

THE KALYANI SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2024

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK....

It is commonly said that things change over time. True that. But, with that we also should be aware of those things that do not, and should never, change. Among them the most significant is our value system. It essentially forms the backbone that enables us to adjust with, and settle into the world around us; to be content and successful; and most importantly, be happy. As we move ahead in life, it is our values that help us to sift the straight from the crooked; find the true light among the superficial glare; and identify our qualities that make us unique as human beings. In our school, our Core Values reflect the fundamental system, which make the Kalyaniites aim for more than just high scores in exams.

All the events that are etched around their academic curriculum, give them exposure to the morals and principles with which they have to build a world of equity and compassion. Through various occasions, they get a glimpse of the real world beyond the protected walls of the school, where they have to live in, as adults too. With the various school and field trips, they get acquainted with myriad cultures and styles of life that are very different from their own; and they learn to accept and broaden their perspectives. Also, the various programmes that the teachers and students create for one another, wordlessly express the infrangible bonds that exist among the Kalyaniites.



They find their areas of interest, tap into their skill sets, and become experienced, as well as experts in various fields of knowledge. Confidence is the most significant outcome of their exposure. In a world which is variously termed as indifferent, cold and callous, it is imperative to bring up a generation of sensitive youth, who will curate a progressive world of peace and concord. That is exactly what we do through our activities every month. November is usually a quiet month; at least in comparison to the super busy and happening October and December. But it is significant in its quietness. We get to reflect on the year we have spent so far, and plan for the busy months ahead. And so we have done. Along with the Pre-Boards of Grades X and XII, the Mad About Literature event of December has occupied our thoughts. We have much in store for you in the future, which like everything related to the school, promise to be definitely exciting. So, let us get started with the planning right away, while you enjoy this month's edition. Au Revoir!!

"Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man."

-Rabindranath Tagore

THEY DO US PROUD

Noah Nathani of Grade IV has had his book, 'Spaceball Adventure', published by the well-known children's creative writing platform 'BriBooks'. His love for reading and writing, combined with his affinity towards sports, has helped to develop his creative skills, and led him to this rare success at this very young age. We are very proud of Noah, and wish to see him walk the path of success even in the future.



Hridhaan Shah of Grade X has made his mark once again this month, with his outstanding performance in the 65th Daly College National Open Squash Tournament. He has secured the 1st Position in the U-17 Boys' category. It was organized by SRFI (Squash Racket Federation of India) on 4th of November. His continued success on the sports ground is a source of pride to all of us. We congratulate him and wish him an unimpeded journey ahead.

The young budding authors of TKS won the Wizkids Award in the Creative Story Writing Competition for the age group 12 to 15. They won great commendations and have come home with laurels. It was conducted at Symboisis International School, Viman Nagar, on 9th of November. The topic was given to the participants beforehand but they were expected to add a twist in the topic on the spot, and the Kalyaniites did that with a flair. We congratulate their innovative ideas and resourcefulness and wish to see them walk their way to further success. The achievers are from Grade VII, and they are:

1st Runner Up - Karan Nambisan

2nd Runner Up - Aryan Arora

Honorary Prize - Kartik Nambisan



Ira Khandelwal of Grade VI is now a published author. Her recent book, 'Hidden in Plain Sight', has been acknowledged by the renowned publishing house, BriBooks, which is a children's creative writing platform. Her book will now be available on global outlets like Amazon. We are proud of her creative acumen and linguistic abilities. We wish her many more such successful ventures ahead.



Yuvaan Singh of Grade III has qualified for the semi finals in the recent Master Spellers Exam 24-25, in the Grammar Group. The Exam was conducted in October. His dedication and hard work, along with his passion for the English language have brought him these deserved accolades. We wish him the very best for his journey ahead.

"You were born to win, but to be a winner you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win."

– Zig Ziglar

THEY DO US PROUD

The students of Grade XII took part in the first Intra-school Business Plan Competition, 'Pitch Perfect - Battle of the Business Plans', which had begun in September. The Final event took place on 16th of November, at Christ University, Lavasa, in which the TKS contenders, Aarav Gaglani, Drishti Agarwal and Vidushi Chowksey, succeeded in securing the Second Position, with their originality of idea and creativity; the positive impact on the community or environment; and the clarity, professionalism, and engagement in their presentation. Along with the Certificates, they also received a prize amount of 10,000 rupees. This was a first ever achievement of our school students in this sector, and we are indeed proud of them. We wish to see their innovative ideas and entrepreneurial skills take them to unprecedented heights in the future. Great job done, Children!



