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# The Kalyani School Newsletter

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK ...

We are safely inside 2026, and as usual, we have ushered in the New Year with the traditional ritual of putting down new resolutions, game plans and propositions in place. While I was renewing my own plans, and removing the cobwebs from the still untouched promises I had made in Jan, 2025, I wondered if all of those that I make year after year, and the efforts I put in sometimes, to fulfil a few of them, actually mean anything in the long run. Do they?

If I am allowed to put forth a very personal idea, without going into any metaphysics or too much philosophical nitty gritty, I might say that all the promises that I have made till date, though most of them have still not crossed the threshold of fulfilment, have added a little bit at a time, to the person who I am. Everything that I do, or that happens to me, including my thoughts, my plans and my agendas; and also those of others who surround me, ultimately, become a part of me.

Since I cannot survive as an island, therefore, I am the sum total of what happens around me. Every moment of life, even those that we do not live directly, is therefore significant. We like to say that, what others say about us, does not matter. Perhaps it is true, but then, it is impossible to completely ignore them either. After all, they do reflect the marks we leave in others' lives. I feel, therefore, it is important that we should make at least an effort, to create favourable imprints.

I know that I do not have enough will to keep all the promises I make every 1<sup>st</sup> of January. My resolve to eat and sleep on time, or to retain my exercise regime, or to practise more tact, perhaps will all go down the drain after a trial run this year, again. But there is one thing that I have promised this time, which I would really try to live up to - when I meet people, I will make a genuine effort to bring a smile to their hearts, because I might be connected to them in some form, and therefore, what they think about me, is important - it matters.

**“THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS  
GETTING STARTED.” – MARK TWAIN.**

*Soma Ghosh*



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## Our Crowning Glory

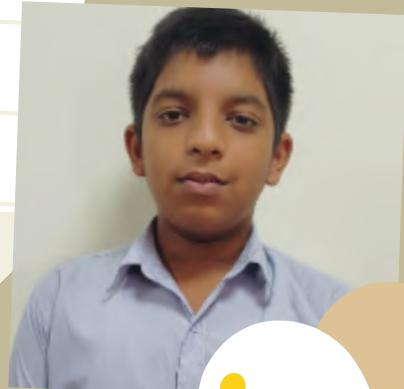
Mr. Amresh Kesare, the Admin Head of TKS, and Ms. Neesha Rodgers, Academic Coordinator, Elementary School, were the proud recipients of the Symbiosis Education Award, on 16<sup>th</sup> of January. It was given in recognition of their outstanding contribution in the field of education, and dedication and for their efforts in nurturing young minds. We are proud to have such impactful leaders amongst us, and heartily congratulate them for bringing such a remarkable recognition to the school.



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## They Did Us Proud

Anjaneya Agarwal, of Grade X participated in the Indian Olympiad Qualifier, Mathematics (IOQM), conducted by the Mathematics Teachers' Association (India). He has been awarded the Certificate of Merit as the Regional Recognition for being among the top 10% of students who participated, from the Goa and Maharashtra region. He has also received the National Recognition for his performance at the National Level. We congratulate his passion for Mathematics, and wish him many more such accolades.



Jyash Tholiya of Grade IX, has been recognized as the Best Delegate (First Position) at Flame University's FLAME MUN 2026, held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January. He was part of the UNSC (United Nations Security Council) Committee. He was assigned the portfolio of Russia and demonstrated exceptional research, articulation, and leadership throughout the conference. We congratulate his power of words, and wish him many more successes.

Hridhaan Shah of Grade XI, has secured the 1<sup>st</sup> Position in the Boys' U-19 Category, and has been selected as the Semi-finalist in the Men's Category, in the Little Master Willingdon Open, Mumbai, 2026, organized by the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI). This National level tournament was conducted from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of January, at the Willingdon Sports Club, Mumbai. It is indeed a proud moment for us, and we heartily congratulate him for his remarkable achievement. Keep going, Hridhaan!



