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## THE KALYANI SCHOOL

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### From the Editor's Desk

The phrase, 'time flies' is pretty hackneyed, and I guess we all have used it often and felt it, even more often. We are right in the middle of 2025, and it seems like just yesterday that we began the year - with anticipation, excitement and a tad bit of apprehension for the Board Exams. And here we are today, with the year already half gone, and the triumph of another Board batch setting a new target for the next academic year. Sometimes, the headlong speed at which we are moving ahead feels scary. It seems, there is so much we haven't seen, haven't done, in the mad rush to finish the race. Then again, we also realize that time is of the essence here. Too much of dallying at one spot might take away an opportunity that awaits. Shakespeare, in Julius Caesar, says, "There is a time in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries." This essentially means that there are moments in life when action is necessary, or else, we stand to lose good opportunities, and cause ourselves unbearable pain. The inevitable question that follows is, what should be the right course of action? Are we supposed to give ourselves up to the flow of time, or should we stand and wait? The answer is not an easy one. This is an individual decision, to be taken with care and wisdom. Moving ahead is necessary, and therefore we must. But, it is also equally important to stop, breathe, and reflect on the path we travelled on, and on the road ahead. We are humans after all. If we accept that we will make mistakes, that we will fail at times, and we will also be unhappy, occasionally, the next race will be more rewarding. So, here's to all our roads not taken! May we reach where we want to go, on time, and also with a lot of breath to spare!!

*Soma Ghosh*

## Our Wall of Fame

The Kalyani School has been honoured with the Special Jury Mention and was proudly featured in **‘Navigating the Future: Education’s Changemakers – An Inspirational Chronicle of Educational Brilliance’**, which is a prestigious publication by **The Economic Times**, as part of the Annual Education Summit, 2025.

This esteemed recognition celebrates the school’s visionary leadership, student-centric approach, and continued pursuit of educational innovation. It reflects the institution’s commitment to nurturing future-ready learners and fostering a culture of curiosity, creativity, and character. We are proud to see The Kalyani School standing among India’s leading changemakers, shaping the future of education.



**Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress.**  
- Nicholas M. Butler

# Oversight in our Magazine 2024-25

We would like to announce a few unintentional errors in the recently published School Magazine 2024-25. The page including the details of our Senior School Editors was not included. It was on oversight, and we regret the error. Please find following, the names of those who worked behind the scenes, with sincerity and diligence to bring the Magazine to life. We would also like to state that the painting on page 238 of the Magazine was done by Navika Singh of Grade XI. Please note that the article written by Aanya Saraf, of Grade VI C, was not published in the Magazine. In order to make her work get what it deserves, we are publishing her article in this Newsletter. We humbly apologize for the errors.

## We Acknowledge Our Senior Team of Editors:



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**"Good writing is clear thinking made visible."  
— Bill Wheeler**

## Oversight in our Magazine 2024-25

**Ahmedabad Roboseum**  
**Aanya Saraf - Grade VI C**

I visited the Ahmedabad Roboseum, India's first museum all about robotics and AI, which was one of the coolest places I've ever been to. The museum had so many interesting exhibits, like the history of robots, giant life-sized humanoid robots, and models that showed how robots are used in things like farming and factories. But the best part was the hands-on activities and workshops, where I got to learn more about robotics.

After exploring the exhibits and trying out the workshops, I felt really inspired to create something on my own. I decided to make an automatic toll system for car parking using Arduino Uno, a breadboard, an ultrasonic sensor, a servo motor, and PictoBlox for coding. The things I learned at the Roboseum really helped me put it all together, and it was so much fun to see my idea come to life!

The Roboseum made learning about robots super fun and easy to understand. They even have school tours, summer camps, and programs that make robotics and coding exciting for kids like me. The museum also works with tech companies and schools, so they always have the latest technology on display. Visiting the Ahmedabad Roboseum was an amazing experience, and it made me even more excited about creating and exploring the world of robotics in the future!



**"The pen that writes with truth writes with power."**  
**— Proverb**

## They Do Us Proud

Kavish Shah of Grade IV has secured the 3rd Position in the BhashaLab Ultimate Story Writing Competition, 2025 in the Standard IV - VII category. BhashaLab platform was introduced to the Kalyaniites through the BhashaLab Ultimate Grammar Champ event. Kavish took this opportunity and unleashed his imagination to write an original story on the theme, 'A Secret Door in My School' during the summer break. The story will be published in an illustrated storybook, launching on 14th of June 2025, and will be available on the Amazon and the BhashaLab website. We are very proud of this commendable achievement, and wish Kavish more success in the future.



**Kavish**



**Noah**

Noah Nathani of Grade V took part in the Founder's Arena, a prestigious platform for young innovators to pitch new ideas. It was conducted by The Bower School of Early Entrepreneurial Development (SEED), Hyderabad. Noah won the 1st Prize with a Winner's Trophy and a cash prize of ₹ 15,000. This proves beyond doubt that the Kalyaniites are becoming distinguished in every walk of life. We wish Noah many more such accolades in the future.