Rayansh Bhardwaj from Grade VIII, and Aryan Arora from Grade VII reached the Final level in the Sakal Schoolympics Table Tennis Doubles Competition, 2024. They participated in the Boys' 12 to 14 age group. The event was conducted on 22nd of November, at Deccan Gymkhana, Pune, by the Sakal Publications. We are proud of their laudable achievement and wish them many more such accolades in the future.



Aryan Arora from Grade VII, has won the Second Runner-Up position in the 'Tell Ur Tale' event, which is a creative story writing competition, held by the Wizkids Carnival - All India Kids Premier League (KPL) Season-3. The Final round was held at the Symboisis International School, on 9th of November. We are very proud of Aryan's achievement, and wish him the very best in all his future literary creations.

Parinika Rane of Grade VIII was selected for the regional workshop of Katha Utsav, a Creative Writing Workshop held in Delhi Public School, Bangalore, on 16th and 17th of November. She had attended two Preliminary Rounds earlier. To qualify for the third Round, she had to write a 600 word story on any topic of her choice. Besides getting a stage to showcase her considerable skills in creative writing, she also had a worthwhile learning experience working with students from different states. We wish her success and more learning in her way forward.



THEY DO US PROUD

In the Harmony Sports Fest organised by Dhruv Global School, on 22nd of November, the TKS U-15 Boys' and U-15 Girls' teams, have brought home accolades once again. Both the teams secured the Runners-Up positions in their respective categories.

The Boys' team comprised Shaurya Aditya, Atharva Satav, Kanav Zawar, Vedaang Berry, Abraham Somjee, Samar Shah, Vivaan Jaggi and Harshil Shah.

The Girls' team was represented by Jagruti Tejawani, Aanya Ranjit, Swara Shelke, Myra Dhoke, Avni Parashar, Swara Khashid, Anwesha Kumar and Tanishka Werulkar.

We wish to express our hearty congratulations for their commendable feat. May they achieve success in every match they contend in.



Ayush Jha and Ahaan Raujarkar from Grade VII, have achieved the 3rd Position in the City Final Round, in the Heritage Quiz 2024, conducted by The Indian National Trust for Arts and Cultural Heritage (INTACH). It was conducted at Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture, Pune. It was a state level competition and there were 120 teams that participated in the event. The Kalyaniites had indeed made a mark with their quick thinking and awareness of their heritage. Along with the Certificates, they received a 1000 rupees cash prize. We congratulate Ayush and Ahaan on their outstanding achievement and wish them even more such successes in the future.



From 21st to 25th of November, the District and Division level Karate Championship was conducted by the Zilla Parishad. The U-17 teams of Girls and Boys once again made their mark in the event with their laudable performance. Following are the names of the students who distinguished themselves in the competition:

1. Siya Bajaj from Grade XI, secured the First Place at the District level and Third Place at the Division level.
 2. Prithaviraj Pawar of Grade IX secured the Second Place at the District level.
 3. Eva Khatri of Grade IX secured the Third Place at the District level.
- We convey our heartiest congratulations to the winners and wish them all the best for their future matches too.

THEY DO US PROUD

The U-19 Boys' Football team of The Kalyani School have done us proud again. At the Maidan Sports Fest, which was conducted on 27th of November, they secured the Runners-up position. The event was organised by 'Flame University' at Lavale. The Kalyaniites who brought home laurels were Kanwal Barne, Veer Gurbaxani, Jay Kore, Shaurya Anand, Praney Chainani, Raunak Malhotra, Kanav Zawar and Edwin Alex. Kudos to you boys! Keep going!



The TKS U-17 Girls Handball team secured the Second Runners-up position in the Flames Maidan Competition organised by Flames University, Lavale, on 23rd of November. It was a District level Competition and the team had to face a tight contest to reach the final stage. The participants were Sara Agarwal, Sparsh Agarwal, Janvi More, Advika Singh, Nikita Godani, Aanya Ranjit, Anushka Ojha, Asmi Gupta, Krisha Sheth, Asmi Shourya, Lyla Nangrani, Naisha Agarwal, Aarya Kale And Swarali Raskar. We extend our heartiest congratulations and wish them more strength. Great going girls!

The Pune U-15 Girls Handball Team secured the Third Position in the Sub-junior Boys and Girls Handball Tournament, organized by SVKM's Mukesh R. Patel Military School, at Shri Vile Parle, Kelvani Mandal, Dhule. The event was conducted on 24th and 27th of November. It was a state level tournament. To make this achievement even more special was the outstanding performance of Asmi Gupta of Grade IX and Swarali Raskar of Grade VII, who were selected to represent the Girls Team. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the proud achievers and wish them more strength in all the coming tournaments.



