

## PRIMARY DEPARTMENT REPORT ON “VISIT TO KIDZANIA”

“Do not keep children to their studies by compulsion but by play”, said Plato over 2400 years ago and his words still ring true. This philosophy found expression in visit of our students to “Kidzania”, which is a unique and interactive indoor theme park. It gives a real life experience to kids through role-play activities. Built like a city, it is complete with paved roads, battery operated cars, buildings, functioning economy and its own currency. Kidzania was voted the world’s top family entertainment centre by the IAAPA (International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions) and indeed it is an entertaining learning experience for the kids.

Accompanied by 9 teachers, **136** students of Class III visited Kidzania on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017. The students were divided into different groups based on the activities they took up. This was a real time miniature world where our students experienced the processes which drive various industries. We had fire fighters managing an emergency, chefs making wonderful dishes, doctors handling patients to name a few situations the students experienced. The young ones were seen enthusiastically running a pizza store, a beverage factory and a snack plant. The activities were interspersed with a meal at the Kidzania eatery. These experiences help in delivering holistic development inputs to our students. Their dabbling in various activities helped them appreciate the world around us and the kind of work which goes into making products, which seem so simple and readily available. It also helps them in finding out their areas of interest and tap into their latent creativity and potential. In short, the visit to Kidzania was in spirit of noted psychologist Abraham Maslow’s thinking that almost all creativity involves purposeful play.

