

Newsletter

THE KALYANI SCHOOL

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From the Editor's Desk

Another year under our collective belts... and one that bodes well too. As usual, we do not stop to mourn what we couldn't have, because we are busy planning what we may achieve, or must do. We have almost come to the end of our ninth year, and are about a step away to the auspicious tenth. The flight of time has at times been poetic and lyrical, and sometimes it seemed too prosaic and mundane. But none has come without its share of lessons and rewards.

Though at times we did not receive what we aspired for, we have never despaired, because that is not our style. The Kalyaniites grow like a tree - branching, reaching out, making their way towards the sun; they flow like the streams - making their way inexorably ahead, sometimes over and sometimes around the hurdles; they blow like the wind - steering life powerfully into the future. Even before adversities, they unfurl their wings and shine with a thousand lights.

This New Year, we have embarked on our journey with our usual panache. We know there are hurdles galore, abundant tough times, and numerous hindrances awaiting; but we are also sure that none of it is powerful enough to hold us down, because we have each other's backs, and we will reach the golden pot at the end of every rainbow, in our forward venture. I am sure that come next January, I shall be able to tell you how true I had been in my prediction.

Soma Ghosh.....

5 Things We Cannot Say No To in 2024

1. Individuality
2. Dignity
3. Integrity
4. Equity
5. Empathy



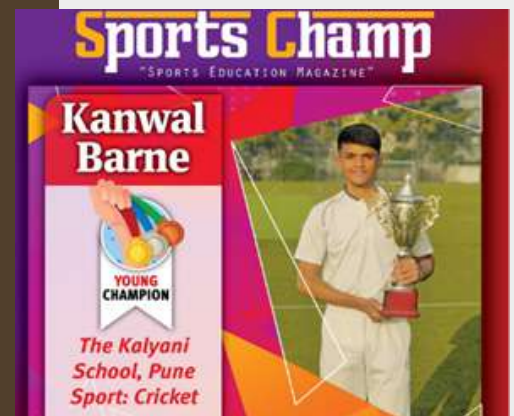
They Do Us Proud

Kushagr Gaurav Deb, of Grade II, has made his school and family proud by bagging three prestigious awards in the recent past. He was acknowledged as a Young Animator, for his IIT Bombay Mood Indigo Coding Project, which showcased creativity and technical skills. The Young Sprite Developer Award given by Codingal, highlights his promising future in the world of programming. At the Chandrayaan-3 Quiz conducted by the Government of India, Kushagr's curiosity and knowledge about space exploration was made evident. His awareness of current scientific advancements and his passion for learning brought the Winner's Award. We extend our sincere wishes for all his future ventures.

'Sports Champ', India's premier sports monthly magazine, has featured Kanwal Barne in their special section, Young Champions, in January 2024, because of his incredible talent as a young athlete. The Magazine says that Kanwal exemplifies the dedication and skills that will drive Indian sports to new heights. We are very impressed with this noteworthy achievement and will look forward to more such news from him in the future. Great going Kanwal!!

In January 2024, the students of TKS had participated in an invitational State level Karate Championship and won laurels in the U-12 yrs category. Their significant skills have brought home many Medals and Awards. The Awardees are:

- Nehansh Kalbhor - Grade II - 1st Place in Kumite and 2nd Place in Kata
- Meghana Veeranki - Grade III - 1st place in Kumite
- Aaradhya Pote - Grade IV - 1st place in Kumite
- Yuvaan Mehara - Grade III - 1st place in Kumite
- Vivaan Ghule - Grade III - 2nd place in Kumite
- Myraah Singh - Grade V - 2nd place in Kumite and 3rd place in Kata
- Inara Hebbar - Grade V - 2nd place in Kumite
- Advet Gaikwad - Grade IV - 3rd place in Kata and Kumite
- Rajveer Awale - Grade III - 3rd place in Kumite
- Arnav Pote - Grade VI - 2nd place In Kumite and 3rd place in Kata
- Aarav Vatyani - Grade V - 3rd place in Kumite
- Arham Jain - Grade V - 3rd place in Kumite
- Krishika Sengupta - Grade II - 3rd place in Kumite



