

## INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

### British Council Summer Reading Challenge



The British Council Summer Reading Challenge program was a great success in the School. This initiative was taken by the School in association with the British Council to motivate students to develop a habit of reading books.



British Council sent a mini library with over 525 books to the School library to be used by the participants of the British Council Summer Reading Challenge. SAI International School has really hit the mark by bringing such program to its students. The challenge required each participant to read 4 books in the span of one month followed by three days of workshops designed and conducted by British Council Representatives Aparna Bhattacharya, Project Manager, Sumita Majumdar, and Richa Wahi.



Crafts, Painting, Pasting, Drawing, Mask and Puppet Making, Creative writing, and Chain Letter Writing were just some of the unique and exemplary activities classes Kg II-VIII got the privilege to partake in. During a grand certificate distribution ceremony held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May British Council Representatives along with British Council Director, Mr Rob Lynes, Director, Education, Ms Sally Goggins and Sujata Sen, Director East India, handed out certificates and medals to the participants who completed the challenge and who showed exemplary involvement and performance. Such grand programmes will continue to take priority at SAI International School allowing students to have the best of both academic



and curricular worlds.

## British Council Directors visit SAI international School



Mr. Rob Lynes , Country Director of British Council, India, visited SAI International School, Bhubaneswar on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011. He was accompanied with Sally Goggins, the Director Education, India and Srilanka and Ms Sujata Sen, Director East India.



The School buzzed with excitement to welcome the guests as it was a very rare occasion. The Country Director was highly impressed with the activities, facilities, infrastructure and ethos of the School. He expressed his profound appreciation on the spirited and active participation of the School in all the British Council activities.



The esteemed visitors spoke to the Parents in a certificate presentation ceremony culminating the month long Reading Challenge program of the British Council .Mr. Rob Lynes and Sally Goggins felicitated the successful participants.



A press conference was organized in Hotel Mayfair Lagoon to brief the press about the partnership of SAI International School with the British Council and the Global School Partnership program.



Shri Bijoy K. Sahoo, Chairman of the School highlighted on the numerous International activities of the School carried out in association with the British Council through the Global School Partnership (GSP) Program . He said that SAI International could bag the **International School Award (ISA)** from Govt of UK and got exemplary citation because of the partnership with British Council. Vedanta Dhal and Aradhana could secure first and ninth position in the **World in the Paint your World Competition** organized by British Council throughout the Globe. Through GSP SAI could arrange for **teacher and student exchange programs** with Chosen Hill School, UK and Camden School UK. The **World Story teller, Reading Challenge,**



**London Theatre Training** are some of the remarkable programs which could be organized for the benefit of students because of the British Council. He also spoke on the future endeavors and International programs to fortify the educational and cultural strength of the School. He acknowledged the wonderful exposure the students of the School had, participating in the several activities of the British Council.

The international Coordinators of the school presented the Global School Partnership Program and the International activities of the School .

Mr. Rob Lynes, Country Director, British Council expressed his immense pleasure in the keen interest of the School towards the British Council activities and the success happening. He assured that British Council would love to involve the School in more International collaborations. Mr Rob informed the press what British Council is doing throughout the Country. He said that British Council is helping the government of Orissa in improving the standard of English education in state government schools. He said the UK Government is committed to extend full support to India in holistic development of the education sector in the country.



Ms Sally Goggins congratulated the School on receiving the International School Award and highly appreciated the dossier presented which was an exemplary document.



Finally the Principal of the School while proposing the vote of thanks said that SAI shall take the partnership with British Council to much higher level and see that all the educational programs are offered in the School. He said that most of the students of the school will be IELTS certificate holders with good scores so as to enable them to take up higher education across the Globe.

## Rescue Japan – SAI International School Interact Club Activity



The Interact Club at SAI International School, in order to make a profound difference in the lives of the people of Japan, stretched out their hands of generosity and teamed up with MOPA to help raise funds for Red Cross Japan. They sold T-Shirts at the school in order to aid our friends in need and express their solidarity. All the proceeds of these T-Shirts were donated to Red Cross Japan. The T- Shirts were of all sizes and colors and now can be seen sported by SAI students and their parents. SAI International School will continue to encourage its students to take such initiatives in order to mould them into conscious global citizens.

## International Day of Service



SAI International School observed the International Day of Service on 7<sup>th</sup> May, with great serenity and dedication. The students of classes XI and XII rendered their services to the society in a Community Service initiative organized by the School on this day. SAI International School in collaboration with Bakul Foundation extended services at the 'Mother Teresa Center' BBSR and SAI's Adopted School at Patia, to bring a smile and make a difference in their lives. Some of them went to the House of the Sisters of Charity and distributed biscuits and soaps to the inmates of the orphanage. They spent time with the children making the day special for them.

The rest of the students went to the adopted School at Patia and distributed pencils, eraser, sharpeners and eatables. The Students of SAI played games with the children of the School and spent some quality time with them. The teachers of the School also rendered their services on the day of service.





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