

## Message from the Secretary



**Rishabh Gupta,**  
Secretary, MKMES

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to bring forth this newsletter for Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society.

We believe that "What we get from society has to be returned back to society". We are glad to be an emissary to support education of more than 600 underprivileged children free of cost. The Society supports these children in every sphere such that they are never made to feel that they are less privileged than anybody else around them. These children are not only provided free of cost education but also uniforms and books. The Society facilitates them in every manner so as to bring them into the mainstream with the children of comparatively sound background.

Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society is running a Senior Secondary School, under the name of Richmond Global School located in Paschim Vihar, which is duly recognized by the Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi and is also affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)

Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society has always been keen to enhance the creative potential of the children by providing them various activities, opportunities and a common platform to interact, experiment, create and perform according to their age, aptitude and ability. In its endeavours for the development of the underprivileged children, the Society has launched 'Bal Kendra' as a centre for creative arts and is initiating 'Theatre in Education' for a better teaching-learning experience of various streams of education to make the concepts live in the minds of children.

It has been a great privilege for us to have Former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, visit our school to share his vision about India of his dreams and to have an interactive session with the children. He inspired the children with his precious words and motivated them to aim high in life and to follow their dreams with perseverance against all odds.

He exhilarated, *"I can do it. We can do it. India can do it!"*

So let's strive to make India 100% literate.

Before concluding, I would like to share a thought:

***"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."***

(Rishabh Gupta)

# About the School



"Whatever you are, ..... be a good one"

Richmond Global School is built on 1.25 acres of land with beautiful gardens and surroundings where students can interact with nature. The institution is governed by the Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society and provides free of cost education to more than 600 students from economically weaker section of society.

The School welcomes children from different strata of society to a new way of learning which is eye-opening, enthralling and joyous. The education system provided in the school focuses at making the students intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically strong. The primary curriculum is based on the Australian Education pattern.

Richmond Global School is working successfully with the leading research and resource company TERI (Tata Energy Resource Institute) headed by Nobel Laureate Dr. R.K. Pachauri. The school is also associated with Tony Blair's Face to Faith Foundation in collaboration with the British Council of India. The School is also working on many projects for the development of children with Pleckgate High School in U.K.

Richmond Global School believes that the most precious gift that anyone can gift to a child is education- an education that not only focuses on sound basic skills and development of full potential of a student, but also emphasizes on the values that will form the foundation of a prosperous life. Richmond offers every child all this, in a congenial environment of individual care and concern.

Richmond Global School provides many facilities and a platform for many activities for the all-round development of every child.

- Sports Clubs- Skating, Archery, Lawn-Tennis, Tae-kwon-do, Horse-Riding, Basketball, Yoga & Meditation, Aerobics, Cricket & Hockey
- Hobby Clubs- Science Club, Literary Club, Music Club, Art & Painting, Theatre, Dance Club & Nature Club
- Well-equipped laboratories- IT Lab, Language Lab, Science Lab, Mathematics Lab
- Audio-Visual Aids
- E-Library
- Medical & Health Care Facilities
- Air-conditioned Transportation
- Day-Boarding & Mid-Day Meals



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*"The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention."*

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## aunching of Bal Kendra

Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society, in its various endeavours for the upliftment of the underprivileged children, has launched 'Bal Kendra' under the aegis of National Bal Bhavan. Bal Kendra Scheme is an extension service of the National Bal Bhavan, under the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

National Bal Bhavan aims at developing the aesthetic sense and creative thinking among children through non-formal educational activities, which will inculcate in them-confidence, self reliance, secular attitude and love for values, that in turn will make them worthy individuals of our Nation.

On 17-May-2010, 'Bal Kendra' was inaugurated by the chief guest, Mr. Brajesh Prasad, Vice Chairperson, National Bal Bhavan. The occasion was also graced by a special guest, Ms. Amita Shaw, Director National Bal Bhavan. The Bal Kendra was teeming with many little children, curious to enter the world of creativity.

The inaugural commenced with the auspicious ceremony of coconut breaking by Mr. Brajesh Prasad and Ms. Amita Shaw, followed by Lighting of Lamp amidst reverberating chants.

The guests, Mr. Prasad and Ms. Shaw brought the little children forward for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The children were thrilled with this loving gesture of honorable guests.

Then Mrs. Kiran Sehajpal, Principal Richmond Global School, extended a hearty welcome to the guests.