*"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step ahead."
-Martin Luther King*

They Do Us Proud

Hridhaan Shah of Grade IX, has continued with his success story in the New Year as well. He has secured the Silver Medal in the 67th National School Squash Tournament, on 12th of January, 2024, conducted by Games Federation of India 2023-24. He represented the Maharashtra Squash U-17 Boys Team. Hridhaan will be representing the Maharashtra team in Khelo India too. Congratulations Hridhaan! May your journey be unimpeded in all the years to come.



At the Euro Interschool Basketball Competition organized by Euro School, Undri, on 12th of January, for students of Grades VI-IX, the U-14 Kalyaniites have left their mark yet again. Both, the Boys' and the Girls' teams won Gold at this District level tournament, where Vedant Singh and Arve Dhoka received the Best Player Award from the Boys' and the Girls' teams respectively. We extend our heartiest compliments to all the participants, for their outstanding performances, and wish them an unbeaten journey forward.



Dhruv Dubey of Grade V, participated in the MSA Maharashtra State Closed Squash Championship, 2023, held in Pune in December, and has won the Gold Medal, in the U-11 category. We congratulate his commendable achievement, and wish him success in all his future matches. Good going Dhruv!!



At the Sahodaya Debate, conducted at Cyrus Poonawala School, participants Avni Kharde and Arjun Jain from Grade IX bagged the Best Speakers Award. It was another testimony of the Kalyaniites' laudable skills to express themselves impressively and convincingly. Great work done, children. We are proud of you.



They Do Us Proud

The Kalyaniites continued with their winning spree at the Euro Playtopia Football Competition on 16th of January, at Euro School, Undri. This U-17 match was played by the students of Grades VIII & IX. At this District Level tournament, Shaurya Anand of Grade IX, became the top scorer, and Neil Rajani was declared the Best Keeper. The entire team gained accolades for their outstanding performance.

The footballers on the team were:

Neil Rajani, Devansh Jobanputra, Parth Desarda, Akshat Singh, Shaurya Anand, Adhyant Bhargava, Jay Kore, Aarav Nayar, Edwin Alex, Veer Gurbaxani.

Three Cheers for the Kalyaniites!! Hip Hip Hurray!!



A Sahodaya General Quiz was conducted at the Pawar Public School complex, for the students of age group 9-12, on 20th of January. Dhruv Somani of Grade VIII and Suvir Arora of Grade IX participated at this Zonal level Competition and through their creditable performance, qualified for the States Grand Finale. Suvir had also been a speaker at the DTMUN conducted in December 2023, where he won the Special Mention Award. We congratulate them both, and are sure their sharp minds and speaking skills will take them a long way.



Pune District Athletics Association organized the District Sub-Junior Athletics Competition on 27th and 28th of January, at Baburao Sanas Ground. The young Kalyaniites from Grades IV and V participated in it and made a mark with their outstanding performances.

Jiyansh Mittal of Grade V achieved the 2nd Position in High Jump, in the U-12 Boys' category. Aarav Bansal of Grade IV came 1st in Standing Broad Jump in the U-10 Boys' category. Agrima Gupta of Grade IV also took the 1st Position in the Standing Broad Jump in the U-10 Girls' category. We are indeed proud of them and wish them more success for every venture they participate in, in the future.



They Do Us Proud

The Kalyaniites not only regularly win medals and awards, but they also know how to work behind the scenes, not for themselves but for the community. Students of Grade IX, Shaurya, Siya, and Ayaan, with their skills of communication, appeal, and negotiation, raised funds for the NGOs, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram and Poornam Ecovision.

They used the Mad About India platform on 23rd of December, to collect Rs. 10,465 and donated the amount to both the organizations. It was not an easy task to do. It was a long process, which involved obtaining NOCs from the respective organizations, persuading parents to contribute to the cause, and even following up after donations for 80 C certificates.

