

# The Kalyani School

## NEWSLETTER

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### From the Editor's Desk...

Welcome to another year - a brand new one, which has been branded by Mathematicians as an auspicious one, to wit. People like me mightn't appreciate its square or cube values, but it is portent enough to spark hope and jollity in our hearts. 2024 has been a roller-coaster - no less. While the entire human race had lived, either directly or indirectly, through ravaging wars, we had some glorifying successes too in the fields of sports, arts, economy and education - moments that have 'given my heart a change of mood and saved some part of a day, I had rued'. It is now the time to use those elevating achievements as impetus to move forward and fulfil the promises of 2025. Like every year, we have made New Year Resolutions, some short term, some long, and some that we will invariably forget.

There are also some that we make every year in all sincerity, and find them too hard to keep. However, there will still be those few that we stick to, despite the difficulties to fulfil them. And those are the ones that tell us we can, if we will. With that on our minds, let us step into the stream of the new times. We will sometimes stand on the bank, just happy to wet our feet and watch the waters flow by; will sometimes let ourselves be carried forward downstream; and sometimes even turn around and push ourselves against the flow. But whatever we do, let us make this pledge to ourselves that we will notice when the sun dances on the waters, when the winds ruffle its surface, when the rains patter on its brow, and find in each, a cause to smile.

*Soma Ghosh*

**"In the  
meantime,  
let me be  
that I am,  
and seek  
not to alter  
me."**

**– William  
Shakespeare**

**(Much Ado  
About  
Nothing)**

# They Do Us Proud

Siddhi Chari of Grade VII participated and won a Special Mention Award (3rd place) in her Committee FAO in the DT-Model United Nations event held on 27-28th December in Wisdom World School, Pune. The Committee had 40 students from Grades V to VII, from various schools across Pune. The event was organised by Dynamic Training Institute and there were 1000 plus delegates who participated across various ages and Committees. We are proud of Siddhi's achievement and her skills of speech and articulation. Great going!



Aarav Vatyani of Grade VI, participated in the Open State Taekwondo Championship organized by India Taekwondo, held in Ahilya Nagar from January 8th to January 11th, 2025. He won the Bronze Medal in the Under-14 category. We commend his skills and fitness and wish to see him go from strength to strength.



Hridhaan Shah of Grade X secured the Third Position in the U-17 Boys category of the Squash Classic Open National Tournament. The event was organized by Willingdon Club, SRFI (Squash Racket Federation of India), from 19th to 23rd of January, in Mumbai. We are very proud of him and wish him more success in all future ventures.



Hitansh Jain of Grade IX has secured the 16th Position in the Goa International Chess Tournament, conducted on 11th to 14th of January, at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Goa. It was an Open Tournament organized by the Goa Chess Federation. There were more than 300 participants. Along with the Trophy and Certificate, he has been awarded a cash prize of ₹20,000. He has also secured the Second Position in the U-19 Boys' Chess Competition, 2025, from 18th to 19th of January at Annabhau Sathe Hall, Pune. It was a District level competition and Hitansh was selected to contest in the Maharashtra State level too. We extend our hearty congratulations to him. May he go from strength to strength!



Veer Verma and Tanvi Whig of Grade XI won the city level of the senior division of the Classmate All-rounder Competition, on 10th of January. In the Preliminary Rounds, the students had to clear a written test that had questions related to Math and Science. They also had to pass a physical fitness test. The third Round was a Group Discussion on a topic which was given on the spot. They also had to go through an assessment of their creative abilities, where they were expected to create an artwork on the given theme, and finally answer the questions asked by the Judges. This victory qualifies them for the National level that will take place in Delhi. We congratulate Tanvi and Veer whole-heartedly and wish them the very best for their next venture.

Wisdom World School, hosted a two-day Conference, which was attended by 1200 delegates from Grades VII-IX. The Kalyaniites too were a part of the Conference and impressed the audience with their skills of speech and articulation. Huzaifa Bohori from Grade VIII was given an Honorary Mention; Alina Shaikh from Grade XI got the High Commendation Award; Devansh Goyal from Grade XI was also commended for his assertive expressions. We are very proud of our delegates and wish to see them captivating the audience in the future too.



