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Let your child find out more about the evolution of Communication, Art & Lifestyle at the Scientography Summer Camp, 2018

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100 Days, Sports Day & Annual Day



At our schools, every day is an event for us to celebrate the joy of childhood. Whether it's a '100 days' affair; a display of our sportsmanship or our year end concerts, we do it with a great sense of pride and passion. These events are a joyous culmination and an enthusiastic extension of the children's learnings in the classroom.

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Get to know our latest personnel updates as we transform & evolve with our schools all over. At Edvance, we intermittently retain and sustain a highly qualified, experienced and diverse work force.

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Our Parents cannot stop 'gushing' over the Vivero Summer Camps held last year as they once again flood our enquiry desk with registrations for the upcoming one this Summer.

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Our New Initiative



Learn about our latest attraction 'Cubetto' and share our thoughts about your child's upcoming transition to the primary school. Every student's growth and smooth transition to the next phase of schooling is what lies at the centre of all our endeavours as we help parents understand and make the most of our offerings at all times.

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On ground zero, the process of transforming all our Serra schools to Vivero has reached its momentum and we look forward to opening the next academic year with our newly evolved Pre-Schools & Child Care centres at Pune.

This time of the year is also synonymous with our Annual Day concerts as each school celebrates the culmination of the wonders of childhood with great pomp & fervor. As we take care not to miss any opportunity to Celebrate Childhood along the way we also bid a teary farewell to our Graduating Kindergarteners of 2017-18 - another proud batch of our Lifelong Learners and we wish them a Great Life ahead!

Dr. Arun Arora
Chairman, Edvance Group

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At Vivero our teachers plan and provide the

resources they need for creative expression and the key resource here is 'time'. Children are given ample amount of time for unstructured, child-directed, imaginative play –unencumbered by adult direction, and that which does not depend on a lot of commercial materials. Allowing children the freedom and autonomy to explore their ideas and do what they want is the key to giving them the opportunity to express "divergent thoughts." Focus is on encouraging them to find more than one route to a solution, and more than one solution to a problem! When they successfully solve a problem, they are not only motivated to solve it again but also to find new ways to go about solving it. Thus we see

the emergence of a new age Entrepreneur!

The essence of the curriculum was beautifully illustrated by the children of Vivero as they collaborated, communicated and enthusiastically executed enterprising projects such as The Wrap & Scrap store, The Corn Stall, The Winter Wonderland & the Carnival Parade, daily duties of the Flamingoes and the Puppet Shows. Children exercised independence of thought confidently. They connected their learnings in the classrooms to the execution of it in the real world. We saw the children initiate actions & complete their duties independently and efficiently.



Wrap and Scrap Store



Corn Stall Startup



Young Turks at the Winter Wonderland



Enterprising K2s prepare for the Carnival



Raising Independent & Responsible Flamingos



Carnival Parade

'Childhood Proof' and How?

As you entrust your little ones into our care; it is our constant resolve to ensure that we provide them an environment that is safe, secure & hygienic. We also believe that the 'environment' is the third teacher and plays an integral role after the facilitators and the parents. With this inherent belief a whole lot of thought and care goes into the daily planning of our environment and learning spaces. Our spaces for the 21st Century Learners are not just stimulating but also equipped with the general requisites for a 'Childhood Proof' environment. Some of our Childhood Proof measures include:



Rounded Picket fences to barricade the staircase entryways and Kitchen areas



Clean, age appropriate & non-toxic manipulatives



Certified Nurse on duty for Infant Care



CCTVs surveillance at specific vantage points



Hands are sanitized at the main entryway



Daily temperature check is conducted before the child enters the classroom

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Evolution is the process of change that has given us the reality we have today. Our current state is an amalgamation of all the Sciences plus our History & Geography through the ages. This Summer; we invite you to join us as we connect and unravel the evolution of communication, art, lifestyle and globalization through Scientography - Our Summer Camp.