Throughout this journey, the students not only learned valuable lessons but also experienced the profound happiness that comes with giving. We are proud of their selfless act of kindness. May their humane spirit act as an example of their generation. May our youth attain a beautiful future for the entire world.

Reyaansh Tambde of Sr K.G. C, received the Orange Belt certificate in Karate. The Exam was conducted at Swaraj Palace, Hadapsar. He was the youngest participant in the batch to accomplish this feat, and it is heartening to know how the Kalyaniites are making their mark in sports. Congratulations Reyaansh.

Sara Agrawal of Grade VIII A completed a one year course on Space Science and Technology, conducted by Indo Science Education Trust. She was part of a team that won the India Book of Records, Asia book of Records and also the World Record for the first successful manned testing, of a satellite on board a Para-motor. Sara received her certificate at the hands of Retd. Director of ISRO, Padma Shree Pramod Kale Sir. She has proved that the Kalyaniites are capable of going beyond academics and of reaching for the stars.



"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you."
— Steve Jobs

They Do Us Proud

An Art Competition was conducted on the topic 'Mantras to Make Exams Stress-free', as a part of the Pariksha pe Charcha Event, 2024. It was organized at Kendriya Vidhyalay Sangathan, Ganesh Khind, Pune, on 23rd of January. A total of 105 students were chosen to participate in it from different schools, and out of all their creative presentations, five best art works were awarded. Ananya Komath from Grade IX and Arav Gaglani from Grade XI, bagged the First and Fourth Prizes respectively. Theirs' was indeed a very creditable presentation, and we are proud of their accomplishment indeed. Way to go, children!!



Tilak Bhimrajka and Siya Dhangar of Grade IX, participated in the Prerna Utsav on 23rd of January, and have been selected for the next round of personal interview. Out of 200 students, only 30 were selected for the next round. This Competition was for Grades IX -XII and the Kalyaniites were the youngest in the category. It was indeed an exemplary and laudable feat. We are proud of these young achievers and wish them further success.



Pune District Chess Selection Tournament 2024, was held at Ganesh Sabha Gruha, Karve Road, on 14th and 15th of January. Hitansh Jain of Grade VIII, was selected among the top 5 players. The matches were organised by Pune District Chess Circle. Hitansh will represent Maharashtra State in the Under-17 Boys' category. It is indeed a great achievement and we are proud of him. More power to you, Hitansh!



Anika Dubey of Grade VIII, participated in Khelo India Youth Games, 2024 held in Chennai, in January 2024. She represented Maharashtra as part of the Squash Girls Team and won Silver in the Final match. Her performance during the tournament as part of the Maharashtra team, was much appreciated. We wish her more success in all the matches she plays in the future.



"Success is not how high you have climbed, but how you make a positive difference to the world."
— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

They Do Us Proud

Siddharth Bist and Darsh Ahuja of Grades VII and VIII respectively, were a part of team 'Horcruxes', from Robominds, which won the coveted 'Inspire Award', at the Robotics Competition held in Goa, in January. It is an acknowledgement of their exemplary performance at the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) India Championship, under the able guidance of their coaches, Chris and Prakalpa Bastianpillai at Robominds.

The team Horcruxes competed against 58 other teams from India, Sri Lanka, and Kazakhstan in an alliance format, over a four-day period. To win the Championship, they had to demonstrate excellence in teamwork along with their technological superiority with 'Robbie 2.0', their robot, which was named after the stray Indie dog that adopted them, and became their mascot.

Through participation in this prestigious competition, the students developed hands-on skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Design (STEM-D). They practised engineering principles, and realized the value of hard work, innovation, and team work. They've also promoted STEM in local schools through outreach programmes.

Team Horcruxes will now represent India at the FIRST World Championship in Houston, TX, USA, in April 2024, where they will compete against more than 150 teams from around 70 countries.

We are immensely proud of Siddharth and Darsh, and are looking forward to seeing them reach the heights they desire and deserve.