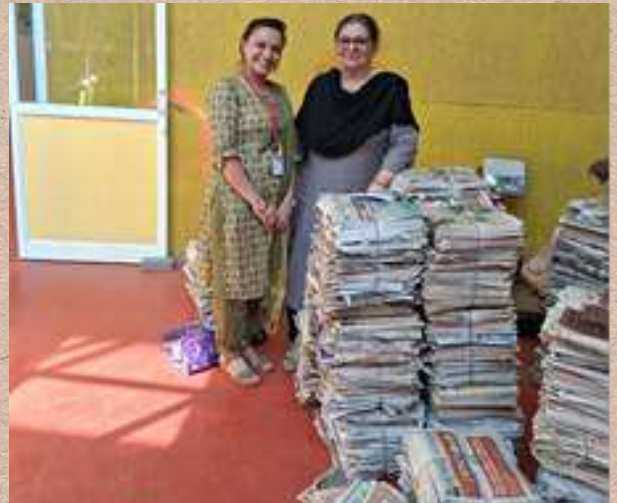
The Sahyadri Boys as well as the Girls' teams won the U-14 Inter-House Cricket Competition, conducted at the sports ground of The Kalyani School, on 29th of November. It was a very proud day for all the members of the House, who cheered for their team mates heartily. Great going Sahyadri. Keep the spirit up!



COMMUNITY SERVICE BY THE KALYANIITES

With a lot of pride, we announce that The Kalyani School has partnered with the Cancer Patients Aid Association (CPAA) on an ongoing basis to support their noble cause. The Kalyaniites have been asked to collect old newspapers and bring them to school to be donated at the end of every month. This monthly drive is a selfless act of giving, and the children are encouraged to take active part in it, without the expectations of any reward. Representatives from CPAA visit the school to collect the old newspapers and the proceeds go directly to help the patients suffering from cancer. This continuous initiative to join hands to make a difference is a tenet of TKS, which is inculcated in each child. Besides this commendable enterprise, the Kalyaniites are also a part of a plastic collection drive, in collaboration with Rudra Environment Solutions, Pune. The children gather clean and dry plastic items that they have at home, such as discarded bottles, containers and packaging materials. These items are also donated to Rudra Environment Solutions, who are responsible for recycling them and creating polyfuels. This initiative helps address the critical issue of plastic pollution and inspires our children to become environmentally conscious.

With all that the Kalyaniites learn in school to hone their humane qualities, we are sure that they will create a world where peace, empathy and health will reign supreme.



In another bid to improve our environment and serve our Mother Earth, the students of The Kalyani School visited Anandvan on 30th of November. This time they participated voluntarily in a cleaning drive. They cleared litter and debris to help protect our environment and create a healthier and greener space for everyone. These community ventures that the Kalyaniites regularly participate in, reflect their awareness about the environment and their responsible and sensitive natures. We are very proud to see them grow up as upright and empathetic human beings. The world will surely be safe in their hands.



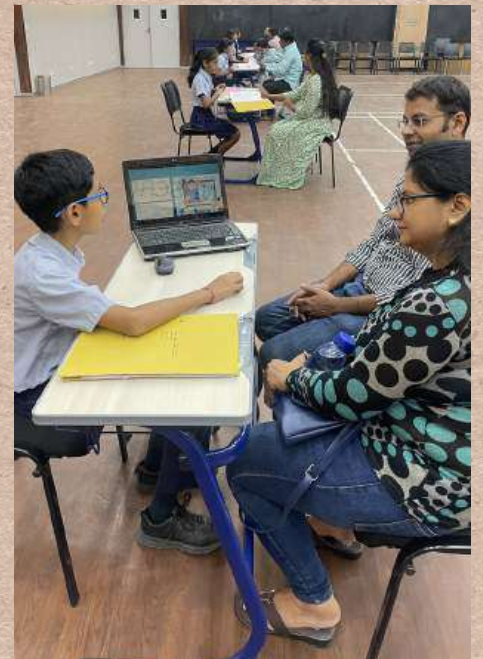
"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill

STUDENT LED CONFERENCE - 2024

The Grade VI Student-Led Conference (SLC) was a proud event for the Kalyaniites. It showcased the confidence, preparedness, and self-reflective abilities of our young learners. The students took charge of the session right from the beginning, sharing their progress, achievements, and goals for the future, with their parents. It was inspiring to see them reflect on their learning and speak with such poise and composure.