Siya Santosh of Grade XI, Swara Santosh of Grade VIII, Ruhani Bharadwaj of Grade III and Rayansh Bharadwaj of Grade IX have been shortlisted by Sports Champ India, for a specialized Table Tennis Camp to be conducted in Sweden, from 1st to 8th of June for the age group of 8 to 16 years. They were selected out of many other aspirants, which proves their competitive skills and mastery in the sport. Congratulations children. May you go from strength to strength!



**Siya**



**Swara**



**Rayansh**



**Ruhani**

**"The joy of one success is the echo of a thousand silent failures overcome."  
— Amisha Sethi**



## They Do Us Proud

Both the Nambisan brothers, Kartik and Karan from Grade VIII, participated in a Toastmasters Speech Contest called Leo's Li'l Speech Masters Season - 10, conducted online on 21st and 22nd of June, by the Gavel Club of Amanora, in collaboration with Rotary Club of Pune Professionals. Kartik won the coveted First Place, and Karan was amongst the top 10 Finalists. Kartik and Karan have been winning the titles for the past 5 years, and we are indeed very proud of their linguistic skills. We wish them more success and a lot more accolades. We are also proud to share that Karan, has received the Appreciation Medal for being a praiseworthy author at GEMA International Short Story Writing Competition. The event was conducted online for the students of the Middle School category. We congratulate Karan's laudable flair for narration and wish him more success in all the competitions to come.



**Karan**



**Kartik**



**Aarav**

Aarav Vatyani from Grade VII, recently participated in the National Taekwondo Championship held in Dehradun and has made us extremely proud by winning a silver medal. During the summer holidays, Aarav also won a gold medal at the State-level Taekwondo Championship held in Nashik, demonstrating his consistent dedication and passion for the sport. Well done, Aarav. We wish you the very best for all your forthcoming matches.

Mayra Yadav of Grade III achieved the 1st place in the 50 m and 2nd place in the 100 m race at the SNBP Interschool Sports Championship, organized by SNBP Group of Institutes, on 29<sup>th</sup> of June, at Pimple Saudagar. We are very proud of Mayra's commendable sporting skills and wish to see her go from strength to strength.



**Mayra**



**Sara**

Sara Agrawal from Grade X has been working on her own business venture since the past year and a half. She has created a gifting company called Sarong, through which she sells handmade candles, lip balms, shimmer creams and customisable gift hampers. With sheer hard work and perseverance, she has started making profits too. She has painstakingly built her e-commerce website [www.Saronggifts.com](http://www.Saronggifts.com), which she launched on 16th of June. We are proud to have such an enterprising entrepreneur among us, and wish her all the success on her way.

**"Achievement is not about climbing the mountain, but about knowing why you climbed it."**

## They Do Us Proud

We're thrilled to announce the outstanding performance of the Kalyaniites at the District level Chess Competition, that was conducted at The Orbis School, Keshav Nagar branch, on 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Our children have done exceptionally well and were awarded with the General Championship Trophy. The awardees are as follows:

Hitanshah Jain from Grade X achieved the 1<sup>st</sup> Position and received the Gold Medal and Trophy in the Boys' U-17 category.

Vivan Jain from Grade V achieved the 1<sup>st</sup> Position and received the Gold Medal and Trophy in the Boys U-10 category.

Ria Pasricha from Grade XII achieved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Position and received the Silver Medal and Trophy in the Girls' U-17 category.

Abeer Maddhav from Grade VII achieved the 3<sup>rd</sup> Position and received the Bronze Medal and Trophy in the Boys' U-12 category.

Anika Vora from Grade III achieved the 3<sup>rd</sup> Position and received the Bronze Medal and Trophy in the Girls' U-10 category.

We congratulate all the achievers heartily and wish them more success in the future.



**Siya**



**Ansh**



**Aradhya**



**Swatej**

Siya Bhoj, Ansh Bhutada, Aradhya Pote and Swatej Nikhade from Grade VI, have made us proud by securing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in the GEMA International Short Story Writing Competition '25. It was an Inter-School Competition held at Amanora School, on 28<sup>th</sup> of June. We congratulate them for their commendable performance and wish to see them climb heights of success.

**Only in the dictionary does success come before work.**



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## TKS Environmental Initiatives

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On 5th June, The Kalyani School organized a Cleanliness Drive involving students from Grades V to VIII, to mark World Environment Day. The drive took place within a one-kilometer radius of the school campus, and was conducted under the supervision of teachers and staff. This initiative aimed to instill the values of civic responsibility and environmental stewardship in the students.

During the drive, students actively participated in various activities - they cleaned the surrounding areas, interacted with local shopkeepers, spread awareness about the harmful effects of plastic pollution, and also, the importance of reducing plastic use in daily life.

Keeping in mind that change begins with small, consistent actions, since the very beginning, one of the TKS initiatives has been a monthly plastic waste collection drive. Children are encouraged to collect plastic waste from their homes and bring it to school. In addition, plastic waste generated within the school premises is also collected regularly. All collected plastic is handed over to certified recyclers, ensuring that it is processed responsibly, rather than ending up in landfills or in polluted water bodies.