“Inspiration does exist, but it must find you working.” —Pablo Picasso

# They Do Us Proud

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The students of TKS participated in the World Scholar's Cup, conducted by Elpro International School, Pimpri, on 11th and 12th of January. We are proud to announce that the entire team of very proficient Kalyaniites have won trophies and medals in multiple categories.

The Senior Team, comprising Arjun Dwivedi, Prabhjot Singh Nanda and Aryan Ranjan Sharma, secured the First Place in the Challenge Bowl Team, and in the Debate Team categories, along with the First Place in the Overall Champion Team category.



The Junior Team comprising Garvit Sikka, Karthika Nambisan and Arnav Khandelwal secured the First Place in the Scholar's Challenge and Debate Team, and Third Place in the Writing Team categories. They secured Second Place in the Overall Champion Team category as well.

The Junior Team comprising Indira Banerjee, Abeer Maddhav and Nilanshu Prabhakar, won Third Place in the Overall Team category.

Aryan Ranjan Sharma received the Jac Khor Award in the Senior Division and secured Second Place in the Overall Student category.

Garvit Sikka received the Jac Khor Award in the Junior Division and secured First Place in the Overall Student category.

All these students have qualified for the global round which will happen in Doha.

We tip our hats to their commendable literary skills and ardently pray for their success in the next level.

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The FLAME MUN 2025 took place at FLAME University on the 24th and 25th of January, 2025. The MUN was part of their flagship event, named Kurukshetra. This was the first time the MUN was organized, with participation from students of various major schools and colleges. MUNs play a significant role in inculcating skills such as leadership, public speaking, diplomacy, negotiation, and more. The students of Grades VIII and IX from The Kalyani School, who enthusiastically participated in the event, showed immense promise, despite being new to the MUN format of public speaking. Some of them even achieved official recognition, including awards like Best Delegate, Special Mention, and Verbal Mention. We are indeed proud to see them growing up into such upright, sentient and confident citizens, and wish them the very best.

The proud achievers are as follows:

Huzaifa Bohori - Grade VIII  
Kanishk Biswas - Grade VIII  
Garvit Sikka - Grade VIII  
Krisha Sheth - Grade VIII  
Akhilesh Naik - Grade VIII

Best Delegate (UNHRC)  
Special Mention (UNHRC)  
Special Mention (AIPPM)  
Verbal Mention (UNHRC)  
Verbal Mention (AIPPM)



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“You can get everything in life you want, if you will just help enough other people get what they want.” —Zig Ziglar



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Vidhi Lade of Grade IX and Kyra Mittal of Grade IV have secured Second Place in High Jump, in an event organized by the Pudhari Newspaper. It was conducted at the District level, from 17th to 19th of January, at the Sanas Ground, Swargate.

In the same event, Kamira Mulchandani from Grade VI, achieved the Third Place and Meera Poplee from Grade VII got Fourth Place.



Vidhi Lade



Kyra Mittal



Kamira Mulchandani



Meera Poplee

Ayesha Tiwari from Grade XI, participated in the GEMA Essay Writing Competition, in which a large number of students from all over India and abroad had sent in their write-ups. It was an online event and Ayesha's essay secured the Second Position out of all the entries. We congratulate her considerable literary and creative skills, and wish to see her go from strength to strength.



The reflections of Ipsaa Mahajan, a student of Grade XI, on the significance of the 76th Republic Day of India, was published in The Times of India, NIE. Her well worded expressions and thoughtful comments reveal the maturity in the present generation, and their resolve to take India to her deserving heights. We are impressed by her reflections, and wish to see her grow up as a responsible citizen of our country.

We are proud to announce that the U-15 Pune Girls' team secured 1st place in the 37th Sub-Junior Maharashtra State Handball Championship, 2024-25. The event was organized by the Handball Association, Maharashtra and Raigad District Handball Association, from 24th to 27th of January, at the Ram Krishnaa Academy, Kewale, Panvel. Asmi Gupta of grade IX and Lyla Nangrani of Grade VI have been awarded as the Best Players. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the entire team and wish them success in the coming tournaments too.



You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine.”