The parents were impressed to witness their children stepping into the spotlight and taking the lead. Many of them commented that it felt professional yet personal, and it gave them a deeper understanding of their child's learning journey. The feedback was heart-warming. They praised this initiative, saying it helped students develop confidence and responsibility. One of the parents was heard saying, "This event has truly brought out the best in them."

The SLC 2024 corroborated the fact that the TKS three-way handshake is without any doubt, helping the children to move in the right direction, towards the realization of their dreams.



Idealism sparks the dream. Determination sets it ablaze.

FIELD TRIPS

On 29th of November, the Grade VI students were taken on an educational visit to the Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum. The purpose of the trip was to provide the students with an enriching experience that complemented their classroom learning and broadened their understanding of the rich heritage and history of Pune city. The museum staff cordially greeted the students and guided them through the museum's three-story building, which houses a variety of sculptures dating back to the 14th century. They also explored ornamental exhibits made of ivory, silver, and gold, a fine collection of musical instruments, war weapons, and vessels. The museum currently holds over 20,000 objects, of which 2,500 are on display. The students were captivated by the grandeur of the Indian decorative items from everyday life and other art objects, mostly from the 18th and 19th centuries, a collection that highlights the exceptional skills of Indian artists from that period, including the prominent works of Pandit Abhijeet Joshi. The key attractions were the magnificent door frames, vessels, ornaments, musical instruments, paintings and carvings, which represent outstanding examples of Indian art. The trip to the museum was a valuable educational experience that left a lasting impression on the students. It not only reinforced classroom concepts but also inspired curiosity and a love for learning.



On 27th of November, the Grade XI Psychology students visited KEM Hospital, where they had the opportunity to explore the Terre des Hommes Rehabilitation Center and Morris Child Development Center. The field trip was organized to provide the students with practical exposure to psychological services and therapeutic practices, provided especially to children. The session commenced with an introduction by the psychologists, who provided an overview of the hospital's mission and vision. A video presentation highlighted the hospital's various departments, giving the students insight into the comprehensive medical and psychological services provided at KEM Hospital. The psychologists elaborated on the diverse range of services offered by the center. They learned about the different processes of assessment and management of developmental disorders like Autism, learning disabilities, poor scholastic performance, developmental delays, and cerebral palsy. The session highlighted common cases referred to the center, such as students with learning disabilities, including Dyslexia and Dysgraphia, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Autism Spectrum Disorders. Experts from the Speech Therapy Department also shared their experiences, discussing cases such as mutism, stuttering, and vocal cord issues. The psychologists shed light on various therapeutic practices, such as Play Therapy, Counseling Sessions and Learning Disability Assessments to identify specific challenges and develop intervention plans. The students gained first-hand knowledge of how therapeutic spaces are designed to create a conducive environment for rehabilitation and development. The session concluded with a Q&A round, where students posed thoughtful questions.

The visit to the KEM Hospital was an enriching experience, offering students a glimpse into the practical applications of psychology. It not only deepened their understanding of developmental and psychological challenges, but also inspired them to pursue their passions with commitment and empathy.



MONTH-END FUN AT TKS

On 29th of November, the Kinder students from Nursery to Sr. KG celebrated a fun-filled Experiential Learning Day with the colour theme, 'blue'. The children came dressed in their favourite blue outfits, to add to the excitement. The children were very busy throughout the day, doing specially curated activities, which were both fun and a learning experience. They started with a Fireless Cooking activity. The little ones of Nursery made Monaco Biscuit sandwiches, the Jr. KG children made their favourite fruit cocktail sticks and Sr. KG made blueberry sandwiches. The little chefs were very excited in preparing the goodies for their snack break, which they relished. This was then followed by a Hindi recitation, and Show and Tell activity. The excitement and the clarity and confidence of their presentation showed how much they enjoyed the activity. The children spoke about an imaginary insect they would like to have and also made some craft work by designing their own little books for the Mad About Literature project. After this, all the students played educational games in their respective classes. The games like True and False and Hindi Numbers Bingo helped the students to strengthen their language and number skills. A Popcorn Reading session followed this activity. The day ended with a lively dance session, which allowed them to express themselves through music and movement. The month end was filled with learning, creativity, and fun, leaving the children excited and enriched with new experiences.

The students of Grade I also enjoyed their 'Experiential Learning Day' activities on 29th of November, on the topic of 'Thanksgiving'. They also created a unique animal and explained how specific structures lead to their survival. It enabled them to improve their descriptive skills by communicating feelings, thoughts and emotions, with words. As a part of the Environment Consciousness Programme, a waste segregation activity was also conducted to make the children aware of its importance, to reduce its environmental impact and promote recycling. It is a vital step towards creating a sustainable and thriving community. The students enjoyed the day which was not only filled with learning but also with fun filled activities.



"Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon." – E. M. Forster

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

The Jr. KG A children presented their Special Assembly, on 19th of November on the topic, 'Empathy,' which is one of the school's Core Values. The highlight of the programme was a captivating presentation titled "Empathy Adventure in Fairyland." The Assembly revolved around fairy tales, where children brought to life various beloved characters. Through this imaginative journey, the students emphasized the importance of understanding and sharing, by weaving the essence of empathy into each story. A skit was presented where the children performed confidently, on stage. They spoke with clarity and showcased their talents with grace. Their performance was complemented by a melodious song and an entertaining dance that beautifully depicted the magic and life lessons, that fairy tales bring. The event was a joyous occasion, and the parents were delighted to witness the efforts and hard work of both the children and their teachers.



The children of Jr. KG C presented their Special Assembly, on 21st of November, on 'World Television Day', a day dedicated to recognizing the significance of television as a medium of communication. The Assembly began with the children explaining the importance of television as a source of information, education, and entertainment. Along with the role of television in our lives, the event highlighted the greater importance of spending quality time with family. They thoughtfully shared how bonding with family members and enjoying meaningful moments together holds even greater value. The programme was enriched by a lively choir performance, where the children sang a cheerful song about togetherness and family. This was followed by an energetic dance performance based on the same theme. The Assembly was a beautiful blend of education and entertainment, leaving the message that television has become an integral part of our lives, and it is difficult to live without it. But, while it can bring joy, the moments shared with loved ones are truly priceless. The programme resonated deeply with the audience, leaving everyone with a warm and happy feeling.



Yet, taught by time, my heart has learned to glow for other's good, and melt at other's woe. – Homer

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

The students of Grade V C presented their Special Assembly on 'World Hello Day' on 21st of November. This day is celebrated by a 100 countries to bring peace and to ward off wars and violence.

After the regular elements of News and Thought for the Day, the Assembly continued with a Choir performance by the entire class, on how to say 'Hello' in different languages around the world. This was followed by a skit on the importance of greeting each other politely every day, and how it may brighten up someone's life. The skit included a dance which was very well presented by the students. The highlight was a Quiz conducted on the different ways to say Hello in Indian languages. The audience participated with enthusiasm and also learnt a few new greetings. The Assembly concluded with the distribution of certificates to students, for various competitions they had participated in. The programme was appreciated by all the parents, teachers and students for its uniqueness and relevance to everyone's life.



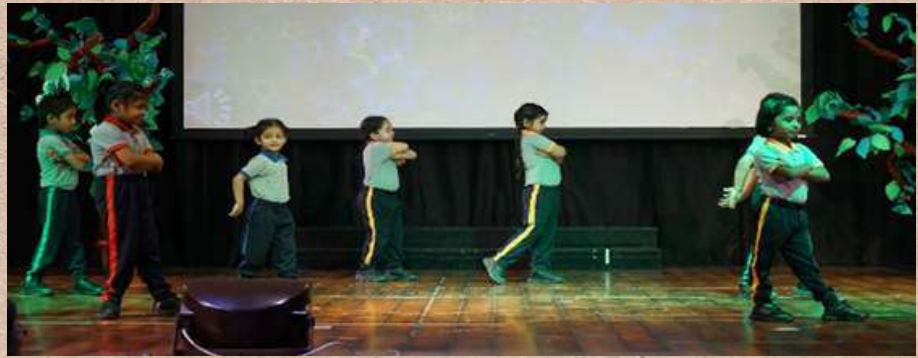
The students of Grade VIII B conducted their Special Assembly to commemorate 'National Integration Day', which is celebrated on 19th of November each year. The objective of the event was to increase the feeling of brotherhood, reduce differences and propagate tolerance and harmony. The Assembly started with the news, with an integrative twist, in which the student reporters introduced themselves in different languages to show the vast diversity of Indian languages. The topic was presented through a short yet very touching performance that moved all hearts. It was followed by a discussion, a skit, a song and a dance performance. The discussion highlighted the problems and solutions related to national integration and the action plan that students can take to work towards integration. The enactment titled 'Glimpses from Integrated India' highlighted various milestones in history, like the Adoption of the Constitution, Abolition of Untouchability, Integration of Princely States and the roles of key leaders like Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, Pandit Nehru, Dr. B R Ambedkar and Indira Gandhi. The music performance included a soulful choir that sang to the accompaniment of skilled guitarists, Cajun and keyboard players. A highly energetic dance performance that included many props was another of the highlights of the programme. It was a very enjoyable and enriching presentation and was appreciated by the entire audience.