“BE AT WAR WITH YOUR VICES, AT PEACE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS, AND LET EVERY NEW YEAR FIND YOU A BETTER MAN.”  
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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## They Did Us Proud

■ Anika Vora, of Grade III, has been awarded for securing an impressive and well-deserved 8th Position at the Dr. Satish Thigale Memorial, Pune District U-7 and U-9 (Open & Girls) Selection Chess Championship. Her performance reflected confidence, determination, and impressive strategic thinking. The Championship was conducted at Symbiosis Sports Center, on 17th and 18th of January. Great going, Anika. May you go from strength to strength!



■ Abeer Maddhav of Grade VII, has secured the 3rd Position in the U-13 Boys category in a FIDE rated tournament, conducted at Swami Vivekanand International School, Kandivali, organized by the Mumbai Suburban District Chess Association, from 9th to 11th of January. We are very proud of his achievement, and wish him many more such successes.

■ Krishika Sengupta of Grade IV, participated in an International Math Challenge, engaging in 5 theme-based Math contests, which took place online, by MathAI, from November 2024 to September 2025. The results were declared in January 2026. Krishika secured a place among the top 100 participants worldwide, achieving an overall global rank of 76. Additionally, she earned a global rank of 20 in the Individual Riddles category too. We heartily congratulate these commendable achievements, and wish her the best for every venture in the future too.



■ Mayra Yadav, of Grade III, achieved the 1st Place in a 50 m Race, in the Girls' U- 10 category, organized by Angel High School, Pune. This Inter-School event took place on 25<sup>th</sup> of January at Urli Kanchan, Pune. Congratulations, Mayra. Way to go!

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## They Did Us Proud

Aarav Vatyani, of Grade VII has won a Gold Medal at the National Federation Cup Taekwondo, Jaipur, in the Freestyle Team Poomsae, and Silver Medal in Recognised Team Poomsae, in the U-14 category. This National level contest was conducted from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, at the SMS Stadium, Jaipur. Congratulations Aarav. May you go from strength to strength!



Arjun Shukla of Grade III, was awarded the 2nd Place in the Pune Grand City Finals Triathlon (run, jump and throw), organized by UBS. The competition was conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> of January, at Savitribai Phule Pune University, for the U-8 Boys' category. We congratulate Arjun for his remarkable achievement, and wish to see him succeed in whatever he does.

Armaan Ali Raaj, from Grade VII won a Gold Medal at the Indian Debating League 2016, in the Original Oratory category. It was a National level contest, conducted by IIT Madras, on 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. We are very proud of Armaan's laudable oratory skills, and heartily congratulate him on his success.



**"WORK HARD IN SILENCE, LET YOUR SUCCESS BE THE NOISE." - FRANK OCEAN**

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## We Celebrated Sports

The Kalyani School becomes the hub of utmost excitement in the month of January, since it ushers in the event that is close to every student's heart - the annual Sports Day. This year, the Kalyaniites celebrated it on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of January, on their sports ground. Sports Day at TKS, is an integral part of the school curriculum and plays a vital role in developing athletic and physical skills; discipline, teamwork, cooperation, and above all a sportsman-spirit. And like each year, the occasion was attended enthusiastically by all Kalyaniites. Since the school has grown phenomenally over the years, the celebration spanned over three sections, so that every child could get an opportunity to be on the ground, either as a participant, or as a spectator, cheering loudly for their team. The Elementary Grade children did not engage in any competition - they just had a 'Run for Fun'. As the name suggests, the objective is to give them a taste of a real sports day, without thinking of winning the races. It was a moving spectacle to see the little ones taking part in the special races specially curated for them, with the parents and teachers cheering heartily.



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## We Celebrated Sports

The competitions were conducted from Grades II to V in one section and VI to XII in another. Mr. Bhushan Thakur, Editor and Director of the Sports Champs magazine, and Mr. Siddhant Shinde, a National level Basketball player, were the Special Guests, and their presence was a special motivation for the Kalyaniites, to perform to the best of their abilities. The precious points that the Houses had gathered by participating in various Inter-House events throughout the year, were displayed on the board before the events began. The children put in terrific efforts to keep the score board ticking, as the House points were added to them with each win. The spirit of contention was contagious, as each House member was heard shouting the names of their favourite participants. Each event, from the March-past, the torch run, various drill and displays, was adorned with the hallmark of TKS proficiency. With the Sports Day event, all the Inter-House Competitions for the year 2024-25, came to an end. The Rolling Sports Cup for the year was lifted by the proud members of the Sahyadri House. And the students left the ground with hearts replete with merriment and liveliness, having made wonderful memories to cherish through life.



