

**KOTHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NOIDA**

**Trip to Agrasen Ki Baoli and Jantar Mantar**

An educational trip to Agrasen Ki Baoli and Jantar Mantar was organised for students of grade 6 on 23 October 2019. This one day trip was dedicated to provide an insight to the oldest monuments Agrasen Ki Baoli and Jantar Mantar in Delhi.

The students were made aware of many facts about these World Heritage Sites by Social Science teachers Ms. Richa Monga and Ms. Sumita Bhatia. Visit to Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory provided an opportunity for students to learn about the scientific practices of 18th-century India. The learners marvelled at the intricate network of dials and devices used to follow the patterns of the planets, the Samrat Yantra, a huge triangle that acts as a sundial which is 70 feet (20 meters) high, the Misra Yantra, a tool to work out which are the shortest and longest days in the year.

Agrasen Ki Baoli, a superlative feat of engineering from ancient India was an eye opener for students as they could connect how rain water harvesting has been an on going ancient custom, which is applicable till date. Apart from serving as a storage of water, they probably also served as communal spots for people to congregate and meet, gossip, and catch up on the events and happenings of the times; they would also be great locations for celebrating festivals.

Such educational visits enables students to understand the link between the past and present and increases student's sensitivities towards the subject. It was a great learning experience for our learners who got a chance to explore, to see, touch and to feel these two World Heritage Sites.