— Roy T. Bennett,



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# The Big Green Fest

A vibrant initiative by Pune Climate Warriors brought together eco-enthusiasts of varied age groups to celebrate sustainability and creativity, on 18th of January, at Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium. One of the many highlights of this inspiring event was the very creative and informative stall by The Kalyani School. Adorned with natural elements, it was well-received by both, visitors and organizers.

The Kalyaniites promoted sustainable living with a small working model of a sustainable home, which included electricity generation by solar panels, a rainwater harvesting system, and hydroponic farming. Mrs. Vandana Chavan (Former Mayor of Pune and MP, Maharashtra), founder of PCW, and the Commissioner of Police, graced the stall and appreciated the students' creativity. Additionally, a few children from Grades VI and VII presented a nukkad natak (street play) that conveyed the message to save the environment, to save life, because it is not just an issue anymore; it is a survival truth. Through their performance, they suggested a few simple changes in life that can lead to sustainable living. For the past three years, The Kalyani School has proudly partnered with Pune Climate Warriors, actively participating in competitions such as picture book creation, poster making, and eco-gift crafting, which has reinforced this sensitive topic in our young minds. Well done Kalyaniites!

The poster for 'The Big Green Fest' is a vertical layout. At the top, it features logos for 'Pune Climate Warrior' (with the text 'पुणे हवामान योद्धा'), 'An Initiative by' (with 'ALERT' logo), 'Supported by' (with 'Jawahar' logo), and 'Transit partner' (with 'Pune Metro' logo). The main title 'the BIG GREEN Fest' is in large, bold, green and red letters. Below it, the text 'Brings to you' is followed by 'ALL DAY' in a green box. The box lists activities: 'Eco Stalls (Schools, NGO, Marketplace)', 'Workshops & Activities', 'Fashioned by Nature Competition', 'Green Talks', and 'Performances and more'. At the bottom, it states 'Explore our diverse stalls and immerse yourself in a world of sustainability and community engagement', '18TH JANUARY 2025 (SATURDAY)', '10AM TO 6PM (FREE ENTRY)', and 'Venue: PT. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU AUDITORIUM, GHOLE ROAD PUNE!'.

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## ***Pune Climate Warrior***

The third edition of the event "Pune Climate Warrior" was held at Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium, Ghole Road, on Saturday. This event spreads awareness about the impact of climate change and is designed for school students. – Pic: Anand Chaini



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"There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew." —Marshall McLuhan

# TKS Celebrated Sports in Jan

It is a well-known fact that at The Kalyani School, sports is given no less importance than academics. Thus, in keeping with the spirit of health and well-being, the TKS 'Run for Fun' for the Elementary Grades, was conducted on 10th January 2025, at the school sports ground. Before this, the Middle School students had their Sports Day too.

The little ones displayed wonderful coordination and rhythm in the various drills and races. The Nursery students engaged themselves in a race with the theme 'life under water'. The tiny tots of Jr. K.G. were no less skilled. They performed an engaging drill on Yoga, to display various asanas, and the students of Sr. KG ran on the tracks to complete the race assigned to them. Grade I students performed a drill with the Hoola Hoop. All the events enhanced the motor skills and balance of the children and instilled in them a true sportsmanship spirit. The enthusiastic and confident participation of the children, despite their tender ages impressed everyone among the spectators.

For the students of Grades II to V, the event began with a spectacular Torch Relay, following the Flag Hoisting ceremony. The torch was carried around the ground by a group of exceptional athletes from different Grades, each chosen for their outstanding dedication to sports.

The day was packed with the thrilling athletic events, including Track Races, 100-200m Dashes, Relay Races, and a very energetic display of Ball Aerobics, Gymnastics, Karate and Parachute Drills by the very athletic students. The Kalyaniites of the Senior section celebrated their Sports Day on 11th of January, at the school sports ground. As expected, it was an affair of immense 'joie-de-vivre'. The participants, as well as the students, parents and teachers in the audience were full of a high level of positive energy and cheer. Mr. Bhushan Thakur, a well-known sports entrepreneur and enthusiast, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The event began with a March Past, by the members of the Four Houses, which were led by the Head Boy, Head Girl, the Sports Captains and the respective House Captains and Vice-Captains. This was followed by all the races in different categories. Each Flat and Relay Race was accompanied by very loud cheering from the fellow Housemates and all the audience. Other than the races, there were many different displays too. Students across all grades displayed exceptional sportsmanship and zeal, giving their best in every competition. The obstacle races for the parents added an extra dose of fun and laughter to the celebration.