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## We Celebrated Sports



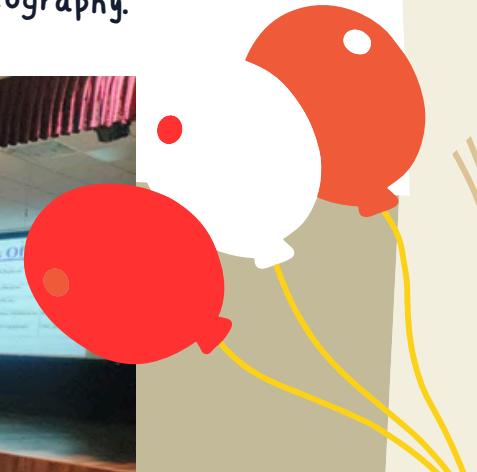
“CHALLENGES ARE WHAT MAKE LIFE  
INTERESTING, AND OVERCOMING  
THEM IS WHAT MAKES LIFE  
MEANINGFUL.”  
- JOSHUA J. MARINE

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## We Learned Beyond the Books

As part of the CBSE Disaster Management component under the Geography curriculum, a Fire Preparedness and Safety Session was conducted for Grade IX students on 8<sup>th</sup> of January, in the school's Multi-Purpose Hall. The session aimed to create awareness about fire hazards, prevention and emergency responses. The students were introduced to the types of fires that can be caused, and the correct means to take care of the situations, by using water, CO<sub>2</sub> and dry powder extinguishers. A live demonstration of the PASS technique (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep) was conducted to explain the safe handling of fire-fighting equipment. The students were also trained in evacuation procedures, safety rules, and the Stop-Drop-Roll technique to be followed in case of fire emergencies. The interactive and visual presentation helped them to understand how preparedness can reduce loss of life and property. The session successfully strengthened students' disaster awareness and practical safety skills, fulfilling the objectives of CBSE's Disaster Management education in Geography.



“KEEP YOUR FACE ALWAYS TOWARD THE SUNSHINE - AND SHADOWS WILL FALL BEHIND YOU.”  
— WALT WHITMAN



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## We Took Care of the Earth

The Kalyani School participated in The Big Green Fest 2026, at Kalagram, on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of January, continuing its four-year collaboration with Pune Climate Warriors. The students engaged wholeheartedly in various activities, including poster making, eco-gift crafting, and the group song competition. Karan Nambisan from Grade VIII participated in the Eco Jugaad Competition, where he presented an ingenious manual washing machine, demonstrating practical thinking and sustainable innovation. Children from Grades V-VIII also set up an impressive sustainability stall, featuring innovative projects, such as a sustainable home model, smart dustbin, solar-powered rainwater harvesting, and water-utilization project. Their handmade eco-gifts crafted from recyclable materials, received an enthusiastic response from visitors. This year, TKS was once again honoured with the prestigious Sustainability Award, in recognition of the school's consistent commitment to environmental awareness and action. The enthusiastic participation, creativity, and teamwork of the students, reflected the school's dedication in nurturing young change makers, and fostering a strong culture of sustainability. The collective efforts of the staff, parents, and student community, will ensure that The Kalyani School will continue to adopt sustainable practices in daily lives and contribute towards building a greener, healthier planet.



“IF WE OPEN A QUARREL BETWEEN  
THE PAST AND PRESENT, WE SHALL  
FIND THAT WE HAVE LOST THE  
FUTURE.”  
— WINSTON CHURCHILL

# MY BODY MY CHOICE MY RULES

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## We Learned Beyond Books

The students of Grade IV recently took part in an engaging and age-appropriate session, titled 'My Body Is Special'. The session focused on helping children understand their bodies, stay active and healthy, and learn about personal safety, in a supportive environment. The session began by encouraging the students to talk about what it means to stay strong and healthy. Through discussions and short videos, they explored how taking care of their bodies is an important part of overall wellbeing.

