

NEW Beginnings



From the Editor's Desk.....

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come / Whispering 'it will be happier'." — Alfred Lord Tennyson

And thus we say goodbye to the academic session 2023-24. We are almost there, peeping around the doorframe of April, taking a step upward, forward, onward. Are we going to be a little different this year, a little better than before? Why, yes of course!! That is a given - the question is not, 'are we'; the more relevant question is, 'how are we'?

We human beings have a common tendency that we often find convenient, when we are in trouble; that is, to point our finger at others, find a scape goat, and shirk responsibilities. It is always someone else's fault. We are unhappy about the way the world is today; its deteriorating weather conditions; unsteady value system; increasing intolerance on a global scale. And it is someone else's fault. Everything leaves us bewildered. We know the causes and regret the effects; we preach, we teach and we give sage advice. But do we do the most important thing to make a difference? Do we take responsibilities? We all know that every affliction has a remedy; but do we know that instead of waiting for others to find it for us, we will have to take the initiative and find it ourselves?

This world is not run by evil forces. The power of goodness is far stronger than that, and it always triumphs in the end. That is the reason we smile, we are kind, we know there is always a new and better tomorrow. So, what should our role be in this magical show called, 'Life'? Are we just going to be spectators, and wait for the magician to wield his wand; or be the show-stoppers ourselves? What does it need, to be one? Nothing much really - just a little kindness, honesty, sincerity, selflessness and humility. If we can bring 'We' before 'I' in the dictionary of our lives, God will always be in His Heaven, and all will be finally right with the world.

"The direction you choose to face, determines whether you're standing at the end or the beginning of a road." - Richelle E. Goodrich

They Do Us Proud



Though the month of March was a time of winding up, and almost all Inter-School and Intra-School Competitions had come to an end, the Kalyaniites still found scope to make a mark beyond their academics.

We are proud to announce that Shaurya Anand of Grade X has been selected in the Mumbai City FC ISL Football Club and will be representing the AIFF (All Indian Football Federation) National Level Open Tournament in the month of April-May, 2024.

This indeed proves the mettle of our sports enthusiasts, who pay equal attention to their intellectual and physical development.

Great Going Shaurya!! May you go miles!!



"The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses – behind the lines, in the gym, and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights." – Muhammad Ali

Form Morning - Jr. K.G.



The little children of Jr. K.G. of The Kalyani School, celebrated their Form Morning on Friday, 1st of March, 2024. The event was developed around an enchanting story, titled 'The Magical Lake'. The enthusiasm and remarkable talent the children displayed, contributed largely to the success of this delightful event.

The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, a symbol of knowledge and enlightenment. This auspicious ceremony was followed by the presentation of the School Report, highlighting the achievements, milestones and the collective efforts of the school community. It reinforced the commitment to academic excellence and holistic development. It was a perfect setting of the stage, for the magical tale that awaited the audience.



Each element of the event presented the children portraying different characters, with remarkable skill and enthusiasm. The audience was captivated by the creative skills displayed by the young performers. The choir, with their melodious voices, added another layer of magic to the entire production. The dances too were a testament to the hard work and dedication of both the students and their teachers. The lively and synchronized movements enhanced the overall visual appeal of the performance. The theme of the play beautifully highlighted the essential values such as kindness, forgiveness, and the magical bonds that bring people together. The story served as a powerful reminder of the positive impact of compassion and understanding in overcoming challenges and fostering personal growth.

All the children actively participated and justified their parts in the music, drama, and dance; and made this last Form morning of the academic session 2023-24, a memorable event. The event was undoubtedly a resounding success and a memorable celebration of creativity, talent, and the spirit of joy.





Form Morning - Jr. K.G.



"Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten."
~ Neil Gaiman

Form Morning - Grades X and XII



The month of March was marked by the Form Morning of Grade X and Form Afternoon of Grade XII, which were conducted on 20th and 23rd of the month, respectively. The topic was 'A Quest for Freedom', through which, the students paid tribute to the brave-hearts, who had paved the way to the freedom of our beloved Motherland in 1947, from the shackles of British tyranny. This year, both the Board batches performed the same play, so that they could imbibe the moral strength and values from our revered and most beloved national heroes.



While preparing for these events, they got a chance to be carefree for a few days, to enjoy their various creative roles, to have unadulterated fun with their friends, to renew bonds with their teachers beyond the classrooms, and to forget the general rigours of life. This respite was necessary, so that they could create happy memories of the remaining days in school, which they would cherish forever.

Like they do in every event, the children delivered a performance that left an indelible impression on the audience. They ignited the patriotic fervour that lies dormant in every Indian heart.

The prominent characters of Mangal Pandey, Rani Lakshmi Bai, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Jawaharlal Nehru were brought to life, by the young students.

It was definitely not a child's play to represent the entire struggle of the Indian freedom movement, which spanned approximately 190 years, from 1757 to 1947 - a movement that served as a testament to the indomitable spirit of a nation striving for liberty, equality, and justice. The scene transitions were seamlessly facilitated by the narrators, as they walked us from one episode to another.