The purpose of the Camp will be to encourage children to make connections & understand how the world has evolved since early 'man'.

Our carefully curated age-appropriate adventures will engage children in exciting experiments while they learn about different cultures & people; meet new friends, play games, explore the outdoors, create art & crafts etc. all through a delightfully packaged Summer Experience!

TIME TRAVEL

A journey of discovery where children learn the connections between modern tools and natural objects from the past that they evolved from

EVOLVING EARTH

A thrilling journey of the evolution of our world – from the evolution of living beings to the evolution of a global society

FUTURE READY

21st century skills such as confidence, resilience, leadership and multi cultural awareness will be developed as children engage in experiential learning

OUTDOORS WITH DOCTOR D

Games and sports in an engaging and vitamin-D filled outdoor atmosphere will give children a fun way to enhance decision making skills, learn teamwork and form positive bonds

GRAND FINALE

Trade Auction exploring the evolution of trade from barter to e-commerce.

Recipe Challenges to enjoy the evolution of cuisine around the globe, across time.

Age Group: 2 yrs to 7 yrs

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INTERNATIONAL PRE-SCHOOL & CHILD CARE

SERRA is Transforming to VIVERO

Change is the only constant' and progressive evolution is the way forward as we oversee our Serra International Pre-schools at Magarpatta, Aundh, Wakad & Kharadi at Pune gradually transforming into their new 'avatars' by implementing the best practices & principles of Vivero. Armed with tried & tested learning experiences and environments of Vivero that not only support emerging skills but also encourage critical thinking for our 21st century learner, we look forward to the forthcoming academic session 2018-19 and these transformations.



Event Report

100 Days of School Celebration

100 is a BIG number and when it comes to pre-school children it is even bigger than you can possibly imagine!

Keeping this 'Big' number in mind, *Vivero International, Powai* planned a day to rejoice & celebrate '100 days of school' - a day that would stay as a memory in the minds of young children for many more ahead.

The '100 day' celebration started off with a warm welcome to the Pre-Nursery & Nursery children who came dressed for the party, while the Kindergarten 1 & 2 came dressed as their 'Grandpas & Grandmas'. The children participated and enjoyed the activities planned by the teachers.

Everything revolved around the number "100". The theme was wonderfully depicted by the 'Photo-booth' "100" as it attractively captured memorable frames of the children with their parents. Parents too shared their own experiences of coming to school for the past 100 days adding to the colourful adventures of the day. The highlight of "100 days of School" was the human figure created by the entire team of Vivero Powai and wonderfully clicked via an aerial shot to commemorate the event.



Sports Day

Vivero International, Kharadi held their *Sports Week* from 7th - 9th February 2018. The focus was to encourage Sportsmanship and Camaraderie amongst children. All children in the age group 2- 6 years participated and played fun games infusing team spirit and love for sports.

The aim of the week was to develop motor skills, promote the importance of physical exercise, help children make new friends and most importantly learn to have fun as a part of a team. Overall sports and games are always a healthy forum for children to learn about fair-play and respect for rules and positive behaviour.



Annual Days at Vivero

Vivero Kalyani Nagar, Pune held their Annual Concert on 18th February 2018 amidst much pomp and splendor at Symbiosis International School auditorium, Viman Nagar. “*Fitness Fiesta*” - the central theme of the event emphasized the steep decline of physical activity in our modern sedentary lives and highlighted the necessity to get up and move from time to time. The young toddlers danced to peppy beats of ‘LaBamba’, ‘Clap your hands’ and ‘Bumping up and down’ while the elder children expressed the joys of working out with Dumbbells, diving into the ‘Swimming Pool’ or simply walking in the jungle. Show stoppers for the event were the Kindergarten children with their ‘Karate chops’, “Surya Namaskar” and a Soccer Play act.