A key focus of the session was helping the children understand the difference between safe and unsafe touch. Using clear, child-friendly examples, they learned what safe and unsafe touch comprise. The students also learned about unwanted touch — situations where a touch may be considered 'safe', but still doesn't feel right to the child at that moment. They were reassured that it is always okay to say 'no' to any touch that makes them uncomfortable, even if it comes from someone they know. The session also included discussions on how to respond if approached by a stranger. Through scenario-based questions, the children practised thinking about what they would do, if they were placed in a situation that made them feel unsafe and uncomfortable. These conversations helped reinforce the importance of trusting their instincts and seeking help from safe, trusted adults. To ensure that students know where to turn for help, information about Childline and the POCSO online complaint system was also shared in an age-appropriate way. Overall, the session aimed to empower students with knowledge, confidence, and language, to help them stay safe, healthy, and respected.



"YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE IT ALL FIGURED OUT—JUST TAKE THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP."

PROVERBS 3:5-6



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## We Learned Beyond Books

The Student Advisory Programme (The Learning Street), was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> of January, for the Grades VII and VIII students, under the guidance of their teachers, at the school's Centre for Performing Arts. The objective was to present, and showcase their SAP journey through their middle school years; and to reflect on, and articulate personal growth in areas such as self-awareness, leadership, and decision-making. The students confidently demonstrated understanding of key life skills through visual representation and explanation. It was encouraging to see them communicate with their parents and peers about their learning experiences. They presented their learning through well-organised charts and creative displays, and were able to explain various SAP modules like Goal Setting, Financial Literacy, Leadership, Decision Making, Emotional Quotient and Profession Door, to their parents. The students showed awareness of real-life applications of the concepts learned through SAP. Their confidence, teamwork, and responsibility while managing their learning stations, were also remarkable. The programme was well conducted, and was indeed a congratulatory effort on the part of the school, to map the overall growth of the students.



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## We Learned Beyond Books

Forging the Future, a virtual career and college fair, was successfully organized by the Student Advisory Programme (SAP) of Shri Educare Limited (SEL), in collaboration with The Kalyani School, on 29<sup>th</sup> of January. The event aimed to provide students with meaningful exposure to emerging career pathways and higher education opportunities, with a special focus on future-ready skills.

The theme for this edition of Forging the Future was 'Digital Technologies', reflecting the rapidly evolving technological landscape, and its impact on careers. The fair featured distinguished expert speakers and panellists from cutting-edge fields, such as robotic surgery, artificial intelligence, and advanced digital technologies, who shared valuable insights into their professions, career journeys, and future trends. A unique highlight of the event was the active involvement of students who interned with Shri Educare Limited, as part of the Student Advisory Programme. The student team played a pivotal role in conceptualizing and executing the event. They were responsible for finalizing speakers and panellists, reaching out to them, conducting surveys, framing insightful interview and panel questions, and coordinating various aspects of the programme. In addition, the students demonstrated creativity and technical skills by designing event posters, creating teaser videos, and managing other promotional and organizational requirements for the fair.



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THE REWARD OF POWER IS NOT  
WHAT WE RECEIVE FROM IT, BUT  
IN WHAT WE BECOME BY IT.  
- PROVERB





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## We Learned Beyond Books

The student contributors were Armaan Ali Raaj and Aahana Lakhani from Grade VII; and Dhyaan Jhunjhunwala, Kartik Nambisan, Swara Santhosh, Kabir Girottee, Siddhi Chari, and Advaya Arora, from Grade VIII.

Alongside career-focused discussions, the event also featured dedicated sessions on Resume Writing and Academic Writing, equipping students with essential skills required for academic success and future professional pursuits. The virtual sessions were telecast across SEL-associated schools all over India, enabling wide participation and ensuring that students from diverse regions benefited from the shared knowledge and expertise. Overall, 'Forging the Future' proved to be an enriching and inspiring initiative that not only exposed students to emerging digital careers but also empowered them through hands-on involvement, collaboration, and real-world learning—truly living up to its name by helping students forge a path toward the future.