A Unique Experience

The students from Grade VI to VIII attended a Youth Climate Summit in January, on Climate Change and Sustainable Solutions (Research Presentation). They had worked hard since the last four months to prepare their research work on topics like water, energy and urbanisation. The objective was to make everyone aware that each individual is responsible to upkeep the health of the environment and their choices can make a huge difference to save our planet. The students got the opportunity to present their work before eminent environmentalists. The entire Summit was divided into three sessions, where research experts like Shri Satyajit Bhatkal, CEO of Paani Foundation, interacted with the students. The Kalyaniites very proudly gave examples of the numerous ways adopted by the school to reduce environment pollution. Through all the discussions and interactions, the attending students acquired knowledge about various sustainable solutions to save our planet Earth, and their takeaways were very enriching indeed.

The participants from TKS were:

Tavishi Agarwal, Karan Nambisan and Naisha Agarwal – Grade VI

Shrikanya Girme, Asparsha Singh and Aayushi Chaudhary – Grade VII

Arjun Gujare, Anvita Agarwal and Sai Kritik – Grade VIII



"We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it."
— Barack Obama

The Fun They Had

On 6th of January, The Kalyani School conducted the much awaited yearly Parents' Sports Fest. The parents of TKS met on the school sports ground to play a friendly round of cricket, and badminton, which turned out to be as lively as it was competitive. The objective was not only to decide the better players among them, but to bond together over a stress-free and healthy tournament. The parents were appreciative of this opportunity, and thanked the Management for their efforts.

There were 30 participants in the cricket match and 23 in badminton.

The Winning Cricket team had the following players:

Ankush Bhagra, Rajnikant Gaikwad, Milind Kumawat, Shailesh Dattatraya Ghule, Kiran Dahiphale, Harsh Bansal, Naveen Kumar, Vishal Asi and Santosh Shinde.

In the Men's Badminton matches the Winners were:

1st - Hiten Shah; 2nd - Santosh Bhoj; 3rd - Amitabh Bhargava

In the Women's Badminton matches the Winners were:

1st - Manu Bhoj; 2nd - Leena Bansal; 3rd - Ankita Mishra



On 17th of January, the students of Grades I and II visited the Empress Botanical Garden to learn about, and to identify, a wide range of different species of plants and trees. It also provided them with a firsthand experience of the ecological adaptations of many of these plants. The visit fostered an appreciation for the interconnectedness of ecosystems, and the need for sustainable practices in maintaining an environmental balance. The children gained insights into the importance of various plants and the nourishment they provided to the environment.

They identified a variety of plants, including creepers, crawlers, and bonsais. From the placards attached to the plants stating their local and scientific names, the students learned where each of them can be planted, and the weather conditions in which they can prevail. This field trip sensitized the students towards caring for their environment and the importance of planting more trees. The young learners felt responsible and refrained from plucking leaves and flowers, as instructed to them. Inside the Gardens, a section for indoor games and a play area entertained them too. At the end of the day, the young learners came back enriched with first-hand knowledge about nature and a strong resolve to do their bit to sustain and care for it.



The Fun They Had

On 6th of January, the 'Art Curated Show' for the students of Grades I-V, was conducted by the Art Department at TKS. The objective was to introduce to the students, the foundational role of dots and lines as the building blocks of visual arts; to comprehend the significance of shape, composition, and colour in the context of artistic expressions, and to encourage creativity through controlled and uncontrolled scribbling, using diverse materials. Their conceptual thinking, artistic growth and development, and critical thinking were quite evident through the creative expressions. The students grasped the importance of dots as the smallest unit of drawing. They are now aware, that the illusion of three-dimensionality is achievable through the use of lines on a two-dimensional surface. They can associate shapes with familiar objects and the versatility of shapes in art. This effort made by the school to enhance the artistic ability of the children was highly appreciated by the parents.