"If you want to make beautiful music, you must play the black and the white notes together."— Richard Nixon

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

The children of Jr. KG B presented their Assembly on 'World Kindness Day' on 26th of November, to spread awareness about little deeds of kindness, which always come back as a reward to the doer. They performed in a skit confidently, focusing on the importance of kind deeds and words. They conveyed a simple yet profound message that any act of care and compassion done to others, without expecting anything in return, has the power to uplift spirits, strengthen connections, and make the world a brighter place. They sang a melodious song which was enjoyed by all. The Assembly ended with a well-choreographed dance by the little ones. Every child was given the opportunity to perform, to display their talent and present their unique qualities. The children participated enthusiastically and the parents were very happy to see their children so assured and graceful on the stage.



On 28th of November, the students of V D presented their Special Assembly on 'World Compassion Day' to highlight the importance of 'Compassion'. The children introduced the topic in a thoughtful way after the regular elements of the News and Thought for the Day. They spoke about the importance of the topic and presented a mime show discussing how one should evoke the feeling of compassion from within. They also enunciated that it is necessary to spread the happiness that comes with it. Through a graceful dance performance and a mesmerizing song, the students captivated the audience, highlighting the fact that it is compassion that makes human life meaningful. The students displayed confidence and their creative skills during the Assembly presentation. To end the event, a video compiled with the students' actions displaying 'compassion', was presented to the audience. It was an inspiring Assembly and touched every heart in the audience.



"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

— Mark Twain

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

A Special Assembly of Grade IX D was presented on 27th of November, on the topic, 'Dissent', in which the students spread awareness about the right attitude towards disagreement. The objective of the assembly was to present the need and importance to have the right perspective towards disagreement, which could help to grow society. Through various presentations, the students highlighted the essence of rising up for a cause. They discussed the need for the voice of disagreement, eloquently. The discussion included the period of rule during Nazi and the British dominance, and the children highlighted the contribution of the people who stood by their inner voice. They affirmed that even in the present scenario, those who are guided by their values and principles, create positive change in the world. The freedom of their thoughts and words inspire and motivate others to be better people. This was followed by a melodious performance by the choir group, who sang a beautiful song, 'Numb'. After the musical performance, the students performed a heart-touching dance performance on the song, 'Arambh hai Prachand'. The Assembly was indeed a success, because through it the students were able to fulfil the objective of spreading the awareness that resolution of differences is undoubtedly a must for a better tomorrow.



The students of Grade I A presented their Special Assembly on 'Thanksgiving Day'. The Assembly began with the introduction followed by the News, Thought for the Day and Dadi Maa ke Nuskhe. Following this, they presented a skit on 'Thanksgiving Day' which focused on the importance of being thankful. The students also narrated the first 'Thanksgiving Day' story, where each child took turns to narrate the story and string a colourful bead to make a Thanksgiving bracelet. This bracelet was then presented to Ghule Kaka as a sign of their gratitude for all his help. The students sang a melodious thanksgiving song too. To add to the celebration, they matched their steps in a lively dance as well. It was a well formatted programme, and successful in making the audience reflect on what all they have to be grateful for, in life.



"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." – Henry Ford

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

Following the tenets of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's comment, "The Constitution is not a mere lawyer's document, it is a vehicle of life, and its spirit is always the spirit of age." Grade VIII C presented their Special Assembly, on Constitution Day, on 26th of November. The event tried to remind us of the significance of the living, evolving nature of the Constitution and its enduring relevance in our lives. The event began with a welcome speech, followed by a small Quiz on Constitution Day, engaging the audience with interesting questions about the Constitution. The students then conducted a skit depicting the life and achievements of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, highlighting his role in drafting the Indian Constitution. They also presented a series of tableaux showcasing the process of creating the Constitution, and emphasizing the collaborative efforts of the Constituent Assembly. One of the main attractions was a captivating dance performance titled 'Dance Mudra on the Preamble,' where one of the students, Riddhi, used classical dance forms to interpret the values and principles of the Preamble. The Assembly also featured a group song and dance performance, adding a musical and rhythmic element to the celebration. The programme concluded with a small speech on the importance of Constitution Day and encouraged everyone to uphold the values of the Constitution. It was indeed a perfect blend of education and entertainment, making it a memorable celebration of Constitution Day.