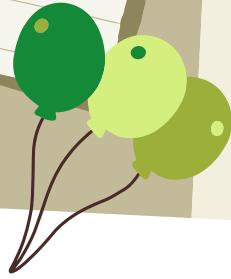
"THE MIRACLE IS NOT THAT WE DO THIS WORK, BUT THAT WE ARE HAPPY TO DO IT." - MOTHER TERESA





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## We Learned Beyond Books



Science Day was celebrated at The Kalyani School on 29<sup>th</sup> of January, to provide the students a platform, where they are able to explore scientific concepts through hands-on projects. The event promoted awareness about global challenges such as sustainability, and dispel myths and superstitions through scientific reasoning. The programme began on a thought-provoking note, with a presentation on Science vs. Superstition, where students of Grade VI dispelled common myths and blind faith, by providing logical and scientific explanations.

This was followed by an impressive exhibition of projects presented by students from Grades VI to VIII. The exhibits were aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and reflected the students' understanding of global issues such as environmental conservation, renewable energy, health, and social responsibility, which were showcased through innovative approaches. The celebration served as a platform to nurture scientific attitude, creativity, and awareness among the students, and successfully inspired them to develop a rational outlook and a lifelong interest in science.



"SCIENCE PROGRESSES BEST WHEN OBSERVATIONS FORCE US TO ALTER OUR PRECONCEPTIONS."  
— VERA RUBIN, ASTRONOMER

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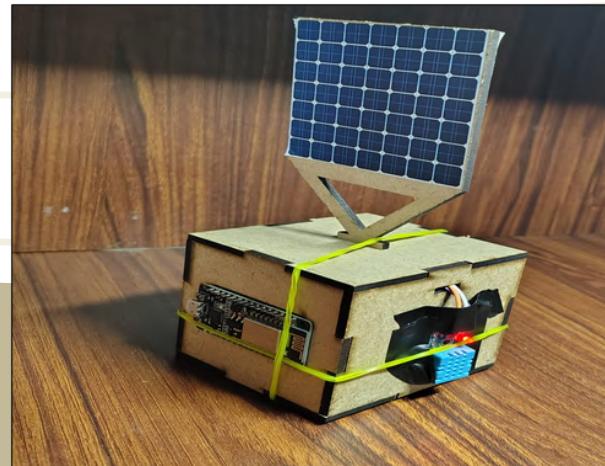
## We Learned Beyond Books

The Kalyani School proudly participated in the ISRO Space Passion Awareness & Research Program (SPARK), an initiative designed to develop scientific curiosity, research aptitude, and hands-on technical skills in space science and astronomy. The selected student representatives were Reyaansh Agarwal and Hrida Gawade from Grade VII, Aayush Jha and Yati Dwivedi from Grade VIII, Ayaan Shaikh and Priyani Anand from Grade IX. The Kalyaniites had participated in the programme on 5th, 12th, and 19th of December 2025, and continued with it on 9th, 23rd and 30th of January. They attended advanced offline workshops to build a WeMoSat (Weather Monitoring Satellite) — a student-designed Earth observation satellite prototype, which is a cuboidal model, made from lightweight plywood, which included five key subsystems — Power, Communication, Sensors, Onboard Processing, and Ground Control System (GCS). Data was wirelessly transmitted to a live webpage showing real-time graphs of environmental parameters, simulating real satellite data systems. The students programmed the satellite logic using Arduino IDE, following steps from sensor initialization to live data display and storage. They also solved real engineering challenges such as communication dropouts, power instability, and coding errors through debugging, improved wiring, and optimized programming — learning resilience and problem-solving.

In January 2026, they became a part of Astronomy & Space Science Learning, studying the basics of astronomy, optical telescopes, celestial navigation, and observation techniques; as well as dark matter, dark energy, cosmology, and advanced telescope technologies. The students appeared for the SPARK Assessment Examination, followed by a hands-on rocketry workshop, where they built model rockets and mechanical grippers for practical evaluation.

As part of SPARK, Aayush Jha and Reyaansh Agarwal will go on a scientific visit to Ahmedabad from 9th-12th February 2026.

The SPARK program was a unique experience for the Kalyaniites, which provided them with meaningful exposure to satellite engineering, astrophysics, IoT systems, programming, and space research methods, inspiring them toward future careers in aerospace and astronomy.



