

School In Focus

Army Public School, ASC C&C



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Neerja Ashok, Teacher

A glimpse of India at one place

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A school that upkeeps the ethos of the Indian Army is Army Public School, ASC C&C. The story of the school is unlike the other schools. Its journey started in the form of a nursery school for children of Army personnel in Agram. Later on it was converted to Army Public Vidyalaya ASC and was a new campus on Victoria Road, Hyderabad.

The school called Primary and Secondary School was started in the same campus which was re-named as Vartika English Medium School under the State Board. In the year 1975, the school, post obtaining affiliation from CBSE, came to be known as Army Public School. In the year 1975, the school was rechristened as Army Public School ASC C&C.

The school was conceptualised with a mind to the continuous presence of Army personnel, so as



Anjali Mukherjee

to maintain continuity in the education of children of those in uniform. We give admission to a child whose parents got transferred to the city even one day prior to the final exam, to ensure that there is no break in a child's education," said Dr Upasana Yadav, Principal.

The most distinct aspect of Army School is that it schools children from various backgrounds.

"Our school can be aptly called as 'Mini India,' for there is a perfect mix of students from across the country.



Kushi Kumari

As members of Rotary Club, students had recently visited the Bharatiya Mahila Sangha Old Age Home, where they donated a hot and cold water dispenser using the money they had collected by selling old newspapers. The Rotary Club members under the able guidance of Sharada Skandakumar, who has also been awarded the Rotary Club vocational excellence award, visit orphanages, BBMP schools and old age homes on a regular basis. Blood donation drive and a visit to Karuna Ashraya, a Cancer Institute is also in line.

The school also has plans to celebrate "Joy of giving week" during which children will be asked to donate books and toys apart from a handful of grains to orphanages, as the school believes that small actions make a big difference.

"As a teacher with 32 years of experience, I feel that a teacher should have the thirst for knowledge. I along with all the teachers here, strive to teach our students for life," said Sagaya Rani, Senior Teacher.

"We try to teach our students to think, not just to learn," adds the principal.

The school encourages its students to take part in extra curricular activities with equal vigour. Kushi Kumari, a class IX NCC Cadet, took part in Rock Climbing Training Camp in Gwalior recently. Kushi was also

awarded the best cadet award in IBC camp, for having secured the highest marks in the drill. "The school has always been supportive in my passion for rock-climbing," said Kushi, who wants to take part in the Himalayan Trek in future.

In order to commemorate different events and apprise the students regarding the same, themed assemblies are conducted wherein the students get to perform, speak and give a presentation. "The amount of opportunities we get in the school is tremendous. My school has helped me to know my potential and build upon it," said Anjali Mukherjee of class XII.

To inculcate the positive values on environment, the school regularly organises tree plantation drive and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan rally to bring about awareness regarding the importance of cleanliness.

"Our school implements our honourable prime minister's various initiatives and also makes the students understand the importance of such initiatives or schemes," said Neerja Ashok, teacher, who feels that each day in the school has been a learning experience for her.



"I have classmates from different states which sort of gives us an idea of India as a country. It helps us get a better understanding of people from diverse backgrounds which will, in turn, help us develop into better human beings."
MOHAMMED FURQAAN,
 House Captain.

The school portrays national integrity in its true form. Though the school was started for children from Army background, 10% of the seats are reserved for civilians," said Upasana.

In order to widen the horizons of learning, students are regularly taken for educational trips and plenty of activities are organised in the campus.



Rotary Club tending to the herb garden.

Ritvij Thakur, Aditya Singh and Prithwish Ghosh of class XI (Commerce stream) have developed an e-voting software which the school uses to conduct elections for the school council. Ritvij and Aditya have also developed Travel Buddy app, a travel and tourism app which gives information regarding Jaipur and Udaipur.



Students of Army Public School ASC C&C using the fund raised by the selling old newspapers and by donation made by Principal Upasana Yadav, donated a Water Dispenser to the ShantiDham – an old age home.