Meanwhile, the same morning saw the children of *Vivero Powai, Mumbai* weaving magic at the 8th Annual Concert in St. Andrew’s Auditorium, Bandra through their show - “*We Wish You A World*”. The toddlers & older children performed as ‘Chocolates & Lollies’, Robots and Computer games and also presented a glimpse of outer space filled with wonder-cars and UFO’s to exhibit the joy & wonder of life around us. The children of Kindergarten ruled the stage as confident ‘narrators’ of the show which made us all rethink about our responsibilities towards planet Earth. The human bridges, cart wheels and somersaults were welcome surprise elements and were met with a lot of applause and cheer.



Vivero Whitefield, Bangalore followed up this year end tradition with their Annual Day tribute on Sunday, 11th of March 2018 at CMRIT Auditorium, AECs Layout. The children came together to present “*The Nightingale - A musical journey*”. The Kindergarten II children anchored the entire event as ‘narrators’ for the evening and displayed their inherent learning of key elements from the unique curriculum such as music, leadership, entrepreneurship, culinary programme and the tech initiative. This engaging program was added with a dash of humour which left the audience roaring with laughter through the evening.



The Grand Finale acts for each of these events was the ‘Graduation Ceremony’ for the outgoing Kindergarten II children for the academic year 2017-18 from the respective schools. As always we are in complete awe of our children for putting up such successful shows year after year. We wish them a Healthy Life & the Best of the World ahead!



What's the Buzz

Watch out for 'Cubetto'!



We are excited to introduce 'Cubetto' at a Vivero Centre near you.

'Cubetto' is an award-winning friendly wooden robot that teaches young children the basics of coding through adventure and hands-on play.

A screen-less coding system; it employs an inclusive solution that merges LOGO Turtle-inspired programming with Montessori learning principles. 'Cubetto' encourages imagination and exploration into the world of programming and provides for gender-neutral play that boosts a child's creativity, critical thinking, spatial awareness and communication skills.

Main highlights of this bootcamp are:

- Age appropriate Cubetto activities
- Thoughtfully designed 30 minute challenges for pre-schoolers
- Interactive & exciting adventures with 'Cubetto' as children get to explore maps and mazes!

Movie Night

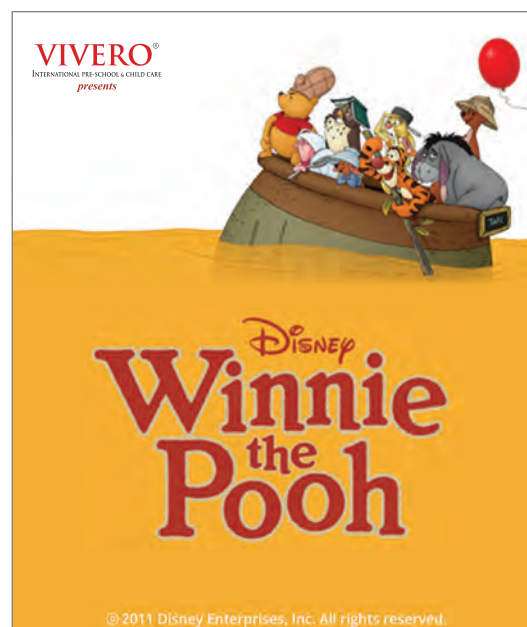
POP on over & join us for an evening full of fun with Winnie & his friends at a Vivero International centre near you!

Call us now to book your seats for a complimentary movie screening:

7th April 2018 - Serra International, Sopanbaug, Pune - 9545103333

14th April 2018 - Vivero International, Magarpatta, Pune - 8888838896

14th April 2018 - Vivero International, Hitech City, Hyderabad - 9618434400



The 'Big School' - Transitioning tips to K12

What will the children experience?

New Environment

The soothing familiarity of the preschool learning space is no longer available. The room is set up differently and there the washroom may no longer be in / next to the classroom anymore. Providing a visual description of the classroom or talking about it will help reduce anxiety around entering the new learning environment.

