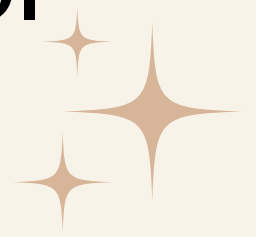




The Kalyani School Newsletter



October - 2024

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



It is said about the October season that it has the power to heal every ailment. The deep azure of the cloudless sky itself, portends of good things in the offing. For Indians especially, it officially ushers in the period of celebration. It spells Navratri, Dussehra, Diwali, Bhai Dooj; and opens the gate to Christmas and New Year. With all this said and done, we cannot turn our eyes away from the fact that this year, October is also marked with a more sombre undertone. The world seems to be on the edge of change. Wherever we turn, there is news of unrest, violence and strife. But, it is not just unorganized violence any more. One such, which had started as a protest by the youth in one corner of our country, has now spread all over the world, demanding justice, integrity and safety.

The young generation is asking pertinent questions of their elected leaders and are demanding answers; failing which, there is a possibility of the old system coming crashing down, to give place to a fresh new world. It is a time when we cannot remain satisfied in our comfortable corner and refuse to take a stand. We have to voice our opinions, to say, "enough is enough", give shoulder to our own onus and start our bit of giving the world a lick of fresh new look. Let us together bring back the true spirit of celebration; let this October be a beginning of a new year, with courage, care and compassion. Let all the squalor and grime of everything dark give way to the light of hope and faith.

HAPPY DUSSEHRA. HAPPY DIWALI.

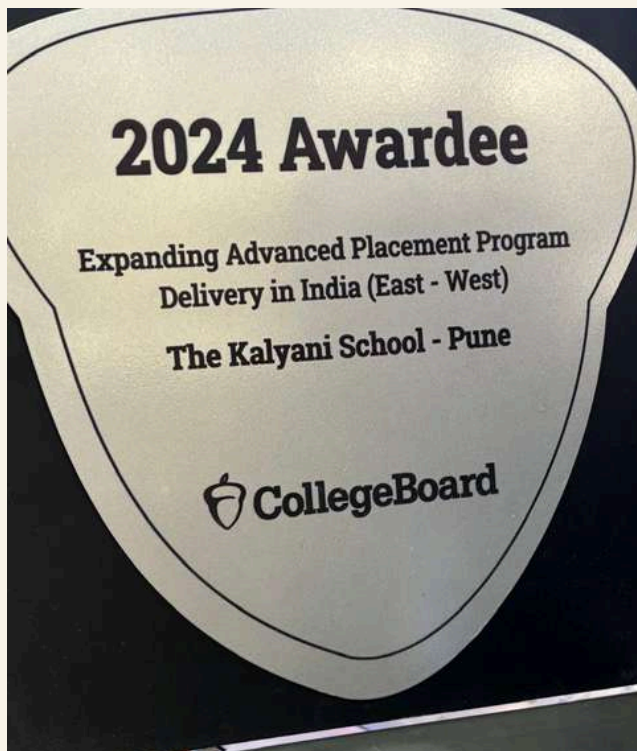


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TKS Wall of Fame

This month the College Board felicitated Mrs. Nirmal Waddan for the initiatives taken by TKS in expanding the Advanced Placement Programme in the East and West regions. TKS has been honoured for its exemplary efforts in increasing the number of Advanced Placement registrations. The school has been the centre,, where the AP Exams have been conducted since the last three years. It is the second centre in Maharashtra and the first in Pune. Congratulations Kalyaniites!! May our Flag of distinction always fly high!!



"SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE ARE NOT GIFTED; THEY JUST WORK HARD, THEN SUCCEED ON PURPOSE." —G.K. NIELSON

They Do Us Proud

Rishika Vyas from Grade VI, won Silver Medal in Kumite at the state level event held in Pune, in the month of September. We regret not mentioning her name in the September Newsletter. We congratulate her and wish Rishika all the best for her future ventures.



In a District Level Chess Tournament, Abeer Maddhav, from Grade VI secured 1st Position in the U-12 Boys' category. The event was organized by Aditya International School, Moshi, on 6th of December. We are proud of Abeer's achievement and wish to see him reach his goal in every match he participates in.

