

Gandhi Smriti Excursion (P5)

On 29th March 2023, students of grade 5 from Gyan Bharati School, Saket went on a school excursion to Gandhi Smriti, which is a museum dedicated to the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. The purpose of the excursion was to learn more about the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and understand his contribution to the Indian independence movement.

Students were taken around the Smriti by well-informed guides, who explained the significance of various exhibits, such as sculptures, frescoes, inscriptions on rocks, and relics pertaining to the years Mahatma Gandhi spent at this place. The 'Pillar of Castelessness', a symbol of unity, caught the fancy of students, which illuminated with their touch as they stood together holding hands. There was a beautifully maintained dolls museum that depicted important events from Mahatma Gandhi's life.

The students also revisited Gandhiji's life by displaying photographs, sculptures, paintings, frescos, and inscriptions on rocks and relics pertaining to the years that Gandhiji spent there. The evolution of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi to Mahatma Gandhi depicted through the panels of black and white photographs accompanied by a simple narrative helped students learn about Gandhiji through an enlightening visual experience.

The Eternal Gandhi Multimedia Museum on the upper floor, seemingly the first of its kind in India, presented Gandhiji's life as a new-age digital archive, with over 40 exhibits in physical tactile media with laser beams, computers, and sound effects to bring to life, as it were, Gandhi Bapu's life and his beliefs. The exhibits included musical bamboo poles and multi-hued kaleidoscopes carrying Gandhi's messages and a xylophone playing Gandhiji's favorite hymns. The highly interactive museum aims to bring the Mahatma and his values closer to the newer generations.

The students towards the end of the excursion were taken to the exact spot following the stone-mounted footsteps where Gandhi Ji was assassinated on 30th January 1948. The instructor explained the events of the fateful day and the significance of the spot. The students were visibly moved and paid their respect to the great leader.

This excursion was not only a great success but also left a lasting impression on the students highlighting the importance of his teachings of non-violence, truth, and simplicity.



