

## INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

### US Consulate General Mr. Michael Yoder's Visit



The US Consulate General, Hyderabad Mr. Michael Yoder visited the School on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011. He was accompanied by Ms Celia Thompson- American Citizen Services Chief, Ms Lori Johnson – Fraud Prevention Unit Chief, Ms Vasanthi Ramdas- Visa Specialist and Ms Kavita Reddy- Consular Assistant from the Hyderabad office. The special guests were received with a traditional welcome at the gate. United States Consulate Chief Mr. Michael Yoder spoke about Indian American relations and about prospects of studying in the US. He also answered to the numerous questions in an interactive session with the students.



The International visitors toured the School and were extremely delighted to know about the system, vision and mission of the School. We at SAI are dedicated to developing good links with the United States Embassy. This excellent association will allow our students opportunities to further their career in the US.



SAI students also met Celia Thompson American Citizen Services Chief, Vasanthi Ramdas Visa Specialist, and Kavita Reddy Consulate Assistant from Hyderabad. Such meetings with top officials from the US Consulate not only empowered our students with knowledge but will prepare them to undergo the stress of the Visa interview process. The Consulate members seemed keen on cultural exchange, global understanding, and higher studies of the students in the US. We opened up talks about teacher training and correspondence with the US Embassy to bring in another global element and improve the International dimension in our school curriculum.



## World Poetry Day 2011 21<sup>st</sup> March



World Poetry Day was observed in SAI International School on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 with a Ceremonial grandeur. Important International days are always celebrated in the School with its true spirit to embed global dimension to the School ethos and prepare the students to become global citizens to take a lead of the generation next.

Eminent poetess and author Dr (Mrs.) Prativa Satpathy graced the occasion as the honored guest in the special Assembly. Dr Satpathy is one of the leading poetesses of Orissa. She has been writing poetry in Oriya for more than forty years. Now she is editor of another famous poetry magazine 'Udbhasa' which is published quarterly. Pratibha is not only famous for writing Oriya poetry, but also known to be a great literary critic. She has won many literary acclaims for her superior writing standard. She received the Jhankar Award in 1981. In 1986 she was adorned with the Orissa Sahitya Akademi Award for her poetry NIMISHE AKSHARA. In 1992 for her poetry SABARI, she had received the Sarala Award and in 2001 the Kendriya Sahitya Akademi Award for her Poetry Collection 'Tanmaya Dhuli'.

Students of the School recited their self composed poems in different languages like English, Hindi, Oriya and French. The Principal Dr Arun Prakash, in his welcome address highlighted on the necessity of reading and writing and particularly creative writing. He announced a special programme for the students that each and every student needs to write a poem or collect one and submit to their English teachers for compilation. This would motivate the students to express themselves through their own literary creation.

The esteemed guest Dr Satpathy admired the ambience of the school and the discipline of the students. She advised the students to read more of literary works and also write poems and short stories regularly which would unfold the emotional aspect of their personality and also develop their language skills.



Later in the day there were video conferences with Ryan Global School, Mumbai when the Students of class VII of both the schools read self created poems in Haiku( Japanese poetry Form) to express solidarity for the people of Japan and then another class exchanged their poems with the students of Winterbourne Academy, UK.

The world poetry day is not just a day's celebration. This will encourage the students to more of reading and writing consequently steering them towards academic and creative excellence.

### Overseas volunteer exchange ideas with our students



Henrik Nurste from Estonia is part of a team of students from Europe who is in Bhubaneswar on a cultural exchange program, visiting schools, events, conferences and interacting with people of India.

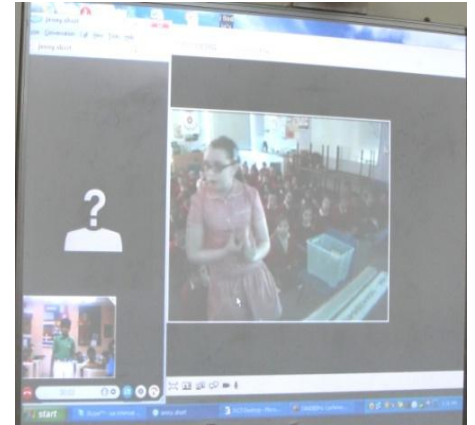
Estonia is a small country in the north east of Europe, with a thin population and people love peace and silence.

Henrik visited different classes and talked about Estonia, its culture and other details of the country. He made power point presentations in the classes, interacted with the students and answered the numerous questions of the inquisitive students.



He did an activity with the class 1 students and talked to them about how they saw the World in their perspective. The kids drew pictures as groups on this theme, painted the world with colors of their own choice and this created a cultural awareness in the young learners about the globe they live in.

## Video Conferences with Partner Schools



**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011** International Project “Time Capsule” Video Conference took place with our partner school Camden Junior School. Student from both schools brought objects that best represented 2011 and presented them to each through a VC. Then an open discussion about why these items were chosen and how people in the future would be able to tell about the society, culture and trends happening today and how they might change in the future.

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2011** International Project “In the News” – Video Conference between class VI –A (SAI International School) and Class VII (Camden Junior - UK) took place. Students from both schools researched local and global headlines and exchanged them as if they where T.V. News anchors.