The students of The Shriram School, Aravali, visited The Kalyani School from 8th to 12th of January, to strengthen the bonds which were formed with the Kalyaniites when the children met each other, during a Student Exchange Programme, in October. They were given a warm welcome by the school dignitaries. The first day began with a cultural programme conducted by the CCA team. It was followed by a school tour and snacks; and then the visiting students left the campus with their host parents. On 9th of January, they enjoyed a fun filled outing to Diamond Park for various adventure activities, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the students. On the next day, they went on a guided 'Pune Darshan' trip, where they had an opportunity to explore the city and its historical monuments. The children learnt about the rich culture and history of Pune, as they moved through the War Memorial, Tribal Museum, Ambedkar Museum, Lal Mahal, Shaniwar Wada and Aga Khan Palace. They also enjoyed buying souvenirs, and had a delicious Maharashtrian thali at one of the famous Pune restaurants.

On 11th of January, they attended a Special Assembly conducted by the students of Grade V A. They took part in some cultural activities, had a drama and art session, and played a football match too. Post lunch, the robotics lab activities were one of the highlights of the day. In an enjoyable programme organized for the parents, the students of TSRS danced to the tunes of a Punjabi folk song, while the TKS students enacted a skit. All of them performed a dance together at the end of the programme. On 12th of January, before the visitors left for Delhi, they took part in a clay activity. Throughout their visit, along with invaluable learnings, the students created some happy and unforgettable memories with their new friends. The SEP was a very successful venture, which has opened the path of many such cultural exchanges in the future.



Special Assembly Grade - V B

On 8th of January, 2024, the students of Grade V B presented their Special Assembly on – 'National Birds Day'. The main aim of this event was to generate empathy and kindness in our hearts, towards all bird species. The Assembly was initiated by an engaging quiz on birds. Some very fascinating facts about birds were shared to raise awareness about the variance between their different types. The problems faced by birds were sensitively showcased by a captivating skit. The students sang a melodious and emotional song 'Blackbirds' - which was originally sung by The Beatles. The song was well connected to the theme. An enchanting Hindi poem was recited, which emphasized the various life lessons, a bird teaches us. A spectacular Bird Dance was performed to represent love, purity, positivity and hope. The creative bird feeders and wall hangings which were prepared by the children, were presented to the parents as takeaways. The Assembly had all the elements that made it a successful event and a learning experience.



Special Assembly Jr. KG D

The Jr. KG D Special Assembly was conducted on January 23, 2024, to celebrate World Tourism Day. This day is celebrated to appreciate the beauty and diverse cultures in India. Through the colours of a rainbow, the children explained how each colour represents India in a special way. They had eagerly prepared for their presentation and waited for their chance to go on stage. Each one confidently played their assigned roles and spoke with clarity and self-assurance. They also presented a confident rendition of a song on National Tourism Day. Their graceful dances showcasing various Indian dance forms, were well appreciated. The parents were impressed by the children's performance and felt proud to see them doing so well. It turned out to be a valuable learning experience for everyone involved.



Special Assembly

Grade - V A

Grade V A presented a Special Assembly on National Youth Day on 11th of January. National Youth Day, also known as Rashtriya Yuva Diwas, is the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Since 1985, the event has been celebrated in India, every year. The Assembly was all the more special because of the presence of the guest teachers from The Shri Ram School, Aravalli. The students began with a brief life history of Swami Vivekananda, which included information about his birth and the efforts he had put in to empower the youth. They sang a group song 'Waving Flag,' to add colour and verve to the day. A small skit was enacted by the children to portray the journey of youth through different historical periods, highlighting their contributions to the nation's growth and development. It also reflected the evolving roles and aspirations of the youth, as they continue to shape the destiny of India. It concluded with a pledge from the children to become better citizens, achieve an honourable life and contribute towards the growth of the country. The children also performed a self-choreographed dance performance, which received appreciation from the audience. Enthusiastic participation and collaborative efforts of all the students made this event a testimony to the strength of the young minds of today.