To further support this mission, the school has also distributed dustbins in nearby areas, especially to local shopkeepers. These bins help collect plastic waste at the source, making it easier to send it for recycling. This simple yet effective action reduces littering, prevents plastic from entering drains and rivers, and promotes responsible waste management in the wider community.

Through these efforts, The Kalyaniites not only learn about sustainability and recycling, but also become active contributors to a cleaner, greener future.



**"Environmental initiatives are investments in resilience, innovation, and a legacy that future generations will inherit, not repair."**



# Learning Beyond the Classrooms

From 15th to 30th May, 2025, Prof. Dr. Gauri D. Chakraborty, Prof. Nikhil Pandey and Prof. Nikhil Pandey, with mentorship support from Prof. Dr. Meera Shirodkar, Prof. Dr. Pritha Chakraborty, Prof. Dr. Rekha Pachauri, and Prof. Pragya Saini, conducted 'The Student Square' – 4th Edition, which was a virtual pre-college skill-building summer internship. The event was organized online by Shri Educare Limited and Bennett University (Times School of Media). The Kalyani School students, Dhruv Somani from Grade X, Annika Adheesh from Grade XI, and Arundhati Iyer from Grade XII, attended the programme.

The objective was to introduce students from Grades VIII to XII to essential concepts of storytelling, branding, advertisement analysis, media literacy, and the role of artificial intelligence in communication. The course blended theory with hands-on engagement, through interactive Zoom sessions, collaborative work on MS Teams, and feedback-based learning. Throughout the programme, all the students deepened their understanding about media influence on thoughts and behaviour, and learned to link it to their interests in psychology and storytelling. They brought their strong creative abilities, visual communication skills, and leadership mindset into group activities, particularly enjoying content creation, design, and branding exercises.



**Arundhati**



**Annika**



**Dhruv**

The experience culminated in a Grand Finale Showcase, where the students presented their original campaigns, incorporating insights from the course, and applying creative strategies to real-world media scenarios. This internship was an invaluable opportunity for students to experience interdisciplinary learning, to understand digital narratives, and to explore career pathways in media and communication. At the end of the programme, they gained insight into media literacy, branding, and the power of strategic storytelling; learned how AI impacts modern communication, advertising, and content engagement; and also built critical thinking, collaboration, and creative design skills through guided mentorship. After attending the internship, Dhruv said, "I have learned the skills of collaboration and teamwork. I learnt to work properly and effectively in a given time limit."

**"Not all lessons come with a chalkboard; some come with muddy shoes, hard choices, and open skies."**

# Learning Beyond the Classrooms

## Grade XII Educational Tour to Mumbai - Reflections

by - Tanishca Diwan

On 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 2025, the students of The Kalyani School embarked on an educational journey to Mumbai – the 'City of Dreams'. The enthusiasm of the students was not dulled by the early hours of the morning, and their excitement during the bus journey was at an all-time high. Their first visit was to Whistling Woods International; a highly spoken-of acting and film institute. The students were shown the various aspects of both the campus, and of filmmaking. The visit ended with a small activity called 'Ad-Mad in Two Minutes' which was an exercise in advertisement and marketing. Post lunch, the learners headed towards the Mumbai Port, to marvel at the mammoth ships and gain insight about the maritime activities at the bustling port that plays a key role, in ensuring the prosperity of the city.

On 13<sup>th</sup> of June, the day began with a trip to the celebrated Wankhede Stadium, where the group marvelled at the famous spots, where legendary cricketers have left their mark. The students went on to visit the RBI Monetary Museum that offered insight into the history of the currency of the nation. The museum contained paper notes from the pre-Independence era, as well as metal coins from a time when kingdoms were still dominating the Ganga valley. A brisk walk later, the students took entry into the Bombay High Court and got the rare opportunity to observe a live court session. The High Court Museum gave them a glimpse of nascent days of the Indian judicial system. The last site to visit was the National Stock Exchange (NSE). There they learned about the importance of the institution in India's economy, the benefits of investing early, and the pros and cons of Mutual Funds.

The students returned to Pune with a lot of take-aways. The educational tour provided them with valuable exposure to real-world systems, from the glamour of Bollywood to the gravity of judicial proceedings, and the complexities of finance, making Mumbai the perfect classroom without walls.



**"Education is the map—real learning is the journey."**

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## Learning Beyond the Classrooms

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On 6th of June, six students from our school had the unique opportunity to attend the inaugural ceremony of The SPARK India Programme — a national initiative aimed at inspiring young minds to explore and lead in the field of space science and technology. The programme was conducted at Irawati Karve Social Science Complex, Savitribai Phule Pune University. The attending students were Reyaansh Aggarwal, Hrida Gawade and Yati Dwivedi from Grade VII, Ayush Jha from Grade VIII, Priyani Anand and Ayaan Shaikh from Grade IX. They were accompanied and guided by their teachers.