The students of Grade Jr. KG D presented their Special Assembly on 'Gratitude', on 28th of November. This topic was chosen to commemorate the occasion of Thanksgiving, which was celebrated on 28th November. It gives us an opportunity to be grateful for whatever we have and express gratitude to the people who help make our lives easier. Through their performance, the children showcased the importance of Gratitude. They displayed their creative skills through a lively dance expressing thankfulness. They also presented a melodious song on the same theme. The children enacted a skit depicting a young boy who learns a valuable lesson on gratitude while spending time with his family. A video was shown, with the Jr. KG D students expressing their gratitude in different ways at home. The parents were requested to write what they were thankful for on leaves given by the teachers and these were put up on the 'Gratitude Tree'. Each child spoke with confidence and took on their own roles with pride. The Assembly was indeed a success and the children left the stage with a strong feeling of pride and accomplishment.



"So long as you do not achieve social justice, whatever freedom is provided by the law to you will be of no avail". - Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

BEYOND THE BOOKS LEARNING AT TK5

The students of Grade VIII study about fire extinguishers in their Science chapter on Combustion and Flames. To give them a first-hand experience with fire extinguishing tools, a training was conducted on 11th of November, in the school premises. The students were given the basic and essential knowledge of how to handle fire-extinguishers in an emergency situation. It was ensured that each child learnt how to respond safely and effectively. The training focused on identifying different types of fires, and which fire extinguisher would work in each case. They also learned how to use these vital safety equipment confidently. The training was not only related to their lesson in school, but is also going to help them react to emergency situations if they ever have to face a fire.



On 8th of November, a Growing-up Workshop was conducted by the SEN Department, for the students of Grade IV. The objective of the event was to make the students aware of their private body parts and the importance of maintaining health and hygiene. It was an attempt to make them understand what is safe, unsafe, and unwanted touch; to introduce the concept of a 'trusted adult', and help them to identify their trusted adults. They were also told what steps they should follow in case of an emergency. The mentors began by talking about the changing seasons and what needs to be done to stay fit and alert. The importance of sleep, exercise, healthy eating and making smart choices were discussed. Following this, the children were shown a video clip, 'Tickles and Hugs', which spoke about touches that are unsafe, and what children should do if they feel uncomfortable. There was special emphasis on speaking to a trusted adult and never keeping a secret when it comes to unsafe situations.

Through various examples, the children became aware about how all hurtful touches are not unsafe, for example - removing a splinter from the finger. Again, there are touches that might be safe, but a child might not want them at that moment. After this, the children were asked to share their own examples of unwanted touch. They were told that they too should be aware of their own actions, and not touch their friends if they feel uncomfortable.

The 'No, Go, Tell' strategy was reinforced for the students, and they were told that they had to control who could touch their body, and what are the things no one should ask them to do. The children practiced saying "No" in a variety of situations.

The children shared their feelings and experiences without inhibition. They were also inquisitive about the information shared and were able to relate it to real life scenarios. At the end of the workshop, the students were given a worksheet in which they had to identify and write the names of up to 5 trusted adults. It was an interactive session, and the children seemed to be quite confident with the knowledge imparted by their mentors.



"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are." – E.E. Cummings

SKILL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

The Principals of all the CBSE schools across India were invited to attend a Skill Education Workshop. Our Senior School Vice-Principal, Ms. Poonam Mishra attended the workshop on 30th of November. It was organized by CBSE in association with the NGO, Lend a Hand India. The objective was to equip students with various skills, and help them choose their vocation. The NGO has already set up an entire school of applied learning, called Karigar School of Applied Learning, in Shivaji Nagar, Pune. They also have a Skill on Wheels programme, where-in they go around different rural areas imparting education to those children who, due to various difficulties, are unable to reach schools. They propose to involve students of Grades IX to XII, who can do their internships, by choosing an activity to suit their interest and aptitude like, bakery, electronics, robotics, gardening, etc. and developing their skills in it. Poonam Ma'am reported that the Management is looking forward to partnering with Lend a Hand, India and taking skill education to the desired level in our school.



"You don't learn to walk by following rules. You learn by doing, and by falling over."

— Richard Branson

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Sensitivity towards our environment and working to preserve it for the future generation, have always been a priority of the Kalyaniites. They have worked with the volunteers of Anandvan Foundation regularly in the past and taken part in tree plantation ventures. This year the team got involved in another new project to ensure the safety of the forest areas. Unexpected and accidental fires are hazardous in the development of forests, and the Anandvan volunteers have taken a lot of initiatives to avoid these incidents. On 17th of November, 50 students from The Kalyani School joined forces with them,, to help create fire lines at Anandvan 2. They removed unnecessary grass which has a tendency to spread fast, and aggravate forest fires. They toiled along with the adults throughout the day, with creditable enthusiasm. It was just another validation of the fact that the Kalyaniites are learning a lot beyond their prescribed curriculum and growing up as caring and compassionate human beings.



Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world."

- Howard Zinn

SCHOOL COUNCIL RESULTS DECLARED

The results of the School Council election were declared on 11th of November, and the new team of leaders were felicitated among a lot of cheer and verve. The election had taken place in October and the results were eagerly awaited by all the students and teachers. The new SCMs will be sworn in during the Investiture Ceremony in December, to officially take over their mantle of responsibilities. They will have to shoulder their leadership roles with gravity and humility, and make sure that they conduct the school towards more glory and success. We wish them strength, objectivity and wisdom. Vive la, the leaders of tomorrow!!



Head Boy - Shaarav Narang

Head Girl - Navika Singh

Prefects

1. Alina Shaikh

2. Kaashvi Datta

3. Tanishca Diwan

4. Arundhati Iyer

Sports Captain Girl - Siya Bajaj

Sports Captain Boy - Vedant Singh

Social Impact Head - Ananya Komath

Cultural Head - Tilak Bhimrajka

Sahyadri House

Vice Captain Boy - Aryan Godani

Vice Captain Girl - Ridhima A Sreedharan

Captain Girl - Saranya Bhatt

Captain Boy - Devansh Jobanputra

Koyna House

Vice Captain Boy - Mokshet Jain

Vice Captain Girl - Vidhi Lade

Captain Girl - Siya Santosh

Captain Boy - Mayan Sreedharan

Krishna House

Vice Captain Boy - Ayushmaan Singh

Vice Captain Girl - Shreeya Zundaray

Captain Girl - Nayanika Negi

Captain Boy - Akshaan Verma

Godavari House

Vice Captain Boy - Mihit Kulkarni

Vice Captain Girl - Vanya Agarwal

Captain Girl - Saura Nayar

Captain Boy - Suvir Arora

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

A VERY HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY

On 14th of November, the students of TKS were given a tribute by their teachers, on the occasion of Children's Day. Throughout the day the children were in a festive mood. Though in the senior school, classes were conducted, the academic plans for the day were kept light; and fun activities were devised to make sure that everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest. The teachers from Elementary School to those in the Senior Sections, took a lot of effort to curate grade appropriate programmes for their respective classes. Despite their very tight schedules, they made sure to come on the stage with a bouquet of some very colourful and vibrant performances. The children were thrilled to see their teachers in such different avatars, and cheered on till the end of the programme. In the end, as a surprise treat, they also got a chance to dance to some lively music. It was indeed a fitting finale to a lively and fun-filled day. It was indeed a very Happy Children's Day.



A VERY HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY



**We are the world
We are the children
We are the ones who make a
brighter day,
so let's start giving...**

FORM MORNING – GRADE IV

The Form Morning of Grade IV was an exciting celebration of creativity and collaboration, bringing together students, teachers, and parents in an atmosphere of joy and inspiration. Held on Friday, 29th of November,, the event provided a platform for the students to showcase their diverse talents while delivering a delightful programme of drama, dance, and music. Anticipated eagerly by all, the morning exceeded expectations with its seamless blend of performances.

The event began with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, accompanied by a melodious prayer song that set a serene tone for the event. The audience was then transported into the magical world of Beauty and the Beast, as the students enacted the beloved story with enthusiasm and flair.

The play unfolded in several captivating scenes. The first act introduced the cursed Beast, and the expressive acting and dialogue delivery drew the audience into the tale. Beauty's courageous decision to take her father's place in the Beast's castle, was portrayed with emotional depth and conviction. As the story evolved, the performers depicted the growing friendship between Beauty and the Beast with humour and charm, culminating in a powerful final act, where Beauty's love and compassion broke the Beast's curse. The audience was enthralled by the students' confident and vivid expressions, and their ability to bring the characters to life on stage.



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Interwoven with the play, were dazzling dance sequences that added vibrancy to the programme. A standout moment was the ballroom dance performed by Beauty and the Beast, representing their growing bond. The students displayed exceptional grace and coordination, making the presentation one of the highlights of the morning.

The event concluded with a grand finale dance performance that celebrated the story's themes of love, kindness and inner beauty. The lively choreography, the vibrant costumes, synchronized movements, and sheer energy of the students created a memorable end to the programme.

The Form Morning was more than just a showcase of talent; it was a testament to the dedication and teamwork of the students and teachers. The rehearsals and preparations were a journey of learning and growth, as the students discovered the importance of collaboration, perseverance, and self-expression. The event was a joyful and enriching experience, leaving the audience with cherished memories and an appreciation for the talents of the Grade IV students.



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