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## The Illuminating Sessions

### A mind-blowing session on career choices held in school

#### Zeenat Aleem - Teacher Grade 3

October 26 turned out to be an informative day for all. A session on 'How To Shape Your Student's Career For A Secure Future' was held at Eastern Public School.



Shilpa Singh, in-charge of Student Engagements for Mindler, conducted Mindler workshop, especially for the teachers of Middle School and DP. Mindler is a venture run by alumni from Harvard, ISB, IIT, and the world's best psychometrician. It is India's leading career guidance and mapping platform for high school and college students.

Shilpa explained a holistic purview of the entire education and skill-building spectrum - from schools to organizations. The teachers were seen as excited and keenly interested while interacting with the expert. Her bubbling enthusiasm and the humorous tone was highly infectious and made learning a fun endeavor for all. She discussed the skills in demand and various work profiles in different streams. In the end, she also thanked and paid tribute to all the teachers for playing such an important role in the lives of the youth.

### Baba Abdullah gave life lessons to the little learners

#### Sumbul Khan - HRT 2 C

The tiny tots of grade 2 mesmerized the audience with a short play 'Baba Abdullah.'

The students staged the play as a part of their class assembly on November 4, 2019, at Eastern Public School.

Through the short play, the little performers gave a beautiful message of not being greedy. The students conveyed that one should appreciate the things that he or she is blessed with. The assembly revolved around a verse from Surah At-Takaathur, which is also known as Surah about 'Greed.' The verse says, "You are obsessed by greed for more and more until you go down to your graves." This Surah teaches us that our obsession for greed keeps us away from the realization of our final destination i.e., the hereafter.

The little presenters created an ambiance of love and belief, and the audience appreciated their impressive performances. The audience left the hall with a lesson that they should be grateful for the things they have and should try not to be greedy. While participating in the assembly, students showed great zeal and demonstrated wonderful communication and presentation skills.

## High-spirited Performances



### "Never quit come what may"

#### Aafiya Qureshi - HRT 1C

When life gives you thousand reasons to quit, give yourself one reason to try again. 'Never Give Up, till you become an achiever' was the central theme of Grade 1 B's assembly, which was held on November 18. Throughout the assembly, students represented the beauty of Never Giving Up.

The students performed a skit on famous personalities like Sachin Tendulkar and Thomas Alva Edison, which showed that it takes a lot of patience and needs many attempts to bring success to our side.

Students also performed a poem that was appealing and motivating. It was an illuminating and adorable reminder for everyone that we forget who created us, molded us, and made us human beings. Then, these tiny tots performed a Nasheed that inspires us to 'Never Give Up' until we achieve our destination. The assembly concluded with the message that the path of success can be rough and hard, but if we keep going with confidence, success will never be far away'.





## Everybody Is Unique and Special in Their Own Way Saniya Naeem - HRT, 1A

"Every child is a different kind of flower, and altogether makes this world a beautiful garden." The children of grade 1A beautifully depicted this statement during their class assembly on November 14.

It was a fantastic day for all the young learners as they stepped on the stage for the very first time. They presented with excessive enthusiasm and confidence. This assembly was an opportunity for them to

showcase their understanding and capabilities before their friends and teachers.

They stunningly performed a short skit, which was much enjoyed by the audience. The skit was a fables story, performed with much zest. The wise allotment of duties done by the Lion for the Royal Court conveyed the message, "Everyone is unique and special in their own way." It was very assertive and enthusiastically projected. The assembly concluded with a joyful performance on 'Respect Song' that demonstrated the importance of respecting others. It also conveyed a message to the audience, "Treat others the way you want to be treated." Their effectual performance enthralled all the audience.



## Creativity, Activity, Service – all about being a human Hiba Mariyam - Grade 11

"All genuine learning is active, not passive. It involves the use of the mind, not just the memory"-Martin Adler.

CAS stands for Creativity, Activity, and Service makes a student develop a holistic personality that helps them

stand out from the crowd and face the real world. The importance of being in CAS is not only about bagging the DP certificate but become a better person.

