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It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, **SCHOOL IS COOL!**

# Instilling a zest for reading

**A**ditya Birla World Academy (ABWA), strongly believes in the power of knowledge and words. Storytelling for example connects all of humanity, helps us know our past, influence the present, and sometimes even change the course of the future. Books are timeless; they immortalise ideas and their authors, opening doors to new and exciting ideas, transporting us to different places, times.

Every year, in order to celebrate literature and instil in the hearts of our students a zest for reading, the school organises a literary fest. The theme for this year was 'every child a reader.' This year's celebrations featured several guest speakers: parents, authors, illus-



trators, and journalists. The 'meet the author' sessions were conducted by authors Lopamudra Mohanty, Varun Gwalani and Shabnam Minwala to inspire students, while parent volunteers engaged students in 'tell me a tale' seminars. Katie Bagli, a renowned author and lover of nature, conducted three interactive workshops in poetry and scriptwriting.

At the end of these sessions, students enacted the plays that they had creatively scripted. Other riveting activities included Mohanty's puppet show and Lavanya Kartik's power of illustrations. The 'fake news' session, by Sunita Bhargava introduced the students of class XI to various methods of battling misinformation and disinformation.

An exploration of culture in literature is essential to fully tap into the latent reader present in each one of us; the school had various activities showcasing diversity in language and culture through foreign literature for the secondary and high school students. Additionally, a book fair featuring Indian authors was arranged to highlight the unique culture of our country.

No member of the ABWA family was missed out as principal Sinha organised 'jest a minute,' a fun-filled evening solely for parents. The most popular amongst all students however, was the 'character parade.' Aimed to foster a love for characters and reading, this event stole the hearts of everyone as the junior school came dressed as their favourite characters. All our favourite stories came to life from Harry Potter to Disney princesses- it was all there!

