

THE KALYANI SCHOOL

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

With the festive fervour in full swing, coupled with the frenzy of studies and Exams, November has breezed by. While we are enjoying the early days of winter, with its refreshing mornings and cozy nights, the Kalyaniites have not been unaware of their responsibilities and commitments towards themselves and their school. Diwali celebrations and out-station trips were followed by the Senior School students appearing for their Pre-Board Exams and Periodic Tests, which they did with dedication and earnestness. So, in the typical Kalyaniite style, they have managed to maintain the delicate balance between studies and recreation, hand in hand with equal sincerity. In TKS we ardently believe that Sports and Extra-curriculars both compliment and complement studies. And to corroborate this claim, the Kalyaniites have excelled in both the fields in this month too. While we celebrated November's graces, we haven't forgotten to be thankful and to give. Our arms and hearts were open for those who needed us.

November was indeed happening, and we will make sure that December is no less. Keep your eyes on our Newsletter, Readers, because in December we promise to go mad, exploring our beloved Motherland!!!

Soma Ghosh

COMING UP IN DECEMBER

Mad About India

'The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world!'

Robert Browning



THEY DO US PROUD



The month of November commenced with a melodious success. The Senior Band of The Kalyani School, Astrium, brought home the Third Prize in the Battle of Bands Regional Audition, conducted on 1st of November, at The HDFC School. Meher Ahuwalia of Grade VI received the Best Unique Instrument Award (violin). We are proud of their feat, and extend our heartfelt wishes for their future performances as well.



Dhruv Dubey of Grade V, participated in the SRFI Indian Junior National Squash Championship 2023, held at Daly College, Indore, on 24th - 30th of October. He secured the All India 9th Rank in the Under-11 Boys' category. It is indeed a proud achievement, and we congratulate him heartily.

Ahaan Koledath of Grade II, has got selected for the National level of Skateboarding Street Style Competition held in Chandigarh. It is a rare feat to achieve at this young age. We are proud of him and wish him All the Best for the coming challenges.



We proudly announce that Ananya Komath of Grade IX has secured the First Position in 'Tell Ur Tale Challenge', in the 12-15 years category. The Competition was conducted by Wizkidscarnival, on 3rd of November, online. We appreciate her creative acumen, and wish her many more such feats.



THEY DO US PROUD



VIBHAYOR School, Magarpatta, conducted a series of Competitions on 25th & 26th of November, in which the Kalyaniites displayed their skills brilliantly on the Basketball courts at the District level, and made us all proud as usual.

In the U-14 category, the boys of Grade VI to IX, took the Runners-up Silver Trophy.

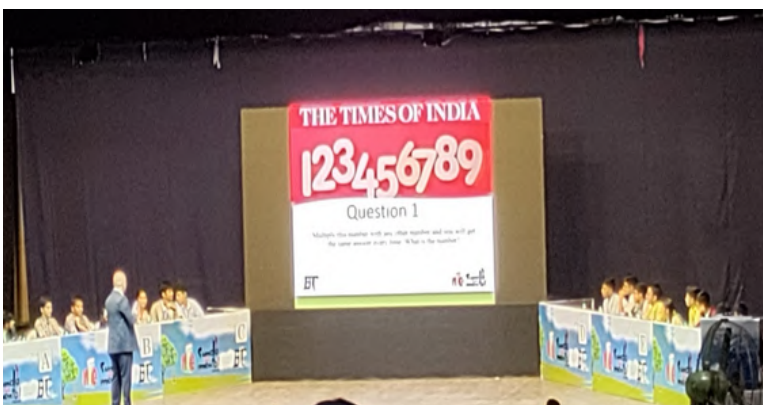
The U-14 Girls lifted the Winners' Gold Trophy. They also have qualified for Round II. Vanya Agarwal was declared as the MVP of the Tournament.

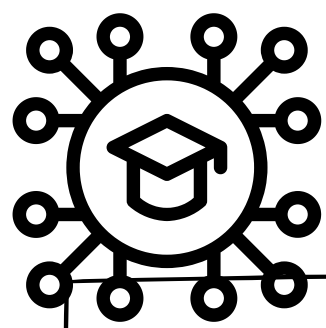
In the U-12 Boys' category, the young Kalyaniites got Bronze, by acquiring the 2nd Runner-up position.

We tip our hats to these sports champs, and wish them all the best for their future matches too.