The edifying thoughts were shared by grade 11 students during the CAS assembly, which was held on October 30. The students shared a lot of crucial aspects of CAS, which everyone should know. The most interesting thing was to know about CAS in respect to what our Islam teaches us.

The students participated and presented their creativity, too during the assembly. A student summarized the assembly in a great way by presenting a poem on service and why ignorance is so hazardous. Sharing the future endeavors, the students gave a message to the audience that CAS somehow is a part of everyone's life. "It is we who can transform the world by bringing little changes."





## E-portfolios at Student Led Conference 2019- A big hit Juveria Zia - 3B



This year the PYP student-led conference was in headlines from the beginning for being the 'first-ever Digital SLC' of PYP. The Student-Led Conference is a formal interaction of students with their parents wherein they show their enriched performance.

The PYP SLC from grade 3 to 5 was held on November 16. Interestingly, for the first time, it was a Digital SLC wherein the teachers were just the facilitator and students took up the ownership. Students lead parents through a discussion of their work and established academic and social goals. In a candid rendezvous with me, the students shared about their journey, and some shared really amazing experiences of first-ever e-portfolios. Zunaira Khan from grade 5C shared,

*“We were working on our task sheets and scanning them followed by making our websites in ICT lab which was the most exhilarating part.”*

Khadeeja Abrar of 3B stated that when she presented her E-portfolio to her parents, they felt extremely proud of her.

Aliya Khan from grade 3C, while sharing her experience, said,



*“In SLC we, the students have the agency i.e the voice, choice and ownership; and a propensity to take action.”*



Another student from grade 4C Maysara said,  
*“It was such a wonderful experience to show our improvements through sheets in an E-Portfolio to our parents, they were surprised to see our amazing journey of learning.”*

Student-Led Conference gave us a chance to be the owners of our work, and through this, we also got to know our areas of improvement further, which we even mentioned in our goals. This wouldn't have been possible without the guidance of our teachers.

To be Surprised,  
to Wonder,  
is to Begin  
to **Understand.**



*“I was very excited to show my parents my first ever E-Portfolio, so when my Father came in my class, I welcomed him with a flag saying Listen with your heart.”*

SLC is not just about portfolios but also about presenting different stations of the classes and share our learning journey with our parents. Fuzail Ali from grade 5 said that my parents loved the class tour, where we exhibited the Math and Language stations. Another student from grade 5 Hassan expressed,



## Early Years Students Led Conference and Annual Learning Fest 2019-20

**Fozia Mehfooz** - EY Coordinator

Early Years Students Led Conference 2019-2020 proved to be a great and surprisingly pleasant discovery for EY parents. November 16 was a delightful experience when the young communicators introduced IB and EPS teaching and learning approaches and outcomes to their parents. They shared their journey from one milestone to another, implicitly demonstrating their growth as inquirers, in quest of knowledge.



As famously said by Zig Ziglar, "You must make a choice to take a chance if you want things to change," this year EY team chose to take the chance of merging two major EY events -- Midterm SLC and Annual Learning Fest into a single but significant event. And the decision paid off well. The students were able to reflect remarkably well, in their familiar learning environment with their mentors by their side, and the parents had a clear glimpse of the concepts and content covered in all the subject areas along with the pedagogy at work. Most left in awe of the impressive learning spaces and centers designed and created by relentless EY teachers and a request for giving such platforms more often.



Scientia potentia est:  
**Knowledge is Power.**

**A phenomenal display of  
Islamic knowledge  
Madiha Arshad - Grade 11**

Inter-House competitions always bring forth an extraordinarily vibrant and valiant fervor among all the students and teachers. The students learn the importance of healthy competition and learning, which is pivotal in surviving today's society. The Inter-House Islamic quiz held on November 20 was an event studded with the stars of knowledge and competence. The participants from every house were undoubtedly well prepared and were ready to face any challenge thrown their way, so much so that the audience were often left enthralled and at a loss for words.