The event began with an emphasis on cultivating interest in space among the next generation of leaders. A live demonstration of WeMoSat (Weather Monitoring Satellite) by Dr. Satish Rao showcased a compact, functional model, capable of monitoring temperature, pressure, and wind velocity with real-time data transmission. The project was inspired by KalpanaSat, one of India's pioneering weather satellites. The Chief Guest was Shri A.S. Kiran Kumar, former ISRO Chairman. The event was also attended by luminaries like Dr. Pramod Kale, Dr. Jayant Joshi, Dr. Arvind Shaligram, Mr. Srinivas Laxman, Dr. M.C. Uttam, and Mrs. Gayke. They gave their expert opinions on topics such as innovation, satellite communication, and India's space journey. Shri Kiran Kumar concluded the session by encouraging students to pursue scientific curiosity. During the Q & A session, the Kalyaniites were among the few selected participants, to ask questions to the dignitaries, who appreciated their enthusiasm and answered them in detail. It was indeed a rare opportunity for the students to get such an exposure and learn from such great minds.



**"Real learning begins where curriculum ends and curiosity begins."**



## Learning Beyond the Classrooms

Leaf Café, is an Earth-first art space, where waste is transformed into wonder through chemistry, culture, and care. On 16<sup>th</sup> of June, the Grade V students had an opportunity to be a part of the Virtual Exchange Programme, promoting Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11, which focuses on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.

This unique café has been set up by a TKS parent, Mr. Krishnamurthy, who uses industrial and agricultural waste to create meaningful artifacts. From tables and lamps, to wall decor and sculptures, every element of the café is made entirely out of discarded materials, giving new life to waste. The students were also taken to his Karkhana (factory), where he stores various moulds used to create different shapes and sculptures. One of the highlights of the visit was learning about eco-friendly bricks made from a mix of construction waste, offering a sustainable alternative in construction.

One of the most inspiring aspects of the visit was witnessing how shapes, patterns, and textures come together to tell a story of nature's rhythm—a gentle reminder that beauty lies in everything. Among the artworks displayed, was a stunning wall installation crafted from graphite, textile, agricultural, cellulose, shipping, and wood waste. Finished with VOC and toxin-free paints, the piece reflected transformation—breathing new life into overlooked materials.

It was a very enriching and meaningful experience for the students. They learned that with a genuine love for nature, and a conscious effort, we can create wonders and contribute to building sustainable cities and communities. Mr. Krishnamurthy's inspiring initiative helped them to understand the importance of sustainable living through art, innovation, and responsible action.



**"Learning doesn't depend on where the classroom is - it begins wherever questions outnumber answers."**

## Learning Beyond the Classrooms

The Grade IX Kalyaniites had a rare opportunity to attend a TEDx for Youth at The Kothari International School, Pune, on 28<sup>th</sup> of June. There were twelve inspiring speakers, who shared their unique life experiences, challenges, and triumphs.

The captivating speakers were Mr. Sameer Dhrude, an astronomer; Mrs. Malati Kalmadi, an educator and visionary; Mrs. Ila Joshi, a voice-over artist, storyteller, and dialogue writer; Mrs. Rekha Rao, Founder and CEO of OON, the dynamic career coaches, Mrs. Perna Tripathi and Ms. Aayushi Tripathi; Ms. Mona Lisa Saxena, CEO of Pixights Consulting and mother of an autistic child; a farmer-turned-CEO of Magnus Fresh Farms; a young engineering student; a Maharashtrian man living in Karnataka, who started a group called Marathi Connect. The students listened attentively to the varied and unique success stories shared by the speakers and noted down their learnings. It was indeed an enriching and eye-opening experience for all attendees, which inspired them to follow their dreams and never give up in the face of challenges and adversities.



**There are no failures—just experiences and your reactions to them.**



## Learning Beyond the Classrooms

On 26<sup>th</sup> of June, Tanvi Whig from Grade XII, Ayaan Chaudhary and Arnav Goyal from Grade XI, and Vevaam Verma from Grade X, visited the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Hall, Pune, to participate in the SBI Scholar Quiz 2025, in the City Round. The event was a prestigious competition organized by SBI and The Times of India to celebrate financial literacy and SBI's 70 years of excellence. It covered a wide range of topics including banking and finance, investments, currencies, security awareness, and government schemes.

The Kalyaniites successfully cleared the preliminary written round, demonstrating excellent preparation and knowledge, and were awarded certificates of participation for their achievement. Their remarkable team work and strong performance, were noteworthy. Their participation reflects the school's commitment to promoting experiential learning opportunities and holistic development. The Kalyani School congratulates all the participants for representing the school with great spirit and sincerity.



**Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.**



## Guest Lecture for Grades IX and X

On 24<sup>th</sup> of June, Mr. Shailabh Rathore, Country Head of 'Fluidmaster India', visited the school to speak to the students of Grades IX and X, on Corporate Management Related Careers. The objective was to introduce them to the dynamic and multifaceted profession of Corporate Management and its diverse career pathways; to provide clarity on the educational qualifications, training pathways, and subject knowledge essential for success in corporate roles, and to inspire students through real-life insights and professional experiences shared by seasoned corporate leaders.

