

'Mind Your Waste' – A Book Launch

An initiative by the interact club – PSBB Nungambakkam

“With each new book, the march of our national history takes a step forward. When one is present at a book launch, one is bearing witness the birth of a new body of ideas, to the coming into being of another testimony of history.”

It was an afternoon with a difference when the students and teachers of PSBB Nungambakkam gathered in the courtyard on 23rd February 2018, to witness the launch of the book, “Mind Your Waste”, a compilation of selected short stories, written by the students of the three branches. Each story was made more interesting with an illustration as well. This was one of the activities of the Interact Club of PSBB, Nungambakkam and The Rotary Club of T.Nagar, during the academic year 2017-18.

The President of the Interact Club, R.Smriti called it “an eventful year” as she proceeded to present the annual report for 2018 of the club. The theme was “Do It Yourself” for the objectives were to provide hands on experience, reduce the amount of items that are brought and to reduce garbage disposal.

Some of the other activities mentioned in her report were:

- The celebration of the 70th Independence Day on 15th August with Dr.Rama Narasimhan as the chief guest; when a free eye check-up camp was held.
- ECAP or E-waste collection and Awareness Programme - a landmark project taken by the Club to ensure the proper segregation and recycling of electrical and electronic wastes. 96 students had participated in the initiative and the school was awarded a cash prize from the organizers.

The chief guest was Mrs. Nikhila Keshavan, who works as an actor and director in the English theatre in Chennai. She released the book “Mind Your Waste” and the first copies were received by the dignitaries from the Rotary Club , the Principal Mrs. Vasanthi and Asst. Vice-principal Mrs. Asha Pillai. In her address, Mrs. Nikhila emphasised that all students needed to inculcate the habit of writing stories and to take part in drama and theatre productions. “It is important to embrace the ‘Indianness’ in ourselves.” she urged, asking aspiring writers to base their stories in India. She also reiterated that reading would alone help in improving fluency.

The Principal ,Mrs. Vasanthi congratulated the students who had participated in the story writing competition and urged them to continue their effort.

The audience paid undivided attention throughout the programme and that by itself, marked the success of the book launch!



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