In a Quiz Competition organised by Times of India for the students of Grades VIII to X at the Ganesh Krida Rangmanch, the participating students of TKS, confidently qualified the Elimination Round and reached the Semi-Finals. It was a great learning experience for the students. They were quizzed on their Logical Reasoning, Basic Maths, General Awareness, and each one displayed a commendable scientific temperament while answering the questions. We congratulate their success in the Competition.





EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING DAY

On 31st of October, the Grade II students enjoyed making torans in their Math Experiential Learning class, where they used and learned about, different shapes. There was also a visit from parents, who came to discuss and plan the projects and activities for the signature event, 'Mad About India'. Some YouTube links were shared with the children, featuring stories from Kerala and Tamil Nadu, the states they have been allotted for MAI. They chose characters from those stories, made some creative puppets, and demonstrated their artistic skills. They also drew scenes from those stories for story quilts. The children watched a video about Kalaripayattu, a martial art designed for the ancient battlefields, with weapons and combative techniques unique to Kerala. They also devoted some time for the approaching Diwali festival, by writing their ideas for an eco-friendly Diwali, and created a form board using those ideas. They painted some diyas too, and pledged to celebrate a safe Diwali.



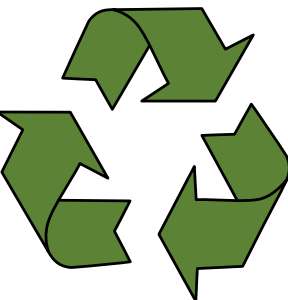


ADOPTING A SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

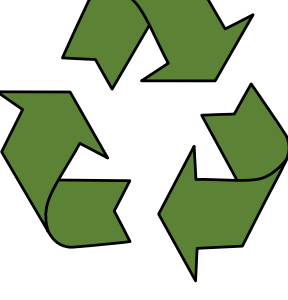
- AT HOME**
 - Using good quality appliances that last long and are repairable.
 - Educating parents and relatives about sustainable lifestyle.
 - Practicing activities like composting and recycling,
 - Reducing the acts which have negative environmental impact
- AT SCHOOL**
 - Saving paper by using digital content whenever possible.
 - Switch off lights , screens , fans when not in use.
 - Ensure segregation of waste.
 - Conducting events that engage students and staff to think and act responsibly.
- PERSONAL**
 - Understand the impacts of your current lifestyle on environment.
 - Carry reusable cutlery.
 - Use glass or copper bottle.
 - Prefer public transport.
 - Buy local products.
 - Use things till end of life
 - Reject , Reduce , Reuse Recycle .

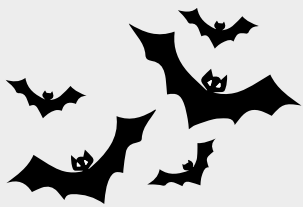


A session on 'Practical Steps towards Sustainable Lifestyle' was organized by the Poornam Ecovision Foundation under the E-waste Awareness and Collection Project, on 3rd of November, at the Centre for Performing Arts. The session targeted students of Grades VI to VIII. Mr. Kaushal from the Poornam Foundation explained the carbon footprint generated by individuals every day. He elaborated on the concept of sustainability, emphasizing the importance of finding a balance between meeting the present needs, and ensuring the well-being of future generations. Mr. Kaushal highlighted the benefits of leading a sustainable lifestyle and provided practical tips for incorporating sustainability at home, school and on an individual level. During the session, he also discussed 'How to Conduct a Collection Drive for E-waste in Residential Societies, and emphasized the role of the Poornam Foundation in supporting such initiatives within communities. The goal is to empower children to organize e-waste collection drives in their residential areas, contributing to their communities' transition towards a more sustainable lifestyle.

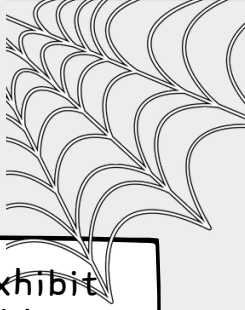


“THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR PLANET IS THE BELIEF THAT SOMEONE ELSE WILL SAVE IT.” – ROBERT SWAN