Mr. Rathore delivered a detailed and structured presentation that gave a broad overview of the corporate sector and the vital role of management professionals in steering business growth and innovation. He introduced the students to the core functions within corporate management: Human Resources, Finance, Operations, Marketing, and Strategic Planning. There was a detailed discussion on the educational pathways – including courses like BBA, BMS, MBA, and specialized certifications in fields such as project management and business analytics. Mr. Rathore also gave an overview of key subjects taught in management programmes: Business Studies, Financial Accounting, Marketing Principles, Leadership, and Organizational Behaviour. He presented a clear explanation of the corporate hierarchy, from entry-level roles like Management Trainee and Analyst, to mid-level roles (Team Leader, Manager) and eventually senior roles (Vice President, Director, CEO). Following his presentation, Mr. Rathore engaged students in an interactive Q & A session. And emphasized on the importance of emotional intelligence, lifelong learning, and ethical leadership.

The session was well-received and deeply impactful. Mr. Shailabh Rathore's engaging presentation and interaction offered valuable career guidance and inspired many students to consider Corporate Management as a potential career choice.



**Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.**

## Special Assemblies

On June 18, 2025, Grade X C conducted a Special Assembly titled 'World Blood Donors Day' to promote awareness regarding the importance of donating blood, to instill a sense of social responsibility, and to break the baseless fears and myths about it. The Assembly began with a warm welcome and an introduction to the theme.

The highlight of the Assembly was a powerful, yet humorous skit that brought forward the common misconceptions and excuses related to blood donation. The skit ended with a unified message: 'Give Blood! Share Life!' This was followed by a soulful song and energetic dance performance which elevated the energy in the hall. The Assembly concluded with a thoughtful Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the efforts of all participants and educators who made the event a success. The event was well-organized, informative, and highly engaging. It not only educated students about the significance of blood donation but also reflected teamwork, creativity, and confidence.



On 24 June, the students of Grade I A presented their Special Assembly on the topic 'World Music Day'. The event began with the lively News, Thought for the Day and Dadi Maa ke Nuskhe. Following this, the children performed a well scripted skit that highlighted how music connects people, spreads happiness, and plays an important role in unifying different cultures. The young students expressed themselves with great enthusiasm and clarity through the skit, which was followed by a spectacular dance performance. A special highlight of the event was a solo ukulele performance, that amazed everyone by the confidence and perfection of presentation, adding a unique touch to the celebration. It was a heart-warming event that celebrated the spirit of music and the budding talents of Grade I.



**"Empathy is the art of hearing with the heart what the ears cannot catch."**

## K-Talk: Intra-School 2025

The K-Talk is one of the most talked about and acclaimed signature events of the Senior Grades in TKS. The preliminary rounds were conducted in the class by the respective English teachers, in the month of April. Based on the results, four students were shortlisted from each Form - VI to XII. The event was conducted on two days, in the MPH.

On 17<sup>th</sup> of June the finalists from Grades VI to VIII presented their final talks on the stage, before the Judges, Ms. Deepika Shreedharan, Ms. Megha Virmani, and the student Judge, TKS Head Girl, Navika Singh. The participants were: Siya Bhoj, Sumedh Singh, Kavir Joshi and Aarav Bhimrajka from Grade VI; Aahana Lakhani, Bani Kaur Dhoad, Reyaansh Aggarwal and Reet Agarwal from Grade VII; and Siddhi Chari, Suramya Gupta, Karan Nambisan and Siya Kaur from Grade VIII.

At the end of the event, the score sheet showed the following results:

### Grades VI to VIII:

Second Runner-up	Aarav Bhimrajka (Grade VI)
First Runner-up	Karan Nambisan (Grade VIII)
Winner	Suramya Gupta (Grade VIII)

On 26<sup>th</sup> of June, the students of Grades IX to XII gave their final stage presentations. The contest was held in two batches - one was between the finalists of Grades IX and X, followed by the other, between XI and XII. The Judges were Ms. Nancy Chawla and Ms. Mitali Lahiri.

The participants from Grade IX were Aayushi Choudhary, Advik Jain, Huzaifa Bohori and Viha Sharma.

The participants from Grade X were Prabhjot Singh Nanda, Arjun Chaudhary, Kriday Zende and Tara Kala.

The participants from Grade XI were Siya Santosh, Saura Nayar, Dhruv Iyer and Ridhima Sreedharan.

The participants from Grade XII were Navika Singh, Alina Shaikh, Mannat Bhatia and Srishti Tiwari.