Ms. Amita Shaw, Director National Bal Bhavan, shared the aims of the 'Bal Kendra' as a centre of creativity for children of age 5 to 16 years that offers

a barrier-free environment with immense opportunities of innovation. This Bal Kendra at Richmond Global School, under the auspices of Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society will incorporate activities like Art, Craft and Music.



Mr. Brajesh Prasad & Ms. Amita Shaw inaugurating the Bal Kendra with little children

Mr. Brajesh Prasad, Vice Chairperson, National Bal Bhavan wholeheartedly appreciated the Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society's initiative for launching the Bal Kendra at Richmond Global School.

The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Secretary Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society and he shared his vision for the development of underprivileged children and opening up new avenues for them through association with prestigious institutions like Bal Bhavan.

*"If you light up the path of one, it may brighten up the life of many."*

# S eeds of Creativity

Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society gives a lot of importance to develop proficiency amongst children as every child has a latent talent of creative excellence which does not flourish unless a conducive environment is provided. The children blossom into better individuals when they are exposed to external tool of creativity.

A series of three workshops by accomplished resource persons were conducted for primary students. These creative exposures cause a ripple effect in young minds.

• **A Workshop on Paper Craft**  
: In this workshop, the students were taught simple paper folding techniques. Students made caps of different sizes from waste newspaper. They were also taught to make a folding toy with a popping up flower. This was like sheer magic. Hands down exercises like these enhance the ingenuity of students and they can make many more such pieces using these skills.

• **Masks are Fun** : They are indeed!! Children like to create masks of all characters. When they make the mask and wear it on their face, their fears, inhibitions and anxieties just disappear. In this workshop, the children learnt making three dimensional masks and painting them. With the skill of mask-making, now the children can decorate their classrooms and can also these for presentations or as props for theatre and short skits.

• **Creative Cards** : Greeting cards are very popular and children from a very early age, start preparing such cards to express their emotions. Children made beautiful hand-made cards in this workshop. They enjoyed doing thumb painting without the use of pencil, eraser, ruler or brush and found it very interesting. By just using their thumbs, children prepared very attractive cards. They also made cards using the collage techniques.

The children were really delighted attending these invigorating workshops as they enhanced their creative skills and developed their imagination for creating more articles.



Children preparing creative articles at workshops

*"We're here for a reason, a bit of it is to light up little torches out to lead people through the dark."*

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## heatre in Education



The Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society has a commitment to the all-round development of children. In this context, from July 2010 it has initiated classes for 'Theatre in Education' for the children of age group 4-16 years. These lessons will benefit the children to a great extent as their creativity and their bottled up emotions will come out in a very subtle manner. This would form an integral part of the curriculum where all the students will get an equal opportunity to perform and shine.

Theatre, the imitation or representation of life performed for other people, has existed in every culture and in every era. Although it is frequently thought of only as entertainment, the imagined and enacted world of theatre is also one of the primary ways through which children learn about life: about actions and consequences, about customs and beliefs, about others and themselves.

Although outstanding theatre education programs exist in numerous primary and elementary schools around the country, few people understand the importance and power of drama in education and life. *"The difficult concepts of Maths, Science, Social Studies are taught through Theatre, making them live in the minds of children forever."*

### Learning Through Creative Drama

Theatre education, in primary and elementary levels, is anchored in creative drama, a structured form of simulated play that capitalizes on drama as a natural developmental process. The teacher bases improvised dramatizations on stories and concepts from literature, history, current events, and students' imaginations.

A typical creative drama lesson begins with warm-up and motivational activities. Acting as a guide, the teacher tells a story or presents an idea. The students discuss the dramatic action, and decide on who will play what roles, and how the classroom space will be used. Once this is planned, the students act out the drama either in segments or from beginning to end. After analyzing and evaluating each drama, they may replay some scenes, one or more times with improvements and extensions.

Creative drama continues to be an integral part of the school theatre curriculum, where it is more commonly referred to as improvisation. The learning processes of perceiving, creating and evaluating expand in scope and complexity as students refine their communication skills and focus on interpretation and performance of dramatic texts.

Drama creates fun and give inspiring and memorable learning experience to children. It promotes and sustains effective communication in a positive, friendly and stimulating environment.