The colourful May-pole dance, the Asanas, the ribbon and ball dances, and the Karate display were all perfectly coordinated and displayed. Throughout the programme, the principle of sportsmanship and positive high spirits were evident among each one present on the grounds. With the celebration of the Sports Day, all the Inter-House Competitions have come to an end for the current academic year. All the points the House members had accumulated during the previous competitions conducted during the entire year were counted and the highest scoring House was awarded the Rolling Trophy. This year the honour was bestowed upon Sahyadri House. The Sports Day 2025 was another grand success of TKS, which left everyone with cherished memories and renewed motivation to follow the tenets of fair play, coordination and team work in every activity in the future years too.

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"It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe."  
-Muhammad Ali



# TKS Celebrated Sports in Jan



“NEVER SAY NEVER BECAUSE LIMITS, LIKE FEARS, ARE OFTEN JUST ILLUSIONS.” - MICHAEL JORDAN



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"Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records."  
- William A. Ward



# Graduation Ceremony-Grade XII Batch of 2025

Through an emotional and charming programme, the Grade XII Batch of 2025 was bid adieu on 17th of January, at the TKS Centre for Performing Arts. The students had been busy in the earlier part of the month with their Pre-Board Exams, Projects and Practicals. The send-off event brought the entire batch together for one last time, to enjoy some good music, dance and remembrances of the years they had spent in the premises of TKS. The parents of the graduating students were also invited to witness the heart-felt programme. It was a bouquet of vibrant dance numbers presented by the current students of Grade XI for their out-going seniors, and a medley of heart-touching musical renditions by the senior school teachers.



In their parting words, Nirmal Ma'am and Deeksha Ma'am congratulated the Board going students for having reached one of the most important stages of their lives, and wished them fair wind in all their future ventures. Each of the students was called on the stage and felicitated with a school stole, trophy and citation to cherish their memories in school. The outgoing batch had also prepared a Year Book comprising their witty quips, messages and the pictures of some choicest moments of their school days. These books too were included in the parting gift hamper. After the programme was over, some of the students and parents spoke about their experiences in the school over the years, and thanked the Management and teachers whole-heartedly for their unwavering support, nurture and care.

The ceremony was rounded off with a lavish dance and dinner party for the to-be Graduates and their teachers on the following evening. The students were seen in their very impressive avatars, letting their hair down and generally having a vibrant and animated time with their friends. They all asserted that it helped them relax, rejuvenate, and get ready for the next phase of rigour.

The send-off ceremony of 2025 once again established how close the bond between the students and the school is. Though it will be difficult to let them go, the school will always be proud of all the smart, bright and upright Kalyaniites as they go out to win the world.



“The great doesn’t happen through impulse alone, and is a succession of little things that are brought together.”- Vincent Van Gogh





“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.” —Nelson Mandela







# Send-Off Ceremony-Grade X Batch of 2025

The send-off ceremony for the Grade X Board-going students was conducted on 24th of January, in the school Centre of Performing Arts. It was a momentous occasion for the students, teachers, and the parents as well.

Deeksha Ma'am and Nirmal Ma'am, in their inspiring speeches, asked the students to stay focused for their upcoming Board Exams, and to embrace the future with confidence and determination. Each student was called upon the stage, to be felicitated by the dignitaries.

A vibrant dance performance presented by the Grade IX students was greatly appreciated by the audience, which was followed by an enthusiastic musical rendition by the Senior-school teachers. A recorded video with inspirational messages from all the teachers was played after this, wherein the students were motivated to stay calm and confident, and to take care of their health. Following this, the Grade X students and their parents were invited on the stage to share their experiences and feelings about their educational journey at TKS.



This emotional event was indeed a whole-hearted expression of the deep bond between the students and the teachers of TKS, which they will surely continue to foster in their hearts forever.