The U-14 Girls Handball Team of The Kalyani School, from Grades VI to VIII, secured 1st Position in the Zilla Parishad Handball Competition held in Pragati Vidyalaya, Kaleborate, Hadapsar, on 4th and 5th of October. They represented Pune in the Division level Competition, at Sangamner, Ahmednagar on 25th and 26th of October and secured the First Position again. We congratulate this laudable feat, and wish them more success in all the matches to come. The following are the participants who have brought in the laurels:

Asmi Shourya, Krisha Sheth, Asparsha Singh, Lyla Nangrani, Swarali Raskar, Tanaya Ghule, Kavya Jadhav, Naisha Agarwal, Anvi Ghule, Aarya Kale, Aahana Lakhani, Arya Ware, Ishwari Kharade, Vaibhavi Pakhale, Revashri Chandane and Bhakti Ware.



Hridhaan Shah of Grade X, once again received the First Prize in the U-17 Boys' ZP Inter School Squash Championship, conducted by District Sports Office and Pune Municipal Corporation. The event was conducted on 14th of October at the Maharashtra Squash Academy, Undri. With this victory, Hridhaan has qualified for the Pune Division level tournament. This is not all!! Hridhaan also won the Second Prize in the U-15 Sub Junior-National Squash Championship held in Kolkata from October 19th-25th, by Squash Rackets Federation of India (SGFI). On 27th of October, once again, he secured the First Position in the ZP Pune Divisional Squash Championship, at the Maharashtra Squash Academy, Undri, which was organized by the Pune Divisional Sports Office. His commendable talents are a source of immense pride to all Kalyaniites. We wish to see him gather even more laurels in the future too. Keep going, Hridhaan!!



They Do Us Proud

Students from Grades VI to X represented The Kalyani School in Vagmita, a literary event in Hindi and Sanskrit, hosted by Delhi Public School, on 16th of October. They distinguished themselves with their exemplary performances and brought home laurels. Arjun Jain, of Grade X, won the First Prize in the Speech Competition. Ananya Komath, Niyati Asati, Avni Kharde, also from Grade X, received the Second Prize in 'Vigyapan'. Shreya Kukanur, from Grade X, won the Second Prize in Sanskrit Illustration. Aayushi Chaudhary and S. Srivardhan, from Grade VIII received the Third Prize in Sanskrit Storytelling. They had put in a lot of hard work to achieve this accomplishment and we are very proud of their success. Way to go Kalyaniites!!



The commendable creative writing skills of the Kalyaniites have been acknowledged once again. Our budding authors had participated in the first round of the Katha National Writers Workshop, 2024. They had submitted their entries online. Their creativity and storytelling abilities truly stood out among all the entries. The finalists will be given an opportunity to join the prestigious Katha National Writers' Workshop. The following students have moved to the next round of the event. We acknowledge with pride, their creative skills and wish them all the best in the next rounds.



Aryan Ranjan Sharma - Grade VIII
Karan Nambisan - Grade VII
Kartik Nambisan - Grade VII
Parnika Rane - Grade VIII
Rupsha Bhattacharyya - Grade IX
Syon Shukla - Grade IX

Akiev Keer of Grade XII, has done it again this month. He has secured 1st Position in not just one, but three events at the U-19 Boys' Pune Division Swimming Competition held in Balewadi, on 10th of October, at the Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Sports Complex Swimming Pool. He was the winner in the 50 m Butterfly, 100 m Butterfly, and also in the 100 m Freestyle. This impressive achievement has qualified Akiev for the Maharashtra School State Swimming Competition. We are very proud of his consistent performance in every event, and wish him more success in the future.



They Do Us Proud

The Kalyani School U-14 and U-17 Boys' Teams lifted the Orbis Football Cup, at the District level Competition on 16th and 17th of October, held at The Orbis School, Mundwa. The participants of the U-14 team were Shaurya Aditya, Shrihan Soni, Vivaan Nihalani, Arnav Tiwari, Adhyant Ahuja, Vedaang Berry, Garv Buttan, Samanyu Dixit, Vihaan Shah, Gohaam Motwani, Ved Misra and Ayansh Yadav.



The participants of the U-17 team were Neil Rajani, Devansh Jobanputra, Parth Desarda, Akshat Singh, Jay Kore, Veer Gurbaxani, Aditya Lakhotiya, Rachit Sharma, Kabeer Poplee, Edwin Alex and Aarav Nayar.

We congratulate their team work, coordination and commendable skills on the fields. May they go ahead to win every match in the future too!!