The quiz was divided into several engaging, stimulating, and equally challenging rounds. The event began with a serene recitation from Mohammad Atif of grade 12, which left a lingering sense of peace amongst everyone present. The rounds were strenuous and demanding, but all the participants conquered all the challenges with commendable confidence. Green House emerged as the winner with the first position, followed by Red, Blue, and Yellow house. During the quiz, we also learned an extremely crucial lesson, that it's not always about whether you lose or win, it's about how you take it, what you learn from it, and how you let it help you grow.





## Sportsmanship showcased in its true sense

**Faheem Mohd Khan**- Head PHE Department



“You win some and lose some. It's all part of the game. You have to take it in a very positive way.” P. V. Sindhu, Indian Badminton player. Department of Physical and Health Education, at Eastern Public School, conducted the most awaited sports event in school, Football and Handball competitions on October 26, 2019. The beautiful lush green ground for football and the colorful court of Handball were prepared for the Annual Inter-House tournaments.

Football and Handball is a very popular sport amongst the students of EPS. As a result, there is always a great atmosphere with amazing commitment and passion from participants. The objective of this tournament is to provide an opportunity for students to take part in sports activities, to assist them in displaying their skills in a fun environment and in teaching students to work as a team and strengthen sportsmanship.

Football matches were played as a knock out basis. It was an inter-house competition and was played between Hazrat Abubakr R.A (Green), Hazrat Umar R. A (yellow), Hazrat Uthman R.A (Blue), and Hazrat Ali R.A (Red).

The semi-final matches started at 8.30 am. The first semi-final was played between Yellow Vs. Green and the second semi-final was played between Blue Vs. Red houses. The students of all the houses cheered their players loudly when their house scored the goal.

Blue and yellow qualify for the finals. Both the teams were really strong, but the Yellow house dominated the game and secured first place in the competition. Blue house, Green house, and Red house bagged second, third, and fourth positions, respectively.

In the Handball girls' event, Green house gave impressive performance and bagged the first position. The second, third, and fourth positions were grabbed by Blue house, Red House, and Yellow house, respectively.

The matches were refereed by Faheem Mohd Khan, Head of the PHE department, an International match official in a very disciplined and sporting manner resulting in great spectacle for the audience.

## Impressive display of true sportsmanship



## Campus Stories

### A dream came true!

**Khadija Ali Baig** - Grade 3C

Studying Islamic Studies as a subject for the first time was an amazing experience for me. Each topic is accompanied by a Hadeeth and an activity that brings me much closer to deen and Allah (S.W.T.). As a part of Unit Masajid, all the Grade 3 students visited Taj ul Masajid. The trip was full of knowledge. We all were excited. Islamic Studies teachers Hina Rab mam, Qudsia Raees mam, and Haider Ali sir were the guide of our trip. During the visit, Haider Sir taught us how to perform wudhu. It was the first time I did wudhu in the Masjid area. Later, Maulana Omer Sahab told us the story of how Taj ul Masajid was built. We were fascinated to know that there is a school in Masjid premises. It was a fun-filled trip.

### Little ones learned about their rights and responsibilities

**Sadiya Khan** - Grade 3A

Lawyer Ambika Soni visited EPS on November 22 to talk about the rights and responsibilities of a citizen. The session was specially organized for Grade 3 students. She talked about child rights and discussed different cases related to kids. She also told them how unconsciously kids make mistakes and get into crime. She shared valuable information about how one can help children in need by dialing 1098. Ambika Soni also gave some tips for self-defense. The students also asked her some questions to which she answered willingly. It was an enlightening session for not only students but also the teachers.

### The Teenage CEO and his experiences

**Tasneem Khan** - School Captain

Kunal Chandiramani, the Teenage C.E.O., enlightened the students of EPS with learning through experience. Kunal is one of the International author and cognitive developer, besides the fact that he is just 18.

He told the students that age does not define you or your intelligence; it's all about how curious you are about solving the infinite problems this World is facing. He said that it's not about what subject you are interested in, rather it is about what kind of problem you face and how you solve it with the best of your abilities.

He is the owner of two major start-ups informed the students about his failures and his journey towards success. He also answered the curious questions of the students. He definitely set an amazing example before all the young EPSites.