

Expressions find a platform

The annual day celebration of the Aditya Birla World Academy was held recently at St. Andrews Auditorium in Bandra. With a distinct purpose of originality, the school takes great pride in trying out new forms of theatrical expression. And this year was no different!

Helmed by Sahil Jaffrey, this year's play had a feel of witty, yet teasing imagination, to coincide with the date of the play on April Fools Day!

The pre-primary play titled 'Jungle: Booked', takes place in a thick, dense forest, where there is a gathering of all the Wild Animals (students from LKG) who inhabit jungles from all across the world. As and when they arrive, they complain about how domesticated animals have caused global warming, pollution and Selfies. However, once all the wild animals are present, they forget about all their worries and celebrate with songs and dances. But before they know it, they have some unexpected visitors-the domesticated animals, pets (students from HKG) who gatecrash their big jungle celebration. This does not go

down too well with the lion. But the pets give the Lion enough proof of how humans are responsible for the mess. What ensues thereafter is a beautiful case of togetherness, where the wild welcome back the pets. The coming together of the song and dance sequence ends the pre-primary play. After a break the primary students staged a play titled 'stress:busted' comprising of a few short stories about people's love for some of the most common things that people care about deeply. For Gadgets and Technology, love for Music, Patriotism and science fiction were some of the topics. All the scenes of this play independently had hidden messages that were only clearly revealed right at the end of the show through a monologue enacted by a grade V students. There were mime and tableau, stunts and gymnastics, piano and violin performances, songs and dances that enthralled the parents who gathered to watch the performance of their children. Dances were choreographed by TR Dance Co and the play was written and directed by Sahil Jaffrey for the school.



Stills from the play