New Routines

This includes but is not limited to; an entrance routine in the morning, an exit routine for break and home-time, a lunch-time/ snack-time routine and a washroom routine (to name a few) - routines that are introduced in the first few weeks of school itself. For some this can be 'information overload' and may lead to some resistance & negative behaviors. Discussing these with the child well in advance may mentally prepare them for the upcoming change.

New Structure

While Preschools support a very play based learning environment; Grade 1 comes along with fixed seating arrangements & structured sessions for extended periods of time. It now involves a lot more paper and pencil work and a lot less moving around the classroom. Here again, for some learners this change might be a little overwhelming. As parents, prepare yourself first by incorporating some more structure into your child's day at home before the start of the new academic year.

As children move from pre-school to primary school, things are about to get more formal, more structured, and a lot more demanding.

Most children are easily able to navigate the changes but for some it can be quite daunting. It is here that 'successful transition' comes into play; helping children to adapt to new settings positively. The process of transitions sets the tone and direction in a child's school journey. This handling of this significant juncture may have a lasting influence on not only how children view themselves but also on how others value them along with their sense of well-being and the ability to learn.

The dynamics of shifting to a primary school can be made more amiable for the child if the immediate family & caregivers are also prepared for the forthcoming changes. Parents must continue to provide a socially engaging environment and involve the children in active experiences that promote growth and learning. Parents are advised to be patient with the child. Understand that this is a big transition, and it may take a few weeks or months for them to start enjoying Grade 1. The more you support your child's transition at home, the happier your first-grader will be moving ahead!



What should parents look for in the new school environment?

Children's rights: Schools should care for each child's well-being and should work to nurture their development by providing an environment where rights are promoted and protected while ensuring that young children understand this at all times.

Culture: The philosophy, vision and mission of the school should be positive and credible. The way teachers and other staff members work together and the set of beliefs, values, they share should promote the child's ability to learn and grow.

Continuity: The school should seamlessly provide continuity between early learning basics and the gradual advance of education into primary school. At the same time the continuity between the child's home environment and the primary school environment should also be taken into account to make the transition as gentle as possible.

Curriculum: Aligned standards ensure stability across the components of a child-centered educational system. Check for schools that use the child's developmental cycles to organize an integrated curriculum for primary school.

Conducive Environment: Refers to the extent to which effort and resources are invested in creating stimulating classrooms that support active learning.

Communication: Schools should be equipped & open to opportunities for parent and family involvement. Attention here is to be given to how & to what extent communication between home and the school is managed?

At VIVERO every child's growth is at the center of all that we do. As we share every parent's commitment to success of his or her child, we continuously endeavor to help parents understand, and to make the most of the offering of our school in the years to come.

Parent Chronicles

Parents speak about our Summer Camp 2017



"It's joyous to see our daughter Twisha develop her overall personality at Vivero. The 2017 - Summer Camp at Vivero provides the platform for kids to imagine, think & create. We parents were so amazed to see our daughter being so spirited back home & talk about myriad of things. The animal face painting, the tambourine play, Chinese bhel, Eiffel tower, all wonderful activities. The theme 'Imagineers' and the activities were so apt for the age group., It helps in cognitive development of a child. A big thank you to Vivero and all its amazing teachers for this awesome summer event."

"We highly recommend the Summer Camp and wish Vivero all the best."

Deepak Korti (Parent of Twisha Korti, K2)

"We have been very curious to know what SCIENCE will be taught to our little tots. Today, we feel a lot more connected with all that was made and taught thorough simplified concepts. We are encouraged to follow the path to keep his interest going."

"Thank you for all your efforts. We miss the classes already. Arush enjoyed his summer camp."

Madhavi (Parent of Arush, Nursery)

"WOW!!!! I am very happy and speechless. Can't believe my kid has learnt so much in just few days of summer camp. I was amazed when she saw a mobile tower and screamed 'Mama Eiffel Tower', what more can I say."

"Thank you Vivero and the lovely teachers for everything. Kyra has learnt both intellectually and personally."

"Enjoying every minute with Vivero and Kyra."