Like every year, the events were charged with intense emotions, stimulating ideas, and commendable skills of speech and presentations. The students had the liberty of speaking on any topic of their choice, and it was truly amazing to hear them present their views with such confidence and zest. They displayed rare maturity in choosing such diverse and unique perspectives, without inhibition or wavering. Each speaker had done deep research on his/her respective topics, and enriched the audience with newer fields of vision. The judges were in a dilemma of how to select the winner among such accomplished speakers, who were awarded marks based on their topics, fluency, body language and presentation skills. At the end of the event, the score sheet showed the following results:

### Grades IX and X:

Second Runner-up	- Tara Kala
First Runner-up	- Viha Sharma
Winner	- Prabhjot Singh Nanda

### Grades XI and XII:

Second Runner-up	- Navika Singh
	Srishti Tiwari
First Runner-up	- Mannat Bhatia
Winner	- Siya Santosh

The 2025 K-Talk was indeed another unveiling of the Kalyaniites' mastery over speaking skills, and left everyone looking forward to the Inter-School K-Talk Competition, which will be held in July, in which the Winners of both the teams will take part. We wish them the very best for the event.

**"Words shape truth, paint emotion, and build the bridges that thoughts alone cannot cross."**



## K-Talk: Intra-School 2025



**"With words we build ideas, craft change, and leave behind the blueprints of our minds."**

## TKS Alumni Meet - 2025

The TKS Alumni Meet is an annual event which is eagerly awaited by the alumni, and the senior school teachers and students. The event this year was conducted on 13th of June, at the school premises, and over 80 alumni attended the function from different parts of the country. A palpable enthusiasm was noticed among each Kalyaniite, when the alumni and the school football team engaged in a friendly and immensely exciting football match on the sports ground. It was indeed encouraging to observe them rekindling their old friendships, and forging new ones with their juniors. The school band entertained the alumni with an expert rendition of very lively music. Meeting their teachers also brought back memories of school, and they relived those moments with fondness and a tinge of nostalgia.



To add to the fun, the present students and the alumni together enacted a very humorous skit titled "Twisted Mahabharata", on the stage, under the guidance of the CCA facilitators. The spectacular blend of comedy, drama and dance, left everyone thoroughly entertained. The Grade XI students also presented a gracious dance performance in tribute to the guests of honour. The school memories were refreshed by reliving the days of glory of the alumni, through a video made especially for them.

The alumni were treated to a lavish lunch, which once again reminded them of the happy memories in the school cafeteria. The day was fraught with genuine emotions, laughter and a renewed sense of belonging, and once again proved the fact that a Kalyaniite will always remain a proud Kalyaniite, in their thoughts and in their hearts.



**"Once a student, forever a thread in the fabric of the institution's story."**



## IC3 Regional Forum 2025

On 11th of June, the IC3 Regional Forum 2025, was hosted by The Kalyani School, at the school premises. The objective was to promote the importance of career counselling as a culture in every school, to provide a platform for educators and counsellors to exchange knowledge, best practices, and challenges in career guidance, and to encourage interaction between university representatives, school leaders, and students.

The day commenced with a traditional lamp lighting and a captivating cultural dance performance on the Mahabharata, to reflect the rich legacy of our Indian heritage. Keynote speaker Ms. Namita Thapar, a renowned entrepreneur and Shark Tank India judge, delivered a powerful address on purpose-driven success, entrepreneurship, and the role of education in shaping resilient leaders. Mr. Ganesh Kohli, Founder of IC3, inspired the audience with his visionary message on making 'Counselling a Culture', and outlined the way forward for schools to embed guidance meaningfully.



Following this, three insightful Learning Sessions were conducted during the day. 'Counselling as a Culture' by Mr. Ganesh Kohli; AIM (Alumni Impact Mentoring) – Integrating Alumni into Career Guidance Cells – led by TKS counsellors: Ms. Maria Tinawala, Ms. Aarohi Vohra, Ms. Purnami Udayan, and Ms. Pooja Varyani; and 'Understanding Gen Z & Gen Alpha' by Ms. Moitrayee Das, exploring generational dynamics and effective communication strategies. A University Fair and Networking Session featured more than twenty institutions from India and abroad, including King's College London, Ashoka University, Dublin City University, FLAME University, Saint Louis University, Trinity College Dublin, and others. Students and parents from The Kalyani School and participating delegates and institutions got an opportunity to interact, ask questions, and build connections. The day concluded with an Assessment for E-Certificate, which participants completed via a QR-linked form to consolidate their learning and receive an official certificate of professional development. Through this time appropriate and very meaningful event, Career Counsellors, principals, and other stakeholders gained exposure to global practices in embedding counselling as a cultural ethos within schools and all the participants felt enriched with the take-aways for establishing practical and strategic career counselling.



**"A career is about building bridges—between who you are and what you do."**



## Kinder Parent Workshop

On 14th of June, the Kinder facilitators at TKS conducted an insightful and engaging workshop for parents of the Elementary section, on Phonics and Fine Motor Skills. The primary aim of the workshop was to help parents understand how children learn sounds, and how this foundational skill supports their development as confident and fluent readers.