HALLOWEEN COOK OFF

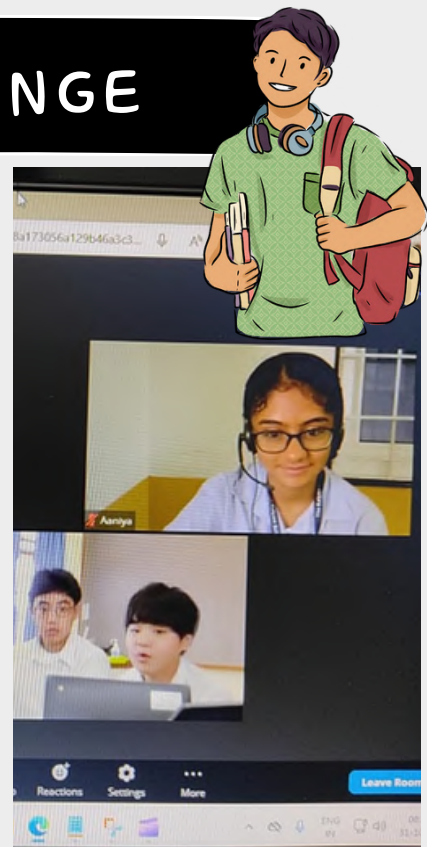


The students of Grades IV and V donned their 'Chef Caps' to exhibit their culinary skills in the 'Halloween Cook-off Competition', held on 31st of October, 2023. They participated with a lot of zeal and enthusiasm and served nutritious and delectable delicacies. The recipes were selected after exhaustive research on the theme of Halloween. Artefacts and food items created a visual treat, and were presented in an artistic and aesthetic style. The dishes were judged by Vice Principal Ms. Batul Lamba and Coordinator Ms. Manisha Seth, on their taste, creativity of presentation, and recipe. They even interacted with the budding chefs. They were impressed by the efforts of the participants and awarded them marks, impartially. The event not only provided a platform for the students to foster their creativity, group work and decision making skills, but also helped them explore their hidden talents and discover new areas of interest.



VIRTUAL STUDENT - EXCHANGE

The students of Grade VIII took part in a Virtual Exchange Programme with Nakijin Junior School from Okinawa, Japan, on 31st of October 2023. This is the first in a series of events planned for this Programme. It helped our young learners to learn about the city of Okinawa, and also facilitated our students to revisit and explore our own city, Pune, while preparing the presentation on Pune. The students of the same Grade, of both the schools got together to interact and exchange valuable information of their respective countries and cities, through presentations and discussions. They were divided into eight groups so that they could interact in smaller clusters. They also had an informal talk about their personal lives, interests and ideas. It was an enriching and stimulating session. The children found it an interesting exchange and were enthusiastic about their unique learning experience.



A TRIBUTE TO TEACHERS - GRADES X-XII

On the morning of 3rd of November, the last day before the Diwali vacation, the students of Grades X-XII, paid tribute to their teachers, through a special programme. They had missed the opportunity to do it on Teachers' Day this year, since it coincided with their Half Yearly Exams; therefore, on this day they came together, to convey their love and respect for their beloved facilitators, through their heart-warming performances. The most significant part of the entire programme was that they managed academic time, designed, directed and choreographed each item, all on their own. The side-splitting skits, melodious songs and blazing dance performances, corroborated their substantial skills, as well as, their heartfelt gratitude for the teachers. The teachers were well impressed by this gesture, which set the mood of the day, and marked a happy beginning to the auspicious Diwali vacation.



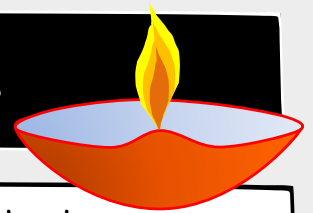
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE VIII D



The students of Grade VIII-D presented a Special Assembly on United Nations Day, on 31st of October. They started with the different elements of the Assembly, such as the Morning Prayer, news headlines of the day, thought for the day, Dadaji-Dadima ke Nuskhe and Amazing Facts about the topic. After that, they enacted a small skit on diversity and acceptance, 'Mixed - A Colourful Story'. to apprise the audience on how the differences between colours can lead to discord and conflict, and to remind them about the power of unity and collaboration. They also provided some extended information about how the UN embraces designated days, weeks, years, and decades as a powerful advocacy tool. They performed a well choreographed dance - Dreamer, to send a message about our responsibility to uplift the downtrodden, to fix the damaged and to make the world a better place.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE IV A



Grade IV A presented their Special Assembly on 2nd of November, to highlight the significance of one of the most widely celebrated festivals, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights. The event commenced with an engaging skit, titled 'SCEP', through which the students hailing from diverse regions came together to show their unique ways of celebrating Diwali. They came on the stage one by one and shared their stories. This collective effort allowed the audience to appreciate a wide array of narratives from various Indian regions, highlighting the diversity that unites every Indian. Following the captivating role play, the students provided an overview of how Diwali is celebrated in other countries, emphasizing its global resonance despite its Indian origins. The Assembly concluded on a harmonious note with a mesmerizing dance performance, which added a fitting touch to the event. It was a collective celebration of light, unity, and the cultural richness that Diwali embodies.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GRADE XI D



On 29th of November, the students of Grades XI D exhibited their varied skills and talents through a Special Assembly on the topic SOS - Selection of Streams.