# Republic Day Celebration of 2025

The Kalyaniites celebrated the 76th Republic Day of India on 26th January, at the school premises. Through a solemn ceremony, they paid tribute to the stalwarts who curated the Constitution of our country, which gives every citizen the right to follow any religion of his choice; speak any language; pursue any honest profession, and get due respect for it. The programme began with the unfurling of the Tricolour by Deeksha Ma'am and Nirmal Ma'am. Addressing the audience, Deeksha Ma'am reiterated the significance of the day, and spoke about how the tenets of the Constitution are deeply embedded in the Core Values of our school. The students also gave moving speeches in both Hindi and English, paying tribute to the curators of our incredible nation. A beautifully curated dance was presented by the students of Middle School. The highlight of the day was the Inter-House Music Competition, in which the participants of each House presented commendable medleys of nationalistic spirit. Their melodious voices and spirited renditions impressed everyone in the audience. The competition was judged by Ms. Rajashree, and Mr. Shlok Mohalkar. At the end of the programme, Sahyadri House was declared the Winner, closely followed by Godavari, Krishna and Koyna Houses.





# Republic Day Celebration of 2025

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# They Learn Beyond Their Books

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A Student-led Conference was held on 4th January 2025, for Grades VII and VIII. The Conference was a part of the Student Advisory Programme, which involved the student and the parents. The students worked with their advisors to prepare for the SLC. They led the conference, and also took responsibility for their learning by sharing the process with their parents. They discussed and reflected upon their academic performance and goals, with their parents. The goal of this conference was to help advisees reflect upon and monitor their academic progress through a formal conferencing structure. The students presented their work, their shortfalls and their goals before their parents. The parents attentively listened to their children and then gave their feedback. The students were very well prepared and self-assured in their presentations. Some of them also spoke about the support they would ideally require from their parents to achieve their goals. This Conference helped the students to deliberate upon their work and develop a plan to further augment it. It also gave them an opportunity to overcome their inhibitions, and have a mature discussion with their parents. The event was a successful attempt by the school, to make the students responsible for their own progress, reflect and come up with solutions to their concerns.



On 31st of January, a Poetry Recitation was conducted for the children of Grade II to showcase their oratory talents. The comperes emphasized the importance of public speaking and the art of recitation in developing confidence and communication skills.

The students showed great enthusiasm while reciting poems in English, on the topic 'Animals'. The participants brought their unique style and interpretation to the stage, captivating the audience with their expressive delivery and appropriate emotions. Each participant was given a participation certificate at the end of the event as appreciation for their effort.

Nirmal Ma'am encouraged the students to continue honing their recitation skills and participate in future competitions. Overall, the Poetry Recitation event was a memorable one that celebrated the beauty of poetry and the talent of the young orators. The objective of the event was to inspire and nurture the creative spirit of the students, and it was definitely a successful one.



The simplest man with passion will be more persuasive than the most eloquent without.

- Francois de La Rochefoucauld



# They Learn Beyond Their Books

On 31st of January, the English Department of The Kalyani School organized an intellectually stimulating Intra-School Debate Competition for the students of Grades VI to VIII on the fascinating topic, 'Scientists should focus more on curing diseases rather than preventing them.'

Each participant spoke emphatically and with persuasion. This brought to light the contrasting but convincing viewpoints on the topic. Their views were applauded and cheered by the audience. In the rebuttal round, the participants respectfully and politely asserted their differences and put forth their arguments to reinforce their motion. The debate was judged by Ms. Gouri Bhandarkar, a passionate educator, who teaches conversational English through the medium of drama to underprivileged children. Ms. Nilofar Shaikh an English teacher of TKS was the second Judge. The third Judge was Tanesha Pradhan from Grade XI, a seasoned debater and one of the founder members of the school Debate Club.

Director, Ms. Deeksha Kalyani and Principal, Ms. Nirmal Waddan, applauded the students on their commendable performances.

The event not only provided a platform for the students to express their views on a pertinent issue but also fostered a spirit of healthy competition and intellectual growth.

