



ST. MARY'S ICSE SCHOOL

KOPARKHAIRANE, NAVI MUMBAI

Educational Trip to Pune

Classes V and VI

An educational trip was planned for all sections of classes V and VI for 3 days i.e. 8th, 9th and 10th December of 2017. The main purpose of the trip was to give the students a field visit and to educate them through practical learning. The students were accompanied by teachers, Ms. Manisha, Ms. Tuhina, Ms. Mariam, Ms. Anju, Ms. Kavita, Ms. Arina and Ms. Sarabjot.

DAY 1

The contingent of students, teachers and support staff left the school on the morning of 8th December at 7 am. The first stop was at Gowardhan milk factory at Manchar in Pune. The employees of the factory took out time from their busy schedule to engage the students in various products and brands of Parag Milk Foods. The presentation was followed by a brief Q & A session where the queries of the students were addressed by the Gowardhan Milk team. After leaving from the factory, the contingent stopped for lunch and further proceeded to visit Bhagyalaxmi Dairy farms. The students explored mechanical ways of the milking of the cows. The students also learned the nutritional diet given to the cows to increase their milk yield. The cows in the farm were of Holstein-Friesian breed which is a mix breed. One of the most popular and premium milk brand produced in the farm is 'Pride of Cows' which holds an exquisite clientele including Sachin Tendulkar, Ambanis and the Bachchans to name a few. The students were also given a small portion of the 'Pride of Cows' milk to taste. Post the visit to Bhagyalaxmi dairy farm, the students were taken to the 'Go Cheese' factory. The students were shown the process of making cheese from milk. The students were given lab coats, head covers, shoe covers and masks before entering the factory so that the cheese being manufactured is not contaminated. This was in accordance to the hygiene policies followed in the factory. Post the

learning of the cheese manufacturing process, the students were given a light snack consisting of pizzas, sandwiches, different types of cheese and milkshakes. The students were also given a small token by the 'Go Cheese' team. The latter was the last visit of the day and the students were then taken to the Zip by Spine Longer hotel where dinner was served and the students ended the day with lots of experiences and learnings.

DAY 2

The next day, the students assembled in the breakfast hall, where they were served breakfast from 8 am. Post breakfast, the students left to visit the War Memorial. The memorial was full of information regarding the Indian military forces consisting of but not limiting to, their weapons, their war stories and sacrifices and war heroes. The students enjoyed taking their photos in cut-out frames provided in the memorial and tried holding dummy guns and climbed upon real tanks. The students then moved on to the Aga Khan palace, built in 1892, which was used as a prison to hold Mahatma Gandhi, his wife Kasturba Gandhi, his secretary Mahadev Desai and Sarojini Naidu. Kasturba Gandhi and Mahadev Desai lost their lives here and this monument is also a memorial in remembrance of them. The students were then brought back to the hotel for lunch. After resting for a bit, the students proceeded to Shaniwarwada. It is a fort built in 1732 by the Peshwas of the Maratha empire and served as their seat till 1818. The student roamed in and around the fort and also clicked a group photo. The students then returned to the hotel all excited to end the day with music and fanfare at the DJ night. The students dressed to their best for the DJ night and danced till their feet gave away. The students celebrated their trip with a cutting of a cake given to them by the tour operators. Post the dance and dinner, the students went back to their rooms to have a good night's sleep.

DAY 3

10th December was the last day of the visit, when the students packed their bags and left the hotel. The last trip remaining was to the National Defence Academy (NDA). After having a good breakfast the students headed to the NDA. The students were given a brief description of the kind of horses used in the NDA and how the horses are trained. They were even told about how the cadets are trained in horse riding. The students explored the life of NDA cadets and their hardships in training through a 45-minute short film. The students also visited a museum in the NDA where the memento and the medals awarded to the NDA by various prestigious institutions were showcased. The students visited the Sudan house where they learnt about dignitaries who had been awarded the highest honor given to Indians by the Indian government– the Paramveer Chakra. The students were then taken back to the hotel for lunch and post lunch they checked out and headed back to the school full of memories of the exciting 3 days they had had. The students reached back at 6 pm officially ending the educational trip.