

Dhirubhai Ambani school kids win Bournvita quiz

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Mumbai: Which Indian holds the world record for catches in Test cricket? Who is the only Prime Minister who was the governor of the RBI? Which is the oldest National Park of Assam? Which is the only planet where the sun rises in the west and sets in the east? These were some of the questions quizmaster Derek O' Brien asked the finalists of the Cadbury Bournvita Confident Minds contest on Thursday. Vying for the top prize were six Mumbai teams representing their schools. After four rounds—confident looker, confident speaker, confident thinker and confident **team—Dhirubhai** Ambani International School won the grand prize.

Winners Kartik Sabharwal (13), Pranav Mehta (12), Bhuvan Pate (11) and Vedant Jain (11) said it was the extensive school library and friendly librarians who helped them achieve this. They also give credit to the morning current affairs discussions they have with their classmates and teacher during a 15-minute registration period. "I make a conscious effort to make note of every little bit of information I see or read," says Sabharwal. Their English and history teacher Sunita Nath was present at the contest venue. Ask how her students won and she says it is the regular intraschool quizzes that made them ready. "Students prepare quizzes for their classmates themselves," says Nath. "This gives them exposure on how to create a quiz, think of smart questions and current topics. This way they can anticipate what the quizmaster will ask."

Rustomjee Cambridge International School was the first runner-up while St Gregorious School claimed the third spot. Gregorious student Hriday Gupta has a mini-library of quiz books, encyclopaedias, CDs and DVDs at home. His teacher at Gregorious, Sita Lakshmi who started the GK club with the principal's guidance, was there to cheer her students.

Brien was in his usual quizzing avatar. In one round, participants were given four words around which they had to weave a plot. Salman, shirt, bucket and coins were the words given to the winning team who managed to write and present a story that impressed Brien the most.



LITTLE CHAMPS: Students of **Dhirubhai** Ambani International School with Derek O' Brien at the Cadbury Bournvita Confident Minds contest on Thursday

The Bournvita Confident Minds Contest

“...and the winners are the Dhirubhai Ambani International School!” Yes, an unforgettable moment indeed. After qualifying the Intra – School Challenge, the four participants, Karthik Sabharwal, Vedant Jain, Bhuvam Patel and I, Pranav Mehta were selected for the Inter – School Contest. Confident as we were, there was also an element of nervousness and uncertainty, as we were facing the best 35 schools in Mumbai. On Thursday, 17th November 2009, four of us departed for Ecole Mondiale world School, where the contest was to be held, after a motivating round of pats on the back, ‘best-of-luck’s’ and cheering from our fellow classmates.

The preliminary round was a written test, after which only six teams were to qualify for the final challenge. After a tiring session of 25 questions, the teams that qualified were called out one after another. After the 5th team was called out, we desperately prayed to Goddess Saraswati... ..and she listened to us, for we were the last team to qualify! As a feeling of anxiety mixed with sheer elation overpowered us, we were ready to play the The Bournvita Confident Minds Contest with our host, the great quiz master, Derek O’ Brien.

There were four rounds to be played. The first round, Confident Looker was segregated into two parts. The first sub-round was a test of our memory. We were shown a video clip, which we had to carefully observe and then answer a set of questions based on the video. In the second round, we had to assemble a jumbled image within a time limit of 30 seconds. By this time, we were coming second with 20 points. The next round, Confident Speaker, was the real clincher, since it was here that we got the lead (and maintained it). We were given four random words with no connection and were given two minutes to prepare a story. We quickly concocted a story and were given 48 points from a maximum of 50 for our great story and oratorical skills.

The next rounds were not tough. We maintained our lead in the Confident Player round. It was a math based round where we had to solve a simple sum by putting in the necessary operations. The Confident Team round, which was the Final round literally had us on the edge of our seats, for the final three teams remaining were fighting it out for the top spot. It was a general knowledge based round and was not tough to crack. Yes! We emerged victorious after defeating 35 teams in Mumbai. A well deserved victory indeed!

We were greeted by our Heads and teachers at the school gate. Our classmates cheered for us, and made us feel like real champions! Why, we were even interviewed on the Radio Mirchi and were featured in the next day issue of ‘The Times Of India’! We received a very motivating letter of Appreciation from our Chairperson, Smt. Nita Ambani, wishing us well for our upcoming challenges.

It was indeed an unforgettable and exhilarating experience. We sincerely thank our teachers for supporting us on our road to victory. We hope to win and overcome all challenges that come our way.

Pranav Mehta and Vedant Jain



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