The TKS Band 'Nightshift', secured the 2nd Position in the Battle of Bands Regionals 2024, organized by Torrins, at the Centre for Performing Arts of The Kalyani School, on 21st of October. The participants, Avyukt Daga of Grade X on Drums; Aadhyant Bhargava of Grade X on Vocals, Ranveer Bhatia of Grade X on Keyboard, Tilak Bhimrajka of Grade X on Bass, and Angad Mehta and Yuvraj Dange of Grade IX on Guitar, gave a fascinating performance and mesmerized the audience. We are proud of their commendable talents and hope to see them reach their musical goals in the future. Great work done boys!!



The Karate Champs of TKS participated in the Maharashtra State Level Karate Championship (KAM) held on October 27th and 28th, 2024. With their remarkable skills, Nehansh Kalbhor of Grade III (Silver Medal in Kumite), and Mahi Takale of Grade V (Bronze Medal in Kumite) have been selected for the West Indian Karate Championship. We wish both of them many more accolades in the future.



"PERSISTENCE IS THE TWIN SISTER OF EXCELLENCE. ONE IS A MATTER OF QUALITY; THE OTHER, A MATTER OF TIME." — MARABEL MORGAN

The Fun They Had

The Kinder section observed their Experiential Day on 22nd of October, the last working day before the Diwali vacation, with a Diwali celebration, which is one of the major festivals celebrated across India.

As Diwali is a festival of lights, the littles ones of Nursery came brightly dressed in party wear. They played a sorting game of sounds. Every child made a coconut barfi during their fireless cooking time, followed by a craft activity with paper cups. At the end, they all played a game of letter musical chairs and danced to lively songs on Diwali.



The children of Jr. KG also had a very enjoyable time. They did a picture talk on Green Diwali. They made paper patakhas and decorated the floor with colourful rangoli. They also had a Diwali party, where they happily shared their food with others. Then they all danced to Diwali songs.

The Sr. KG children too enjoyed the fun fare. They played a game of dumb charades with blend words, where they had to act out the words and others had to guess them correctly. They made lanterns out of paper cut outs. They also saw an informative video where they learnt about the festival through the story of Ramayan. Delicious badam barfi was made, which they shared with their friends and teachers.

In Grade I, the day started with students making Diwali greeting cards. The bright splash of colours on paper symbolized the spirit of festivity and excitement that was just around the corner. Following this, they were taught to wrap gifts using old newspapers in an eco-friendly way. They were also made aware of celebrating an eco-friendly Diwali or Green Diwali. To wind up the festivities, the children shared their food with each other and danced to some lively music.

It was an excellent learning experience for the children, which enhanced their knowledge about the festival, while enjoying the fun assignments with their classmates.



"YOU DON'T LEARN TO WALK BY FOLLOWING RULES. YOU LEARN BY DOING, AND BY FALLING OVER."

— RICHARD BRANSON

TKS Children's Day Out

October was a month of rejoicing, especially among the students of Grades IX to XII. After a month long spell of Half Yearly Exams, they were given a much needed respite to relax and enjoy with their friends and teachers, among the serenity and calm of nature. On 4th of October, the students of Grades X and XII went for their annual picnic, and IX and XI went for their IAYP Adventure Journey.



The venue for the Adventure Journey of Grade IX was Anjanvel, and for Grade XI, Tikona Farms. It was an overnight event, in continuation to the Practice Journey which the students had taken part in earlier, in the school. Grade X students went to Sunny's World for the day picnic, and Grade XII, to Raanfula Agro Farms for a night stay. All four groups were accompanied by the facilitators of the senior school as well as the support staff. Each venue was equipped with top notch adventure activities and non-stop excitement for the children.

The students of the IAYP Adventure Journey, were given a real taste of outdoor living, which included camping, cooking and several team building activities. While they had a lot of fun, their practical learning during the period of these two days was beyond measure. They learned how to look after each other, solve problems on their own, in unknown surroundings, away from their family. Though the facilitators were not far away and available in case of emergency, the children had to fend for themselves and deal with every small crises that arose during this time. They became aware of the world outside their comfort zones and found their strengths while facing setbacks. Sometimes they had to face unexpected difficulties and obstacles, which they overcame as a team. Relying on their own judgment and abilities, brought in them self-assurance and confidence. It can be safely said that at the end of the journey, the objective to build strong, independent and able 'young people', was duly met.