An ice-breaking interactive game served as a hands-on demonstration, to help parents understand the logic behind introducing the S, A, T, P, I, N sequence in phonics. They discovered how these letters, when taught early on, allow children to form a wide range of simple, decodable words, thereby building early reading confidence. Through the Phonics session that followed, the parents were introduced to key concepts such as different types of sounds, various learning styles, blending, and word families. In addition, they were introduced to a variety of fun and interactive activities like, Sound Bag Activity, Word Blast, Spin A Story etc., designed to make reading enjoyable at home. The Fine Motor Skills workshop that followed, highlighted its critical role in developing proper writing habits in young learners. Facilitators discussed developmental milestones related to fine motor skills, including hand-eye coordination, dexterity, hand dominance, pencil pressure, wrist extension, web-space, and the various types of pencil grips. To support parents in nurturing these skills at home, the session included a demonstration of simple yet effective activities such as towel scrunching, penny flip, finger painting, zipping and unzipping, and clay modelling.

The workshop was well-received and provided parents with practical strategies to support their child's early learning.

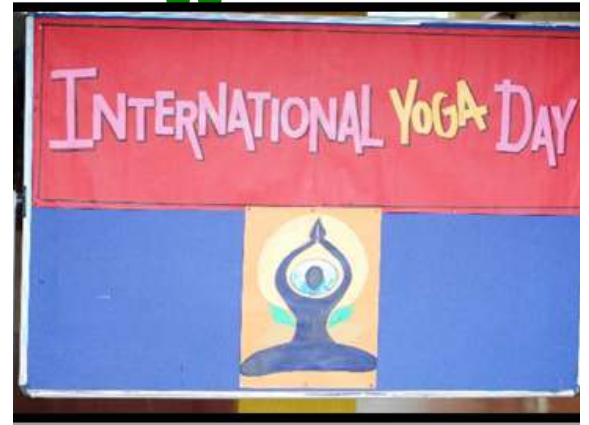


**"A parent's love will move mountains quietly, so the child never has to climb them."**

## Celebration of Life and Good Health at TKS

On 19<sup>th</sup> of June, International Yoga Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and positive energy at The Kalyani School. The event, held in the Central Courtyard, aimed to introduce the students to the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of yoga. The programme nurtured mindfulness, calmness, and a sense of inner balance among the young learners.

The session began with the collective chanting of “ॐ” (Omkar), a sacred sound symbolizing peace and harmony. This helped the students centre their attention and prepare their minds and bodies for the yoga practice.



A well-structured sequence of yoga asanas was performed under the guidance of the facilitators, starting from energizing movements to deep relaxation. The students first performed the Surya Namaskar, which is a series of poses that warmed up the body and boosted flexibility and circulation. This was followed by Tadasana, Vrikshasana, Trikonasana, Ushtrasana, Janushirshasana, Vakrasana, Bhujangasana, Setubandhasana, Pawanmuktasana and Shavasana.

The event concluded with another round of Omkar chanting. This helped the students absorb the session's peaceful energy and return to their day feeling refreshed and balanced.

The International Yoga Day celebration was a mindful and enriching experience. The calm and focused environment reflected the deep impact of the session, as students left feeling energized, relaxed, and connected with their inner selves.



**"True health lives where the mind, body, and soul meet in quiet agreement."**



## Celebration of Life and Good Health at TKS

To continue with the celebration of health, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, an Inter-House Yoga Competition was held with enthusiastic participation from the Under-12 age group. Each student performed a series of asanas judged against set criteria, including posture alignment, breathing technique, balance, concentration, and presentation. The aim was to promote awareness of Yoga, and its holistic benefits and foster a healthy competitive spirit among the Houses.

This performance of Yogic postures instilled in the students a renewed motivation to practice regularly and highlighted the value of dedication and perseverance. The competition successfully encouraged students to view yoga not just as physical exercise but as a path toward discipline, calm, and mental resilience. The awarding of medals further inspired them to pursue yoga with enthusiasm and commitment. This event marked a positive step in building a culture of wellness and mindful living across the school. At the end of the event, the best performers of the day were declared by the judges. They are as follows:

### Boys

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|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Ayaan Suri     | - Godavari |
| 2. Amay Choudhary | - Krishna  |
| 3. Shubham Mali   | - Koyna    |

### Girls

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|---------------------|------------|
| 1. Ananya Jerath    | - Sahyadri |
| 2. Myra Sharma      | - Godavari |
| 3. Manasvi Narkhede | - Godavari |



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**"Fitness is not about being better than someone else. It's about being better than you used to be."**





## Inter-House Basketball Competition at TKS

The Inter-House Basketball Competition is a highly anticipated event in the TKS calendar, as it not only showcases the talents of the young athletes, but also nurtures their sportsmanship and team-work. The U-17 teams met on 14<sup>th</sup> of June at the central courtyard to prove the skills of their respective Houses and claim the trophy. The U-12 teams met on 30<sup>th</sup> of June at the same venue in a mixed match. Through this sport, the facilitators aimed at fostering healthy competition among the participants, which brought forth the students' love and loyalty for their Houses. Teams from different Houses battled it out on the court, demonstrating their skills, strategy, and determination. Irrespective of the results, the children showed remarkable spirit and teamwork. They kept pushing themselves, stayed committed, and never gave up. The experience inspired them to continue pursuing excellence in all aspects of life.



