

## **An Eco Experience in a farm fiesta ( Open for classes 4-11)**

We will spend the day on Thursday, 28 December, 2017 at the School Eco Park at Tether village on Sohna Road, assimilating an experience of ecology, art, stamina and citizenship, for sustainability.

Students will get a chance to step out of the urban melee of Delhi into the countryside, for a breath of freshness- the farm air, its fragrance, the produce, the foliage, the farm animals and hot farm fresh food. A crisp and sunny winter's day will complete a perfect setting.

Age appropriately, the children will sample an assortment of nature- related activity- based learning for sustainability, which is a major mission of our times.

They will soak in the simplicity of natural surroundings as they attempt the activities, instilling new wonder and distilling new knowledge.

### **Activities**

- Preparing a mini butterfly garden in an up cycled container with flowering, bush and host species. The students, under guidance, will plant the suggested species in waste containers like old drums, tyres, crates etc, to create a vibrant and colourful space that will attract a variety of birds and butterflies. The students will also prepare their very own customised bird and butterfly feeders using old bottles.
- Students will build their own mini composting units, in old barrels/drums.
- Creating a vertical grow towers for urban homes and worm towers will be demonstrated
- Each student will prepare the soil and pot an air purifying plant to carry home.
- Students will be taught to recycle waste paper in a simple yet effective way.

- Students will be walked through the urban forest recently planted by them and to identify and label the young trees as well as do butterfly and bird spotting.
- Students will draw and paint enduring images of nature that catch their eyes. The ambience offers ample inspiration for our young artists!
- Farm) animal petting corner for the younger children
- Preparing vegetable beds, sowing seeds and picking the ready produce for home
- Clay modelling and rustic crafts
- Khel Gali- the children will play 'games of the soil', - gillidanda, pitthu and khokho.
- Folk songs- the children will sing catchy and foot tapping folk songs of Haryana to make the mood for lunch.
- Lunch will be hot homegrown sarson ka saag, makkeki roti, shahi paneer, makhani dal, jeera rice and gajar ka halwa, promising to tingle the taste buds
- If time permits, there will be free time to lounge and read a book or grab a snooze after a scrumptious lunch in the wondrous winter sun!
- Finally assorted hot vegetable pakodas with milky tea to wash them down before pack up.

### **Important details**

The excursion is planned for Thursday, 28 December, 2017 at the School Eco Adventure Park. The children will depart from School at 7.45 am and return to School at 5.30 pm.

The cost of the day long eco excursion is Rs. 1,000 to cover transport, activities ( with material and resource persons), hot lunch and refreshments.

Those interested must let the class teachers know latest by 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Principal.