed into a thirst for much more, judging by the questions we are bombarded with day in and day out, answers for which are being found out by all of us in a pro-active setting. The main objective of this exercise is to ‘grow’ and ‘help grow’ wherein team dynamics came into play.

**STARQUEST 2010 consisted of 5 sections.**

- Section A - Animal Life**
- Section B - India**
- Section C - Reading comprehension**
- Section D - Math/Logic**
- Section E - Spell bee**
- Section F - Visual round**

STARQUEST 2010, was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010, at the GIS Auditorium and was well attended by enthusiastic parents and well-wishers. Our Chief Guest was Mrs. Sarah Abraham, Principal of Rashtreeya Vidyalaya, Bangalore. We also had Mrs Dhannu Pramod, our Director, Mrs. Sandhya Raman, Principal of GNS and Mrs. Deepthi Singh, HM of GNS with us to witness the show and cheer the participants.

The excitement was palpable as the StarQuest 2010 began with our student of Prep A, little Shirin Sitara welcoming the guests and parents. The Derek O’Brien of GIS was our very own Mrs. Latha Verghese, who took over quiz from the word ‘GO’. Our computer teacher, Mrs. Suminder Kaur, brought the power point presentation to us. Mrs. Sudha Sridhar was our scorer.

We saw energetic participation from the 4 houses in each section of Prep. A & B, namely Agape, Aspirants, Jubilants and Vibrants as children came up on stage, boldly introduced themselves before saying “Hello” in different Indian and international languages.

This took their parents totally by surprise ! There were 16 participants from each class who made it to the team based on preliminary rounds held in class, both in formal and informal settings. Each member’s forte was utilized for the success of the team. Each child took part in the true spirit of healthy competition and co-operation.

The catch phrase “KYA AAP HAMARE PREP KE BACHHON SE TEZ HAI” was put to the test as the quiz progressed with ease. Children were totally cued in to listen carefully to the question and give the answer. They put up their hands and answered in a disciplined manner, to the delight of our teachers and Principal. The teams who gave additional information on tiger protection and environment conservation were given bonus points. Our guests, parents and teachers were amazed at the amount of information given by the

participants in answer to the questions put to them. It was evident that a lot of discussions and fact-finding had gone into the preparation for this quiz. There were challenging questions with visual clues and brain-teasers for our parents too, who braved the challenge. The one about saying the letters of the alphabet backwards from Z to A, however, flummoxed them !! Even our Chief Guest ventured to answer an audience question and won a special prize for her accurate and clearly-explained answer!! The children in the audience section had some fun too, answering questions directed to them.

The show was wrapped up with Nikita Vinaya Kumar of Prep B, proposing a vote of thanks on behalf of the children of Prep. Winners and participants were awarded certificates by our Principal.

### **The Winners :**

#### **Prep – A**

##### **I Place - Aspirants**

**Atharva Dharphale  
Jiya A Charak  
Nakshatra Nambiar  
Manas V Chougule**

##### **II Place – Vibrants**

**Devaditya Chakraborty  
Dhanush S  
Kashika Sharma  
Shivansh Mishra**

##### **III Place - Agape**

**Madhav Dinesh  
Rachana Reddy  
Rishima Ganguly  
Ved Pai**

#### **Prep – B**

##### **I Place - Vibrants**

**Aryaman Dass  
Ronak Gupta  
Trisha N Reddy  
Anishwar**

##### **II Place - Agape**

**Aakash Anil  
Harsh Kadodwala  
Chandresh P  
Meghna Mankotia**

##### **III Place – Jubilants**

**Arnav Gupta  
Naadia Navas  
Kunal Ramarapu  
Prisha Choudhury**

### **PARTICIPANTS**

#### **Jubilants**

**Arjun S Kadtane  
Khayaal Kadam  
Riya Ranjit  
Rohit A Binu**

#### **Aspirants**

**Aayush M Nair  
Kabir Singh  
Mairaa Kochhar  
Aniket Batni**