The Assembly was held in the MPH (Multipurpose Hall) and the students took part enthusiastically. The Assembly began with the regular elements and then continued with some very interesting takes of the students on the topics. The objective of the Assembly was to break stereotypes regarding the stream selection, and bring attention to the discrimination faced by the students, based on the choice of their subjects. A student representative introduced the theme of the Assembly, emphasizing on the dilemma and societal pressure faced by them, at the time of subjects and stream selection after their Grade X Board Exams. This was followed by an interesting and impactful skit, which portrayed real-life situations. It depicted the anxiety of the students, at a very critical juncture of their lives, and the role of parents and society in this. Well-choreographed dances, monologues and a song related to the theme, were seamlessly merged with the flow of the skit. The Assembly concluded with students, acknowledging and thanking the efforts of TKS Management, to help them choose the subjects of their choice. The efforts received heartfelt appreciation from everyone present.





Outstation Trips 2023

The students of The Kalyani School, went for their yearly outstation trip from 4th to 8th of November. It was not only a period of leisure and merriment, but was also an educational and experiential excursion.

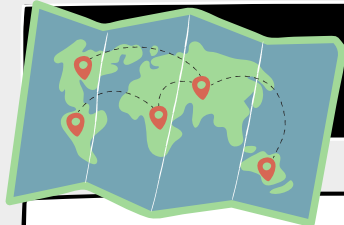


The students of Grades V and VI, visited the 'Chorao Island' in Goa, along with their teachers. The tour was planned as an exposure trip to a place of historical importance. The team started with the Goa Heritage Walk, which gave them an insight into the Indo-Portuguese culture. They had a live experience of Latin music; did sketching and painting in an Art Gallery, and tasted delicious sweets at the Goan Heritage Bakery. The children also had an opportunity to attend the 'Young Ecologist Programme' to learn about 'Wild Otters'. They were thrilled to have a hands-on experience of Camera Trapping and making Bat Boxes.



A highlight of the trip was the 'Kayaking' activity at the Holland Beach which not only provided a thrilling experience but also instilled teamwork and communication skills among the students. They were engaged in some interesting activities too, such as making 'sand castles' with friends, beach games at the Bogmolo Beach, souvenir shopping and a musical night. All the students relished the authentic food at the 'Kokum Curry' restaurant in Panjim. At the 'Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary' they learnt some valuable lessons on Mangroves, and were exposed to the rich biodiversity of the region.





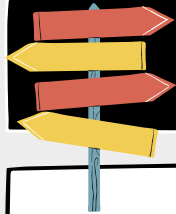
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The students of Grades VII and VIII, went to Ahmedabad for their trip. Here too, they had an opportunity to get rid of all their academic stress, have endless fun and to bond outside the classroom. The several historical and cultural landmarks they visited, gave them a unique learning experience and exposure to the very fascinating aspects of this historical city.



They visited the Sabarmati Ashram, and learnt about the Gandhian philosophy of community service and sustainable living, while tracing the Ashram's historic links back to the Indian Freedom Struggle. They also had the opportunity to see the Vintage Car Museum, which was indeed a spectacular experience. They explored the architecture of Lothal, one of the most prominent cities of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization, now situated in the Bhāl region of the modern state of Gujarāt. They took a guided tour to understand the lifestyle of that period. The visits to the other heritage sites, like the Adalaj Stepwell, Utensils Museum, Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition (ISRO), were equally enjoyed by each student.