Grade - I C

The students of Grade I C presented their Special Assembly on 'Martyrs' Day', on 30th of January. After the regular elements of News, Thought for the Day and Dadi Maa ke Nuskhe, the children presented a skit based on the topic. They dressed themselves up as freedom fighters in a museum, who came alive to talk about their freedom struggle. Later, they shared some information about the lesser-known freedom fighters as well. The children paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi through a dance performance, as we celebrate his death anniversary in this month. The confidence of the children, the evidence of their research and skillful performance, were all highly appreciated by the audience.



"If we surrendered to earth's intelligence, we could rise up rooted like trees..."
-Rainer Maria Rilke



Farewell to the Graduates of 2024

The Kalyani School bid farewell to their Grade XII Board batch of 2024, through a very colourful and vibrant programme on 17th of January, at the Centre for Performing Arts. The event was graced by the presence of the esteemed guests, Mr. Baba Saheb Kalyani, Mrs. Sunita Kalyani, Mr. Amit Kalyani, and Dr. Mira Kheny.

The programme was an emotional journey through the years that this batch of 2024 spent in the school as students.

The outgoing batch and their parents were greeted at the school by the Members of the new Students' Council. They were guided to the venue, where an array of cultural performances were conducted by the current Grade XI students, as well as the teachers. Every presentation was testimonial to the brimming emotions in the hearts of all the teachers and the students. The graduating batch too were teary eyed, when they came on the stage to be felicitated with mementos and citations. The Year Book 2024, was inaugurated by Baba Saheb Sir and Nirmal Ma'am; and its Editors, Divita Joshi and Shriya Kalyani, were felicitated for their commendable creative skills and diligence in creating it.

When the to-be graduates were invited on the stage to share their reflections, they expressed their gratitude and deep love for the school, and promised to abide by the values and ideals they have grown up with, here. The parents too had only praises for the love and dedication shown by the teachers and the Management, in nurturing their children and in building their characters.

The Kalyani School wishes the Graduating Batch of 2024 a seamless journey in their lives ahead. May they thrive with health, success and abundant happiness!



"Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead."

—Nora Ephron



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Graduation Ceremony Grade X

On 25th of January, The Kalyani School celebrated the Graduation Ceremony of Grade X. As they completed the first important segment of their school journey, the current batch of Grade X students were felicitated by the school dignitaries, to acknowledge their sincere and commendable efforts, and to wish them the best for their Board Exams. Along with the felicitations, there were captivating performances by both teachers and students. The students of Grade IX presented a very engaging and graceful dance, followed by a soothing medley of songs by the teachers of the Secondary Section - each performance telling a heart-touching tale of friendship and camaraderie. The children were pleasantly surprised with the video that was created by the school, as a parting gift for them. The video aptly captured their childhood, which arrived with its fair share of tears and laughter.

Satyendra Sir's 'kavita' was the cherry on the cake, which came in quick succession, with a surprise dance performance by the graduating batch. In the last segment of the event, the students and parents shared some nostalgic moments of their journey with the audience. As the school song reverberated through the length of the auditorium, the children vowed, one last time, to uphold the core values of the campus - individuality, sincerity, dignity, equity, and empathy.



"You and you alone are the only person who can live the life that writes the story that you were meant to tell."

— Kerry Washington



Graduation Ceremony Grade X



Form Morning - Grade IV

On 19th of January 2024, Grade IV students conducted their Form Morning, based on the magical story of Peter Pan, which took the audience on a tour of the world of Neverland. The event was a presentation of the students' laudable skills in the performing arts - music, dance and drama.

The way they enacted the roles allotted to them with confidence and delight, left a lasting impression on each spectator. The spectacular success of the event was a warranted effect of diligent planning, collaboration and continuous practice done by the students, under the able guidance of the CCA team and teachers who polished and perfected their performances. These hours of practice spent together, created lasting memories for the children involved, while contributing to the seamless execution of the event. The feedback from parents showed that the Grade IV Form Morning was not simply a performance; it was an experience. The audience marvelled at the transformation of their children into the magical characters from 'Peter Pan', and many even likened the experience to being in Disneyland. They expressed gratitude for the positive impact the event had on their children's confidence.