"A JOURNEY IS MEASURED IN FRIENDS RATHER THAN MILES." - TIM CAHILL

TKS Children's Day Out

The students of Grades X and XII also had a whole lot of fun, while developing their social skills and a sense of community. Spending time in the midst of nature, they got to know each other more intimately, became more aware of their surroundings and their environment. They made invaluable memories, and created precious stories and lively anecdotes to be cherished for a lifetime. The 2024 TKS annual outing for the students therefore, was another successful event, which combined unbounded joy, with holistic learning experiences that the children will remember with a smile on their lips.



"THOSE WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN MAGIC WILL NEVER FIND IT." - ROALD DAHL

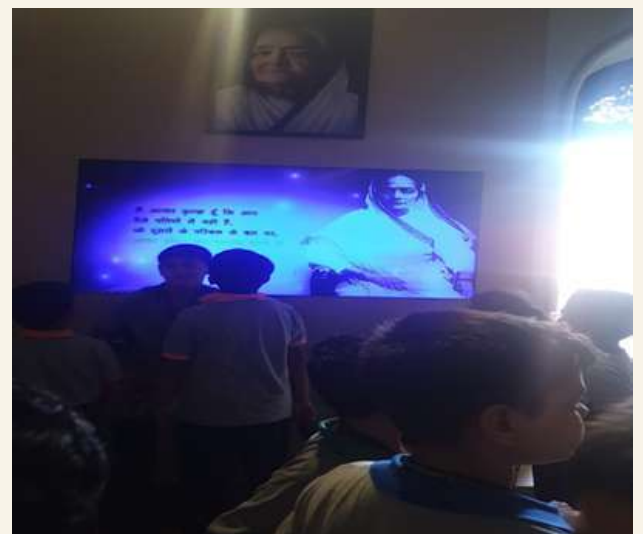
Field Trip-Grade IV

On 30th of Sept. 2024, the students of Grade IV visited The Agha Khan Palace to explore and understand the significance of India's historical heritage. The focus was particularly on the importance of the Agha Khan Palace in the freedom struggle and its connection to Mahatma Gandhi, Kasturba Gandhi, and Gandhi's manager, Mahadev Desai. Upon arrival at the venue, a knowledgeable guide informed the students that the palace served as a place of internment for Mahatma Gandhi, Kasturba Gandhi, and Mahadev Desai, during India's freedom struggle. The guide shared stories about Gandhi's life, his ideals, and his role in the struggle for independence.



The students learned about Kasturba Gandhi's resilience and dedication to the freedom struggle alongside her husband. The guide talked about Mahadev Desai, Gandhi's trusted manager, highlighting his participation in Gandhiji's struggles against the British and the circumstances surrounding his death at the palace. The students were moved to learn that Kasturba Gandhi also passed away here, and they paid respects at her memorial.

Throughout the tour, the students diligently took notes, capturing important dates, events and personal reflections. The visit concluded with the students filling out reflection forms, where they shared their thoughts, learnings, and how the visit impacted their understanding of India's history. The field trip to Agha Khan Palace was an enriching experience, providing students with a deeper connection to the lives and sacrifices of key figures in India's freedom movement. They returned with a renewed appreciation of India's heritage and the historical figures who shaped it.



"WE TRAVEL NOT TO ESCAPE LIFE BUT FOR LIFE NOT TO ESCAPE US."
- MARY ANNE RADMACHER

Field Trip-Grade V

The students of Grade V visited KF Bio Plant, Pune, to learn about the practical exposure to modern biotechnology practices, sustainable farming techniques, and plant biotechnology research. They were also able to make connections with their classroom learning. The aim of the trip was to enhance the students' understanding of the role of science and technology in creating a greener future and witness how these innovations contribute to sustainable farming.



Upon arrival at the KF Bio Plant, the students were welcomed by the facility's research team and given an introductory briefing about the plant's mission, objectives, and the types of research conducted there. A visit to the greenhouse allowed students to see how controlled environments help optimize the growth of plants.

They observed various types of plants being nurtured using minimal resources, promoting water conservation and energy efficiency. The students expressed excitement about what they had learned, and wrote their learning on a reflection sheet after coming back to school. This field trip not only contributed to the students' knowledge of plant science but also fostered a sense of responsibility toward environmental sustainability.



**OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE IS MORE ONE
OF BEING THAN HAVING.
WE ARE NATURE: WE DO NOT HAVE NATURE.
- STEVEN HARPER**

Celebrating the Pleasure of Reading

The students of The Kalyani School celebrated 'Reading Week' from the 11th to 18th of October. The event was organized by the Library Department and the Literary Head, Ms. Amita Sinha. The programme was designed to encourage reading, inspire growth, and spark a love for books among all the Kalyaniites. It featured a variety of engaging activities, including interactive sessions with authors, creative writing workshops and book review discussions. Children from each Grade were given a chance to participate in the activities and browse the book stalls during scheduled slots. The event had a great impact on the students' book reading habits, and was especially welcomed by the avid readers among them. The students were heard commenting on how much they enjoyed the time they spent in such pleasurable surroundings. It was another successful attempt from the school to give the Kalyaniites an opportunity to spread their wings in a world of imagination and creativity.



Elections in TKS

Every year, the House Captains and Vice-Captains of The Kalyani School are elected through a fair and democratic process, which includes nomination of candidates, campaigning and finally, voting. The Head Boy, Head Girl, and the Sports Captains are selected by a Panel, comprising the Management and Core Committee members. This year, the process started a little earlier than usual, in October.



The nominations started on the 8th of the month, which saw a large number of aspiring candidates of each House, from Grades IX, X and XI, proposing their names for the posts of House Captains and Vice Captains. The Panel Interviews for the posts of Head Boy, Head Girl and the Sports Captains were conducted on the 15th, where the nominees were asked about their plans and dreams for the future, if they were to be elected to office. The candidates expressed themselves with candor and confidence, knowing that the role that they are aspiring for, would call for unbiased responsibility and sincere hard work. On 16th of October, the list of the House Captain and Vice-Captain nominees was declared and campaigning for votes took place on the 18th. During this period, the candidates tried to convince their House members about their worthiness, and promised them their complete support and service, if they got elected. Following this, the election took place on 21st, where all the students of Grades V upward, voted for the candidates from their Houses, for the posts of Captains and Vice-Captains.



The results of the election will be declared in the month of November, after the Diwali vacation. The solemn event of the Investiture Ceremony of the new School Council Members will be conducted in December. We look forward to welcoming the new batch of leaders who will take charge soon, and wish them the very best in their role as school leaders. May they keep the TKS colours flying high and take the school to greater heights!



Pitch Perfect – Battle of the Business Plans

The students of Grades IX to XII participated in a unique entrepreneurial event, the very first intra-school business plan competition called 'Pitch Perfect - Battle of the Business Plans'. The Preliminary Round was conducted on 3rd of September. Seven teams of three students each, from grades IX to XII participated in the qualifying round. The objective was to give the participants an idea of how Start-up companies use business plans to launch their venture and to attract outside investors; and that the purpose of making a business plan, is to help in keeping the executive team focused on short and long-term objectives.



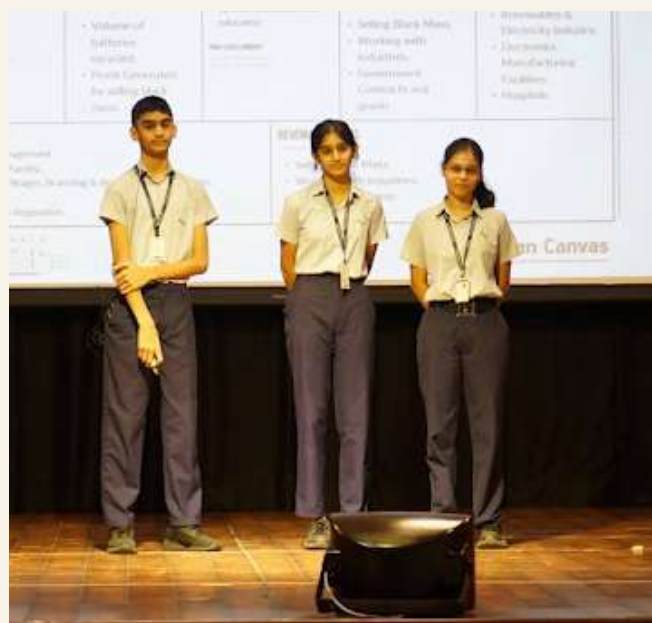
The judge for the Elimination Round was Mrs. Sarika Mahashabde, a qualified Chemical Engineer. The efforts put in by each team were explicitly visible in their PPT presentations. Their understanding was evident from the way they answered questions posed to them by the Judge and teachers present, as well as the students in the audience. The feedback given by Mrs. Mahashabde was accepted gracefully by all the students, and 4 teams were selected for the final event scheduled for 3rd October, 2024.