### Sometime-Somewhere

You gave on the way a pleasant smile  
And thought no more about it.  
It cheered a life that had been dark the while  
Which might have been wrecked without it.  
And so for that smile that was given there,  
You'll have a reward sometime-somewhere.  
You spoke one day a cheering word,  
And went on with other duties.  
It cheered a heart; new promise stirred  
And painted a life with beauties.  
And so for that word of golden cheer,  
You'll have a reward sometime-somewhere.  
You lent a hand to a fallen one;  
lift in love was given.  
You saved a soul when hope was gone  
And helped him on towards heaven.  
and, so for that help you offered there,  
You'll have a reward sometime-somewhere.

Manvendra Gaur  
Class: XII

*"A kind and compassionate act is often its own reward."*

# Ews Scheme of the Society

*"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting."*

Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society (MKMES), a non-government and non-profit social organization is working towards the upliftment of educational standards and spreading the cause of education for all, through its various projects in the field of academics. 'Education is a tool that empowers'. Right to education should not only be available to a privileged few, rather, it should be easily accessible and affordable across the society strata.

The financial stress on the weaker sections of the society has cumulatively resulted in growing number of children dropping out from their schools. As an initiative to curb this malpractice, the MKMES regularly undertakes various projects like providing free scholarships to deserving children, community based education programmes, adult education programmes and income generating training programmes in evening.

Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society aims at improving the learning and enrolment levels

of the underprivileged children by providing financial assistance to the students in need and the upliftment of the children coming from economically weaker sections of society so as to embrace them into mainstream section in a sustained manner.

Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society works on the lines of different government social schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan where we follow their standard guidelines and mission objectives. The Society ensures free education for children up till 14 years of age, coming from economically weaker section of the society including children of construction workers, beggars or people who work in intermittent income jobs. Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society regularly undertakes varied programmes including scheme for free of cost distribution of text books, uniforms and book-banks. Apart from primary education, it also conducts programmes for continuing adult education, laying greater emphasis on systematic evaluation and rigorous monitoring of the performance of each project.



Uniforms distributed to EWS children

Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society also conducts free of cost classes for more than 600 underprivileged students on a daily basis in Richmond Global School so as to bring them into the mainstream alongwith the children from comparatively sound background. Regular scholarship schemes for poor and bright students are also undertaken by the organization to promote the cause of education and provide opportunities to the deserving children.

*"Power is the ability to do good things for others."*

# Visit of Dignitaries

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam  
(Former President of India) »



Dr. Bijender Singh  
(M.L.A.-Nangloi Jat Constituency, Delhi)



Mrs. Sheila Dikshit, (Chief Minister, Delhi)  
with students of Richmond Global School  
(under the aegis of MKMES)



Dr. Lachlan Strahan  
(Deputy Head-Australian High Commission)



Smt. Krishna Tirath  
(Union Minister of State-Women and Child Development)



Dr. Yoganand Shastri  
(Ex-Health Minister 2008, Delhi)



Ms. Amita Shaw (Director, National Bal Bhavan)  
encouraging students for their outstanding performance

# Employees of the Society on a Pilgrimage

Indian Spiritual tradition has propounded four Purusharth (objectives) of a human life--these being Dharm (Righteousness), Arth (Material Pursuits), Kaam (Contentment) and Moksh (Enlightenment). Shri Mata Vaishno Devi is believed to grant all the four boons to those who visit Her Holy Shrine. She is considered to fulfill anything and everything that a person wishes for in life, in a righteous way. It is an experience of all, that no one goes empty handed from Her Great Pilgrimage.

The journey to the Holy Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi is thus, an enchanting journey of the places where Mata Vaishnavi had spent some time while observing various spiritual disciplines. The culmination of this journey is at the Holy Cave where She merged Her Human form with the astral form of Her creators, the three Supreme Energies.

Mata Krishnawanti Memorial Educational Society sponsored a 3-day pilgrimage for its employees to the reverent shrine of Sri Mata Vaishno Devi.

All the employees set the journey on 24th May'10 at 9:30 pm singing bhajans and chanting 'Jai Mata Di' on their way and reached Katra in the noon the next

day. In the evening, they started trekking up the Trikutta Hills, where the shrine is located at a height of 3300 feet in the Shivalik Mountain Range. In the morning, they reached the 'Bhavan' and felt fortunate to be blessed with ample time for 'darshan' of Goddess in the Holy Cave. Everyone sought blessings from the Goddess to shower prosperity on the institution and uplift the underprivileged lot of the society.

It was indeed an invigorating experience for all !!



Employees of the Society on a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi

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