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## We Bid Farewell to the Grade XII Batch of 2026

The Kalyaniites bid farewell to the Grade XII Board-going batch of 2025-26, in style. To begin with, on 17<sup>th</sup> of January, the students of the to-be Graduates and their teachers, were invited by the school Management, to a splendid DJ night and dinner, giving them an evening to relax and rejoice in the company of their friends and teachers. On 19<sup>th</sup> of January, the proud graduating students and their parents were invited to be a part of the soulful felicitation ceremony, where each student was presented with a stole, citation, memento and their Year Book, that contained the fondest memories of their journey through the school years. Principal, Nirmal Ma'am gave her blessings, and asked the students to stay focused and positive in the months ahead. The speeches of the students, also were steeped with emotions and the realization that they were visiting the school as students, for the last time, and in a few days, they would fly the nest, and be known as TKS Alumni. The videos that were compiled in an attempt to capture their school life in a nutshell — were all filled with a lot of love, and cherished moments, which will remind them of the happy days they have spent in the premises of the school. The dance presented by the Grade XI students, and the beautiful medley sung by the Highschool teachers, also expressed their heartfelt wishes for these outgoing students. The event was indeed heart-warming, and the young graduates and parents left with a lot of happy memories and gratefulness for everything that the school and their teachers had done for them. God Bless the Kalyaniites. May they bring laurels, whichever way they choose to go!





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We Bid Farewell to the Grade XII Batch of 2026



“NEW LIFE — A NEW CHAPTER, A  
NEW VERSE, OR JUST THE SAME OLD  
STORY? ULTIMATELY, WE WRITE IT.”  
— ALEX MORRITT



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We Bid Farewell to the Grade XII Batch of 2026



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## We Bid Farewell to the Grade X Batch of 2026

An equally colourful programme was arranged by the Management, teachers and students, for the Board-going Grade X students, to felicitate them, on 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. It was an occasion to celebrate their journey, achievements, and growth, before they step into an exciting new chapter of their lives. In her speech, Director, Ms. Deeksha Kalyani urged them to take care of themselves, especially during this stressful period of time, and to stay positive, because nothing can beat a Kalyaniite's spirit of hard work and will, to do his best. The Board batch of Grade X are gearing for the upcoming Examinations, which will decide their next course of career. They are a little anxious and apprehensive, but are also full of confidence and ready to give their 100%, to bring laurels for themselves, and to the school. We wish them good luck and the best that life can offer, on their way ahead.

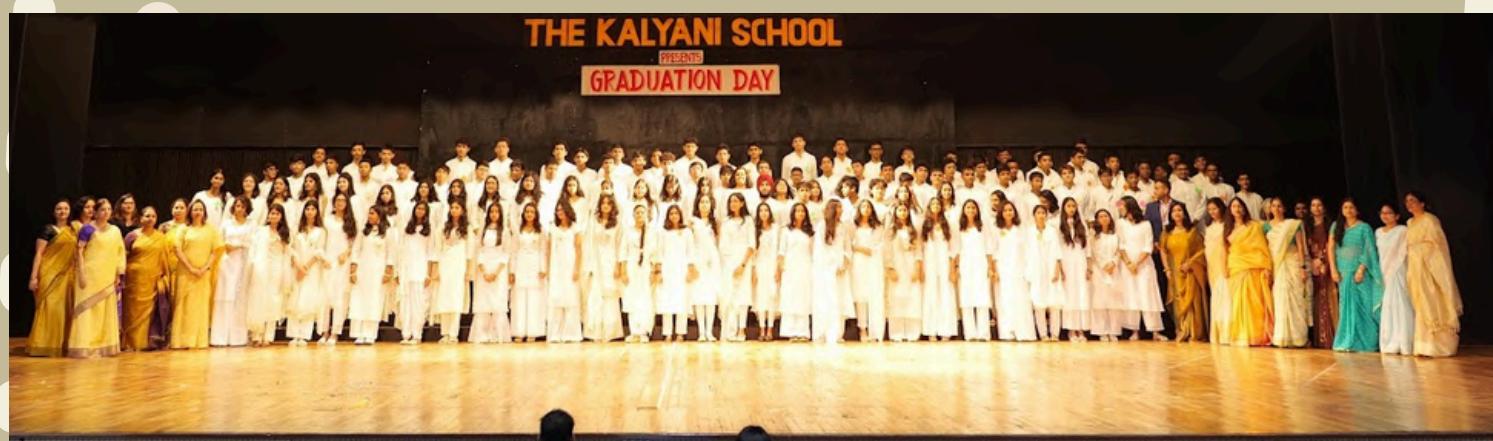


*"I WILL ALWAYS FIND A WAY AND A WAY WILL ALWAYS FIND ME."*  
— CHARLES F. GLASSMAN



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We Bid Farewell to the Grade X Batch of 2026