The finalists presented their ideas to the Judges – Ms. Deeksha Kalyani, and Mrs. Sarika Mahashabde. These teams were judged on five key parameters:

1. Originality and Inventive Thinking
2. Practicality and Commercial Viability
3. Presentation and Communication Skills
4. Promotion Strategy and Revenue Model
5. Relevance to the Theme

The three winning titles for the event were:

1. The Best Pitch
2. The Most Innovative Idea
3. The Most Promising Entrepreneur



The event allowed the students to explore different business ideas, research their chosen idea, and present the same in the most compelling way. It also helped them become confident while facing analytical questions about their ventures. Since this was a student driven programme, it enabled them to experience how to conduct events of such a level. The first venture of the TKS Pitch Perfect - Battle of the Business Plans can therefore be said to have fulfilled its learning objectives successfully and satisfactorily.

Pitch Perfect-Battle of the Business Plans



"GREAT THINGS IN BUSINESS ARE NEVER DONE BY ONE PERSON; THEY'RE DONE BY A TEAM OF PEOPLE WITH PASSION, VISION, AND RELENTLESS EFFORT." - STEVE JOBS

Special Assembly

The students of Grade XI E showcased their varied skills and talents through a Special Assembly on the theme, *The Durga within a Woman*, on 9th of October, 2024. The objective of the Assembly was to shed light on the unmanifested power of women, narrated through the mythological story behind Durga Puja. The students introduced the theme emphasizing on the humiliations that an average Indian woman still, in many places, has to endure in life. This introduction was followed by an interesting and impactful skit, which portrayed real-life situations, highlighting the challenges faced by a teenage girl, being violently treated by an antisocial individual, who was portrayed as an 'asura' of the modern age. The theme was brought to life through a combination of dances, monologues, and a song, all seamlessly integrated into the flow of the skit. The Assembly, especially held during the season of Durga Puja, was greatly impactful and left an indelible mark on the audience.



The students of Grade I C, presented a Special Assembly on 15th of October, on the topic 'Global Handwashing Day'. After the regular elements of the Assembly, the programme began with a skit on the importance of washing hands. It depicted the reasons for keeping our hands clean, the methods of it, and also highlighted the effects, if the process is neglected. The topic was a very relevant one, because washing our hands can have a huge impact on our health and the health of those around us. A short and informative video was also shown to demonstrate the proper hand-washing techniques. The children shared the information, that access to clean water and soap is a global issue in some regions, contributing to higher disease rates. Following the skit, a graceful dance was performed to highlight the theme. Overall, the Assembly was a very informative one and was conducted smoothly. The audience appreciated the impeccable performance of the students and left with a lot of take-aways and food for thought.



Special Assembly

On 17th of October 2024, the students of Grade IV A presented their Special Assembly on the topic 'The Power That Shapes Us - Memories', to celebrate the power and beauty of something that each of us carry within us — our memories. Our memories blend together to create the picture of our lives. The students shared some facts with narration about how memories are fascinating and how they are like colourful threads that weave the fabric of our personality. A skit inspired by the movie 'Inside Out' explored how different emotions like Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust work together to handle and shape the memories of a nine year old girl, Riley. The skit also showed how these emotions navigated a new adventure inside Riley's mind. A dance on the song 'Try Everything' was performed by the students, within the skit. The Assembly ended with the students singing the melodious song 'Memories' by Maroon 5.

It was a very fascinating event, which provided the audience with a lot of information and food for thought about the power that lay within all of us.



A Special Assembly on World Students' Day was presented by Grade VIII A, on 15th of October, to commemorate the birthday of the 11th President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Dr. Kalam was a true visionary who epitomized passion, dedication, and unwavering support for students. The event began with the introduction of the topic, followed by the News around the World, Dadi Maa ke Nuskhe and the Thought of the Day. They also performed a short skit to demonstrate the incredible journey of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, and his achievements as a leader and more importantly, as a human being. The students presented a graceful dance, dedicated to the theme. A soulful musical rendition on Sarod was one of the highlights of the programme. The audience were impressed with the Question-Answer Session conducted at the end. The Assembly was conceptualized well and was appreciated by all the parents, teachers and students.



