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THIS
MONTH IN
SCHOOL

Dear Tapas families,
Before we officially conclude the third project of the year, we would like to share the highlights from the past few weeks (in no particular order).

Do note that this newsletter does not include the SOTM and a million events leading up to the same. Perhaps we will have a special edition dedicated to the SOTM :)

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Summit of the Minds

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Jaga



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Schools have traditionally used the cookie-cutter approach to designing classrooms. The result has always been teacher-centric classrooms. These classrooms do not encourage collaboration amongst the learners. They do not offer much flexibility and make for rigid learning experiences. The idea behind conducting Jaga is to start a dialogue around this, brainstorm, and develop ideas to make school campuses more flexible and conducive to learning.

Parent-facilitator meetings

All the parent-facilitator meetings were scheduled in November and might we say, we had an amazing time meeting each and every one of you. These conversations always help nurture a deeper relationship as a community keeping the child at the core. Conversations ranged from academics, parenting styles, importance of ownership, independent thinking, project plans etc. We had plenty to reflect about and we sincerely hope that these conversations are just the beginning in helping build a safe and loving environment for our learners.





Story time with grandparents

This has been the sweetest new edition to our time at Tapas-Grandparents coming in to narrate stories from their lives and sharing their experiences. It's heartwarming to watch our eager learners huddle around and just...listen :) We hope to have continued support from you all to enable these sessions. And a big thank you to Veda and Sannidhi's grandmothers for taking time out and sharing their lovely stories with our learners.



Visit to Lalbagh

Environment 2 visited Lalbagh on a perfect Bangalore day - breezy, cloudy and laden with light showers. Learners explored different materials and worked on building their little homes. It was interesting to watch them intuitively reach out to stone as foundation and walls, twigs/ branches for columns and leaves for shelter.



Halloween evening school (31st Oct)

We had evening school on the 31st of Oct and oh boy, was it exciting or what!? Learners were thrilled about their outfits and spent some time trying to scare each other. The initial excitement was followed by a discussion about Halloween and its history. Learners then discussed their fears and the others' practised listening without judgement. Children then made face masks and paraded them around. The only thing that could settle their undying energy was some Halloween themed snacks. They decorated their food and as always, enjoyed eating together. We ended this fun day with a game of Daredevil. Overall, this was a day to remember- both for the children and the rest of us.



Potter/ Diwali

We invited a potter to Tapas around Diwali and our learners had a blast! Both the classes are learning about different types of materials and an experience in building claypots helped solidify their understanding of the same.



Masterclass by an architect

On 21st October, there was a masterclass on stages of creating a floor plan. The Architect, Miss Poorvi Mallesh taught the children the basics of what goes into creating a floor plan and its importance.

Visit to Baskin Robbins

As a part of the Ice-cream store project, learners from Environment 1 visited the Baskin Robbins store and got their questions answered around the ice cream making process, storage and store design. And the cherry on the cake was being served a scrumptious scoop of ice cream :)



Introducing Reetu

Started my journey as a home tutor, that's how I found my calling.

Teaching children is like learning something new every single day. I believe there's a lot more to education than just subjects, textbooks and marks.

Tapas is an institution I really wished I had when I was a kid because the traditional education system failed me in a lot of ways. I am super thrilled to work in a space where challenges are right on every step you take, because challenges = growth.