The radiant costumes, the poignant episodes, the meticulously coordinated dance moves, and the impeccable notes of the choir, recreated those episodes that each Indian is proud of and grateful for.



A person whose mind is not free though he may not be in chains, is a slave, not a free man - Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar

Glimpses - Form Morning - Grade X



Glimpses - Form Afternoon - Grade XII



Mindful Learning



From 11th to 15th of March, the facilitators of the Psychology department and students of Grades X and XII attended an online workshop on Adolescent Peer Leadership in Life Skills, Health & Well-being. The four-day training sessions covered the themes of Health & Wellbeing in Adolescents, Leadership in Life Skills, Growing up Healthy, Family Bonding, Emotions, Developing Interpersonal Relationships, Empowering Yourself Online, and Integrating 21st-Century Skills In Careers.

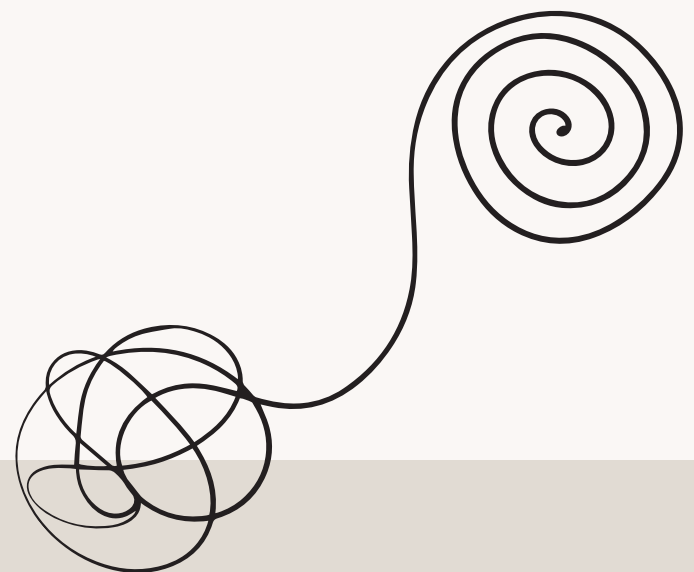
The workshop began with a discussion on the importance of creating a positive school climate, where all students would feel valued, respected, and supported in their academic and personal growth.

Emphasis was placed on the role of educators in promoting inclusivity, empathy, and diversity within the school community.

Throughout the workshop, the participants engaged in interactive discussions and collaborative activities, which focused on various topics.

Educators explored the importance of recognizing and celebrating diversity in the classroom and school environment.

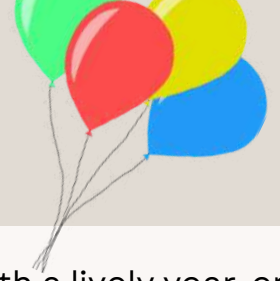
There were sessions on identifying signs of mental health issues among students and providing appropriate support and referrals. This was followed by discussions on effective communication techniques for building positive relationships with students, colleagues, and parents. A very important theme was the prevalence of bullying and cyberbullying among adolescents and strategies for prevention and intervention. Peer group educators shared insights and best practices for implementing peer support programmes, such as peer mentoring, peer mediation, and peer-led initiatives, promoting mental health awareness and resilience. The workshop concluded with a reflection session, where the participants shared their key takeaways and action plans for implementing strategies that were discussed during the workshop. Overall, the workshop served as a valuable opportunity for educators to collaborate, learn from each other, and strengthen their commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive school environment.



"The day the child realizes that all adults are imperfect, he becomes an adolescent; the day he forgives them, he becomes an adult; the day he forgives himself, he becomes wise." ~ Alden Nowlan



The Fun They Had



The Kindergarten section concluded the 2023-24 academic year with a lively year-end party on 12th March, 2024.

The Junior KG children were dressed in pink and had a lot of fun playing games, building towers, and creating funny sentences. They were thrilled to take pictures with fancy props, and also enjoyed indulging in brownies with vanilla ice cream and strawberries. The children danced to lively beats and had a memorable party time, throughout the day.



The Senior KG children had a wild hairdo day for their year-end party. They created charming and amusing hairstyles according to the theme. Everyone was eager to enjoy fruit salad with ice cream. The day was filled with exciting rope games, tippy tip top, and traffic signal games and the children had a very pleasurable time. The last day of the session 2023-24 will be remembered for a long time by all the children of the Elementary classes.



“Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven.” Henry Ward Beecher

Alumni Speak



Aditi Sakpal, currently a 3rd year student in Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, is an Alumna of The Kalyani School. She is studying B.Tech CSE with a minor in Cybersecurity. She had selected her career path and was guided to this university with the help of our school Career Counsellors.

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We are happy to see Aditi working towards making the world a better and safer place for the future generations.



“We learn more by looking for the answer to a question and not finding it, than we do from learning the answer itself.”

-Lloyd Alexander

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