The winners were as follows:

## Best Speakers:

First Position: Vijayalaxmi Konar

Second Position: Viha Sharma and Aayush Jha

Third Position: Anika Pendharkar

The Team speaking **Against the Motion**, comprising Jiyansh Mittal and Aarav Jha from Grade VI, Aayush Jha and Aryan Arora from Grade VII, and Vijayalaxmi Konar and Viha Sharma from Grade VIII, lifted the **'Best Team' Trophy**.



"Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent, and debate." - Hubert H. Humphrey



## Special Assemblies

A Special Assembly on Pongal and Makar Sankranti was presented by the students of Grade IV C on 16th of January, to celebrate the essence of the Indian Harvest Festivals. The programme began with prayers, followed by the news, and an inspiring Thought for the Day.

An engaging Quiz on the various Harvest Festivals captured the attention of everyone and offered interesting insights into the diversity of celebrations across India. An interactive session featuring a teacher-student discussion shed light on the key aspects of Pongal and Makar Sankranti. Through an enlightening skit on the Sun God, the students explained the rituals observed on the four days of Pongal, and the varied facets of Makar Sankranti in vivid detail. Their performances were both educational and entertaining, leaving a lasting impression on the audience. Adding a lyrical touch, a Hindi poem recitation captured the essence of the festivals, highlighting the joy, gratitude, and traditions they bring. The Assembly concluded with a captivating dance performance, depicting the cultural richness of Pongal and Makar Sankranti. The event was a perfect blend of education and entertainment, leaving everyone with a deeper understanding of these vibrant festivals. The effort and enthusiasm of the students were commendable, making this Assembly a memorable experience for all.



The students of IV D conducted a Special Assembly on Parakram Diwas on 23rd of January, to celebrate the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The event highlighted the extraordinary valour and patriotism of one of India's greatest freedom fighters.

The Assembly began with a Prayer and an introduction to Netaji's legacy. This was followed by a presentation of inspiring facts about his life, such as his founding of the 'Azad Hind Fauj' and popularizing the slogan 'Jai Hind'. A beautifully coordinated skit depicted some key milestones from Netaji's life. The children also performed a soulful patriotic song and an energetic dance performance, which captured his indomitable spirit. A highlight of the Assembly was the recitation of the poignant poem 'Khooni – Hastakshar', delivered with heartfelt expressions that deeply moved the audience. The event emphasized the values of bravery, sacrifice, and unity, inspiring the audience to reflect on Netaji's unwavering dedication and to follow in his footsteps.



“That which is not good for the swarm, neither is it good for the bee.” -Marcus Aurelius



# Special Assemblies

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On 30th of January, Martyr's Day, the students of Grade III-A organized a heartfelt and educational Special Assembly to honour the brave martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for our country. The event was a blend of informative and cultural activities that left a lasting impact on the audience.

To begin the programme, the children updated the audience with the day's headlines, which was followed by some captivating facts about our martyrs. They sang a song paying tribute to the brave-hearts. An exciting Quiz followed, where the children asked questions based on the mantras given by our freedom fighters, and the audience had to guess the correct answers. This interactive activity not only tested the audience's knowledge but also reinforced the significance of these historical figures and their contributions, and captured the spirit of the day. One of the highlights of the Assembly was a skit titled 'Remembering the Brave'. Through this performance, the students took everyone on a journey back in the times when these gallant soldiers lived, to witness their strength, determination and resolve. The skit effectively conveyed how their sacrifices continue to inspire us today and instill a deep respect for the heroes who shaped India's history. In addition to the skit, the students presented a patriotic dance performance accompanied by a heart-touching Hindi poem, to emphasize the importance of unity and patriotism. Towards the end of the Assembly, an important message was delivered through a small act highlighting the harmful effects of burning wood. This segment aimed to raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage the audience to adopt more sustainable practices. Overall, the Assembly was impactful and served as a fitting tribute to our martyrs. The students of Grade III-A successfully conveyed the importance of remembering and honouring our heroes while also addressing contemporary issues, making the event both meaningful and memorable.



The Special Assembly of Grade I-B was conducted on 21st of January on the topic, 'National Hug Day'. The objective of the assembly was to make children aware of the importance of the power of human connections through the simple act of a warm embrace.