Special Assembly

On 16th of October, Grade IX C presented an engaging Assembly to observe World Food Day. The objective of the event was to focus on the critical themes of food security and sustainable development. It began with opening remarks from the class teacher, highlighting the importance of food as a fundamental human right and the growing issues surrounding global hunger. The students presented compelling speeches and multimedia displays, sharing alarming statistics that revealed nearly 690 million people suffering from undernourishment. They discussed local initiatives, such as community gardens and food banks, that aim to combat hunger and reduce food waste.



An interactive discussion encouraged the audience to reflect on their food choices and their effects on health and the environment. A skit was enacted, which creatively illustrated the journey of food from farm to table, highlighting the challenges faced by farmers and the importance of supporting local agriculture. A captivating dance performance on the same theme was also a key point of the programme. The Assembly concluded with a powerful call to action, urging everyone to adopt mindful consumption habits, to participate in community initiatives, and to spread awareness about food security. This event successfully inspired the students to recognize their role in creating a food-secure and sustainable future for their community.



"HUNGER IS NOT A PROBLEM. IT IS AN OBSCENITY. HOW WONDERFUL IT IS THAT NOBODY NEED WAIT A SINGLE MOMENT BEFORE STARTING TO IMPROVE THE WORLD."

— ANNE FRANK

Guest Lecture

The students of Grades XI and XII attended a guest lecture on the Field of Music and Entrepreneurship on 17th of October. The lecture was conducted by Mr. Vikas Sharma, an IIT Graduate from Roorkee. During the session, he shared his inspiring journey from the IT industry to his passion, music. Mr. Sharma is the founder of Alankaar Music, an organization based in Pune that is dedicated to promoting and teaching music. As a guitarist, composer, and singer, he actively contributes his musical talents to the organization. He spoke about how, like many others, he initially saw IT as a highly sought-after profession. He worked diligently for his JEE exams, which led him to incredible opportunities and exposure in the field. However, despite his success, he felt a sense of incompleteness, which eventually motivated him to change his career path and pursue his passion for music.



The event helped the students to understand the significance of aligning personal passion with professional choices. They reflected on the importance of adaptability and willingness to explore alternative career paths, even after success in a conventional field. The children also learned about the skills required to be successful. They are, clear and effective communication skills, both verbal and written, for collaboration, leadership, and networking; and the capacity to think critically, analyze situations, and develop creative solutions to overcome obstacles.

It is also important to prioritize tasks and manage time efficiently. Staying curious and constantly improving by acquiring new knowledge and skills, keeps one competitive and relevant in any field. The ability to recover from setbacks, handle criticism constructively,, and maintain a long-term perspective despite challenges is also a key requirement. One should be willing to think outside the box and bring fresh ideas to the table. This is often what separates top performers from the rest.



The session concluded with a lively interactive Q&A session, where the students were encouraged to ask questions about the field of music, challenges faced and main skills required. The discussion was highly insightful and inspiring, leaving students with a deeper understanding about following one's passion.

"IF YOUR DREAMS DON'T SCARE YOU, THEY AREN'T BIG ENOUGH." - LOWELL LUNDSTRUM

Belated Teachers' Day from the Senior Students

The students of Grades XI and XII wished their teachers a heart-felt Teachers' Day on 18th of October. They had been busy with their academics throughout September, and missed the opportunity to celebrate the occasion on the 5th of September. Therefore, they made this genuine gesture to express their love and gratitude for their teachers, through a bouquet of colourful performances. Their efforts to honour those who shape their lives and help build their characters, was quite emotional and brought tears of pride and joy to the eyes of the teachers. The programme was a reflection of the deep bond between TKS students and teachers, and will be remembered for a long time to come.



Annual Outstation Trips

The most awaited part of the year in the Middle and Senior School in TKS, is indubitably the Diwali season, when the students go on outstation trips with their friends and teachers. The tour this year too was arranged by 'Indian Odyssey', a well-known travel agency from Mumbai. This year the Kalyaniites went in three groups to three different locations. Grades V and VI went to Jaipur and Ranthambore; Grades VII, VIII and IX visited Coorg and Mysuru; while Grades XI and XII, went to Amritsar and Dharamshala. The procedure of orientation and registration had started a few months back, during which the interested students had forwarded their names for the trip. The journeys were scheduled on 22nd and 23rd of October, and the excitement in the air was palpable. On each trip, the TKS team were lodged in luxurious hotels, visited historical sites, got acquainted with the local culture, visited the markets and savoured delicious cuisines.