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## We Celebrated Republic Day

The 77th Republic Day of India was celebrated by the Kalyaniites, with appropriate solemnity and patriotic fervour, on 26th of January, at the school premises. The Tricolour was hoisted by Director, Ms. Deeksha Kalyani and Principal, Ms. Nirmal Waddan. The students of Grades V to XII were present, along with all the teachers, staff and parents, to pay tribute, to the visionaries, who had drafted the guiding essay, our Constitution, ensuring rights and responsibilities for all Indian citizens. In her speech, Nirmal Ma'am reminded the audience to proudly uphold the civic virtues as Indians, and consider the Constitution to be our moral compass, because it serves as our identity, and binds us together.



“WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE  
QUITTING, THINK ABOUT  
WHY YOU STARTED.”  
- CONFUSIUS

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## We Celebrated Republic Day

The Republic Day event became all the more remarkable, with the Inter-House Music Competition. The gifted singers from the four Houses, presented a medley of songs, that were charged with nationalistic sentiments, and infused the audience, with a sense of pride for our Motherland and a feeling of brotherhood towards every Indian. All the students displayed their veritable talents, from the selection of the songs, to their final soulful presentations. The Judges, Mr. Soumik Chatterjee and Mr. Detha, were duly impressed by each House performance; However, in the end, the Koyana House scored the highest points, and were declared the Winners.

The event marked another success in the annals of the school's history. The attendees, participants and guests, were all equally impressed, and left the premises with a strong resolve to uphold the values reflected in our Constitution, and to take our beautiful Motherland forward to the heights, she deserves.



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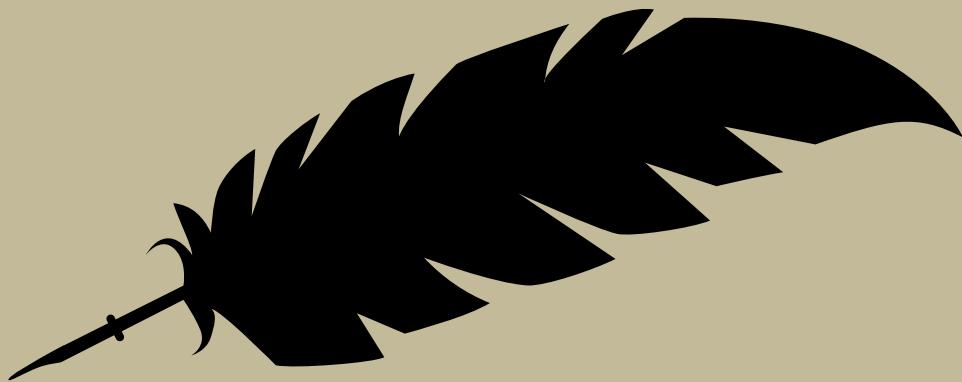
## The Fun We Had

The little ones of the Elementary Grades had their month-end fun learning on 31st of January. There was a joyful celebration of Purple Day to promote creativity, individuality, and self-expression. The children dressed in vibrant purple attire, creating a cheerful and festive atmosphere. Various engaging activities were conducted throughout the day. In the perennial activity, the students made beautiful plants using crepe paper, showcasing their creativity and fine motor skills. During the crazy hair activity, they styled their hair in fun and imaginative ways, highlighting their uniqueness. In English, the children participated in letter and story sequencing, and dictation exercises, which helped strengthen their language, comprehension, and sequencing skills. Following this, in the bravery narration activity, they shared personal stories of courage, fostering self-confidence, empathy, and the ability to express themselves. The celebration was a wonderful blend of fun and learning, allowing students to explore their talents, appreciate diversity, and develop social and academic skills while enjoying the vibrant spirit of Purple Colour Day.



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