The Assembly commenced with the Morning Prayer, after which the students gave a brief introduction of the topic. This was followed by the reading of the News and a brief report of the weather. The programme continued with a skit that highlighted the importance of giving a warm hug to our family and friends, whenever the occasion arises. The children presented a dance number on the song 'I Love Hugs' at the conclusion of the show. The Assembly was conducted smoothly and the audience was impressed by the impeccable performance of the students.



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"It's when we care for each other, choosing inclusion and love over division and hatred, that this great country will be at its greatest." - Tulsi Gabbard



# Special Assemblies

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On the 28th of January, the students of Grade II C conducted a Special Assembly on Global Community Engagement Day, to highlight the importance of working together, being kind, and making a positive difference in our communities. The event began with a morning prayer, setting a calm and thoughtful atmosphere. The students then extended a warm welcome to everyone present.

The news segment gave a quick update on current affairs, followed by the Thought for the Day, which emphasized the power of teamwork and collaboration. The students then shared some interesting facts about significance of the day, explaining how it started and why it is important.

To reinforce the theme of the day, the students sang 'Together', a song that celebrated the beautiful philosophy of unity and support. This was followed by a series of short skits that highlighted simple yet meaningful acts of kindness, such as helping a friend, sharing with others, assisting at home, keeping the environment clean, and making a new student feel welcome. Each skit was performed with enthusiasm, making the message clear and relatable.

The students then performed a lively dance to the tune of 'Better When I'm Dancing,' which brought great energy to the Assembly and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Before wrapping up, the students also took the opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of reducing plastic use and making environmentally conscious choices.

The students of Grade II C did a creditable job of bringing the spirit of Global Community Engagement Day to life, leaving everyone with a message of kindness and togetherness.



On the 31st of January, the students of Grade II D presented a Special Assembly to celebrate National Hot Chocolate Day. This Assembly highlighted the origin of this much loved drink.

Through the news segment, students enlightened the audience with the happenings of the world. An inspiring thought for the day was shared emphasizing the necessity of taking immediate action to protect our environment.

The students introduced the topic to the audience, and presented interesting facts about hot chocolate. They enacted an interesting skit to depict how the drink can elevate the mood of each and everyone. A vibrant dance performance to the song 'Joy' symbolized the happiness one feels after having such a drink. A chirpy song was also incorporated within the skit.

The Assembly also highlighted the school's initiatives, such as the 'No-Plastic Zone' and the 'Carry your own hanky' campaign, which aims to reduce waste and save trees. The Grade II D Special Assembly on National Hot Chocolate Day was an interesting, as well as enlightening, event.



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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill



# End of the Month Fun

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The Elementary section facilitators conducted the Experiential Learning Day and celebrated Orange Day on 31st of January.

The Nursery children enjoyed making a colourful and delicious fruit salad. This was followed by playing the game, 'Find your Partner', where they had to match letter flash cards with the corresponding picture cards. The objective was to reinforce the letters of the English alphabet, in an enjoyable and fun filled way. They also acted and sang to find their partners. The little ones also enjoyed dancing with beat boxing and watched the movie - 'Finding Nemo'. The children of the Jr. KG section did a role play on 'Road Safety' where they did a role play on how to drive safely, wearing a seat belt. Many of them shared their views on what to do if their car or school bus got stuck in a heavy traffic jam. The Sr. KG children enjoyed a lunch that included food that included orange colour. They also practiced for their Form Morning to perfect their roles. After lunch, they engaged in an exciting craft activity. The Nursery children made Nemo masks using cut-outs and the Jr. KG children painted several orange coloured items.

For the children of Grade I, the day started with an activity based on the topic 'Taking Care of the Environment' where the students had to demonstrate any one of the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle). They made dustbin bags with newspaper to reduce plastic, and reused newspaper to wrap gifts. The objective was to make them aware of creating a healthier planet for the present and future generations. This was followed by completing the 'Project Work'. They were asked to make a 'Thank you' card and speak a few lines about their project. This activity brought out their creative and speaking skills.

The day ended with many happy memories, learning and enjoyment. All the students enjoyed the day which was not only filled with energetic activities, but also a lot of skills development.



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“You don't learn to walk by following rules. You learn by doing, and by falling over.” — Richard Branson



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