

ISA English Activity 2018-2019

- A Report

All's Well That Ends Well

The 19th of July witnessed the sheer genius of Sir William Shakespeare through a tribute to him, by the students and English Department of PSBB K.K.Nagar. The day started off with a mellifluous invocation to the Almighty, followed by a medley of songs, such as 'Love Story', depicting the unfathomable love of Romeo and Juliet, which showcased the influence of his plays in modern pop culture.

Shakespeare was a visionary, way ahead of his time. The speakers put forth their views on the Bard's works and how they relate to modern issues, from feminism to racism, from science to politics. It is no mean feat, that the millennials of the 21st century celebrate a man born half a millennia ago!

The beauty of Shakespeare's plays is that there is no one way of looking at them. Every reading is bound to bestow a new perspective upon the reader, be it the various shades of each character, or the subtle emotions portrayed. The skit unravelled the truth behind the so-called 'fools' of Shakespeare's works, who were in fact the wisest among them all, the ones who noticed the tragic flaws in the stories. The students' portrayal of the characters such as Touchstone, Puck and King Lear's fool was truly a treat for the eyes. In Shakespeare's own words, 'All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players...' Regardless of whether or not people use their 'stage', the students have used this chance to enlighten their peers that all is not what it appears to be.

One of the best features of Shakespeare is his mastery over language and the manner in which his words gain life, alongside emotion. Famous lines such as Mark Antony's 'Friends, Romans, Countrymen...' and Portia's 'The Quality of Mercy...', undoubtedly prove the intrinsic quality of his literature. The students displayed talent, with true understanding into the depths of the dialogues, impressing the audience with their declamations.

As a wise man once said, 'Actions speak louder than words'. The skilled mimers wonderfully presented Shakespeare's 'The Seven Ages of Man', from birth to death, through mesmerising expressions and a wordless delivery of emotions, leaving the spectators 'dumbfound'.

With over 24000 words in his vocabulary, 1700 of which he coined, and several phrases popularized and in use even to this day, William Shakespeare's scripts have stood tall through time, and his legacy unforgotten. He is an eternal flame in the history of literature.

'Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them'- William Shakespeare.