Krithi Achia (Parent of Kyra, Nursery)

Our daughter, Myesha, is always excited to go to Vivero and meet her friends and teachers. This time at the summer camp she has come back almost every day with some newly created craft piece that her teachers helped her create. This just goes to show how creative and educational her summer camp has been at Vivero - which is a great alternative to any regular day care."

"We are very happy with the teachers and aunties at Vivero as they have been exceptionally good and create a wonderful environment for the kids. We haven't looked back after we put Myesha in Vivero for school, and the same goes for the summer camp."

Karan and Debanjana (Parents of Myesha, Pre-Nursery)

HR Movements

Bengaluru

- Ms. Rachna Jha has been promoted as the Operations Head of Bengaluru
- Ms. Pavithra Balachandran has been promoted as the School Head of Vivero International Pre-school and Child Care, HSR Layout
- Ms. Amita Moudgil has joined as the Parent Relationship Manager of Vivero International Pre-school and Child Care, HSR Layout. She has taken over this role from Ms. Roopa Radhakrishna who has been assigned the role of a Child Care Coordinator cum Admin Executive
- Ms. Simmy Jha has taken over the role of Parent Relationship Executive of Vivero International Pre-school and Child Care, Manyata Tech Park from Ms. Nikhat Javed who has moved to Hyderabad

Pune

- Ms. Afza Butt has been transferred to Vivero International Pre-school, Magarpatta and has taken over the role of the School Head from Ms. Hemangini Salukhe
- Ms. Sonali Samant has joined as the Centre Manager at Vivero International Child Care Centre, Magarpatta
- Ms. Poonam Pagay has been promoted as the Senior Manager - Operations and Tech Integration and is now part of the Corporate Team
- Ms. Geeta Khetarpal has taken over the role of Manager - Administration and Child Care at Vivero International Pre-school and Child Care, Kalyani Nagar from Ms. Poonam Pagay
- Ms. Shaily Daru has taken over the role of Parent Relationship Manager at Vivero International Pre-school and Child Care, Magarpatta from Ms. Sanchi Jain
- Ms. Sneha Tumkur has taken over the role of Parent Relationship Executive of Vivero International Pre-school and Child Care, Kharadi from Ms. Anna Trisal
- Ms. Dhara Sanghavi has taken over the role of supporting our Business Partners in Pune, Bangalore and Chennai from Ms. Dhara Mehta and Ms. Aishwarya Madanagopalan
- Ms. Niharika Singhvi has taken over the role of Parent Relationship Executive of Vivero International Pre-school and Child Care, Wakad from Ms. Sejal Oswal

Mumbai

- Ms. Srijana Sachdeva has moved to Mumbai and joined the Marketing Team at the Corporate Office as a Marketing Manager

Hyderabad

- Ms. Rakhi Singh has taken over the role of managing our operations in Hyderabad from Ms. CH Madhuri
- Ms. Nupur Tiwari has taken over the role of Vice Principal at Vivero International Pre-school and Child Care, Hitech City from Ms. Yasmeen Khan
- Ms. Nikhat Javed has taken over the profile of the Parent Relationship Executive at Vivero International Pre-school and Child Care, Hitech City from Ms. Snigdha Varma.
- Ms. Shagufta Sanober joined the Corporate team as the Marketing Executive

Keep in Touch

Reaching Out

As we help unfold and nurture the Global Citizens of tomorrow; we strive to invest all possible effort and resource in order to share the journey of your child with you. Whether a precious milestone or a simple joyful moment; we employ every available opportunity to communicate your child's experiences during the time they spend with us at Vivero.

Our YouTube channel is yet another window to help you get a glimpse into the wonderful world of Vivero!

Click and subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/c/ViveroInternational> for informative and educational video on Child Safety, Parenting Tips and more.



Keeping our children Safe: Good Touch vs Bad Touch

52,641 views

131 SHARE

Stay tuned to our YouTube channel for the next edition of our age-appropriate and sensitively curated short videos.



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