The students of Grades V and VI headed to Jaipur on 22nd, and first visited the historical Amer Fort; this was followed by a trip to Jantar Mantar, to see the sun dials made by King Mansingh. The children greatly appreciated an opportunity to make models of the sun dial. They visited the City Palace and the 250 year old Nahargarh Fort, the Nahargarh Biological Park, where they spotted a panther, a tiger, a sloth bear, deer and sambhar. High tea was served in the lawn area of the Orchid Hotel, where the children played. They also visited Ranthambore, where they tried their hands at block printing, and went for a Safari at Ranthambore National Park. It was indeed a holiday well spent with adventure, fun and a tryst with nature.

The highlight of the trip for Grades VII to IX was their visit to Bylakuppe, the largest Tibetan settlement outside Tibet. They interacted with the monk students there and played a friendly football match with them. They also went on a guided trek to understand the ecosystem, and a coffee plantation tour. They had a very unique experience of bathing and feeding elephants, at the Dubare Camp, where ailing and injured elephants are rehabilitated.

The Grades XI and XII students started their trip with a visit to the War Memorial Museum and then went to the historical Wagha Border. They were mesmerized by the splendour and piety of the Golden Temple, and moved by the recounting of the history of Jallianwala Bagh. At a workshop in Dharamshala, they learnt the basic skills of the Thangka Art, making a portrait of the Buddha. The entire team had ample scope to appreciate the beauty and purity of nature untainted by human hands. They had an exhilarating and adventurous time while river rafting too. A visit to the Dharmashala Stadium was no less interesting for the sports lovers in the team. It was a trip that would be remembered for a long time by the students, especially the Grade XII students, for whom this was their last school trip.

“THE REAL VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY CONSISTS NOT IN SEEKING NEW LANDSCAPES, BUT IN HAVING NEW EYES.” - MARCEL PROUST

Annual Outstation Trips

Besides being awed by the richness of their experiences, the children also had an exclusive opportunity to bond with their friends and come closer to their teachers. They learned to adjust to their new surroundings and discovered themselves in the process. After every annual trip, the children come back rejuvenated, with new stories to tell and precious moments to store in their memories. This year was no exception. The academic rigours that await them at the end of the year, will be deftly dealt with, because the Kalyaniites have had their fill of unadulterated happiness. We can only expect some good things to happen after this.



"RIVERS KNOW THIS: THERE IS NO HURRY. WE SHALL GET THERE SOME DAY."

- WINNIE THE POOH BY A.A. MILNE

Teachers' Visit to the Theur School

The facilitators of The Kalyani School visited the Zilla Parishad School, Theur, on 18th of October, to have a teaching session with the students of Grades I to III. The children enthusiastically began learning English with fun worksheets, pairing Verbs with the given pictures. Nilofar Ma'am used charts and lively demonstrations, along with 'Translation and Repetition' techniques, to help them with the activity. She also helped the children in framing their own sentences. Each student received individual attention, and the school teachers were also guided to conduct similar exercises. It was truly encouraging to see how quickly the students independently read the text and answered questions.

To celebrate the festive spirit, students used Diwali-themed vocabulary and coloured pictures. They completed their tasks with enthusiasm and improved their understanding of action words. The entire activity not only boosted their language skills but also fostered creativity, making learning both fun and effective.



The students were later introduced to the topic of digestive system and oral care. The scientific words used in the process were taught through an activity, 'Name the Organ'. The children could relate with both the topics and responded well. A detailed diagram of the Digestive System was shown to the students and they were asked to explain the process and scientific parts using Marathi and Hindi vocabulary.

Following this, they learned about electricity and how it functions in our homes. The basic circuit diagram was taught to them with the relevant symbols and vocabulary. The students learned about 'open' and 'closed' circuits, and made a complete electric circuit using a wire, bulb and battery; the connectors they used were eraser, pencil, compass and metal caps. This led them to the understanding, that a few objects, called conductors, allow current to pass through them; whereas, the ones which do not allow electricity to pass through them are called insulators. Both the activities helped them to get a better understanding of the processes in daily life.

The objective of the visit to the ZP school was to enable the young students an enhanced learning experience. The students were quite excited to learn new concepts and at the end of the day, expressed their heart-felt gratitude to the visiting faculty of TKS. It was indeed an enriching experience for both the teachers and the students.

"IT ONLY TAKES A SPLIT SECOND TO SMILE, YET TO SOMEONE THAT NEEDED IT, IT CAN LAST A LIFETIME,"

- MARABOLI

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