

## Preps visit to the National Gallery of Modern Art

The Preps visited the National Gallery of Modern Art near India Gate on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Prior to the visit children had circle time where a brief discussion took place to make them aware of what an Art Gallery is? Why paintings and sculptures are put up there and also names of some famous artists like Amrita Shergill, Jamini Roy and Subodh Gupta. Children were asked to observe the paintings on display carefully, specially the use of colours on them. They were specifically told not to touch anything on display.

The children were also advised to observe good practices during the visit. They were told to keep their I-Cards around their neck at all times, not to approach to or accept things from strangers and not to litter the surroundings. They were teamed with a partner to take care of each other through the day.

On the day of the visit, the air was thick with excitement of the Prep children, all looking forward to experience something new. They boarded the bus, their boundless energy and exuberance was evident in their loud "bye" to Deeksha ma'am. During the run everyone was singing "I am a little angel" at the top of their voice. They also kept asking "Ma'am, when will we reach?" innumerable times.





It was a bright sunny day and Santa Marians started with exploring the lawns of NGMA. For most of our little Santa Marians it was their first ever visit to an art gallery. The vast ambience outside the gallery caught their attention. Walking through the lawn was an enriching experience as children observed different types of sculptures and were delighted to know that the sculptures were made by renowned artists. A long walk energized everyone.





A large ever-silver **banyan tree** by **Subodh Gupta** caught children's attention. Yuvraaj promptly said, "This tree is made of metal, it has no leaves." Prayash said, "I like this tree because it is made of metal and no one can cut it." Ishiya said, "The tree has lot of utensils." Jaiditya said, "Tree par doodh dohne wala bhi hai, yeh maine apne gaon mein dekha tha." Aarohi said, "This tree has no nest."



Children were then asked to sit in the lawn around the banyan tree, they were given the drawing sheets and crayons. They made creative attempts, which is evident in their drawings. Arshdeep promptly said, "I don't want to draw the tree, I will draw the colourful flags". It was evident through children's response that they have started developing aesthetic sense and a perspective towards 'Art'. Santa Marians expressed creativity through their interpretations. Eshwin said, "The tree is silver but sun is making it look golden colour." Aayan



said, "I want to take the tiffin box to eat food." Sakshi said, "I like the cholni and I want to take it."



The children were so inspiring that Nandita Ma'am couldn't resist herself from sketching.



After the drawings they enjoyed a picnic in the lawn under the bright sunshine. They all were excited to share their food with their friends and teachers.



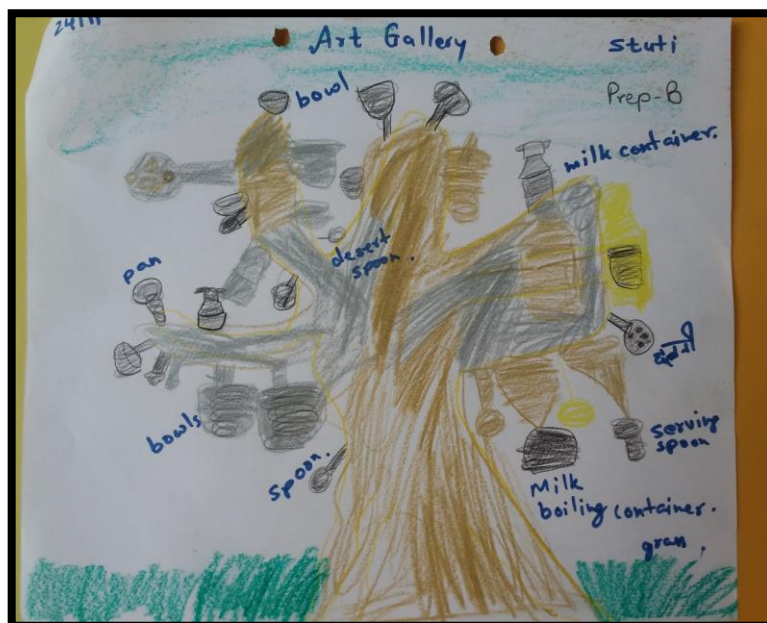
What is an outdoor visit without fun and games? The children chased each other in the garden, made a train, and generally enjoyed themselves.

Before leaving the place the children ensured that the lawn was litter free and clean. Our little Santa Marian's observed good practices and enjoyed the visit thoroughly.

During the visit children enjoyed bonding with **Art** and made interesting observations in a different environment.







A memorable outing finally came to an end with the children finding their buddies and lining up to return to their buses. After a final headcount, we boarded the buses and came back to school.



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