

ARDEN PROGRESSIVE SCHOOL, LAMACHAUR, HALDWANI (DIST NAINITAL)

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“Learning gives creativity, creativity leads to thinking, thinking provides knowledge and knowledge makes us great.”

In the voyage of the discovery of excellence in the field of education, our endeavour is of always keeping the values- Love, Peace, Truth, Non- violence and Fair play alive in our thoughts and actions.

1. ACADEMICS.

Arden Progressive School, Haldwani - Lamachaur takes immense pride to share that all the 99 students of Class X, who appeared for CBSE Board Examination for the session 2019-20 passed with flying colours as the overall result of the School was 100% with 23% students scoring more than 90% marks. For the session 2020-21, a total of 88 students are registered for Class X - Board Exams 2021 and the year 2021 will also be a landmark year as our first batch of grade XII will pass out from the school.

Online Studies during COVID-19:

The impact of pandemic COVID-19 is observed in every sector around the world and the education sector is no exception, whether in India or world-wide. The resultant lockdowns have created a very challenging situation for the teachers, parents and students. In a year or so, the entire educational system has undergone a sea change, with 'online & offline blended learning' emerging as the need of the hour and the new mantra.

We believe innovation is the only key that unlocks new values and leads to success. At Arden Progressive School, all the teachers and coordinators were constantly in contact with the students and parents. Teachers enthusiastically prepared Video lectures through You Tube, took Online Classes, as well as followed regular calling to cross check students' improvement in all the fields. We are pledged to not leave any stone unturned for the betterment of our students as well as show eagerness to implement modern methodologies of education most effectively.

2. **ACTIVITIES.**

"True enjoyment comes from activity of the mind and exercise of the body; the two are ever united."

School – based activities help students to develop skills of problem-solving, reasoning, critical creative and thinking, communication and collaboration. So, the students enthusiastically participated in a number of activities organised by the School during the academic year.

A. Academic Activities:

Activities that go beyond the textbooks inspire and impart a healthy competitive spirit along with improved communication skills among the students. Some of the events regularly conducted at classroom level, school level and house level are Poetry recitation, story writing, debates, English and Hindi elocution, handwriting, essays, speech and slogan writing etc. Students have always enthusiastically participated in large numbers and are duly felicitated for their standout performance.

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

Value based education is given for self - development and personality development. This is done with the aim to inculcate values like honesty, gratitude, forgiveness, kindness etc. among the students. In addition, throughout the session, digital assemblies were conducted on a wide variety of value - based themes and topics. The School has always endeavoured to develop a sense of responsibility and purpose among the students. The students have been assigned different tasks on rotational basis. Assignments and titles like Discipline In-charge, Energy saving in-charge etc. are accorded to them and they are expected to religiously perform their duties at their homes

B. Co-curricular and Extracurricular activities:

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities play a vital role in our lives and are essential part of an educational institution as they motivate the students to do more creative things and strengthen the classroom learning and go a long way in the personality development of students.

Despite the virtual mode, we decided to continue the trend and conducted many competitions on different skills under the titles- 'ART, DANCE AND MUSIC', 'SPORTS AND

YOGA' and 'CREATIVE WRITING'. The dynamic and proactive Arden staff ensured maximum participation from the students. Apart from this, 'Paper Bag Making Competition' on the occasion of PAPER BAG DAY and 'Book Mark Making competitions' on the occasion of WORLD BOOK DAY were organised.

C. Online /Offline Competitions:

Despite the pandemic, our multi-talented students kept their morale sky-high by participating in different Online / Offline Competitions organised by different organisations. Some are mentioned below:

- Online Science Workshop organised by SUNDAY SCIENCE SCHOOL AND CURIOSITY SCIENCE SCHOOL, New Delhi.
- Online ISRO Cyberspace Competition 2020.
- Online Swarachit Baal KaviSammelan organised by Baalprhari and Baal sahitya Sansthan.
- Online NEET Examination Test Series organised by Unacademy.
- Inter - School Wall Painting Competition at K.D Balutia School under "Shiksha Jyoti Abhiyan".

3. ACHIEVEMENTS.

"You never change your life until you step out of your comfort zone; change begins at the end of your comfort zone."

Arden Progressive School again proved itself as a major force to reckon with. Many of our students made their presence felt by winning many positions, prizes and accolades and performing consistently in various avenues and platforms available to them. It was truly heartening to see our students bringing laurels to us despite the lockdown. Most gleefully, we would like to share some of our achievements of the last year.

*Devansh Tripathi (Grade 8) has been selected in top 500 participants out of 2 lacs participants in MODEL MAKING competition in ISRO Cyberspace Competitions 2020.

*Gargi Pandey (Grade 12) has been selected in top 298 participants out of 2 lacs participants in ESSAY WRITING competition in ISRO Cyberspace Competitions 2020.

*Saumya Joshi grade 9 has been selected in top 500 participants out of 2 lacs participants in ESSAY WRITING competition in ISRO Cyberspace Competitions 2020.

*Divyam Tiwari grade 4 has been awarded for his self composed poem in online SWARACHIT BAAL KAVI SAMMELAN organised by BAALPRHARI AND BAAL SAHITYA SANSTHAN.

*Saket Kashyap grade 4 secured 100% marks in NEET ONLINE EXAMINATION TEST SERIES held by Unacademy, India's leading Edu-Tech Platform.

*Ishita Kanyal was certified in the competition "YOG WITH FATHER" organised by Amar Ujala on the occasion of International Yoga Day.

*Vihan Mathur was also certified in the contest "Me Jagrook Hu" organised by Amar Ujala. Contest was an initiative towards nature.

4. CELEBRATIONS.

"Every moment of your life is either a test or a celebration."

Arden believes in inculcating respect towards all the religions and to imbibe national integration. Hence, all the festivals, significant days or occasions were celebrated with great pleasure and enthusiasm despite the lockdown.

* The school celebrated (National Festivals) Independence Day and Republic Day at our School campus while maintaining social distancing where all the staff members gathered and celebrated the national days.

* All religious festivals like Diwali, Holi, Raksha Bandhan, Janmastami, Navratri, Christmas etc. were celebrated throughout the year. Mode of Celebration was online and the best celebration was NAVRATRI, where our lively students prepared Digital Ramayana under the guidance of teachers.

* The school gives a great importance to the celebration of global events. Some of these events held were International Women's day, Hindi Divas, World Peace Day, Earth Day, World Book Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, National Sports Day, Kargil Victory Day, International Peace Day, International Yoga Day etc. Different competitions were organised as per the theme of the day.

5. STAFF.

Staff is the most valuable resource of an institute. Arden has a devoted and enthusiastic team of 63 teachers and 60 Non-Teaching and Support staff. Coordination among the

staff takes the learning process to the highest level. Their constant support has led us to grow with new outlooks smoothly.

CONCLUSION:

Despite the worldwide lockdown we enthusiastically continued the efforts for the betterment of our students. And we are pledged to serve the students in each challenging condition in future too.

We are highly thankful to the management whose continuous support enabled the school to come this far. Teachers and the entire staff members also deserve applause for their tireless efforts for imparting quality education here. Arden extends heartfelt thanks to the parents who have shown unflinching faith by giving us profound opportunity to transform their children into truly responsible citizens.

Thank you very much!!