### Winners - U-17

#### Boys

1. Godavari House
2. Koyna House
3. Krishna House
4. Sahyadri House

#### Girls

1. Sahyadri House
2. Koyna House
3. Godavari House
4. Krishna House

### Winners - U-12

#### Mixed Group

1. Sahyadri House
2. Godavari House
3. Krishna House
4. Koyna House



**Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.**

# 'Aarohan'

## Inter-School Competitions

On 27<sup>th</sup> of June, The Kalyani School hosted one of the key events of the year, Aarohan, a series of Inter-School Competitions, leading up to the grand celebration of the 11<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day. The event was for the students of Grades VI to VIII, and saw the participation of more than 15 schools from all over Pune. The competitions were specially curated to be full of zest, zeal, exhilaration and a lot of learning as well. There were three events held at different venues simultaneously, in the school premises - Roborampage, which revealed the skills of the contestants in the design, construction, operation, and application of robots; Wordly Wise, which as the name suggests, was to ask the participants to show their knowledge of the English language; and Doha Gyaan, to test the participants' depth of knowledge about this special verse form. After the Elimination Rounds, the Final events were conducted in the Multi-Purpose Hall and Centre for Performing Arts. The awards were given away to the winning contestants by Deeksha Ma'am, Nirmal Ma'am and the Judges. At the end of the day, the Aarohan Winners were:

### Doha Gyan:

3rd Position: Delhi Public School

2nd Position: The Orbis School, Keshav Nagar

Winners: The Kalyani School

(Ayush Jha and Divith Chhajer from Grade VIII, and Amishi Garg from Grade VII)



### Roborampage: Group 1

3rd Position: G.G. International School

2nd Position: Delhi Public School

Winners: Orbis School, Keshav Nagar



### Roborampage: Group 2

3rd Position: City Pride School, Moshi

2nd Position: The Knowledge Habitat

Winners: G.G. International School

### Wordly Wise

3rd Position: The Millennium School

2nd Position: The Knowledge Habitat

Winners: Delhi Public School

**Competition is not about tearing others down, but about building yourself up.**



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# ‘Aarohan’ Inter-School Competitions





## Teacher - Learners

On 28<sup>th</sup> of June, the Middle and Senior School facilitators of TKS attended a 6 hour workshop, on Competence Building and Life-Skills Development, conducted by CBSE resource persons, Ms. Rashmi and Mr. Rajiv Garg.

They spoke in detail, on the three primary skills - thinking, social and emotional. Through several activities and interactive discussions, the attendees explored the necessity of building these skills to lead a productive and happy life. The mentors emphasized that it is important to empower the students with the skills to be self-aware and take informed decisions. Communication skills are invaluable in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, along with inter-personal and problem solving abilities. Children should also be trained to accept set-backs and ask for help if necessary. They must be encouraged to ask questions and voice concerns, instead of being passive learners. That will enable them to build their psycho-social skills and make them responsible and reflective. A teacher should be empathetic and ensure that children with different abilities get the opportunities to develop their strengths to such an extent that their weaknesses are overcome. It also needs to be understood that life-skills take a long time to develop, therefore both students and teachers need to be patient. It needs to be remembered that our society and culture are together invested in educating and empowering the children, and the internalization and application of skills should be nurtured with discipline.

The workshop also brought into light that every necessary step is already being taken to empower the Kalyaniites with all the skills necessary to nurture their values and skills, so that they grow into focused, resilient, and empathetic future-ready citizens of the world.



**“Being a student is easy. Learning requires actual work.”**

# Experiential Learning

On 30<sup>th</sup> of June, the Kindergarten children came alive with enthusiasm and joyful learning as they celebrated Experiential Learning Day, focusing on the four dynamic domains of Academics, Fireless Cooking, Crafts, and Experiments. The event offered the students a vibrant platform to explore, create, collaborate and grow through hands-on activities. In the academic zone, the Nursery children delighted in identifying and colouring letters, while the Jr. KG students sharpened their listening skills by following multi-step instructions. The Sr. KG children had a Show and Tell activity on 'My Favourite Story Book,' a creative exercise that boosted both phonics understanding and public speaking. In the Fireless Cooking class, the little Chefs of Nursery, Jr. KG and Sr. KG made fruit salad, while practicing hygiene and teamwork. During craft time, the children made rainbow umbrellas, colourful fish with hand cut-outs and finger printing, and also, colourful monsters from waste paper rolls; honing their fine motor skills and environmental awareness. The little ones of Nursery did the 'walking water' experiment too. The Sr. KG children observed how plants absorb water through the capillary action, by conducting a simple 'rainbow celery' experiment.

Through mud painting, Grade I students connected with nature and explored texture and natural colours. The students also visited the butterfly garden and experienced the beauty of nature. Physical activities were conducted in the courtyard to relax and energize their body. They had to crawl, jump on the marks, walk zigzag and cross the hurdle to reach the finishing line.

Every activity was an opportunity to explore, imagine, and grow, and guided by the teachers, the students engaged wholeheartedly, developing cooperation, creativity, and confidence.



**“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”**



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