The Grade IV Form Morning turned a normal school day into a magical journey through the pages of Peter Pan. It created new bonds and strengthened old friendships, which will undoubtedly remain in the hearts of the children, parents and facilitators for a very long time.



"The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it."

—J. M. Barrie, Peter Pan

Form Morning - Grade IV



75th Republic Day at TKS

The 75th Republic Day was celebrated at The Kalyani School with due solemnity on 26th of January. Students, teachers and parents attended the Flag Hoisting in the morning, followed by a number of cultural programmes. In her speech, Principal, Mrs. Nirmal Waddan urged everyone in the audience to honour the tenets around which the Constitution was framed by the great leaders of India, and abide by its philosophy.

Following the TKS tradition, this year too, an Inter-House Music Competition was conducted, in which the students from Grades VI to VIII, presented melodious renditions of patriotic songs. Their soulful performances set the mood of the day, and each one in the audience was imbued with a sense of pride and gratification for being a citizen of our sovereign republic. The programme was assessed by Guest Judge Ms. Kalyani Shete, and our internal Judge, Mr. Vibhas Shukla. At the end of the event, they both were of the opinion that they had a difficult task choosing the best House, since each performer of all the Houses, gave extremely praiseworthy performances indeed. However, since this was a Competition, therefore the better group among all was announced, and the Krishna House students were announced the Winners, with the other three Houses following close behind.



"We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far."

• Swami Vivekanand

75th Republic Day at TKS



Fun Day of the Month

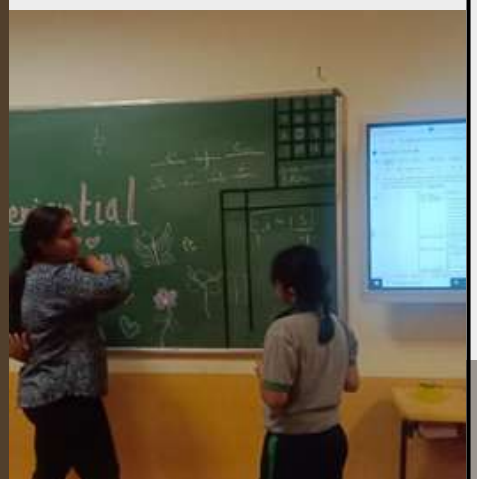
The 'Experiential Learning Day' was conducted for Jr. K.G., Sr. K.G., and Grades I and II on 31st of January, during which the students enjoyed a bag-less day in school, and were given specially curated lessons through hands-on experiences, so that they could connect the theories learnt in the classrooms, with a real-world set up.

The little children of the Elementary Section celebrated Purple Day too. They came dressed in Purple coloured clothes, and began the day with a colourful craft activity, where they made violets with the help of cotton buds. This was followed by a Story Sequencing activity, where the children arranged the picture cards in the correct sequence, read the sentences aloud and told the story hidden in them. This activity helped them to enhance their vocabulary and reading skills. To end the day on a delicious note, they made marzipan using simple ingredients like almond powder and icing sugar.

To begin the day on an energetic note, the Grade I students went out to the fields for physical exercises. Following this, they worked on their 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' project. They discussed, and shared information and pictures related to clothes, food, flora and fauna of their states. They also prepared a booklet on Sikkim and presented it to the class. After this, the children wrote words using Hindi matras and spoke a sentence in Hindi.

The Grade II students started by revision of the topic 'Parts of a Plant' through a Quiz and game, 'Who am I?' This was followed by the traditional 'Hangman' with a twist, where they revisited the topic of 'Homophones'. What was enjoyed the most by the children was showcasing their artistic skills by designing the cover pages of their favourite stories. Each child wrote a 'thank you note' to their partner, which fostered a sense of empathy and kindness in them. They also enjoyed a few videos based on easy science experiments that sparked their curiosity and wonder. The joyful day ended with an energetic dance performance, which was greatly enjoyed by the children.

As usual, the day created many lasting memories for the children, which helped them learn valuable lessons in a meaningful way.



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