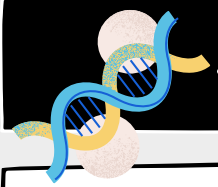
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The students of Grades IX to XII, went to Rajasthan's two famous cities, Jodhpur and Jaisalmer. There, they explored the historical Mehrangarh Fort, gaining insights into the rich heritage and architectural marvels of the region. At Umaid Bhavan Palace, they saw an impressive collection of clocks, photographs of the elegant art-deco interior of the palace and the classic cars of the Maharajas. Through the visit to the Jaisalmer War Museum, they learned about the war efforts and history of the Indian Army. A highlight of the trip was the exploration of the Jaisalmer Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the students were exposed to the medieval history of the region. An excursion to the Sam Sand Dunes allowed students to experience the unique desert landscape and enjoy cultural performances, including folk music and dance. The last day of the trip, special Farewell Night and Pastry Party was arranged by Indian Odyssey which made the trip memorable.



The TKS Outstation Trips achieved the objectives of academic enrichment, cultural exposure and team building. They were tailored to facilitate the students' holistic development and provided an opportunity for social interaction and team-building. The students returned with enriched knowledge, lasting memories, and a greater appreciation for the cultural diversity of our country. The experiences gained during this tour will undoubtedly contribute to the holistic development of the students, both academically and personally. All the parents and students expressed their gratitude to the School Management, teachers, and Indian Odyssey for their efforts in making this educational journey a memorable and meaningful experience.





Science Exhibition - Middle School

On 30th of November, the Middle-school students from Grades VI to VIII, celebrated 'Experiential Learning Day', by enthusiastically participating in a Science Exhibition in the school premises. The event aimed to showcase students' understanding of various scientific concepts through hands-on projects, experiments and innovative displays. The Exhibition not only highlighted the students' scientific knowledge, but also their creativity and problem-solving skills. It began with a formal inauguration ceremony, where Deeksha Ma'am and Nirmal Ma'am praised the students for their dedication and hard work in preparing for the event. They emphasized the importance of experiential learning in fostering a deeper understanding of scientific principles.

The students from each Grade presented a wide range of exhibits, covering various branches of Science, such as Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Environmental Science. The projects were not only informative but also interactive, encouraging visitors to engage with the exhibits. The outcomes of the event were many, where the students explored existing, and new facts and inventions, with zeal and interest. They identified their creative talents and learned to think outside of the box. The Exhibition as always, had the hallmark of the Kalyaniite futuristic learning spirit.



Experiential Learning Day - Grade I

The students of Grade I had their seventh 'Experiential Learning Day', on 30th of November; it is a day when the little children learn by doing. Every month end, through such activities, the teachers engage their students in hands-on experiences and reflections, where they are able to connect theories with knowledge learnt in the classroom, with a real-world set up.



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Kinder Experiential Learning Day

The Jr. KG and Sr. KG students took part in their 'End of the Month' activities on 30th of November. The theme of the celebration was 'Children's Day and Brown Day'.



The schedule for the day was nothing short of action-packed, ensuring that the children were engaged in a variety of activities. Craft sessions allowed them to unleash their creativity, while fun games added an element of thrill and amusement to the day. It included fun-filled activities like Shape Riddles, Secret Words and Number Sequence. They were very excited to see the programme that their teachers put up for them, to have a belated Children's Day celebration. The teachers presented skits, danced with infectious energy, and organized fun games that left the children wide-eyed with delight. Witnessing their teachers step into the spotlight was a source of immense joy for the children. Following this, they had a sumptuous lunch party. The potluck party added a touch of togetherness, as everyone shared and enjoyed an array of delectable treats. Towards the end of the day, they also enjoyed a Ginger-bread Man Craft Activity and Hot Potato Game. The day also featured delightful Brown Day festivities. The little ones embraced the theme by arriving adorned in charming brown attire, setting the stage for a day filled with excitement and camaraderie. The last day of the month successfully encapsulated the spirit of fun learning and the Kindergarten children left with their hearts full of happy memories.





Kinder Hindi Poetry Recitation



Hindi Recitation celebration for the Kinder kids took place over the course of three days, from 27th to 29th of the month. The teachers divided the children into three groups, assigning each group a unique topic for their presentations. The young learners actively participated in the captivating poetic event, with a lot of excitement.

To enhance their performances, the children added some creative props when they stepped out to recite their poems. These carefully chosen accessories added an interesting touch to their performances, turning the recitation into a visually appealing experience. Beyond the obvious joy, with each passing presentation, their confidence visibly grew, which was clearly noticeable in the children. Their eager expressions painted a vivid picture of their happiness, in sharing their presentations. To witness them performing with such clarity and fluency in the language, was evidence enough of effective and meaningful learning.

The combination of well-prepared presentations, charming props, and the infectious enthusiasm of the children, made it a truly delightful experience for all who had the privilege of being a part of this event.



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